Leadership Training

I wanted to share a moment in time. I am the one on the left in the red coat on a Segway in front of the Governors’ Mansion in Raleigh. This was taken during the L.E.A.D.S. Leadership training that I attended in December along with other 4-H Agents from across the state. We toured the city and learned about the old and the new.

4-H Talent Showcase

We will once again be offering the 4-H Talent Showcase at the Carolina Civic Center, located in downtown Lumberton. This is a great place for the event; it is a renovated theatre with a stage. The event will begin at 1:00 pm, Saturday, March 3, 2012. We will join Bladen, Cumberland and Robeson counties.

If you can sing, dance, recite, or play a musical instrument, please consider participating. This is a great opportunity for you to show off your talent. Please call Cathy James and let her know if you are interested.

Downtown will be a little hectic that day with a festival, so that means more people will see you perform. There will be great prizes given out and this is another opportunity for you to earn 4-H dollars. We will also need the enclosed entry form completed and turned into the 4-H office by Friday, February 24.
Artistic Showcase

There will also be an opportunity for you to enter items in the Artistic Showcase. This may consist of drawings, paintings, pottery, jewelry, dolls, or stuffed animals, just to list a few. All items must be handmade. You may enter up to 3 items.

Entries and entry form are due in the Hoke County 4-H office by Friday, February 24 at 5:00 pm. We will deliver them to Lumberton by the following Monday to be judged. Entries will be judged ahead of time and on display at the Carolina Civic Center, Saturday, March 3. If you cannot pick up the items at the Civic Center, we will be glad to bring them back to the 4-H office and they will be available to you on Monday, March 5.

T-shirt Contest

The time has come to have a new Hoke County 4-H t-shirt. We are giving all youth registered in 4-H the opportunity to design a t-shirt. It has been a number of years since we’ve had a contest. Your design will represent Hoke County 4-H. The winning design will be placed on the back of the shirt. After the winning entry is chosen, it will go to the t-shirt maker. The t-shirts will then go on sale to 4-Hers.

Pictured below are samples of the two most recent shirts. Judging will be done by an outside source. The winner will receive $100.00 4-H dollars, and all other participants will receive $20.00 4-H dollars. The shirt design chosen will be worn by 4-Hers in the county for a number of years. Be creative with your thoughts and ideas in keeping with the 4-H theme. The design must be neat and readable to qualify for 4-H dollars.

Entries are due by Wednesday, February 29. The winner will be announced at the 4-H Youth and Volunteer Celebration Night on Monday, March 5. The design will also be on display that night. We hope to see quality work. Have fun with it!
Elijah Wood, SC District President, is shown on the right teaching a workshop at the Leadership Summit Conference. Elijah learned the skills needed to teach through doing 4-H Presentations.

Presentation Workshop

If you have never done a presentation, this workshop is for you. Come and learn how to develop a presentation, choose a topic, use props, and make posters. You will learn how to execute your presentation. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, February 16, at 6:00-7:00 pm at the Extension office. Please call Cathy James at 875-2162 and let her know if you plan to attend so that we will have enough materials on hand.

By doing presentations, your confidence level increases and as you age, you will have no fear of standing before people to speak. Give it a try! We will be conducting County Activity Day in May, now is a great time to start work on your presentation. District Activity Day will be in June.

4-H Food Drive

We continue to collect food items to give to our local H.E.L.P. Store. So every time you come to the 4-H office for a meeting, bring those food items. Remember this is a great way to earn 4-H dollars. For every can donated, you will receive $1.00 credit to go towards Summer Camp, Summer Fun Workshops or Teen Retreat. Make sure you let someone know in the 4-H office what you are donating so that we can give you credit. This has been such a successful way for us to help our community.

4-H Flier

Enclosed you will find a 4-H flier. Please share this flier with a friend that is not a member of 4-H. Tell them what Hoke 4-H has to offer them. Invite them to your club meeting. Let’s spread the word about all the fun we have!!
Club News

Hot Shots – Hunter Davis, President, led the club meeting on January 12. Members updated their forms for 2012. Elections were held and officers for 2012 are as follows: President-Hunter Davis, V-President-John Leach, Secretary-Bobby Seals, and Treasurer-Bryce Davis. Mike discussed the new range in Hoke County. Three new members joined. Cathy Brown discussed that no adult can shoot at the range unless we have volunteer applications on file. Their next meeting is Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 pm at the Extension office.

Lucky Leaders & Monster Junior Club – These clubs met on Monday, January 30 at 6:00 pm at the Extension office. They learned about healthy eating and how to include all the food groups in their diet. They sampled a variety of fruits, vegetables, protein, dairy and grains.

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 27 at 6:00 pm. We will be working on crafts and the Monster Club will elect new officers.

Junior Master Gardeners – They met on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Williamson Farm. Members learned the process of planting seeds and germination. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 pm.

New Community Club is starting on February 23 at 5:00 pm. This club is open to youth ages 11-19 and will be meeting at the Extension office.

Upcoming Events

We will be having our 4-H Youth and Volunteer Celebration Night on March 5. Everyone can attend, come out and support your fellow 4-Hers and Volunteers. It will be held at 6:00 pm at the LE McLaughlin Senior Center at the old National Guard Armory located at 423 E. Central Avenue, Raeford.

Favorite Food Show – We have planned this for April. Details will be mailed out in March. This is another chance to earn 4-H dollars. If you have participated in the past and you or your parents think there should be changes made, please feel free to give us a call. We are always open to ways of improving a program.

Sincerely,

Cathy Brown
Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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4-H Talent Showcase  
March 3, 2012  
Carolina Civic Center – Lumberton, NC

Name: ________________________________

Age: ______________ County: ________________________  
(As of January 1, 2012)

Talent: ____________________________________________

Performing: _________________________________________

Do you need any equipment? If so, please list: _______________  

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4-H Artistic Showcase  
March 3, 2012  
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Name: ________________________________

Age: ______________ County: ________________________  
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Identify the item #1: ____________________________________________

Identify the item #2: ____________________________________________

Identify the item #3: ____________________________________________

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