



December 2017 4-H Newsletter

IREDELL COUNTY 4-H



Family and Awards Night



Thanks to all that attended the Family and Awards Night. I really enjoyed the opportunity to recognize all of the fine 4-H'ers that we are so blessed to have in our county. If you were not recognized this year, I really hope that next year, you will have turned in your project book, done a presentation, participated in a countywide event, or any other activity that you have done that we always want to recognize. Congratulations to all of those receiving your recognitions and awards!



ANNOUNCING THE "SHOE BOX PIZZA PARTY"

Mark your calendars for Friday, January 26th, at 6:00PM- 9:00 PM! Families are invited to our "Kickoff Party," for our newest 2018 Countywide Community Service Projects, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Christmas 2018.

We will gather at the Agricultural Resource Center, 444 Bristol Drive, Statesville, for pizza, drinks and to have a great time with music, games, and our own FIRST TIME EVER "NERF GUN TARGET COMPETITION"! We will ask each family to bring at least \$5.00 to go towards shipping the shoe boxes we will be working on all year to send out next November. Details will be given at the party.

We are asking that you RSVP...Call Us and Let Us Know how many to expect in your party! All 4-H'ers are asked to attend...this will be a countywide effort and we are setting a goal of 50 boxes, and we hope to send more than that! We need everyone to

pitch in and help. Call our office at 704-873-0507 and let us know that you will be at the Party!

Come one, Come all! We will have a great time while preparing to provide a great service for those less fortunate than ourselves!

Pictures shown are from November 2017, when Meredith Hinson was able to travel to Peru to help deliver shoeboxes to families there.



TRY It Teams REMINDER

I will be holding a meeting Monday, January 22nd, at 5:30 pm, here at the 4-H office for any youth age 12 and older who would be interested in becoming part of a TRY It Team. TRY It (Teens Reaching Youth) is an opportunity for youth to help teach other youth. I will begin the program with Health Rocks, and I will look for youth that are willing to go with me into schools and other locations and provide this training. Health Rocks is a drug and alcohol prevention program for middle school and elementary age youth. Please put this date on your calendar if this is something you'd like to do.

AIRE Program

The AIRE (Application, Interview, Resume, Essay) competition is:

(From the NCSU website)

WHAT IS AIRE?

AIRE (Application, Resume, Interview and Essay) is a workforce development and college prep program. Youth, ages 11 - 18, are eligible to participate in this program in one of two ways.

Option 1: Youth participate in this program by completing the AIRE program portfolio (online PDF) and submit it for review by our AIRE judges. All participants submitting an AIRE portfolio will be invited to participate in either

(1) the competitive portfolio review (open to youth ages 14-18)...

(2) or in the *non-competitive portfolio review (open to youth ages 11-13),*



which takes place annually during NC 4-H Congress. Youth participating in the competitive AIRE review process are eligible to be selected to attend national events such as National Congress, National Conference, and International Leadership Conference.

Option 2: Youth participate in this program by completing the AIRE program portfolio (online PDF) as self-study and/or as part of their local 4-H program.

Option 2: Does not require the participant to submit their AIRE portfolio for review.

AIRE Interviews will take place on the Monday of NC 4-H Congress (July 31, 2017).

If you are interested in participating in the AIRE competition, your information must be completed by May 15th online.

You can locate the information, including the packets for competition at:

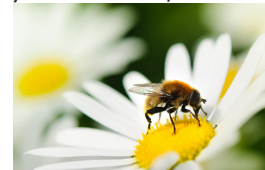
[AIRE Program](#)



Winter Enrichment will be held January 20th, at Wingate College, and will include ice skating. *The price is \$20* and INCLUDES lunch and the ice skating (the price is fixed per person - no discounts given for those wishing to opt out of the activity). Ice skating will be from 2pm-4pm. **If you wish to attend, you MUST LET ME KNOW by 5:00 pm, January 10th.**

Junior Bee Keeping Club REMINDER

The Iredell County Beekeepers Association have spoken with me, and if we have enough interest, they are willing to sponsor a Junior Beekeepers 4-H Club. If this is something you are interested in pursuing, let me know and we will work on this. Could be fun, and I KNOW, from personal experience, it IS tasty! Talk to your friends, and let's bring some new members into Iredell 4-H!



Ebenezer 4-H Club

Remember, the Ebenezer 4-H Cooking Club has been revitalized and is meeting again here at the 4-H Office, 444 Bristol Drive, Statesville. The next meeting is **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, at 6:00 pm.**



Upcoming Dates

Following are dates that will be important coming up in the new year. Please mark your calendars!

Project books Due January 18th, 2018. Every 4-H'er, no matter what club he or she is in, should try to turn in a project book for their 4-H year. I realize that sometimes things happen and that just isn't possible, but it is important to be recognized for all of the work you've put in in your club, whether it is cooking, science, shooting sports, general interest, or what. Let's blow the lid off of project books this year! I'll be happy to help you if you need assistance. Just give me a call!

Winter Enrichment will be held January 20th, at Wingate College, and will include ice skating. The price is \$20 and INCLUDES lunch and the ice skating (the price is fixed per person - no discounts given for those wishing to opt out of the activity). Ice skating will be from 2pm-4pm. **If you wish to attend, you MUST LET ME KNOW by 5:00 pm, January 10th.**

Teen Retreat, March 16-18, at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center. Teen Retreat is for 4-H'ers 13 and older, and includes camping (in nice, air conditioned cabins), learning, fun, dancing, and electing District Officers.

March 29th, 1:00 - 6:00, American Red Cross Blood Drive, held here at the 4-H Office, Extension office, 444 Bristol Drive, Statesville. Four-H'ers will be needed to welcome donors, check them in, and hand out snacks and drinks after they've donated. Please consider being here to assist with that.

County Activity Day, May 18th, done as age groups. Last year, as much as I enjoyed having a large group to see everyone's presentation, the day became a bit long. This year, we will present at times particular to each age group, and those that have already competed may leave. We had a great turnout last year for presentations...let's top that this year!

South Central District Activity Day will be held in Harnett County, most likely Tuesday, June 19th. The local agent is awaiting confirmation by the school.

July 20th, 1:00 - 6:00, American Red Cross Blood Drive, held here at the 4-H Office, Extension office, 444 Bristol Drive, Statesville. Four-H'ers will be needed to welcome donors, check them in, and hand out snacks and drinks after they've donated. Please consider being here to assist with that. **Also, I will need to leave early that day as I will be taking those going to Congress to Raleigh. If one of my leaders can volunteer to head up that day for me, I would appreciate it. Just let me know.**

North Carolina 4-H State Congress will be July 21st through July 24th, at the North Carolina State University campus in Raleigh.