2009 National 4-H Week
Scotland County celebrated National 4-H Week, October 4-10. Activities included numerous newspaper articles, 4-H days at Domino’s Pizza and Golden Corral, and partnering with Cinema 1 & 2 to show a free movie. Over $400 was raised and will be used to help with future 4-H programs. Thank you to all of you who supported 4-H during this time of celebration!

“Positively Painless 4-H Project Records”
Come create “positively painless” 4-H project records with us! 4-H project records show what youth have learned and the skills they have gained in a particular area of interest. This includes 4-H participation, as well as other parts of life. We will be learning about and creating project records at 6:30 pm on November 16 at the Extension office. Dinner will be provided; the deadline to register is November 12. Bring your ideas and some pictures and we will help to make project records as easy and fun as possible!

Project Record & Cumulative Record Deadline
The deadline to submit this year’s project records and cumulative records is December 17.

T-Shirt Design Contest
There’s still time left and we would love to have more t-shirt designs! To celebrate the 4-H centennial and to promote the 4-H program, we are having a t-shirt design contest. Create a Scotland County 4-H t-shirt design (or more than one, as many as you can think of), complete with t-shirt color, and turn it in to the Extension office by December 17. The winning design will be unveiled at 4-H Achievement Night on January 14. T-shirts will be available for purchase and the winning designer will receive a free one!
4-H Christmas Celebration Night!
Are you ready for the holidays? We are and we are planning a party! We will get together at 5:30 – 7:30 pm on **December 14** at the Extension office to create Christmas crafts, decorate gingerbread houses, and make some holiday treats! Dinner will be provided. Call the Extension office by **December 1** to register.

*** Holiday Schedule ***
During the next few months, the Extension office will be closed for the holidays on: **November 11, November 26-27, December 21-25, and January 1.**

“I Dare You” Award
The “I Dare You” Leadership Award was first offered in 1941 by William H. Danforth. Mr. Danforth was a successful businessman who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of leadership and service. 4-H members, who demonstrate personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility should be considered for this award. Those nominated for this award should be “emerging” leaders – those youth who have the qualities and the abilities to lead, but who may not yet recognize or act on their leadership potential. This award is designed to be given to a member 15-18 years of age and can only be received once during their 4-H career. Please see the Extension office for a nomination form. Nominations are due by **December 17**. This award will be presented at the Achievement Program.

Junior/Senior 4’er of the Year
Applications for Junior or Senior 4-H’er of the Year can be picked up at the Extension office. These awards are to recognize our 4-H’ers and the participation and accomplishments they have made throughout the year. Winners will be announced at the 4-H Achievement Program. Applications are due by **December 17**.

4-H Achievement Night/Centennial Birthday Celebration
4-H Achievement Night and 4-H Centennial Birthday Celebration will be held at the Extension office on **January 14, 2010** at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided. This program recognizes Scotland County 4-H’ers and volunteers for their participation and accomplishments throughout the year. Because 2009 is 4-H’s Centennial year, we will also be having a birthday celebration this year! Plans are to watch the NC 4-H Performing Arts Troupe centennial performance, eat some cake and hear some exciting things about 4-H past, present, and future! This will be an exciting event so whether you’ve been in 4-H for years or are just starting now, mark your calendar, plan to be there and bring some friends! Please call the Extension office at 277-2422 to RSVP by **December 17**.
**District Winter Enrichment**  
District 4-H Winter Enrichment will be held on **January 16** at Sandhills Community College in Moore County. This is a one-day event for teen 4-H'ers. Registration will be $15 and is due by **December 30**.

**Scholarship/Honor Club Applications**  
4-H Scholarship and Honor Club applications will be due to the state 4-H office by **January 1**. Information and forms will be available soon. Call the Extension office if you are interested in scholarships offered or for a 4-H Honor Club application.

**State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference**  
The 2010 State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference will be held **February 5 – 7**. The details, including cost, have yet to be released.

**District Officer Nominations**  
Are you planning on running for a district or state 4-H officer position in 2010? Applications will be due in February or March. Call the Extension office for more details.

**New Clubs!**  
We have several new clubs starting in the next few months. Call the Extension office for more details on how to join a club or how to start your own club!

Sincerely,

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