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Dear 4-H Family,

The summer is setting and the school year begins! We had 4-H summer adventure programs in seven locations this year and know that many young people enjoyed classes in art, science, animals, sewing, racing and so much more. The 4-H year officially ends on September 30 and we begin the new 4-H year October 1. This means your family will be re-enrolling with your club leaders and filling out new medical release forms.

These forms are only good for one 4-H year – and need to be renewed annually. I am so pleased we have not had anyone hurt during our program, but it is better to have the forms on file in case of an emergency.

“Hungry to Help” is a statewide 4-H initiative designed to help bring awareness to the fact that many youth in North Carolina are food insecure, in other words – they go to bed hungry some nights! We will be conducting 4-H canned food drives during the year to assist with filling our local food pantries in an effort to help combat the food insecurity problem.

Read through the newsletter for information about our Youth Fair in September. Begin planning how your club will celebrate National 4-H Week and call us at any time if we can help your club!

Sincerely,

Barbara Dunn Swanson
Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development
Calling all 4-Her’s, the Youth Fair is almost here! We will have the center court of Randolph Mall on Saturday, September 18. 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). Winning 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. 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 ‘09 (Sept, 2009) 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 18th
9:15 a.m.
Drop off items to be displayed/
4-Hers meet with judges
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Items on display
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 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 entries per participant.
- All exhibits may be entered at the mall at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 18 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 '09 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).

**Please bring canned food items for our 4-H Hungry To Help Can Food Drive.**
Congratulations to Kasey Smith (r), Young Riders 4-H Club member, who competed at the State 4-H Horse Show in July with her horse Ima Obvious Cowboy. Kasey was reserve champion in the little britches division!

Ben Talbott (left) and Jesse Talbott (below) participated in the State 4-H Fashion Review Contest! Take a look at what 4-H sewing skills they both have.

Great Job!!

Congratulations to Ben Talbott (left) and Adam Frazier (right) for participating in State 4-H Congress in July!
National 4-H Week will be observed October 3 - October 9, 2010. As North Carolina 4-H reflects on the past 101 years, consider how you may want to celebrate with your club, family, friends and community.

We are challenging each Randolph County 4-H Club to collect at least 101 canned food items in honor of National 4-H Week. We will accept donations at the Extension Office through October 7 for this particular campaign. On the evening of Thursday, October 7 we will gather at the Extension Office at 6:00pm to tally donation numbers and take a group picture. Call family, friends and co-workers to join in on this important effort to support our community.

** Farm Safety Day Camp **
SEPTEMBER 25

This fun and informative safety camp, sponsored by the Livestock Association, NC Cooperative Extension, Randolph County Center, and Farm Bureau Federation of Randolph County, is offered to youth between the ages of 7—13 years. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

** 4-H is asking all participants to please bring a canned food item in support of our year long ‘Hungry to Help’ campaign. **

October 1 is the beginning of the new 4-H year! As leaders receive re-enrollment packets, please fill out new medical forms and turn in all paperwork necessary to keep current in the state database.

Mark Your Calendars!!
The 2010 N.C. State Fair is October 14-24, 2010
**2010 State 4-H Council Conference** The dates for conference are November 20 & 21 at the Marriott Greensboro Downtown. State Council Conference is for youth ages 13-18. Exciting workshops and speakers are planned for this event. Cost of this trip is $185. We are offering $60 scholarships, which would put the cost per youth at $125. Contact Jody or Barb with questions. Deadline to register is November 1.

**Horticulture Judging Team** Anyone interested in participating on a Horticulture Judging Team should contact Jody or Barb at the Extension Office. Mary Helen Ferguson (Hort Agent-Randolph County) is excited to work with a team and get prepared for competitions!

**Electrifying Job!** Congratulations to Laura Allred for a successful trip to the 2010 NC 4-H Electric Congress. This year’s event was held at UNC – Wilmington July 12-14. Laura Allred was awarded third place in the Progress Energy Territorial Awards Program. As a member of the Happy Heifer Dairy Club and the Randolph County Teen Leadership Club, Laura has lots of 4-H experience!

**Poultry Judging Results** Congratulations to Evan Gunter for competing in the 4-H Poultry Judging Contest in July! Evan placed first in the junior division, scoring the highest marks among 70 competitors. Participants had to judge eight (8) hens for past egg production qualities (4 hens in each class). Next, Evan had to evaluate the Ready To Cook broilers, followed by egg identification and the final exam was the broken out eggs, to identify quality. Evan has a goal to make the Senior State Winning Team in 2011!

**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.

**Attending National Dairy Conference** Congratulations to Adam Frazier, member of the Happy Heifers 4-H Club who was selected to attend the National Dairy Conference to be held in Madison, Wisconsin September 26-29, 2010! His application and award winning interview helped him to achieve this recognition!
NCACC and 4-H

North Carolina 4-H and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service are partnering with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) on a year-long initiative to increase youth involvement in county government. This initiative aims to overcome the mindset that many youth are disengaged and lack trust in government as well as to identify issues, which are facing youth in North Carolina.

One youth per county was invited to participate in the August 27-28 Youth Summit event with expenses being covered by the NCACC. During this conference not only were youth determining the top 10 issues facing youth in North Carolina, they also had a chance to participate in workshops with the county commissioners as well as attend the Horn of Plenty event with the county commissioners. The top 10 issues identified will be shared with the NCACC and the goal is that they will become part of their agenda of items to work on. Ben Talbott of the Randolph County Teen Leadership Club was the delegate for Randolph County. We look forward to hearing feedback on this important weekend!

Up and Coming

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. 10, 2010.

Congratulations Presentation Presenters

A Big Congratulations goes to the following Randolph County 4-H members for their excellent work on 4-H presentations at District Activity Day on June 23 in Person County!

- Heather Allred
- Laura Allred
- Rachel Osborne

In the Health and Safety Category:

* Heather Allred—Gold (District)
* Laura Allred—Silver (District)

In the Dairy Livestock Production:

* Rachel Osborne—Silver (District)
  Silver (State) Great job!

* - Presented at State 4-H Congress