

Craven County 4-H Navigator

The Summer Story



Onslow & Craven County Youth participate in the Teen Outdoor Adventure 4-H Camp having fun in the waves on Bear Island, NC.

The Agent's Desk

This has been my first summer here in Craven County and it has been an wonderful adventure! We've had a lot of fun working with our amazing youth, and with other counties and we are excited to continue the experience! Look below to see all of the amazing things that our 4-Hers and Volunteers have been up to this summer!



District Activity Day 2017

Craven County had 4 youth compete at our Southeast District Activity Day in presentations! Matthew Peluso (10) competed with his presentation in the Livestock category and won GOLD. He will be competing in the State Presentation Finals on July 29, 2017 in Raleigh. Jacob Lynch (8) participated as a cloverbud with his presentation on the properties of fire with several science experiments. Elizabeth Peluso (8) participated as a cloverbud with her presentation on first aid and bandaging cuts and wounds. Kaylin Lynch (7) participated as a cloverbud with her presentation on magic and the tricks behind the show. If you would like to participate in 4-H presentations next year, just let us know!



4-H STEM Camp

We are so appreciative of all of the partners we have in Craven County, but we also have some amazing neighbors who partnered with us this year! **Beaufort** and **Craven County** 4-H offered a STEM Camp for youth in 6th-8th grades. Youth made slime, learned about different chemical reactions in cooking, designed rockets, learned about orienteering & healthy living through STEM, had a waterpark adventure, and visited Flanner's Beach State Park and went learned to sail at the **Eastern 4-H Center!!!** What a blast!



Housing Authority 4-H Camps

This year Craven County 4-H partnered Trent Court and Craven Terrace to host a 4-H Camps for their respective youth residents. Each 3-day camp focused on a wide variety of STEM experiments, along with activities such as arts and crafts, orienteering, aerodynamics, and exploring the community. We are excited to continue partnering with both Craven Terrace and Trent Court and look forward to offering future programs there!



Teen Outdoor Adventure 4-H Camp

Ever wanted to spend the night out on the beach under the stars? Our **Craven**, **Edgecombe**, and **Onslow** County youth teamed up to do just that! Teens ages 12-14 packed their gear and took the ferry to Bear Island in **Hammocks Beach State Park** where they spent the night in tents beside the ocean! A sea turtle program, cooking outdoors, catching crabs and inspecting wildlife, swimming in the ocean, and seeing bio-luminescent (glowing green) waves made for an exciting and fun trip!

Vecino Verde 4-H Camp

The Vecino Verde Institute helps at-risk youth in Craven County and has a 4-H Club. This year they offered an amazing camping program! 27 youth enjoyed outdoor activities such as fishing, arts & crafts, learning orienteering, first aid, and emergency services along with Native American dances and other fun activities! Learn more about the

[Vecino Verde Institute.](#)



Cloverbud 4-H STEM Camp

7 girls ages 5-8 participated in our 4-H Cloverbud STEM Camp! Making slime, experiments with soap, baking powder, and sugar (not necessarily all together) made for a fun exploration during this day camp. These young ladies have what it takes to be wonderful scientists and we are so excited about their continuing to experiment and explore!



State 4-H Presentation Finals

Matthew Peluso (10) did an excellent job giving his presentation "Everything But the Oink" on hog cuts of meat and uses. One of the judges said that she got more information out of his presentation than a PhD presentation she had seen the day before and many members of the audience were surprised and asked him many questions after the presentation was over about his subject matter.

Matthew is very knowledgeable about this! He won the silver medal in the 9-10 year old Livestock presentation category for the State. CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW on a job well done!



LEGO 4-H Camp

Youth participated in a LEGO 4-H STEAM Camp (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics) where they learned to build and program robots, used their creativity to solve engineering problems using LEGOS, had time to create their own artistic visions, and used the scientific method to improve other projects and build fun creations, like puzzle boxes!



Fun in the Dirt 4-H Camp

This summer ended with a great partnership between the Veterans Employment Base Camp Organic Garden, and Craven County 4-H! Hosted at the Garden and at the Stanley White Recreation Center, youth enjoyed lots of gardening activities including drawing their own garden plans, looking at diseases and insects, planting seeds, weeding planting beds, and giving plant presentations! We loved having our youth join us for this fun time and look forward to their continual growth throughout the year!



NC State University and N.C. A&T State University work in tandem, along with federal, state and local governments, to form a strategic partnership called N.C. Cooperative Extension.

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.

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