

State 4-H Council Newsletter



November 2013 Edition

Quote of the Month

“Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It’s about one life influencing another.”

~John C. Maxwell

State Council Conference is Almost Here!

Just three more days until State 4-H Council Conference! This weekend, over two hundred of North Carolina’s best and brightest young leaders will gather in Raleigh for an exciting two days of fun, fellowship, and learning by doing. On Saturday, the delegation will kick things off at the McKimmon Center, then depart with their counties and make their way to North Carolina State University Campus to participate in workshops hosted by Agricultural and Extension Education for AEE Day. Then, after cheering on NCSU and showing their Wolfpack pride at the State vs. Campbell basketball game, the delegates will wrap up the first day back at McKimmon with a 4-H dance!

Sunday will be equally exciting, as the District and State Officers have several great workshops planned. Delegates will also have the chance to meet with their districts and

compete in—you guessed it—the annual Spirit Stick competition! The conference will adjourn Sunday afternoon.

It is going to be a fantastic State Council Conference 2013!



The State Officer Team is looking forward to seeing you there!

Have something you’d like to see in the State Council Newsletter? If so, contact:

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4-H Camps Update

4-H youth and adult leaders across the state have been tuned into the news regarding the closing of four of the six 4-H camps and educational centers. It was originally decided by NC State University, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service that only two of the properties, Millstone 4-H Camp and the Eastern 4-H Center, were to remain open, while a plan was created to close operations at Swannanoa, Sertoma, Anita-Alta, and Betsy-Jeff Penn. It was announced last week that efforts are being



made for Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center, possibly the best-loved camp of 4-H'ers, to be kept open. This news lifted the hearts of many 4-H'er's who have participated in camps and teen retreats at the beautiful facility. It is wonderful news to know that the place that's helped create so many great memories will continue to provide a great experience for 4-H'ers in the future.

Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to Dr. Marshall Stewart, State 4-H Leader, at marshall_stewart@ncsu.edu or (919.515.1681).



“BJP is a camp that I hold dear to my heart. . . That camp is the center of so many people's memories.”

~Meaghan Gerring, Alamance County 4-H'er



Event Recap

October



CTSO Leadership Summit

The State Officer team hit the ground running in October with the opportunity to attend and participate in CTSO Leadership Summit, where they were able to take part in workshops geared towards sharpening their leadership skills, as well as teach their own workshop on Personal and Professional Etiquette. This event was hosted at the beautiful FFA Center in White Lake, NC, where state officers of many of North Carolina's career and technical

student organizations gathered for this enriching event.

National 4-H Week

During National 4-H Week, October 6-12, the State Officer Team had the pleasure of meeting with many of the generous donors that help to make our 4-H program possible. This experience serves as an opportunity to let these donors—among them elected officials and representatives from NC State University—know how much their support means to North Carolina's 4-H'ers. The team enjoyed sharing their 4-H stories and thanking donors for all they do. On Saturday, the team was also able to attend an NCSU Football Game, having the privilege of marching onto the field with the color guard and proudly carrying the 4-H and North Carolina flags for the National Anthem. Being able to go into the tunnel and become a part of the great madness that is an NC State game was a great experience that the State Officers will always cherish.



North Carolina State Fair

The North Carolina State Fair Opening Ceremonies were held on Friday, October 18th, where the State Officers were invited to help with the annual ribbon-cutting ceremony. The State Fair is always a place where 4-H'ers are able to display their projects, show their livestock, and compete against other 4-H'ers from around the state. For years, the Fair has served as a time of fun and fellowship, and truly captures the spirit of North Carolina!

4-H'er Spotlight

Congratulations to Our National 4-H Week Photo Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Kris Lewis for winning the National 4-H Week Photography Contest! Kris is eleven years old and a member of the 4-H Explorers Club in Orange County. She took this photo when her club went to Chestnut Ridge Community Farm to learn more about animal husbandry. Way to live the 4-H motto of "learning by doing," Kris!



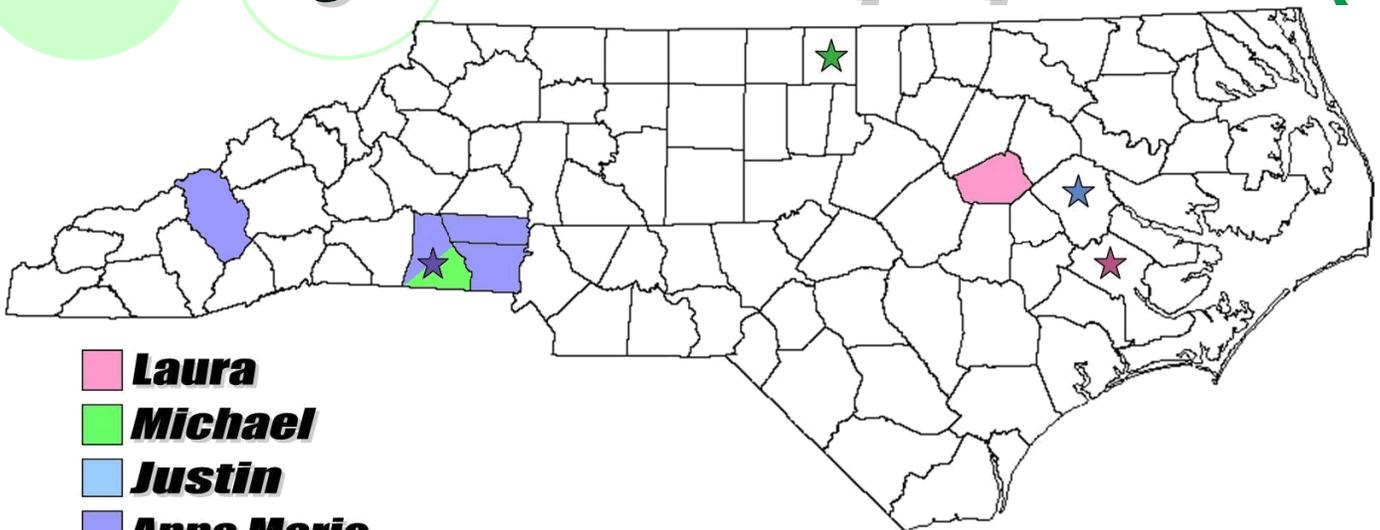
Have a 4-H'er you'd like to see "in the 4-H spotlight" for ways that they're making the best better?

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Building the Leadership Pipeline



The State 4-H Officers have already had the opportunity this year to visit several counties in our state, and want to continue this by making sure as a team that they work together to fill up the Leadership Pipeline map! If you are having a county event where you would like a state officer to attend and bring greetings, speak, help hand out awards, teach a workshop, etc., please contact Sarah Kotzian at least one month prior to the event and she will work with the officer team to see if one of them can attend. While it might not be possible to accommodate every request, we will do our best to try. Our State Officer team is looking forward to "building the leadership pipeline" from the county level up, and hopes to see many of you in your home counties soon!

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