



February 2018

IREDELL COUNTY 4-H



### "SHOE BOX PIZZA PARTY"

Mark your calendars for **THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**, 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 Team



**THANKS to Meredith Hinson and Sarah Wilson, our new TRY It Team for Iredell County. You are still welcome to join if you are 13 or older and would like to participate in helping to educate youth in a wide variety of areas, including Health Rocks and STEM programming.**

## Winter Enrichment

**We had a wonderful time at Winter Enrichment in Union County! Thanks to Meredith Hinson, Sarah Harvey, Jake Tevepaugh, and David Stuart for representing Iredell County. We had great workshops and had a wonderful time ice skating. Consider attending next year...you really missed out on a great time this year!**



## 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](#)

## TEEN RETREAT IS COMING IN MARCH!

Calling all Iredell 4-H'ers 13 and older! If you are interested in attending Teen Retreat, please call me to register. Dates are March 16-18, cost \$95.00. I will need to know by the end of February, but earlier if possible. It's a great time...having fun with other 4-H'ers, voting for District Officers, a dance, and all in comfy cabins with air conditioning! Let me know as soon as you can.

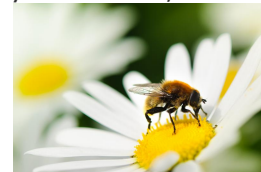


## Junior Bee Keeping Club REMINDER

I'm running this again, in case anyone might have missed it the first time. If you have any interest, please let me know. It is a

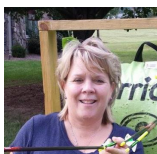
**great opportunity to learn and do something "a little bit different" than the usual, plus yummy for the tummy as well!**

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!



## **Congratulations to our new OUTSTANDING DISTRICT ADULT VOLUNTEERS, NEAL AND TONYA LOFTIN**

**Congratulations going to Neal and Tonya Loftin, who will be recognized at the Volunteer Leader's Conference Awards Dinner this Saturday, February 3rd. This award goes out to leaders who have contributed in amazing ways to Iredell County 4-H, and we thank them for their dedication and service.**



## **Ebenezer 4-H Club**



Ebenezer Cooking Club will be taking a field trip for their February meeting. The club will meet at The Carolina Pie Company 136 Stutts Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117, on Tuesday, February 20th, 6:00pm, and learn how the bakery runs, plus get to make their own personal pie! Transportation is ON YOUR OWN. There is a cost for this field trip, which will be \$3.00 per child and it is payable to Raphael Weeks that evening. All interested 4-H'ers are welcome to attend, and a great time will be had by all!



## **Trouble Shooters 4-H Club**

Congratulations go to the Troubleshooters 4-H Club. The team has participated in Regional competition, and seventeen of the 21 youth that attended advanced to State competition, and four of those youth qualified for the National team in Small Bore Rifle, Recurve Archery, and Hunter Skills. Way to go, Trouble Shooters!



## Upcoming Dates

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

**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.

**Speedway to Healthy, March 6th, 7th, and 8th.** We still need 4-H'ers 13 and older to help with the "holding room" (elementary age youth waiting to go through the exhibit), and we need all of the adult volunteers we can get to run the rooms, reading a pre-written script for a five minute session with each group. You can sign up for a time to volunteer by calling me and I will add you to the Google Form. I will also go ahead and add all leader's to the form. We need your help, so please consider taking a morning or an afternoon...or BOTH...to help out. Thanks so much!

**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. **Thanks to Elizabeth Bustle Moseley for taking care of things so that I can leave to head to Congress!**

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

