

## Jackson 4-H Newsletter

April, 2021

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### April CALENDAR

- 1- 1:00 Nature Adventures-Winged Wonders  
4:00 Presentations Club
- 7- 2:30 Jackson 4-H Community Club  
5:30 Homework Helpers
- 8- 4:00 Presentations Club
- 9- 4:00 4-H On The Go (Caney Fork & Extension Office)
- 11- 5:30 Homework Helpers  
7:30 Youth Leadership Council
- 12- 5:15 Beekeeping Club-organizational meeting
- 13- 1:00 Nature Adventures-Taking Flight, Birds of Prey
- 14- 5:30 Homework Helpers
- 15- 4:00 4-H Advisory Council Meeting  
4:00 Presentations Club
- 18- 5:30 Homework Helpers  
7:30 Youth Leadership Council
- 19- 4:30 Clover Chat
- 20- 1:00 Nature Adventures-Let's Go on a Night Hike
- 21- 2:30 Jackson 4-H Community Club

5:30 Homework Helpers

22- 4:00 Presentations Club

25- 5:30 Homework Helpers

26- 4:00 Craft Workshop

29- 4:00 Presentations Club



## 4-H ON-LINE

### YOU MUST BE ENROLLED TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H ACTIVITIES

The 4-HOnline enrollment system has been updated this year and is much more user friendly. It does require quite a bit of information so grab your insurance card and health information, a cup of your favorite beverage, and knock it out.

The system requires that you choose a Club and Project.

- Choose "Member at Large Club" if you are not part of a specific club.
- Choose any projects that are of interest. Please note that we do not necessarily offer all of the projects listed in Jackson County.

Here's the link: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

## HOMWORK HELPERS



We are Homework Helpers from Jackson County Youth Leadership Council (YLC), a 4-H club. Youth Leadership Council is a youth-led organization that aims to support the community through service and the development of young leaders.

This spring, YLC is organizing a service project to help local elementary and middle school students with their homework and prepare them for rounding out the school year.

We plan to assist 2nd-8th grade students with their class work, provide homework tips and skills, and serve as upperclassmen mentors for students who decide to sign up! Our structure will largely depend on the interest we receive from students, but for now we will divide our sessions based on grade level. Many YLC members have voiced interest in helping these young students, so there will be at least two homework helpers and two supervising adults, who have been background checked, conducting each session.

The Homework Helpers program is set to start the first full week of April and meet on Sundays and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm; sessions should last around an hour. Our program will be free of cost!

Here is the sign-up link where parents can sign their kids up to meet with our Homework Helpers! <https://forms.gle/HB93tBVQwpcW1Fgf7>

If you have any questions about Homework Helpers you are welcome to contact our adult leader, Heather Gordon, at 586-4009 or [heather\\_gordon@ncsu.edu](mailto:heather_gordon@ncsu.edu).

Thank you for endorsing our project, and we look forward to working with your students!

Sincerely,  
Youth Leadership Council Members

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4-H Presentations



## 4-H CLUBS

### **Jackson 4-H Community Club**

Description: A family club with programming geared toward the youngest children, homeschoolers, and remote learners.

- Ages: 5-10 with siblings
- Meetings: Meets virtually the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month from 2:30-3:00pm
- Program Focus: Cooking 101, cook the challenge at home and then share what you made and learned with the group online.
- Leader Contact: Naomi Bryson, [naomibryson80@gmail.com](mailto:naomibryson80@gmail.com)

### **4-H Presentations Club**

Description: A short term club for those who want to participate in the 4-H Presentations competition. We will prep, practice, chat, and work on presentations. All presentations will be recorded videos again this year.

- Ages: 5-18 (only youth 8-18 can compete but younger children are encouraged to present at County Presentation Day)

- Meetings: Meets virtually every Wednesday at 4:00pm from April 1 – May 6
- Registration: Complete this form if you are interested in doing a 4-H Presentation this year.  
<https://forms.gle/H88jhqz8QW6gz4rM9>
- Leader Contact: Heather Gordon,  
[heather\\_gordon@ncsu.edu](mailto:heather_gordon@ncsu.edu)

### **Beekeeping Club**

Description: We are just buzzing about a new club that's getting started! Join us to explore the world of the amazing honey bee. The Jackson County beekeepers association will help us set up a beehive and learn to be beekeepers. You are not required to be hands on with bees. Come learn about bee dances, how they create honey, what they eat, how to calm them down, and how important they are for growing our food.

- Ages: 8-11
- Meetings: organizational meeting - Monday, April 12 5:15-6:15pm at the Cooperative Extension Office (outside).
- Registration: Complete this form, <https://forms.gle/n26b7boThaQrtn3W6>, to help us determine interest level and let us know your thoughts about meeting Face to Face or Virtually. Completing this form does not commit you to the Club.
- Leader Contact: Sheala Knickerbocker, 4-H Intern,  
[sknickerbocker1@catamount.wcu.edu](mailto:sknickerbocker1@catamount.wcu.edu)

### **Cloverbud Club \*\***

We are gathering input to see if there is interest in restarting a Cloverbud Club. This club would be for children ages 5-7 (siblings could be involved as well). A club needs 1 volunteer leader and at least 5 members to be official. Please complete this form to indicate your interest. This is not a commitment to join, just a way to gather information.

Click Here for Cloverbud Interest Form:  
<https://forms.gle/1Y7FKY2kRGHfHxf7>



## **CLOVER CHAT**

Join Heather, 4-H Agent, on the 3rd Monday each month at 4:30pm for a virtual chat. Hear about the latest 4-H activities available, ask questions, meet other 4-H members, and have a chat. You can participate by video or phone.

Email Freda Childers, Administrative Assistant, for the Zoom Link for these chats. [flchilde@ncsu.edu](mailto:flchilde@ncsu.edu)

Mark your calendars and join us.

## **4-H On the Go**



# 4-H ON THE GO

Tired of doing things on-line?

Pick up a 4-H Kit and try something different



### Art Box

Contains supplies for getting your creative juices going such as fun paper, glue, ribbon, craft sticks, pipe cleaners, and yarn.



### Arbor Day Box

Contains a shortleaf pine tree seedling, instructions for planting, Adopt a Tree Album, ideas for outdoor activities, and more.



### Crime Scene Investigator

Contains supplies to conduct easy, at home, fingerprint analysis, dental impressions analysis, chemical analysis and instructions for how to make invisible ink.

Pick up Kits:

**Friday, April 9**

4:00pm - 5:30pm

**Caney Fork Community Center &**

(4121 Caney Fork Rd, Cullowhee)

**Cooperative Extension Office**

(876 Skyland Dr, Sylva)

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## Nature Adventures

# SPRING 2021 NATURE ADVENTURES

WITH NC'S 4-H CAMPS

A virtual learning program for educators  
and families



LIVE events at  
1 pm ET

## SCHEDULE

**February 22 - Giants of the Coast**  
*Hosted by The Eastern 4-H Center*

**March 5 - Stories in the Stars Astronomy**

**March 18 - Run, Duck, Hide Predator/Prey Relationships**  
*Hosted by Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center*

**April 1 - Winged Wonders**  
*Hosted by Millstone 4-H Camp*

**April 13 - Taking Flight Birds of Prey**  
*Hosted by The Eastern 4-H Center*

**April 20 - Let's Go on a Night Hike!**  
*Hosted by Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center*

Nature Adventures is a 6-part series of 45-minute educational sessions for the spring semester developed and taught by professional Environmental Educators from North Carolina's premier 4-H Camps. This program is provided for FREE for teachers and families. Check out the session schedule below. All programs are aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and are presented live over Zoom. Can't make the live event? Register for the recording and go at your own pace! Register an entire class or individual students.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-2021-nature-adventures-nc-4-h-camps-tickets-136719669211>



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Extension's 4-H program is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina. We help over 247,000 young people grow into active, contributing citizens each year.