



## 2019 Pender County 4-H Program Update

- Staff:
  - Liz Peterson – Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development
  - Traci Spencer – 4-H Program Assistant; Empowering Youth & Families Program Assistant
  - Jessica Aguilar – UNCW Social Work Student 4-H Intern
- 4-H Summer Fun:
  - Reached **305 youth** in 21 different hands-on, educational programs covering 38 days, without being able to use our own auditorium for most of the summer
  - Three youth attended Millstone 4-H Camp on a FULL scholarship (\$420 value per child)
- Teen Leadership Programs:
  - 4-H Teen Retreat: 7 youth attended
    - Zane Andersen was elected President of the Southeast District
    - Morgan Hansen was elected Vice President of the Southeast District
  - Citizenship Focus: 2 youth attended
    - Citizenship North Carolina Focus is a 3 day conference for teens held in downtown Raleigh where youth come together to learn how they can have an impact in their local communities and their state through citizenship. They meet with their legislators, do a service project, and work on their “voice”.
  - NC 4-H Congress: 4 youth attended
    - NC 4-H Congress is a 4 day conference for teens held at NC State University. Youth come together to take leadership workshops, elect state officers, put their hands to larger service, recognize achievements, and many other things.
  - NCACC YouthVoice Conference: Zane Andersen attended
    - One youth from each county 4-H program is invited to attend a free weekend conference hosted by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Zane Andersen was chosen because he is the Pender County 4-H Teen Council President. In order to attend, Zane had to speak at the County Commissioners Meeting and take a photo with the commissioners. Zane learned more about the role of county commissioners in the local government and developed stronger leadership skills while there.
- District Activity Day:
  - 4-H Entertains: 1 youth played her guitar in the talent showcase
  - Presentations: 8 youth gave presentations
    - Ethan Pfeil – Clover Bud
    - Aiden Dolengo – Clover Bud; First Time Presenter
    - Olivia Seitz – Gold, qualified for State Presentation Finals
    - Bobby Dolengo – Silver, qualified for State Presentation Finals
    - Lillie Hansen – Silver, qualified for State Presentation Finals
    - Sierra Dolengo – Bronze
    - Olivia Andersen – Gold, qualified for State Presentation Finals
    - Zane Andersen – Gold, qualified for State Presentation Finals
- State 4-H Presentation Finals:
  - Olivia Seitz – State Silver Medalist
  - Zane Andersen – State Gold Medalist



- 4-H Outreach
  - Interacted with **225 youth** and another **200 adults** during the NC Blueberry Festival where they made a smoothie using a blender bike and took a virtual tour of a dairy farm using virtual reality goggles
  - Interacted with **175 youth and adults** doing a STEM activity about human and cow stomachs and digestion at South Topsail Elementary Science Night
  - Participated in Penderlea Christian Academy Career Fair where dozens of youth stopped by the table to ask questions about working for N.C. Cooperative Extension
  - Participated in the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser in the spring and fall to raise awareness of all that 4-H has to offer and raise funds to send youth to 4-H Camp or leadership conferences.
  - Participated in the Burgaw Christmas Parade with a Pender County 4-H Float
- 4-H School Enrichment/After-School Programs
  - Reached **238 youth** in 4-H Embryology in the Classroom Programs at:
    - Rocky Point Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Surf City Elementary Kindergarten; Malpass Corner Elementary After-School Program; Macedonia Church After-School program; Little Town Learning Center Pre-School & School Age; Penderlea Christian Academy All Grades
  - Reached **486 youth** in After-School Programs at:
    - Burgaw Elementary 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Malpass Corner Elementary 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Malpass Corner Elementary PACES; Cape Fear Elementary PACES; South Topsail Elementary PACES
- 4-H Clubs – we have four active, traditional 4-H Clubs, and one 4-H group, reaching **272 youth**, supported by **50 volunteers**. These clubs/groups typically meet once or twice a month. They have a business meeting, followed by an educational program, and then recreational time.
  - Hooves, Furs, & Spurs 4-H Club in Burgaw
  - High Flyers 4-H Club in Hampstead
  - Pender County 4-H Teen Council
  - Holly Shelter Shooting Sports 4-H Club in Hampstead
    - 16 youth participated in the Eastern Regional Shooting Sports Tournament at the Eastern 4-H Center in Columbia, NC – 3 medaled
    - 7 youth participated in the State Shooting Sports Tournament at Millstone 4-H Camp – 3 medaled
  - Juntos 4-H Club at Pender High
    - Helps encourage Latino youth at Pender High to graduate high school, become first generation college students, or gain skills needed to enter the workforce
    - Hosted 6 weeks of Parent Workshops to help support parents whose children want to apply to colleges, apply for scholarships, and paperwork
    - Hosted quarterly Family Nights to bring everyone together and create a community of support networks
    - Youth participate in community service projects many times throughout the year in the Cape Fear Area
- Empowering Youth & Families Program (EYFP)
  - Had 3 families with middle school aged youth and their caregivers participate
    - Focused on opioid education and prevention and building skills and relationships in these families
    - Partnered with the Health Department, Pender Memorial Hospital, and other community partners



- Had 1 family attend the EYFP Confluence Weekend at the Eastern 4-H Center in Columbia, NC where we learned more about opioid prevention, planned our community event, and got to enjoy a 4-H camp as a family
  - EYFP Community Event will be in February
  - Cohort #2 will begin in February
- Other 4-H Events and Programs
  - Mobile Planetarium
    - Partnered with the Burgaw Library to bring a mobile planetarium to families in Pender County held at the Pender County Extension Office
  - National Youth Science Day
    - Three teens were trained in the Game Changers Curriculum for this year's National Youth Science Day to teach younger youth about coding
  - Cape Fear Fair & Expo
    - 4-H booth – 7<sup>th</sup> place
    - 4-H Hay Bale Decorating Contest – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - 4-H Goat Show – had 20 participants
  - Coastal Plains Chicken Project
    - 10 youth participated in raising a chicken from hatching to adulthood, and then showed the chickens at the Coastal Plains Chicken Show in Lenoir County
  - Youth Market Turkey Show
    - 6 youth participated in raising a turkey from hatching to adulthood, and then showed the turkey at the North Carolina State Fair
- Fundraising
  - Received grant for \$600 to purchase three virtual reality goggles to show several videos about dairy farms from the NC Dairy Alliance
  - Donation of \$1,800 from Pender County Farm Bureau to help send kids to 4-H Camp and NC 4-H Congress
  - Held a 4-H Fundraiser at the Master Gardener Plant Sale that raised approximately \$400
  - Funds collected for 4-H Summer Fun programming totaled \$3,140
  - 4-H Intern, Jessica Aguilar, submitted and received the YWCA Student Impact Award Grant, which gave \$1,500 to a student to further the lives of women and minorities. Jessica chose the Pender High School Juntos 4-H Club to receive the money to help support first generation college students.
  - Holly Shelter Shooting Sports 4-H Club raised \$1,400 at their pancake breakfast.
- Volunteers
  - In 2019, Pender County 4-H had **314 volunteers** with a total of **2,245 hours** volunteered in our program, which equates to **\$57,090**.
  - Volunteers had **1,794 known client contacts**
  - Volunteers were trained and managed by Pender County 4-H