Note From Your 4-H Agent:

As 2009 draws to a close, I want to thank all our 4-Hers, parents, leaders, and other volunteers for another year’s hard work. This year has been filled with the celebration of 100 years of 4-H in North Carolina. Now it’s time to start working towards our next 100 years!

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you all with Burke County 4-H in 2010!

Sincerely,

John Davis
Extension Agent, 4-H

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT 4-H TEEN LOCK-IN

Date: Friday, Jan. 8 - Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010
Location: Rutherford County (Spindale)
Cost: $15
Ages: 13 and up

We will have a program on science/astronomy, a meeting, go skating, and come back for a night of movies, games, snacks and fun! Registration will begin at 7:30 pm. A district meeting and ice breakers from 8-9, educational program from 9-11 and skating from 11:30-1:00 am. We will have a light breakfast, clean up and dismiss by 7:30 am.

If you would like to attend the lock-in please let me know by the morning of Dec 28th. I have to send in our registration for our county by that afternoon.
CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Emily Shuping, Ollie Hilton, Nicholas Thompson, Savannah Walker, Charlotte Thomas, Burke Pollard, Timmy Hilton, Jamie Berry, Noah Bowman, Mollee Soirez, Pate Pollard, Addison Starnes, Drew Thomas, Haley Walker, and Evan Avery for turning in some amazing 4-H Project Record books last week.

The books are off now for judging and we will hand out our county awards at 4-H Achievement Night in February.

Again thank you to all the 4-Hers, leaders, and parents who worked on and helped with project record books this year!

DID YOU KNOW?...
Studies show that 4-H members do better in school and are more motivated to help others!

SAVE THE DATE
February 23, 2010

As we finish the 4-H year now it’s time for our annual 4-H Achievement Night. This year Achievement Night will be held on Tuesday February 23rd at the Burke County Agricultural Building. Refreshments start at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Achievement Night each year is a time to recognize our 4-H award winners, our project book award winners, recognize our new clubs and to install our new county and club officers.

Please go ahead and save February 23rd on your calendars for Burke County 4-H Achievement Night. This is always a great 4-H evening and I hope to see all of you there!
Each year with 4-H Achievement Night we install our new 4-H County Council officers along with all our new club officers during a special candle-lighting ceremony.

Our officers from 2009 have done a great job in being a part of 4-H programs and now its time for them to move into new roles and time for new 4-Hers to become leaders.

Our county council will accept nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Reporter for 2010. We will hold our election at our January County Council meeting on January 5th. If you are interested in running for one of these offices or would like to find out more about that role please call me for more information.

NEEDED: New County Council Officers 2010

NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2010  6:30 P.M.

Presidential Volunteer Service Awards
Each year we submit volunteer hours on behalf of 4-Hers and 4-H Leaders to the Presidential Volunteer Service Program. Anyone who volunteers and participates in community service throughout the year is eligible. All I need from you is a volunteer hour logs and your total number of hours volunteered during 2009. We will then submit the hours and have your awards for you at 4-H Achievement Night in February.

Please turn in your 4-H volunteer hour log and total hours by January 8th. If you need a copy of the 4-H volunteer log please give me a call or you can just make your own log of when you volunteered and how long. If you have questions please let me know!

Burke County 4-H Reusable Bags
These bags look great and are very good for our environment for "going green." They would make excellent stocking stuffers and great gift bags as well! The bags cost $3 each. Proceeds go directly to 4-H scholarships and awards. Bags are available at the office during regular office hours. If you would like you can also come and get a stack of bags to sell to others in your community and then turn the money in later. If you have any questions about the bags please call the office and speak with Dawn or myself.
4-H End of year awards

Burke County 4-H recognizes several 4-Hers each year for their 4-H work at 4-H Achievement Night. Below is a list of the awards that we will be giving out this year:

- Outstanding 4-Her of the Year
- "I Dare You" Award
- 4-H Officer of the Year Award
- 4-H Club of the Year Award
- 4-H Club Scrapbook Award

Now its time for all your 4-Hers and leaders to get started nominating for these awards. Leaders and 4-Hers can nominate someone for these awards and 4-Hers can fill out an award application for themselves. The club of the year application must be completed by the club leader. These award winners will be recognized at 4-H Achievement Night on February 23, 2010.

ALL AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 29TH!!

Award application packets are available at the 4-H office or on the Burke County Cooperative Extension Website. Just follow the link below or visit the Youth and 4-H section of the website.

http://burke.ces.ncsu.edu/index.php?page=youth4h