Complete the puzzle & turn it in to the Cooperative Extension Center by March 1, 2010. Completed puzzles will be entered into a drawing to win a 4-H prize.

There are 25 to find! Have you been listening for the birds? It might not seem like it, but there is a huge variety of birds present in our species in the puzzle.

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Announcements for February 2010

County 4-H

Events, Accolades, and Announcements for Friends of Granville County 4-H

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Paul Westfall, County Extension Director, at 919.603.1350, or paul_westfall@ncsu.edu, or fax 919.603.0268, or in person at the County Extension Office at least 7 days prior to the event.

North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran’s status. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.
North Central District 4-H
Teen Retreat 2010

Teen Retreat will be held on March 5 - 6th. This year’s event will be held at the Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville, NC. Teen retreat will feature experiential workshops, 4-H ambassador workshops, and the opportunity to have fun with other 4-H teens in our district. Registration for this event is due on February 9th, 2010. The cost to register is $50.

Tell Me More About 4-H...

“Record books, project guides, presentations, ARI, Achievement awards, Ambassador portfolio, Cloverbuds...sometimes I have no idea what Ms. Jamie’s talking about.”

Every group - whether it’s a family, friends, school, or place of employment - is likely to have it’s own lingo. “Lingo” refers to the vocabulary used by a particular group, or to refer to a particular subject. For example, I have a friend who is a computer engineer. The other day, he told me he was working on security for Mars. Not part of the “lingo”, I’m thinking about Mars as the 4th planet away from the sun, and I’m imagining that he’s negotiation with Mars locals about travel opportunities! I was disappointed to learn that to him, MARS means “Monitoring Analysis and Response System” for computer network security. Quite a bit different!

4-H is no different - it can take awhile to “learn the lingo.” Hopefully, the definitions below will help.

4-H Age: In NC, 4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 5-19. Your 4-H Age for the year is whatever your age is on January 1 of that year. If your turned 14 on November 3, 2009, then you will be considered “14” in 4-H until January 1 of 2011. The only exception to this rule is 4-H Sleep-Away Camp.

Cloverbud: 4-H Members who are (4-H Age) 5 - 8 are considered Cloverbuds. Your cloverbud years are a great time to get to know 4-H, and to gain experience in project areas. Cloverbuds do not participate in direct competition - instead, they have the opportunity to gain experience while they prepare for competition.

Project Guide: This is the booklet that you get from the 4-H Mall or from the 4-H Office that helps you learn about topic of your interest. Examples include “Exploring the Treasures of 4-H” or “Rams, Lambs, and You.”

Project Record: This is the record that you compose. Also referred to as a “record book”, you might complete one book annually, or you might complete a record book for a specific project, such as the Livestock or Poultry Show. The key to remember is that this is something you compose.

Achievement Plan: An achievement plan is a great way to track your progress in 4-H. You can start when you’re 5, or when you’re 17! This can be a great option of you’re an “At Large” member. You can earn one achievement level each year. Check this out at http://www.nc4h.org/youth/awards.html (look at the bottom of the page)

4-H Member “At Large”: Though the name may sound like a 4-H’er who has escaped from a club or event, the term “At Large” refers to all youth who participate in 4-H without specifically joining a club. If you’re working in a project guide on your own, you’re a 4-H’er at large. If you attend 4-H Camps but are not a club member, you’re a 4-H’er at large. Mostly, this is paperwork “lingo.”

ARI: Previously known as ARI, this program is open to youth who are 4-H ages 14 - 18. This is a three step process by which youth are chosen to attend national 4-H events, such as National Congress, National Conference, and the International Leadership Conference. The application and resume are due to the State 4-H Office postmarked by May 17, 2010. See Ms. Jamie for guidelines!

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Scientists at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology need your help! February is time for the Great Backyard Bird Count. People from all over the country are encouraged to spend at least 15 minutes between February 12 - 15 watching and recording birds.

Bird populations are constantly changing, and no single team of scientists could hope to check on so many species in such a short period of time. When you watch and share your results, scientists can gain a better understanding of whether bird populations have changed in a particular area, how the cold winter might be effecting the birds, and whether diseases might be effecting the birds in a region. For more information or to participate, please visit http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/, or call the 4-H office.

FEBRUARY:
1st: Youth who plan to exhibit in the Four County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale must have animals in their care / possession by this date.
1st: Deadline to apply to host in the International 4-H Exchange Program
2nd: North Central 4-H District Officers Meeting
5-7th: 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference
9th: Deadline to register for North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat
13th: 4-H Horse Bowl Competition
14th: Bee Essay Contest Entries Due
20-21st: State 4-H Council Planning Meeting

MARCH:
1st: Registration opens for the NC Youth Turkey Show.
**This program fills extremely fast - if you know you’re interested, please contact me about registration in February!
2nd: Registration packets due for the Four County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale.
5-6th: North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat
6th: 4-H Hippology Contest / 4-H Horse Bowl

ONGOING:
** Registration for our Granville County 4-H week at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center is currently underway. Please contact the Granville County 4-H Office for additional information, or to secure your space!