



Heartline

Spring 2022 Edition

NC 4-H Honor Club Member Newsletter



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Honor Club Conference & Family Weekend 2022

After two summers of virtual events, we are looking forward to holding an in-person Honor Club Conference and Family Weekend at Millstone 4-H Camp **June 3-5, 2022!** This event will be a time to reconnect with friends and welcome new Honor Club members from the last three years.

Key features of the weekend will include a member business meeting to discuss future Honor Club plans and review applications for new inductees, camp service projects, afternoon/evening activities like kayaking on the lake hosted by the camp staff, and time for members to enjoy fellowship and food. We can't wait to see you there!

One positive thing that our virtual meetings in 2020-2021 brought was the opportunity to virtually connect with Honor Club members who have been unable to travel to Conference

in previous years. A new feature of this year's conference will be a virtual component to our business meeting, so if you're unable to travel but want to stay connected, we have an option for you, too!

This year, we are also extending the invitation for the families of Honor Club members to join in on the fun at Millstone 4-H Camp. There will be activities available for family while Honor Club members take part in the members-only business meetings before we all come together to enjoy the social aspects of the in-person conference. There are options for members and their families to lodge at either Millstone or hotels in the nearby area.

We hope that you'll consider joining us for a wonderful conference weekend in June! **See registration details inside!**



Register by May 16, 2022 at:

<https://go.ncsu.edu/honorclubconference>

Register for the 2022 Honor Club Conference and Family Weekend

When: Friday, June 3rd – Sunday, June 5th

Where: Millstone 4-H Camp, Ellerbe, NC 28338

Costs: \$125 @ Millstone (2 nights lodging, 4 meals)
\$115 @ Millstone (1 night lodging, 3 meals)
\$115 @ Millstone (1 night lodging, 3 meals)
\$50 @ Millstone (no lodging, 2 meals Sat.)
\$40 @ Millstone (no lodging, 1 meal)
\$10 Virtual Saturday business meeting

Regular updates on Honor Club Conference and Family Weekend 2022 will be posted on our Facebook page!

January Member MeetUp Report

At the beginning of the year, members gathered virtually to talk about what Honor Club has to look forward to in 2022! We enjoyed catching up with 43 Honor Club members, including several of our newest members who we've not yet had the chance to meet in-person. After some time for introductions and sharing fun personal updates – members had the chance to congratulate each other on new jobs, big moves, marriages, and other life events! – we discussed important business items about involvement opportunities and this summer's Honor Club Conference.

Honor Club Constitution

At Honor Club Conference 2022, there will be a proposed update to the Honor Club Constitution & By-Laws to add a new member to the Board of Directors with the title of *Communications Coordinator*. The purpose is to split the current Historian position into two complementary roles that will allow the Board to better connect with Honor Club members.

The proposed changes to the Constitution & By-Laws can be found on our website at nc4hhonorclub.org/members/constitution/. To vote on these changes and provide input, we hope you'll attend the Honor Club Conference business meeting!

Building the Brand... “BEING the Brand”

Message from Honor Club President Dan Cook

THANK YOU!! It was GREAT seeing so many of your smiling faces during the January 2022 NC 4-H Honor Club “Wake Up! Meet Up!” on Zoom. Our deep appreciation to all who were able to join! The format allowed us to catch up and reconnect with 4-H friends in a non-business setting.

During that Zoom “meet up,” an exciting initiative was introduced to participants to explore how we can “BUILD the BRAND” of the NC 4-H Honor Club as we now know it... and as we look to the future.

THANKS to all who expressed interest in being as part of the initial planning team. As a result, we will be meeting via Zoom during May in anticipation of the upcoming 2022 IN-PERSON Honor Club Conference at Millstone 4-H Camp (June 3-5). [By-the-way, if you **HAVE NOT** registered for this year's conference, see stories and related information elsewhere in this issue of *Heartline!*]

I hope we can continue to expand the task force during committee/task force meetings at Conference. I invite you to explore your interest as we look “behind the NC 4-H Honor Club Diamond”... and provide ideas and input to develop a master plan to see how “BEING the Brand” is something we can ALL play a role in helping achieve!

Minutes from the Meetup can be found at: <http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/minutes/>

Call for Member Updates

We have an exciting update for future *Heartline* editions and we need your help to get it to happen.

We are going to be featuring YOU! We plan for future *Heartlines* to have a section dedicated entirely to what our Honor Club members are doing. If you have a life update you would like to share, such as a new job, a new college degree, a new retirement announcement, or anything else, we invite you to fill out the Google Form!



Share your updates here!

<https://forms.gle/HtPYPE6cxbJ5DJsbA>

We hope to also share member highlight stories on the North Carolina 4-H social media pages in order to inspire interest in applying to Honor Club among other 4-H members. If you are interested in being featured in a member highlight story, you can indicate your interest on the form above!

Getting Involved in 2022

In addition to attending Honor Club Conference, there are many ways to get involved as a member in the upcoming year, including:

- Serving as a 4-H Presentation Judge at District Activity Day or 4-H Congress
<https://forms.gle/EB4yEC6qP7DiAN9g8>
- Volunteering at Honor Club Tapping and the Candlelight Clover Ceremony at 4-H Congress

Stay up-to-date on involvement opportunities by joining our Facebook page or visiting <http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/involvement/>.

2021 Honor Club Giving

Honor Club has a long history of funding the North Carolina 4-H Awards Program, which provides opportunities for 4-H members to win scholarships, project awards, and national 4-H trips.

A donation appeal was launched in Fall 2021 to encourage Honor Club members to give financially to support the 4-H Awards Program and create future opportunities for 4-H'ers. The campaign was a success, with Honor Club members contributing over **\$8,000** in 2021 to support 4-H opportunities.

Thank you, Honor Club members, for your support!

\$1,170 raised for 4-H Awards & Scholarships

\$3,640 raised for the 4-H Awards Fund

\$3,450 raised for National 4-H Trips

Will you consider giving back to 4-H and supporting opportunities for 4-H'ers? Visit <http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/involvement/> and scroll to the bottom to find a link to the NCSU Giving Page!

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Honor Club Board of Directors

Are you interested in serving as an Honor Club Board Member? There are a variety of positions in which you can serve. Each year, the Honor Club Board is responsible for screening new member applications, planning Honor Club Conference, and connecting with members throughout the year (among other things!). This is an excellent way to become more involved in Honor Club! If you are interested, we hope you'll consider running for a position at Honor Club Conference 2022. You can indicate your interest in serving on the Board when you register! (See registration details inside.)

Learn more about the Honor Club Board of Directors on our website at:

<http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/board/>

Supporting North Carolina 4-H

The NC 4-H Development Fund seeks to keep 4-H alumni and friends up-to-date on what is happening with 4-H programs and areas of special need. There are three annual appeals:

- **NC 4-H Sustainers appeal** - hits your mailbox in May; provides *overall 4-H program support*.
- **NC 4-H Honor Club appeal** - arrives to you in October during National 4-H Week; supports *4-H awards, scholarships, and national trips*.
- **Extension/4-H End-of-Year appeal** - comes to you in December; in support of *4-H Priorities* designated by the State 4-H Program Leader.

These appeals give you an opportunity to support the area of your choice. No gift is too small and every dollar counts! Thank you for considering a gift for 4-H.



Have something you'd like to see featured in the *Heartline* member newsletter?

Contact Anna Marie Vagnozzi, Honor Club Historian, at amvagnozzi@gmail.com

Join our member group on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/18782542975/>

Visit our website at www.nc4hhonorclub.org

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