Officer Training
Brunswick County 4-H Club Officers gathered at the Extension office for a day of training and fellowship on Friday, January 23. “Mrs. Angie” taught Secretaries’ and Treasurers’ duties and “Mrs. Blair” taught parliamentary procedure. Sammi Lawrence and Kenan Bridges taught Presidents’ and Vice Presidents’ roles to the newer club officers. Following their training, the youth were treated to an afternoon of fun and lunch at Thunder Alley in Leland. Attending the training this year was Sierra Hart, Courtney Cain, Mackenzie Hester, Rebekah Taylor, Sammi Lawrence, Kenan Bridges, Angelique & Alexis Apple, Olivia Bowers, Andy Walton and Bobbi Jane Lawrence.

Celebrating 2011 Super Heroes
Brunswick County’s Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held this month and hopefully you have received your invitation in the mail. If not, please be sure to call the office. The Banquet will be held in the Training Center of Brunswick County Cooperative Extension beginning at 6:30PM on February 24, 2012.

At this year’s Achievement Banquet, we will have door prizes and we will draw tickets at the end of the evening. You can help raise money for Relay for Life and increase your chances of winning a door prize in the following ways:

♦ Buy 5 - $1.00 “50/50” tickets receive 2 door prize tickets (50/50 tickets will be drawn on April 27th at the Fashion/Talent Review).
♦ Buy or sell 2012 Coupon Book (priced at $25) receive 3 door prize tickets.
♦ Turn in entry for Carnival Themed, Relay for Life, Kid’s Walk T-shirt contest receive 3 door prize tickets.
♦ Sell or buy $10 Luminary to decorate in honor or memory of someone fighting cancer & receive 3 door prize tickets. We will have bags and Super Hero decorations at the Achievement Banquet.
♦ Sign up and pay $10 on-line for Relay for Life—Brunswick County 4-H Team before February 8th to receive 5 tickets, before February 24th to receive 3 tickets, or sign up at the Banquet and receive 2 tickets.
♦ Raise $30 for the Relay for Life team and turn in that night to receive 5 tickets.

Our Relay Team is “Brunswick County 4-H”
Announcing a 4-day Sewing Workshop!

Come out and join the Tinker Diva’s 4-H Club, learn to sew and sew a garment for the April Fashion Review! **Call the office to sign up by February 15th!** Will need 4-H youth’s measurements and whether they would like to make pajama pants, skirt or dress.

**Dates include:**
- March 5th, 12th, 19th, April 2nd

**Details:**
- March 5th meet at Wal-Mart in Shallotte at 6 pm to pick out the materials needed. Cost - Pay for materials at Wal-mart AND a $3.00 cost to cover workshop. Patterns have already been purchased.
- March 12th, 19th and April 2nd Workshop will be held at the 4-H office at 6pm.

We will be spending the night again this year! You must be 12 or older to stay the night without a parent or adult. There is a form you have to fill out this year and bands will be handed out prior to the walk. If you have not filled out the form and turned in by April 29th you will NOT be able to stay the night.

They are having a contest for the Kid’s Walk Shirt, see entry forms in attachments. **Entries should be turned into the office by February 8th.**

Please pass this on to your friends, family and employees that would like to join our 2012 Relay for Life team!

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**District Teen Retreat**

District Teen Retreat is usually held in March and is a lock-in type leadership building retreat that generally offers training and workshops centering around the state 4-H project. 4-Hers ages 13 to 18 are able to attend. District teen council officers are elected at Teen Retreat. Southeast District’s spring retreat for this year is March 9-10, 2012. Held in Wilmington, NC at the Comfort Inn and Suites. Cost $50 or $30 if not staying the night. Deadline to sign up is February 15th. **For more information contact Blair Green, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, 910-253-2610, blair_wooten@ncsu.edu**

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**Looking Ahead**

**February 10-12:** TiLT Retreat


& SE District teen retreat forms and registration due; & Achievement Banquet RSVP with write ups for announcements, how each youth would like to be announced at the banquet.

**February 15:** Deadline to sign up to work as a volunteer at the Cape Fear Wildlife Expo in Wilmington (free admission) [http://www.capefearwildlifeexpo.com](http://www.capefearwildlifeexpo.com)

**February 24:** (Friday) 2011 4-H Achievement Banquet.

**March 1:** Sign up and pay for 4-H Clover Day (Friday March 16th early release day from school) Make 4-H Shamrocks, and other green food and crafts to celebrate our favorite green holiday St. Patrick’s Day! Cost $7 Cloverbuds only—Ages 5-8!

**March 9-10:** Teen Retreat-Wilmington

**March 15:** First payment for Camp BJP which is scheduled for July 29th-August 3rd, 2012

**March 30:** Deadline to sign up for County Activity Day. Come show-off your presentation at County Activity Day on April 11, 2012.
This year Brunswick County will be attending Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center July 29th through August 3rd. Cost will be $390 for campers and $410 for trekkers and includes a t-shirt and $15 camp store credit. A non-refundable deposit of $50 by March 15th will reserve your spot for camp. Payments will be due: April 13th, May 15th, with the balance due June 15th. Contact the 4-H office for more information and to obtain forms.

The members of Bits n Boots braved the cold on January 15 to attend their First Anniversary Party. Everyone rode horses, brushed horses learned parts of the hoof and how to clean them and ate hot dogs prepared by Brandi, a Volunteer Leader. Everyone had a great time and want to thank the Hart family for allowing them to have another get together at their home. Elizabeth’s grandmother came out to join in the fun and rode a horse for the first time in her life. Said she’s ready to jump from an airplane now.

Show Cattle Camp 2012
When: February 25th & 26th
Where: Wilson County Fairgrounds
Who: This will be for beginners...only
Contact: Walter Earle 252-237-0111

Eastern Carolina 4-H Livestock School
When: March 3rd & 4th
Where: Eastern Carolina Ag and Education Center, Tarboro, NC
Who: Youth ages 9-18
Entry Forms: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/4hyouth/ah4h.html

Stierwalt Cattle Clinic
When: April 20th-22nd
Where: Wayne Proffitt Agricultural Center, Franklin NC
Who: Youth interested in Showing Cattle
What: Hands on Cattle Clinic

See more in the Calendar of Events:
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/4hyouth/Calendar%20of%20Events.htm
We are very proud of all our Brunswick County volunteers and volunteer leaders, this month we are especially proud to announce that Trisha Apple was awarded the 2011 NC 4-H Adult Volunteer Award for the Southeast District. Trish attended the Volunteer Leader Conference at the Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, NC the first weekend in February where she learned new skills, met other 4-H Leaders and was honored with her District award at the Awards Banquet that Saturday evening.

Application, Interview, Resume, Essay

AIRE Packets are due to Brunswick County 4-H on May 1, 2012. The AIRE program is open to any youth age 11-18. Youth participants between the ages of 11-13 take part in the noncompetitive program. We strongly encourage you and your volunteers to recruit younger youth to participate in the program. Youth that start the process early are better prepared for the competitive process and the program strengthens their 21st century workforce and college prep skills. Youth participants between 14-18 take part in the competitive program (Awards to National 4-H Trips). Participants should submit 4 copies of their AIRE Packet. The 2012 Essay component has CHANGED: Participants have a "set topic" (please see packet for details - link follows). http://brunswick.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/10/AIRE%20Binder1.pdf

OMK Visual Arts Contest

NC OMK announces the 5th Annual NC Operation: Military Kids Visual Arts Contest. The contest is open to all North Carolina youth. Age categories are 5-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, and 16-19. Youth will utilize their skills and their artistry to capture their views of America and patriotism. This year’s themes are: Love of the USA, All American Kids, Spirit of Patriotism, Military Life, Honoring Our Heroes. Contest rules and guidelines can be found at www.nc4h.org/military/index/html or http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/statePOCHome.aspx?state=North%20Carolina. Entries must arrive in the Brunswick County no later than April 15, 2012.

Scholarship Opportunity

A scholarship opportunity for students between the ages of 6 and 18, whose volunteer actions go above and beyond what is expected. The volunteer efforts must have occurred in the past year. The deadline to apply is March 15. For complete rules and prize information and to access the nomination form, go to www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/index.asp.