







# CLOVER CONNECTION

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Happy Friday! I'm sure you all are seeing lots of green and clovers around as we approach St. Patrick's Day... hope the festivities bring to mind 4-H and all it has to offer! Read below to catch up on what we did in February and what's coming up in March!



### **News & Events**

### 4HOnline Re-Enrollment

If you or your youth is an active 4-H member or volunteer, you will need to re-enroll in 4HOnline. This must be done by March 31st (re-enrolling members only; new members should enroll as they join.)







### New 4-H Club!

We would like to welcome Iredell Wild + Free 4-H Club as our newest club! Wild + Free is targeted towards homeschooled youth with an interest in nature. They plan to learn about nature in hands-on environment, including nature walks! Contact their club leader, Stephanie Cass (stephaniercass@gmail.com) for more information!

SAVE THE DATE

# County Activity Day

May 16, 2020

Iredell County
Agricultural Resource
Center

Start working on your presentations and talents now! Contact Taylor Jenkins (taylor\_jenkins@ncsu.edu or 704-873-0507) with any questions. Registration details coming soon!



Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center June 28-July 3, 2020

Iredell County is attending Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville, NC the week of June 28-July 3! This will be a fun week jam-packed with camp activities like canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, a ropes course, and more! Youth ages 8-12 (as of Jan. 1) are eligible to

attend.

Please let Taylor Jenkins know if you or your youth is interested in attending!

There are scholarships available for new and returning campers.

- 1) Apply for FIRST-TIME CAMPERS Scholarships up to \$400 each available for first-time campers who meet the vulnerable youth population requirement. What qualifies as a vulnerable youth population? Check out our Frequently Asked Questions for more information and to apply.
- 2) <u>Apply for RETURNING CAMPERS</u> Scholarships up to \$400 each are available for returning campers who received a scholarship from the State 4-H Office in 2019. That means they belong to a vulnerable youth population AND attended overnight camp for the first time in 2019 under the State 4-H office's scholarship program.

The application deadline is March 20, 2020 by  $5:00\ PM$ . Announcements for recipients will be made on or around April 1, 2020.



### **NC 4-H Citizenship Focus** June 15-17, 2020

4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus will be held June 15-17, 2020 in Cary at the Embassy Suites by Hilton. We are eligible to send 3 youth, ages 14-18 (as of Jan. 1) from Iredell County!

- Conference Highlights
   Citizenship themed workshops

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  - Distinguished speakers
    Visits with elected officials
  - Off site visits in Raleigh

If you or your youth is interested in government or citizenship, contact Taylor Jenkins for more information on how to apply to be an Iredell County delegate!

### **Essay Contests**

### NC State 4-H Beekeeping Essay

Visit this link for more information about rules, the essay topic, and how to submit your essay. The deadline is to submit your essay. T March 15th at 5:00 PM.

## NC A&T Small Farms Week Youth

Essay Competition
This year's topic is "How has NC agriculture affected your life today?" The competition is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. All essays must be computer-generated and one page in length. Essays will be judged on content (50%), grammar/spelling (15%), and originality/creativity (35%). Include your name, grade level, and 4-H county and agent's name.
Submissions should be sent to srwiley@ncat.edu by March 16th at 5:00 PM. Prizes will be awarded to the top two students in each grade level.

### **NC State University Summer Camps**

Horticulture Science Summer Institute
Click here for more information. Applications are
due by April 15th and acceptances occur on a
rolling basis.

#### Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL)

Click here for more information. County Farm Bureau offices are accepting applications through the end of March.

### Livestock Science Camp

#### **Poultry Science Summer Institute**

Click here for more information. Applications are due by February 28th.

### VetCAMP

Click here for more information. Apply by April 3rd.

### **Upcoming Iredell County 4-H Club Meetings**

3/12	AquaSprouts 4-H Club 6:00 PM   Contact Taylor for more information, including location.
3/12	Iredell Wild + Free 4-H Club 2:30 PM   Contact Taylor for more information, including location.
3/17	West Iredell 4-H Club 6:00 PM   Contact Taylor for more information, including location.
3/26	Troubleshooters 4-H Club 5:30 PM   Contact Taylor for more information, including location.
	Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more meeting updates!

### **Important Dates**

2/27	Curious Cooks Workshop 6:00 PM   Iredell County Agriculture Resource Center See above for more information.
5/16	County Activity Day Time TBD   Iredell County Agriculture Resource Center
6/15-17	Citizenship Focus Raleigh, NC See above for more information!
6/20	District Activity Day Richmond County, NC
6/28-7/3	Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center Reidsville, NC See above for more information!
7/18	State 4-H Presentation Finals NC State University, Raleigh, NC
7/18-21	State 4-H Congress NC State University, Raleigh, NC
8/14-15	YouthVoice Cabarrus County, NC More details to come!