



4-H FORECAST



NEW COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

On March 1, the Gaston County Cooperative Extension will welcome a new County Extension Director, Jonette Mungo. Prior to working for VA Cooperative Extension, Jonette was a secondary classroom teacher of 15 years in Virginia. She has experience in teaching Middle and High School, English, Theatre and T.V. Production, Speech Communication, and Intro to Humanities. Having received her undergrad degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Theatre Education, she made great gains during COVID by pivoting to video production and using social media to reach statewide and national audiences with extension programs. She has a passion for learning and creating. Her graduate degree from Virginia Tech in Natural Resources is passionately focused on equitable access to clean and safe water as well as the conservation of nature and its resources. Her goals are to grow diverse extension programs, reach new audiences, and establish relevant, sustainable extension programs that directly address the needs and interests of the community. Jonette is an avid tent camper who chases dark skies and nature trails. She finds peace in homesteading and watching her chickens chase lightning bugs. She loves summer concerts, hot air balloon festivals, and laughing often. She is happy to be part of the Gaston County community.

Please help us welcome Jonette to the Gaston County Cooperative Extension!

➤➤➤ MILLSTONE 4-H CAMP

Gaston County 4-H will be taking youth the Millstone 4-H residential camp from July 7-12, 2024. We have reserved 8 camper spaces for 4 girls and 4 boys ages 8-14. We currently have 2 youth registered to attend so only 6 spots remain. The cost of camp is \$535 which includes transportation, lodging, meals, and some spending money at camp. We have both partial and full scholarships available for those that qualify. For more information about Millstone 4-H Camp, contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu or 704-922-2126.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT <<<

Achievement Night was held on February 22 and we celebrated the accomplishments and hard work of our 4-H youth and volunteers. Congratulations to all the youth and volunteers who were recognized at this event. We had a huge turnout with more than 60 people attending Thank you for all those that came to support the Gaston County 4-H program!



4-H Super Summer 2024

Millstone 4-H Residential Camp
Join us July 7-12 for an amazing week at Millstone 4-H Camp in Efler, NC. The week will include rope courses, swimming, canoeing, archery and MUCH MORE! Transportation is included. Scholarships are available. July 7-12 / Ages 8-14 / Max: 8 / Cost: \$535

Jr. Leader Training
Become a Jr. Leader with the Gaston County 4-H! Learn about ages and stages of youth, safety, how to lead workshop activities and much more. This class will help prepare you to volunteer with the 4-H Super Summer workshops. May 31 / 9am-12pm / Ages 14-18 / Max: 10 / Cost: \$0 / CRC

Landscape Design
Learn how to plan, design, and plant a landscape space. We will visit a local nursery, design, and plant a space

Photography Camp
In this creative, fun-filled camp your child will learn about camera settings, lighting, composition, posing, and more! There will be lots of hands-on learning, exploring the world of photography, and how photography is utilized in the "real world". Participants are encouraged to bring their own camera or device for use in this camp. June 11-12 / 9am-3pm / Ages 11-18 / Max: 10 / Cost: \$25 / CRC

Horses: A to Z
Calling all horse lovers! Learn everything from grooming to riding and everything in between. Taught by our Blazing Saddles 4-H Horse Club, participants will have two immersive days of everything horses! Participants are required to wear closed-toed shoes. June 13-14 / 9am-2pm / Ages 8-18 / Max: 10 / Cost: \$60 / CRC

Junior Chefs Cooking Camp

to take home! All materials will be provided. June 21 / 9am-3pm / Ages 11-18 / Max: 10 / Cost: \$50 / LTC

Mini-Society
We have partnered with the Catawba County 4-H for this exciting camp. Youth will travel to the Catawba County Extension office and learn about entrepreneurship, civics, and government, design their own currency, create, and run their own business, and elect town officials within their mini-society. June 24-28 / 9am-4pm / Ages 8-13 / Max: 10 / Cost: \$50

Ag & Art Farm Camp
Join us as we travel to visit Bush & Vine Farm located in York, SC. We will learn about farm life, plus enjoy berries, and ice cream. Participants will gain a 1' x 1' barn quilt. July 30 / 9am-3pm / Ages 8-13 / Max: 12 / Cost: 40 / LTC

Buzzin' Out

➤➤➤ SUPER SUMMER 2024

Registration for the Gaston County 4-H Super Summer is Open! Space is limited in each workshop. Register early to secure your spot. Please share with family and friends! Register on 4-HOnline.

Visit <https://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/summer-2023/> to view the full list of Super Summer Workshops!

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 Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm





IMPORTANT DATES

- March 1: Horse Prog. Rec. Riding Log Due
- March 8-9: SC District Teen Retreat @ Millstone
- March 9: NC State Horse Bowl & Hippology
- Apr 10: Electric Congress Registration Deadline
- May 7: County Activity Day (CAD)
- May 17-19: SCD Qualifying Horse Show
- May 31-June 2: Honor Club Conference
- June- August: Super Summer Workshops
- June 18: District Activity Day (DAD)
- July 10-14: State 4-H Horse Show
- July 16-18: Electric Congress



»»» SODA FUNDRAISER

Pepsi Co. donated various can drinks for the second year to support our Achievement Night. Since we received more drinks than we could use in one night, the remaining cans will be sold at the Cooperative Extension office for \$1.00 per can. The money collected will go towards the Gaston County 4-H. The funds will be used to send youth to 4-H residential camp and other 4-H events. If you are stopping by the Cooperative Extension office, purchase a can to support your 4-H program! Thank you Pepsi Co. for your continued support of the Gaston County 4-H!

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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