



4-H FORECAST



HAPPY 4-H NEW YEAR!

ANNUAL RE-ENROLLMENT



4-HOnline will reopen on January 10, 2024. Once 4-HOnline has reopened, youth members and adult volunteers will need to re-enroll for the 2024 year. Please complete your re-enrollment by January 31. You can access 4-HOnline at: <https://v2.4honline.com>. Contact Christie German if you have any questions.

Interviews were held on December 19, 2023 to fill the County Extension Director position. David Fogarty, the previous Director, retired at the end of June of 2023. Lara Worden has been the interim director since July 1. Two candidates were interviewed for the position and the new County Extension Director should be in place by February.



DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

IMPORTANT DUE DATES



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

Attention Club Leaders! Club re-enrollment paperwork is due by January 10. Paperwork can be emailed, mailed, or dropped off at the Cooperative Extension office. If you need any assistance completing the paperwork, please contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu or 704-922-2126.



CLUB RE-ENROLLMENT



WINTER ENRICHMENT

Winter Enrichment will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 in Cabarrus County. Participants will be meeting at the Milestone Building (4855 Milestone Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081). The afternoon activity is roller skating at Skateland USA (311 Brookdale Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083).

YOUTH registration cost: \$10 per 4-H'er
 AGENT/ADULT registration cost: \$10 if they plan to skate;
 FREE if not skating
 Lunch is on your own!

Please contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu or 704-922-2126 by **January 2** if you would like to attend.

SCD TEEN RETREAT

Please hold March 8 & 9, 2024 (Fri/Sat) for the South Central District Teen Retreat. It will be at Millstone 4-H Camp. The cost will be \$100. This provides lodging, s'mores, 2 meals, and a t-shirt. Dinner on Friday and Saturday will not be included. The event will end by 4 pm on Saturday. More details will be available soon.

Please contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu or 704-922-2126 if you are interested in attending.



CLUB MEETINGS

GASTON COUNTY BLAZING SADDLES 4-H CLUB

Leader: BJ Waelz

Meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7 pm

GASTON COUNTY HERD HANDLERS 4-H CLUB

Leaders: Elizabeth Stephens & Chris Cookingham

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm



MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIE

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➤➤➤ I cannot believe that I have completed my first year as the Gaston County 4-H Agent. I have been blessed to be able to a part of this amazing group. I have been working hard to improve the communication of opportunities to youth and parents, have 4-H school enrichment programs in more schools throughout the county, and increase the public's awareness of 4-H.

As I start my second year, I will be focusing on community outreach, expansion of county 4-H clubs and events, and increasing the number of enrolled youth and volunteers. I continue to learn more everyday which is helping me become a better agent for all enrolled in the Gaston County 4-H. I am excited for 2024 and look forward to supporting you in whatever way you need. I appreciate all of our youth, parents, and volunteers! As always, if there is ever anything I can do to help- please let me know!

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 6: Winter Enrichment
- January 10-31: 4-H Online Re-enrollment
- January 10: Club Re-enrollment Paperwork Due
- January 12: Scholarship, Honor Club, Horse Program Achievement Applications Due Date
- Jan 13, 2024: Discover 4-H Event @ Library
- Jan 19, 2024: Project Records / Portfolios Due
- Feb 2-4, 2024: Volunteer Leaders Conference
- Feb 22, 2024: Achievement Night
- March 1: Horse Program Recreational Riding Log Due
- March 8-9: SC District Teen Retreat @ Millstone

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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