



# Rockingham 4-H News

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### 2024 4-H Achievement Night

The 4-H Achievement Night will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024 at the Rockingham County Extension Office. We will have the artistic talent on display during the night. Art entries will be on display starting at 6pm and program will start at 6:30pm. Art entry forms are available on the 4-H website and are due by January 5.

During this event there will be many awards presented to 4-Hers and volunteers; 4-Her of the year, Volunteer of the year, Cloverbud of the year, Horseman of the year and Outstanding Electric 4-H Program Participant. Anyone such as 4-Hers, leaders, parents, etc can turn in nominations. Nominations are being taken electronically or you can turn in paper form. Electronic form and hardcopy forms can be found on the county website at: <https://rockingham.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/> All nomination forms are due to the 4-H office by January 3. All record books, portfolios and group reports are due to the 4-H office by January 3!

We will also be having a 4-H slide show from the events of this past year. If you have any pictures that you would like to be shown, please send them to the 4-H office by January 3 - no exceptions! We would prefer digital pictures by email or on a flash drive, but if you only have the picture then be sure your name is on the back of the picture.

We will continue the basket raffle so we are asking that each club bring a basket full of items to raffle during this special night. These funds will go to the Rockingham County 4-H Endowment.

If you are a graduating senior in high school please let me know or notify your 4-H leader. We present seniors with a gift but we need to know names and shirt sizes by January 3.

We will also have the food drive contest again. All collected canned food will be taken to the local food bank. We will have a contest - whichever club has the most food based on the amount of people they bring will receive 4-H scholarship dollars for each member present!

During this event we will be serving a meal for 4-H members, volunteers and 4-H parents so everyone must rsvp if they are attending. Please let us know by January 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are attending. Please RSVP by using this form <https://go.ncsu.edu/achnight> I am looking forward to celebrating Rockingham County 4-H with you!



It is that time of year for seniors to start filling out the college scholarship applications. The 2024 scholarship guide and application is now available and can be found on the state 4-H website. Be sure to look at the scholarship guide to see what you are eligible to apply for. The NC 4-H Honor Club applications are also available. Both are due to Morgan in the 4-H office by January 30th. You can find the scholarship app at <https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-awards-incentives-programs-2/>



The NC 4-H Honor Club is a state wide 4-H service organization that inducts many 4-Hers each year. This is a very prestigious organization to be inducted into and we have many 4-Hers who are eligible. The NC 4-H Honor Club app can be found at <https://nc4hhonorclub.org/>

Project Record books, portfolios and group reports are due to the 4-H office by 5pm on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember these are a great way to capture what you have been doing all year in your 4-H projects. You can find the record book and portfolio templates on the county 4-H website.



## Share Your 4-H Electric Activities from 2023

Our county is planning to turn in a group electric report again for 2023 for an award and we need your help! Please turn in any electric/ electric safety activities, projects or pictures that you have from this year that might include individually or as a club. Please get this to me no later than January 16. I know that many clubs and 4-Hers have done projects involving electricity, woodworking, technology, using power tools and much more so be sure to share!



The North Central District 4-H Winterfest will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Guilford County Extension Center (3309 Burlington Rd., Greensboro, NC 27405) from 9am to 3pm. Morgan will take our county delegation for the day. The first half of the day will include workshops, community service, and lunch. In the afternoon, we'll be heading to the Greensboro Icehouse for group ice skating. Your 4-H'ers will want to bring a pair of long, warm socks for skating. This event is for 11 – 18 year olds (as of Jan 1, 2024). Rockingham County 4-H is paying so it is free! Must RSVP with Morgan no later than January 4<sup>th</sup>!



### ~NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference~

The NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference is right around the corner, and registration is now live! The event will be held February 2 - 4, 2024, at the Millennium Hotel Durham. This conference is a wonderful way to network with other volunteers from around the state, attend workshops and district meetings. The theme is **NC 4-H Volunteers: Volunteers Unite! - Lighting our FLAME from Mountains to Sea!**

You will register yourself and make your own hotel reservations. The deadline to register is January 19<sup>th</sup>. Make payment to County 4-H office and let Morgan know you have registered. You register yourself at <https://go.ncsu.edu/2024volunteerconference>

Rockingham County 4-H believes this is a very valuable conference so we are paying \$100 of each registered volunteer's registration.



**Remember to use your 4-H scholarship dollars before the 2024 4-H Achievement Night program on January 26. You have worked hard for the 4-H scholarship dollars so be sure to take advantage of them! You earned this through participating in contests such as presentations, record books, state contests, food fair and more. If you have any questions on amount you have, how to use it, etc, please contact Morgan at the 4- H office.**



### *4-H Artistic Expressions Talent Show*

Do you like to draw, paint, knit or do any crafting? If so turn in your artistic entries for our County 4-H Artistic Expressions Talent Show.

Entries are due (entry form and actual art piece) by January 5. All entries will be on display with awards at the 4-H Achievement Night on January 26. This is a great opportunity to showcase your artwork and earn 4-H scholarship dollars. Entry form can be found on the county 4-H website.



### 4-H Horse Updates

\*\*If your club is participating in the 2024 4-H horse bowl contest you must send in 40 horse bowl questions from approved sources and in the correct format to Morgan by December 28.

\*\*Don't forget to register for the Youth Horse Judging, Hippology and Horse Bowl clinic on January 13 in Raleigh.

Registration is now open <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/>

### **2024 Enrollment**

All 4-H volunteers and youth will need to re-enroll in 4-H Online for the new year. I will send an email out when the system is ready.

### ~4-H Club Corner~

(Be sure to share with me what your club is doing so we can share with others)

**Happy Home 4-H Club** – Their club members volunteered at the Rolling Ridge Riding Candy Cane Ride.

**Shiloh 4-H Club** – The 4-Hers went shopping for two kids they adopted for the holidays! They met on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and had a fun, painting craft for their club meeting activity. Their club holiday party will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Kountry Kids 4-H Club** –The club is having their holiday party and beginning of year meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Piedmont Saddle Club.

**Challengers 4-H Club** –They served meals at the Reidsville Soup Kitchen on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to the community. They did their annual Christmas Cookie Swap and had a great time with each other celebrating!

**Raising Arrows 4-H Club** –They canceled their December plans but will be ready to get together in the new year.

**Crazy Running & Fitness 4-H Club** –This club will take a break during the winter and will resume in the spring so be sure to check back for when they start back. You don't want to miss out on the fun!





# January 2024 – What’s Coming Up!

- December 25 - 27 4-H office closed in observance of Christmas
- December 28 Horse Bowl questions due to Morgan
- January 1 4-H office closed in observance of New Year’s, club forms due for 2024
- January 3 Record books, portfolios, group reports due, achievement night pictures, graduating seniors, award nominations due
- January 4 RSVP for Winterfest to Morgan
- January 5 Art contest entries due
- January 9 4-H Online opens for 2024 – re-enroll for the new year!
- January 13 NC 4-H Horse Clinic in Raleigh, District 4-H Winterfest
- January 15 4-H office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day
- January 16 District 4-H Horse Bowl Entry closes, Electric activities sent to Morgan
- January 19 Volunteer Leaders Conference due online
- January 22 RSVP for 4-H Achievement Night
- January 26 4-H Achievement Night at 6:30pm
- January 27 District 4-H Dog Workshop
- January 30 Honor Club & Scholarship Applications due to Morgan
- February 1 Honor Club & College Scholarships due to Raleigh
- February 2 – 4 NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference
- February 10 North Central District 4-H Horse Bowl Contest in Guilford County
- February 12 District 4-H Horse Council Meeting at 7pm via Zoom
- February 17 Snow Date for District 4-H Horse Bowl
- March 1 Horse Achievement Award Applications due to EHH, Recreational Riding Logs Due to EHH
- March 8 District 4-H Rabbit Show Registration Deadline
- March 9 State 4-H Horse Bowl & Hippology Contests in Raleigh, District 4-H Rabbit Workshop
- March 15 Central Piedmont Livestock Show entry deadline
- March 23-24 Clover Classic Livestock Show
- March 29 4-H office closed in observance of Good Friday
- April 9-10 Central Piedmont Livestock Show
- April 19 Poultry & Rabbit Record books due to Morgan for district show
- May 4 District Poultry & Rabbit Show in Winston Salem
- May 11 – 12 North Qualifying 4-H Horse Show in Raleigh
- May 18 Betsy’s Bash at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

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