



4-H FORECAST



SLICKTEXT



Gaston County 4-H will be implementing SlickText. This will allow Gaston County 4-H to send text updates about events, deadlines, and upcoming opportunities directly to your smart phone. To receive the texts, 4-H members must sign up using the QR code or https://ncsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eWJcd2JsjaEaEJg. Parents must sign up youth for them to receive texts.

Recent staffing changes and family issues has caused the 2 current 4-H agent members of the Horse Advisory Council to step down. Tanya Binafif from Lincoln County, and myself have been asked to step in to fill those roles. After careful consideration, we have both agreed to accept a role on the Horse Advisory Council as a permanent rotation starting this fall.



HORSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

FAIR BOOTH



Members of the Herd Handlers and the Blazing Saddles Club have been working hard to design and build the Gaston County 4-H State Fair Booth. The booth will be set up at the State Fair on Oct 7th & 8th and will be viewed by fair guests from Oct 12-22. If you are interested in helping with the fair booth, contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu.

NEW MEMBER GUIDE

»»» The first question someone usually asks after joining 4-H is "What do we do now?". With the amount of options 4-H offers, new members are often overwhelmed and unsure of how to begin their 4-H journey. Many of you can relate! While new member guides exist, none are directly related to 4-H in Gaston County, cover all the opportunities available to them, and do not really offer guidance on how to get started in 4-H.

We are looking for a few 4-H'ers who would like to create a Gaston County New 4-H Member Guide, along with my support. This guide would be printed using Gaston County funds and would be available to any new members. If you are interested in helping to create a new 4-H Member Guide, please contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu.



YOUTH COUNCIL

»»» Join the Gaston County Youth Council! This is open to all Gaston County 4-H Members. The first meeting will be September 28 at 6:30 pm at the Citizen's Resource Center. Members of the Gaston County Youth Council will learn leadership skills as they help plan and participate in county events, community service projects, and fundraisers. Let your voice be heard! For questions, contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu or 704-922-2126.

GASTON COUNTY

September
28
6:30 PM

**HEAD
HEART
HANDS
HEALTH**

YOUTH COUNCIL

**NC COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION**

We invite all Gaston County 4-H members of all ages to join the Gaston County Youth Council. Members will learn about the youth council, participate in community service projects and fundraisers, plan county events, learn leadership skills and amplify your voice!

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QUESTIONS?
CHRISTIE GERMAN AT 704-922-2126 OR CLGERMAN@NC.SU.EDU

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CLUB MEETINGS

»»» GASTON COUNTY BLAZING SADDLES 4-H CLUB

Leader: BJ Waelz

Meets on the First & Third Thursday of the Month at 7 pm

»»» GASTON COUNTY HERD HANDLERS 4-H CLUB

Leaders: Elizabeth Stephens & Chris Cookingham

Meets on the Second Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm





HOOKED ON BOOKS UPDATE

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»»» Thank you to everyone who donated books to the Hooked on Books service project! More than 2,000 books were donated statewide! Delegates who attended 4-H Congress in July, were able to select books to write personalized notes and include a bookmark that recipients could color. The books were then distributed to each county to donate in their community.

The Gaston County 4-H donated more than 20 books to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center. The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center is an amazing organization that provides emergency assistance, services, and hope in our community.

If you or your club is interested in participating in a community service project for The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center, please contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 6-8: Christie at Conference

September 12-14: Christie at Conference

September 28: Gaston Co. Youth Council

October 1-7: National 4-H Week

October 2-4: Christie at Conference

October 12-22: NC State Fair

November 24-28: National 4-H Conference

Feb 2-4, 2024: Volunteer Leaders Conference

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

»»» Gaston County 4-H is always looking for volunteers that can help grow true leaders in our community. We have opportunities for both short-term and long-term volunteers. Contact Christie German to express interest and learn more about the Gaston County 4-H.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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