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TO: Prince Edward 4-H members, parents, and supporters

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We Love Our 4-H Volunteers!



In honor of Valentine's Day, here's a special thanks to all of our 4-H volunteers!

In July 2009, The Corporation for National and Community Service released its key findings on volunteering in America. They found that, in 2008, 61.8 million Americans (26.4% of the adult population) contributed 8 billion hours of volunteer service. The estimated value of a volunteer's time is now \$22.25 per hour. Despite the challenges of a tough economic situation, the number of volunteers increased by about one million between 2007 and 2008. Many new volunteers are young adults between the ages of 16 and 24.

Locally, our Prince Edward 4-H program benefits so much from the time and talents of our volunteers. Volunteers are essential to every area of our program.

Many youth learn about 4-H for the first time in school. Thank you to all of the 4th grade teachers who allow me to visit their classrooms each month. Thank you to the 6th and 7th grade teachers who help us with the 4-H science fair program. Thank you to all the volunteers who give of their time to help us judge 4-H classroom presentations and science fair projects. In 2009, our 4-H judges were:

- Dr. Jennifer Kingsley
- Barbara Rice
- Beverly Hines
- Jackie Ghee
- Carrie Eberly
- Diane Werth
- Van Petty
- Amy and Eric Eberly
- Stuart Bowen
- Deanna Fehrer
- Robin Buckalew



Other young people participate in 4-H through one of our volunteer-led special interest clubs. Thank you to:



- Cathy Duker who has led the 4-H Riding Star Horse and Pony Club for years and has given countless hours of her time instructing children in riding and care of horses. She has given so many children a love of horses that will last a lifetime.
- Larr Williams and Amy Stewart for working to build the Heartland Snaffles and Spurs 4-H Club.

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- Thank you to Diane Giliberti. Diane is the leader of the Cumberland/Prince Edward 4-H Animal Science Club. Diane has years of experience as a 4-H leader in New Jersey. Locally, she saw a need for youth and volunteered to run a club to meet that need. Diane is also working with another volunteer to run the Kids-4-Kids 4-H goat club. She may be the only volunteer around to run 2 clubs at one time!
- Thank you to Dr. Dan Kingsley who recently completed extensive training and is working to start a local 4-H air rifle club. Thanks to the parents who have supported this club's efforts, Sean Kimmel and Pat Dimaano.

Of course, many young people get involved in 4-H through our camping program. A huge thank you to our 4-H camp volunteers who make my life so much easier at camp by helping to provide supervision and instruction for nearly 200 campers from PE, Buckingham, and Charlotte counties. Most of these volunteers take a week of vacation to come to camp, showing you how important it is to them to help our young people learn the life skills they need to be successful adults. Thanks to our camp volunteers:

- Scott Schrader, going to camp since 2000 and volunteers as a member of the Board of Directors at Holiday Lake 4-H Center
- Tyrone Eanes, our tireless shotgun instructor
- Paul Townsend and Theresa Hall, our fishing instructors who walk miles a day at camp to take kids to the dam to fish
- Keith Huddleston, a new camp volunteer (Paul and Keith also volunteer at Cloverbud Camp)
- Nellie Simmons, juggles several jobs and still manages to make time for volunteering
- A special group of young adult volunteers who grew up in our 4-H camping program and are now returning as adults to continue our camping traditions:
 - Warren Reid
 - Whitney Townsend
 - Carrie Eberly
 - Lendy Kirk
- Our Cloverbud Camp volunteers:
 - Sissy Pack
 - Patricia Shiflett
 - Diane Werth
 - Dr. Dan Kingsley



As you know, 4-H also offers after-school programs for youth. We receive a huge amount of support from volunteers for these programs. Thank you to:

- The Heart of Virginia Master Gardeners for their support of Junior Master Gardener
- Alpha Phi Omega volunteers from Longwood University
- Jennifer Kinne and Diane Werth – Cooking with Cloverbuds
- Lynnea Motter – new volunteer who gave countless hours planning and leading our Learn to Crochet class. She truly gave those participants (myself included) a fun, new skill that will last a lifetime.

One of our big projects each year is Agriculture Awareness Day in the fall. Ag Awareness Day is offered for about 280 students to teach them the value of agriculture locally. We rely on the support of numerous volunteers to make Ag Awareness Day possible. Thanks to:

- Alvin Thomas and Rocky Hill Farm, without whom we truly would not be able to offer this program
- Mike, Cindy, and Andrew Clark for bringing their animals and talking about beef production
- Theresa Hall and the staff of Colonial Farm Credit
- Deanna Fehrer and the PSWCD

- Diane Giliberti
- Hazlegrove Dairy Farm, Robby and Lacy
- Jennifer and Joe Kingsley, poultry station
- James Ferrell and the Southern States Farmer's Cooperative
- Patrick Murphy, who helped with set up and take down of the facilities along with Charlie Wooten and Dennis Jones

Thank you to two special volunteers who coordinate our fundraising efforts each year: Alvin Thomas who heads up the fundraiser that we do in cooperation with Southern States and their annual truck rodeo and Bobby Long, who cooks the barbecue for our big fundraiser each year.

Thank you to Dave Pelland who serves as treasurer of our 4-H fund and helps me manage the money that we bring in from various fundraisers. Dave is absolutely meticulous in his record keeping and provides an invaluable service to Prince Edward 4-H. Thanks to Dawn Schrader who worked with Dave this year to review our camp scholarship applications.

Thanks to local media – The Farmville Herald, WFLO, and WVHL for allowing us to promote our programs.

A huge thanks to the United Way of Prince Edward County and its donors who provide camp scholarships for low-income families.



I would be remiss to finish without thanking my co-workers in the Prince Edward Extension office who provide so much support to Prince Edward 4-H and generally make going to work fun everyday: Patsy Pelland, our FCS Extension Agent, and Pauline Stokes, our Nutrition Outreach Coordinator, and Elsie Bryan, our wonderful secretary who retired at the end of October.

We are so thankful to everyone who continues to offer their ongoing support to our program.

Prince Edward 4-H Club Updates

Prince Edward has two 4-H Horse clubs run by dedicated adult volunteers. The Riding Star 4-H Horse and Pony Club is led by Cathy Duker and meets at GLC Horse Haven farm. The Heartland Snaffles and Spurs Club is led by Larr Williams and Amy Stewart. They meet regularly at the Prince Edward Extension Office.

The 4-H Animal Science Club is led by Diane Giliberti and meets the first Thursday of each month at the Extension Office. Officers lead the group in a monthly business meeting and volunteers provide educational programs. Members select an individual project to work on throughout the year.

The 4-H Air Rifle Club is under the direction of Dr. Dan Kingsley. The club meets at the National Guard Armory in Farmville. Thank you so much to the staff at the armory for their assistance with this program. This club emphasizes safety and teaches basic marksmanship principles. It is open to youth ages 11 and older with some previous experience with riflery. For more information on any of these clubs, please contact the Prince Edward Extension Office at 392-4246.

Spring is Time for 4-H Contests!

Fourth graders at Prince Edward County Elementary School will be participating in the annual 4-H presentations contest in March. Each student will give a demonstration in front of the class. This helps fourth grade teachers meet the standards of learning in English. All sixth and seventh grade students will present projects as part of the 4-H

Science Fair at Prince Edward County Middle School. Participation in this program helps students gain hands-on experience and encourages a better understanding of the scientific method. Winners from both programs may advance to the Central District 4-H Contests in Appomattox in April.

Volunteers are needed to serve as judges for both the presentations contest and the science fair. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact the Extension Office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Teen Leader and CIT Orientation

For teens interested in going to Junior 4-H Camp as a Teen Leader or Counselor-in-Training, we will hold an orientation meeting on Monday, March 1st from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Prince Edward Extension Office. To be eligible, CIT's must have turned 13 by January 1, 2010. Teen Leaders must have turned 14 by January 1, 2010. CIT and Teen Leader applications will be available at this meeting.



Summer 4-H Program Dates to Remember

Junior 4-H Camp is an overnight camp for youth ages 9 – 13 held at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in Appomattox. Camp will be held June 28 – July 2. Registration for campers will begin in March.

Cloverbud Camp is an overnight camp for youth ages 5 – 8 held at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in Appomattox. Cloverbud Camp is June 11-13.

Between the Pages is a 4-H day camp program for early readers. Youth who have completed pre-K through 1st grade are eligible to attend. This program will be held July 6-9 from 10:00 – 12:00 each day at the Prince Edward Extension Office.

Cloverbud Summer Experience is a 4-H day camp for youth ages 5 – 8. It will be held July 13 – 15 from 9:00 – 5:00 each day. This program is based out of the Extension Office and includes a daily field trip.

Registration for 4-H day camps will begin in April.

4-H Club Reports

The 4-H in-school program teaches science enrichment through hands-on science activities. Each 4th grade class at PECES has a monthly 4-H club meeting. The following are selected reports contributed by 4th grade 4-H Club reporters.

The President called the meeting to order and talked about Ag Awareness Day. We are learning about weather. Today we are making an anemometer. An anemometer helps you compare wind speeds. The President closed the meeting.
Kait Hosmer

We learned the difference between potential and kinetic energy. Mrs. Bowen rolled a car down a ramp. We wrote down the distance and the time. Then we did speed. $Speed = distance/time$.

Today Mya Walker and Ebonee Woodford led the pledges. Today we will be working on static electricity. The activity we did today was called “electric gelatin.” We got a worksheet that had the instructions for electric gelatin.
Laura Bisailon

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Jennifer Bowen, Prince Edward Extension Office at (434)392-4246/TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.
*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.