



November 2017 Newsletter



Family and Awards Night

This is my last reminder that we will hold our Awards Night tomorrow night, November 9th, at the Statesville Civic Center beginning at 6:00 pm. Please come and support our youth as we recognize all that have worked so hard in 2017. Finger foods will be provided.

TRY It Teams

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](#)

County Community Service Award



County Council Meeting

I would like to have all clubs consider a countywide community service program to do which we can submit for recognition by the State by March 1st. I would like to see Iredell County 4-H recognized for all of the wonderful 4-H'ers and adult volunteers that we currently have, because you all do so very much. We do have our Red Cross blood drives, but let's think what we can do in February as a county to assist our communities and shine a light on 4-H! Let me know your ideas and thoughts at the upcoming County Council meeting, to be held in January. We will choose a date tomorrow night at Awards Night.

Announcing Two New 4-H Clubs!

We are fortunate enough to be able to announce two new 4-H Clubs in Iredell County. Both are organized and chartered clubs, meeting after school at Iredell Charter Academy and at Lakeshore Elementary Schools. Welcome to Iredell County 4-H, and we look forward to working with you in our clubs and community service projects!



Junior Bee Keeping Club

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!



Reminder: 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 next Tuesday, November 21st, at 6:00 pm. The club will be "cooking with Pumpkins!" Pictured below is a photo from the last meeting where members got to enjoy learning cake decorating! Come join the fun!



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, most likely at Wingate College, and will include ice skating. The date is firm, but the planning committee is awaiting confirmation that we can use rooms at Wingate College. I will confirm for you the location asap.

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.