



4-H FORECAST



COUNTY ACTIVITY DAY



The Gaston County Activity Day (CAD) will be held on Tuesday, May 7 starting at 6 pm at the Citizen's Resource Center in Dallas. All youth that will be participating will need to register on 4-HOnline by April 30. Youth must compete at County Activity Day to be eligible to participate in District Activity Day (DAD) on June 18.

A training session called 4-H Opportunities: AIRE, Ambassadors & International Programs is available to Gaston County 4-H volunteers. This training will be on Monday, April 8 from 6-7 pm at the Citizen's Resource Center in Dallas. Volunteers will learn about some of the lesser known opportunities in 4-H so that they can promote to 4-H members and club members. Register for this volunteer opportunity at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dive-into-4-h-opportunities-aire-ambassadors-international-programs-tickets-856322502657?aff=oddtcreator>. Contact Christie German for more information or questions.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

ELECTRIC CONGRESS



The deadline to submit recruiting delegate forms to attend Electric Congress is April 10. Forms will not be accepted after that date. Forms will need to be dropped off to Christie German at the NC Cooperative Ext office. Electric Congress is July 16-18 at Western Carolina University. Contact Christie German for more information or questions.

4-H Congress is tentatively scheduled this year for July 22-26. Any youth interested in attending must register by contacting Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu by Friday, June 7! 4-H Congress is open to youth ages 13-18. More details to come!



4-H CONGRESS

JUDGES FOR COUNTY ACTIVITY DAY

➤➤➤ We are looking for judges for County Activity Day which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th. CAD will start at 6 pm and end once all youth have had the opportunity to present. Contact Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu or 704-922-2126 for more information about judging at CAD or to sign up.

HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY

A huge shout out to the Gaston County 4-H'ers that competed at the State Horse Bowl and Hippology contest on Saturday, March 9th! Our Senior Horse Bowl team placed 3rd and the Senior Hippology Team placed 6th. Many 4-H'ers placed in Individuals in their competition area: Horse Bowl- Faith W. 6th, Lauren H. 8th, Cameron B. 12th Horse Judging- Lauren H. 9th Stations- Faith W. 8th Sr. Rookie- Kara J. 7th, Eli L. 10th Jr. Rookie- Alli J. 5th Horse Judging & Stations- Caylee T. 9th Stations- Gianna L. 9th. *Congratulations to all our 4-H'ers!*



4-H Super Summer 2024

Milestone 4-H Residential Camp

Join us July 7-12 for an amazing week at Milestone 4-H Camp in Eilerbe, 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 horse! Participants are required to wear closed-toed shoes. June 13-14 / 9am-2pm / Ages 8-18 / Max: 10 / Cost: \$60 / CRC

Junior Chefs Cookline 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, see enjoy berries, and ice cream. Participants will paint a 1' x 1' barn quilt. July 30 / 9am-3pm / Ages 8-13 / Max: 12 / Cost: 40 / LTC

Barefoot Out

SUPER SUMMER 2024

➤➤➤ Registration for the Gaston County 4-H Super Summer is Open! Space is limited in each workshop. Register now to secure your spot. Some workshops are almost Sold Out! 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

- April 8: 4-H Volunteer Training
- Apr 10: Electric Congress Registration Deadline
- April 30: CAD 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 7: Deadline to Register for 4-H Congress
- June 18: District Activity Day (DAD)
- July 10-14: State 4-H Horse Show
- July 16-18: Electric Congress
- July 22-26: 4-H Congress
- August 9-10: Youth Voice



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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