



4-H FORECAST



EMBRYOLOGY



Gaston County 4-H has partnered with local elementary schools to offer embryology in their 2nd grade classrooms this fall. There are more than 35 classrooms in 14 different schools participating in this school enrichment program. Students will learn about life cycles, basic biology, and the embryonic development of quail during the 23-day incubation period.

The Gaston County 4-H has issued due dates for Project Record Books, Portfolios, Scholarship and Honor Club Applications. The Scholarship and Honor Club Applications will be due on January 12, 2024 and Project Record Books/ Portfolios will have a due date of January 19, 2024. Be sure to add those to your calendars!



IMPORTANT DUE DATES!

YOUTH COUNCIL



The first meeting of the Gaston County Youth Council was held on Thursday, September 28th. There were 7 youth that participated. Youth discussed ideas for upcoming County 4-H events, fundraisers, and community service projects. If you would like to join the Gaston County Youth Council, the next meeting will be held on Friday, October 20th at 6:30 pm. The Youth Council is open to all Gaston County 4-H'ers.



FAIR BOOTH



Members of the Herd Handlers and Blazing Saddles 4-H Club have been hard at work designing and building the Gaston County 4-H Booth for the NC State Fair. The title of the Gaston County Fair Booth is "Fall in Love with 4-H and Spring into the Future". The fair booth will be set up at the State Fairgrounds the weekend of October 7-8 and will be displayed from October 12-22. If you visit the NC State Fair, stop by and check out our amazing booth! If you are unable to visit it in person, photos of the booth will be shared on the Gaston County 4-H Facebook page and in the November Newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Gaston County 4-H Fair Booth!

SLICKTEXT



Gaston County 4-H has implemented 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_eWJcd2Jsj_aEaEJg Parents must sign up youth for them to receive texts.



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



4-H DISCOVERY SESSION

➤➤➤ Gaston County 4-H has scheduled a 4-H Discovery Session at the Gastonia Main Library Branch on Saturday, January 13, 2024. This session will start at 11 am. We will invite any one interested in learning more about 4-H or volunteering with 4-H to join us. We will discuss the many varied opportunities 4-H offers and ways that they can get involved/volunteer. We would like to invite any current 4-H clubs, members, and volunteers to take part in the day. You can share your experiences with 4-H and promote your club. Please share this opportunity to anyone you know that is interested in 4-H. If you are interested in helping out the with 4-H Discovery Session on January 13, please contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu or 704-922-2126.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 1-7: National 4-H Week
- October 2-4: Christie at Conference
- October 12-22: NC State Fair
- October 20: Gaston Co. Youth Council Meeting
- November 24-28: National 4-H Conference
- December 4-6: Christie Out for SPARK
- December 11: 4-HOnline shut down
- January 12, 2024: Scholarship & Honor Club Applications Due Date
- Jan 19, 2024: Project Record / Portfolio Due Date
- 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

Citizen's Resource Center
1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy Dallas, NC 28034
704-922-0301

Christie German
4-H Youth Development Ext. Agent
clgerman@ncsu.edu
704-922-2126

N.C. Cooperative Extension prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex (including pregnancy), disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, political affiliation, and veteran status.