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National 4-H Week

Join 4-H in celebrating National 4-H Week October 3 - 9! This is a great time to ignite your spark in this organization. The Stem challenge kit for this year is the Galactic Quest, designed by Clemson Cooperative Extension. This year's kit focuses on the history of humans in space and the technology needed to support missions. Activities include physics, engineering and computer science. To learn more please visit 4-h.org.

Decorated Pumpkin Contest



Back by popular demand is the Northampton 4-H Decorated pumpkin contest! This virtual competition for youth to compete in to see who will be named the pumpkin master for this fall. Pumpkins will be judged on creativity, use of space, and overall artistic interpretation. Youth will compete in the following age divisions: 5-8, 9-12, and 13 -18. All Northampton youth are eligible to participate! Please pre-register by October 20, 2021. All who register will receive a coupon for \$2 off a pumpkin at Shockley Farms! Pumpkins can be carved, painted, or decorated, but must be the work of the youth! Pictures of the decorated pumpkins are to be sent to me via email—emorgan2@vt.edu. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me email emorgan2@vt.edu or call (757) 678 - 7946 ext. 15.

Pumpkin Mania

Northampton 4-H is excited to bring Pumpkin Mania back to area schools this fall! During this program youth in first/second grade will gain science and math skill by exploring pumpkins. During this program youth will measure, weigh, and sort the seeds of the pumpkins, along with a few other pumpkin surprises. We are excited to once again be able to conduct this program. If anyone has a youth group they work with who may enjoy this program, please let me know. I would love to promote STEM programs through a fun hands on way.

School Enrichment

It is looking like schools our still operating with COVID restrictions. If you are a teacher or know of a teacher who is in need of supplemental activities students can do at home, please get in touch with me. 4-H has a list of resources/lessons for each grade level that is correlated to the VA SOLs and 5 C for teachers to access. I am also willing to conduct programs for teachers virtually, if there are specific needs.

I can also assist homeschool groups who may be in need of supplemental hands-on activities. Contact me to let me know what your need may be, so I can assist you.

Camp 2021

August saw the return of residential 4-H camp for Northampton youth. Camp may not have been 100% the same with COVID restrictions, but the smiles on the faces of campers showed the excitement of the return to camp. A special thank you to the five teens who attended camp as a camp counselor, you all were amazing. Northampton 4-H is looking forward to camp once again next summer. Our proposed camp week is July 18 -22, 2022.

Teens

I have several community service opportunities coming up in the near future. If anyone is interested in getting involved gaining extra community service hours, please contact me. A couple of the opportunities will involve our friends from Accomack County!

I am looking to start a teen club, that would meet once a month at the extension office. This would allow teens interested in serving as a CIT/camp counselor to receive training throughout the year, provide teens with valuable leadership skills, and community service projects. This club would be open to all Northampton teens ages 13 –18 (regardless of interest in going to camp) . As COVID restrictions relax, there may even be opportunities to have programs with teens involved in 4-H in Accomack County. If this sounds like something you are interested in please let me know! Meeting times/days will be determined by group majority.

Thank you to all the teens who served as camp counselors this past summer. I know it was not an easy camp week, but all of you did an amazing job, and I thank you all for stepping up to ensure camp ran smoothly. Special thank you to Zouri Sparrow for her willingness to step in and help other counties during their time of need.

Any teen interested in serving as a camp counselor or CIT for camp for next year (July 18 –22, 2022), please contact me. I will start taking CIT/ counselor applications on Dec. 1 with a closing date of January 21, 2022, no late applications will be accepted!! Tentatively interviews will be conducted on February 21, 2022, depending on weather and make up days for school.

Teens interested in either of these opportunities are asked to call (757)678-7946 ext. 15 or email me at emorgan2@vt.edu.

Virtual Programs

Last spring I offered several virtual programs for youth in Northampton County. I am looking at the

possibility of conducting a few programs this fall and winter. I would like to hear from you! What would you be interested in? Possible ideas are STEM activities, cooking workshops, creative arts, agriculture literacy. I am open to any and all ideas within reason. So if you have something you'd like to learn about, please let me know!

Notes from the 4-H Agent

At this time I am making plans for school enrichment projects for the school year. I am uncertain what that will look like at this time, will it be activity packets that can be sent home, teacher trainings, or time spent in the classroom. This is a very interesting time filled with uncertainty, so I am planning for a variety of possibilities. If you have questions or need to reach me as of right now it is best to email me (emorgan2@vt.edu). Should you need immediate assistance please feel free to call the office (757-678-7946).

Be sure to watch the Northampton County Extension Facebook page for updates on 4-H programs being offered to youth of all ages statewide. There have been a lot of great opportunities of programs being offered virtually.

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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Erin Morgan at the Northampton County Extension Office at 757.678.7946 ext.15 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30p.m. to discuss accommodations 14 days prior to the event.

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