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Dear 4-H Families,

School is just beginning which means the 4-H Youth Fair will soon be here. Then the Dairy Show at the Fall Festival followed by the Turkey Show and Dairy Shows at the North Carolina State Fair. It is really a very busy time for 4-H members. Have you updated your recordbooks lately? If not, get right on it! Those recordbooks tell the history of your 4-H experiences. Plan to recruit new members to your club during NATIONAL 4-H WEEK, October 4-10.

See you all very soon!

Sincerely,

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KUDOS TO ONE OF OUR OWN!

Sig McCain, Randolph County 4-H volunteer, 4-H leader, 4-H parent and 4-H grandparent was inducted into the inaugural class of the NC 4-H Hall of Fame on July 21 at a ceremony held in Raleigh during State 4-H Congress. The North Carolina 4-H Hall of Fame honors people who have made a significant impact on the North Carolina 4-H Program and forerunners of the 4-H Program, such as corn, swine, and tomato clubs. Honorees were selected from nominations made from County Extension Centers, 4-H Groups, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Staff, and individuals. From more than 240 nominations received, 100 individuals have been selected for this prestigious recognition. Sig McCain was recognized for her tireless service to the 4-H youth in Randolph County for the past 29 years. She started as a 4-H volunteer working with the Happy Heifer Dairy Club and has invested so much into the youth and families of Randolph County 4-H.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Addie Ward (Lucky Country 4-H Clovers, Super Sharp Shooting Stars 4-H Club and Randolph County 4-H Teen Leadership Club) and Luis Martinez (Super Sharp Shooting Stars 4-H Club and Randolph County 4-H Teen Leadership Club) attended a Parliamentary Procedure workshop on July 28 at the Guilford County Extension Office. This workshop was a great opportunity to learn more about the proper way to conduct a 4-H club meeting, meet with 4-H’ers from other counties and participate in some fun activities to develop better skills in using Parliamentary Procedure. The North Central 4-H District is planning a Parliamentary Procedure Quiz Bowl for Tuesday, Nov 11 (Veteran’s Day) in Forsyth County. Youth ages 11 and up that would be interested in participating on a team from Randolph County should call Jody Terry at the Extension Office.
Good Job Jessie!

Congratulations to Jessie Talbott for receiving her GOLD Ambassador award. She will now work on the Emerald level! If you would like information about the North Carolina Ambassador Project click here: http://www.nc4h.org/youth/ambassadors/index.html

Parent Leader Meeting

The next Parent Leader meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5. All parents and club leaders are encouraged to attend. We meet here at the Extension Office beginning at 6:30 PM. See you then!

North Carolina State Fair ‘09

Mark your calendars! This year’s North Carolina State Fair is October 15- October 25. The theme is “A Whole Lotta’ Happy” and that is exactly what you will be whether you are showing an animal (or two), have a youth fair exhibit on display, want to take in some rides or just have some deep fried fun – We hope you have the chance to take advantage of some real fun and excitement at this year’s event.

Teen Leaders

Yoselin Perez and Heather Allred are pictured with Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton at the North Carolina 4-H Centennial Reunion in July!
Calling all 4-Her’s, the Youth Fair is almost here! We will have the center court of Randolph Mall on Saturday, September 19. What is the Youth Fair you might ask? A one-day showcase of projects completed by 4-H members throughout Randolph County. Qualified judges will be on hand to ask questions and place items as blue, red or white ribbon (green ribbon for cloverbuds). Blue Ribbon entries will move on to compete at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh.

Think about what arts/crafts projects you have completed this year at a club meeting or on your own or maybe you just need to put some finishing touches on that special something. You still have time to put your thinking cap on and get ready to enter. Perhaps you made something at one of our summer adventure programs. Items that may be entered include: arts and crafts, sewn items, photography, canned goods, pottery, electric projects, etc. No more than 5 entries per participant. Make sure items were made AFTER Youth Fair ‘08 (Sept, 2008) and made by you, the 4-H youth exhibitor. If you have any questions concerning a particular item, give Jody a call at 318-6013.

Remember,
Saturday, September 19th
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Drop off items to be displayed/
4-Hers talk to judges about items
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Items on display
1:30 - 2 p.m.
Pick up items

Youth Fair
Rules and Regulations
♦ Participation is limited to Randolph County 4-H Club members and 4-H special interest participants only. Entries are limited to FIVE per participant.
♦ All exhibits may be entered at the mall between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 19 and picked up between 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on the same date. Please plan accordingly. If you are unable to make this time check with another 4-H family, 4-H staff members are not able to take items to the mall. Items left at the mall will be taken back to the extension office.
♦ All exhibits must have been made following last year’s Youth Fair in August of ’08 and made by the 4-H exhibitor.
♦ Club exhibits –We want each club to put a ‘club exhibit’ together that speaks to what your particular club has been up to this year or any topic of the club’s choosing. Use every member of your club to contribute and make this a fun and informative look at your specific club (pictures, artwork, testimonials, etc).

ATTENTION ALL RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H SUMMER ADVENTURES PARTICIPANTS: Did you attend classes in Archdale, Liberty or Asheboro? You are cordially invited to enter items in the Youth Fair that you created this summer in our Randolph County 4-H Summer Fun Programs, including arts and crafts, jewelry, photography, etc. No more than 5 items per person. Read the above information and bring your items to the Randolph Mall on Sept. 19.
North Carolina Big Sweep was founded as Beach Sweep in 1987 by Dr. Lundie Spence of the North Carolina Sea Grant College Program. In that formative year, the Sweep was nothing more than a hastily-planned coastal cleanup. However, the success that year, attracting over 1,000 volunteers and collecting over 14 tons of debris, allowed the Sweep to grow and rapidly expand inland. In 1989, a public-private partnership officially became Big Sweep, the nation’s first statewide waterway cleanup. A few years ago, the mission was expanded to include not just waterways but the whole environment. Since its founding, North Carolina Big Sweep has had almost 270,000 volunteers and collected over 9.3 million pounds of trash from North Carolina environment.

This year’s “Big Sweep” location for Randolph County 4-H is the Asheboro/Randolph YMCA. We will meet at the covered picnic area in front of the “Y” at 9 am on Saturday, Sept. 26. Be dressed and ready to pick up trash – this effort will go much faster with the help and support of us all!

**National 4-H Week** will be observed October 4, 2009 – October 10, 2009. As North Carolina 4-H reflects on the past 100 years, consider how you may want to celebrate with your club, family, friends and community.

We challenge each club to recruit at least 10 new members for your club. Ask your friends in school, church or neighborhood! Many youth are waiting to be invited! If you know of adult volunteers who would lead a club, call Jody or Barb and let us know. We will help get them started!
United Way Campaign Underway

Did you know, 4-H is a United Way Agency? Each year, employers in Randolph County who give to the United Way, help 4-H by securing the needed funding to continue our great work.

Each year, many club members are assisted with scholarships to offset the cost of many of their club activities. Have you ever wondered where that money came from? Well, it is in part due to the generosity of the Randolph County community. If you are asked to participate in the annual United Way Campaign, I hope you will say YES! When you contribute, we all benefit.

Record Book Reminder

This would be a good time to get out your project record book and update what you’ve been up to over the summer. If you haven’t started yet, this is also a great time to get going. Please call the office if you have any questions or just need motivation.

Randolph County has a reputation for turning in great books. Want to make this a challenge? How many quality books can we turn in this year? Remember all the events and opportunities you have been a part of could be turned into a great book! Record Books are due to the Extension Office no later than Dec. 11, 2009.

National 4-H Congress

Congratulations to Heather Allred (Happy Heifer Dairy Club, Randolph County 4-H Teen Leadership Club) and Adam Frazier (Happy Heifer Dairy Club) for all their hard work completing the State 4-H ARI Application. Both were awarded a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in late November. Heather and Adam completed an extensive application, resume and interview process that tested their skills in decision-making, looked at their well roundedness as individuals and their commitment to community. Due to their extensive background in 4-H they had the skills to complete this difficult task.