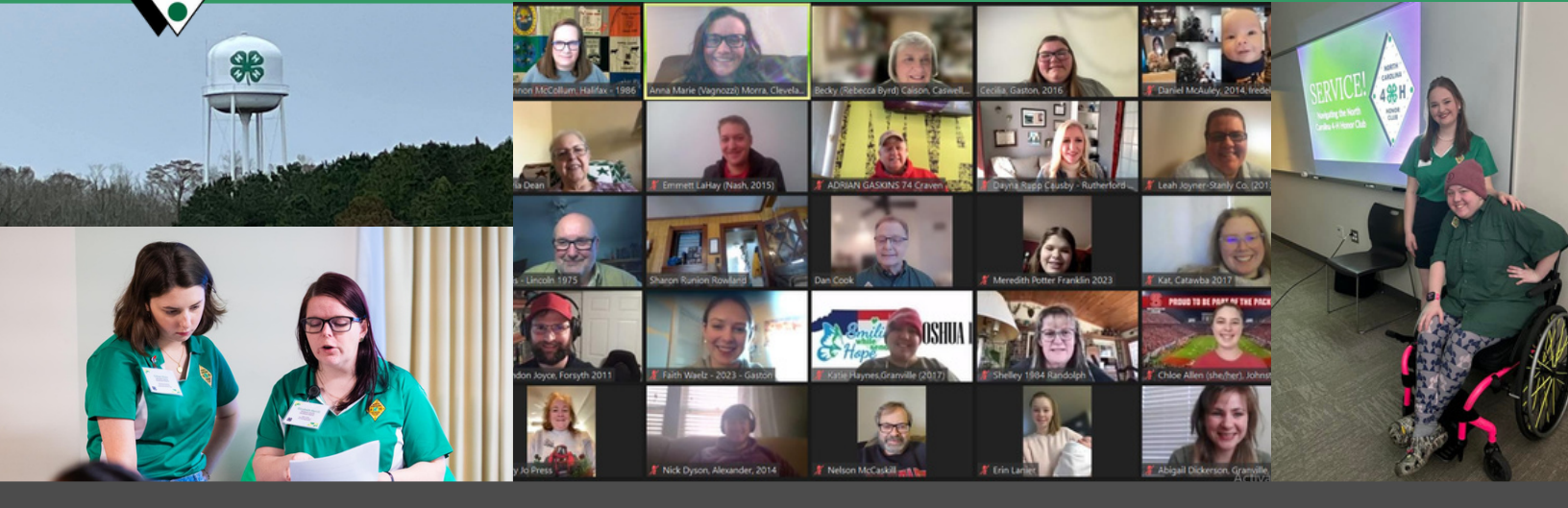




# Heartline

Spring 2024

NC 4-H Honor Club Member Newsletter



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## Honor Club Conference 2024

Honor Club Conference is one of the biggest gatherings of Honor Club members and time for registration is upon us!

Honor Club Conference is being held May 31-June 2, 2024 and boasts a wide variety of activities. We always have a general body meeting, where we discuss any new business that needs to be brought before the membership. As part of this meeting, we also vote in new Honor Club members. We also make sure we use our hands for larger service through service projects and we take part in fun activities such as canoeing, camp tours, and a cookout. It's a weekend full of friendship, fun, and 4-H. We hope to see you there!

Registration is now open. You can register by [clicking here](#). Registration is due by May 15th. This year, there is a special discount for new Honor Club members! More information will be on the registration form. Payment can be sent ahead of time, or you can pay at Honor Club Conference.

Registration options include full weekend with cabin lodging, full weekend without lodging, or Saturday only. All registration options include meals for the entirety of your stay.

Remember to register sooner rather than later to make sure you don't forget! This year we hope to see many of your faces at Conference!

## Volunteer Awards presented by Honor Club



Every year, Honor Club sponsors awards for District volunteers and the Achievement Hall of 4-H Leadership, to be awarded at the Volunteer Leaders' Conference. This year, we awarded 11 District Volunteer Awards and two awards for the Achievement Hall in 4-H Leadership.

The awardees are as follows:

### District Awards

- From the North Central District:
  - Charlotte Hedrick - Davidson County
- From the Northeast District:
  - Rayah Lynch - Camden County
  - Katherine Melton - Currituck County
  - Louise Iverson - Franklin County
- From the South Central District:
  - Samantha Taylor - Union County
  - Jenn Scott - Cabarrus County
- From the Southeast District:
  - Ruth Ann Parker - Sampson County
  - Brook Taylor - Sampson County
  - Joshua Boren - Wayne County
  - Derek Finch - Wayne County
- From the West District:
  - Paula Thomas - Madison County

### Achievement Hall of 4-H Leadership

Kim Nead - Carteret County

Suzanne Linton - Wayne County



## Note from the Honor Club President

Hello North Carolina 4-H Honor Club Members,

On January 20, Honor Club Members joined Zoom for the January Meet-Up. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with members from all over! We hope that if you were unable to attend this year, you'll join us next January. It's a great opportunity if you are unable to go to conferences to stay updated on events that are happening throughout the year.

Members were asked to share what do we miss most about 4-H or our favorite memories. We heard all kinds of answers, but the main thing that was continuous when people were sharing was they missed their 4-H friends and want to continue to give back. Honor Club Conference is the best way to meet new and old faces who were heavily involved in the North Carolina 4-H program.



I encourage each of you to join us May 31 through June 2 for Honor Club Conference at Millstone 4-H Camp! Emmett LaHay is planning the event and it sounds like it's gonna be a great conference. If you have any questions about the conference, don't hesitate to reach out to him at [emmett.1234@live.com](mailto:emmett.1234@live.com).

In this edition of Heartline, you can also see information about spring and summer events that members can volunteer at, which is a perfect way to give back to an organization that has given so much to us.

If you are looking to get involved in Honor Club and want to become an officer, please reach out to me via email as we will be looking for new candidates for the upcoming year.

As always feel free to reach out to anyone on the board and we are happy to assist you!

Happy Spring! I hope to see YOU soon at Millstone!!

Sincerely,

Cecilia Tadt  
2023-2024 NC 4-H Honor Club President  
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## 4-H Camps prepare for 2024 fundraising events

4-H Camps are an important part of many 4-Hers' childhoods and have personally impacted many of us as well. They rely on support from alumni like us to continue to be able to provide youth with summer camp experiences, and one way you can support the camps is by attending one of the camp support events! Every year, each camp hosts a fundraising event filled to raise money and keep 4-H alumni and friends connected to our wonderful camps. We encourage you to come out and support the camp of your choice!

This year's camp support events are:

- Dock of the Bay @ Eastern 4-H Center - May 4th - [Click Here](#) for info
- Betsy's Bash @ Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp - May 18th (60th Anniversary) - [Click Here](#) for info
- Pickin' in the Pines @ Millstone 4-H Camp - October 19th (info to come)

## Honor Club hosts workshop at NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference

Several Honor Club Board members came together earlier this year to plan and facilitate a workshop at the NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference about Honor Club, its history and purpose, and how to navigate the application. Our hope is that this workshop was successful in helping 4-H Agents and volunteers alike understand the Honor Club application so they can encourage their youth to apply and support them through the application process. Our current goal is to try to have Honor Club workshops become more common at 4-H conferences in order to boost application numbers. Big shoutout to the team that made this workshop happen: Elizabeth Merrill, Becky Caison, Chloe Allen, Amber Lackey, Katie Haynes, and Dayna Causby.



## 4-H Alumni Awards Celebration date announced

The 4-H Alumni Awards Celebration will be held April 27th at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh!

This year's celebration will consist of a gala-style reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and will be attended by Dean Fox from NC State College of Ag and Life Sciences!

The event is free to attend, open to all 4-H alumni and friends, and will last from 10:30am-12:30pm.

To register, [click here](#).



## Spring/Summer opportunities approaching

Spring and Summer programming is kicking off and NC 4-H will need volunteers to help these events run smoothly, without a hitch! Two of the biggest events of the summer are District Activity Days, State Presentations, and 4-H Congress. DADs and State Presentations will bring youth from across the state together to compete in presentation, talent, and outdoor cooking competitions. 4-H Congress is the largest gathering of 4-H youth in North Carolina and includes several large ceremonies such as Honor Club Tapping and the Candlelighting Ceremony. All of these events will need plenty of hands to serve. If you're interested in helping at one of the following events, please reach out to the state office.

- May 18, 2024 - Dinah Gore 4-H Healthy Food Challenge - judges & helpers needed
- June 14 - West DAD - Western Carolina University
- June 14 - SE DAD - University of Mount Olive
- June 15 - NC DAD - NC A&T State University
- June 18 - SC DAD - Scotland County High School
- June 21 - NE DAD - Edgecombe Community College
- July 23 - State 4-H Presentation Finals - Raleigh, NC
- July 22 - 26 - NC 4-H Congress
- July 22 - NC 4-H Honor Club Board Meeting, Member Business Meeting, New Member Tapping
- July 25 - NC 4-H Officer Elections
- July 25 - NC 4-H Candlelighting Ceremony

# Clover Connections

Welcome to Clover Connections, where Honor Club members share life updates such as graduations, new jobs, family additions, and more! Want to share your own Clover Connection? [Click here!](#)

## Caitlin Clineff (Davis), Stokes 2008



Caitlin Clineff welcomed her child, Jamison Clineff, into the world on April 2, 2023. She will be celebrating his first birthday soon! Caitlin also has a position as a part-time staff member with the State 4-H Office, where she coordinates the NC branch of the 4-H International Exchange Program.

## Chloe Allen, Johnston 2019

In November 2023, Chloe participated in the Down on the Farm clogging competition with Pack Clogging, NC State's club clogging team. Chloe competed in three group routines, all of which earned first place, and helped the team earn Grand Champion for their line routine and Overall Contemporary team.



## Stay Connected!

We want to be able to keep in touch with you, and we want you to stay connected so you can give and get the most out of your Honor Club membership! The best way to stay involved is to make sure your contact information is up-to-date so you'll never miss any Honor Club news or chances to get involved in SERVICE!

If you've recently moved, changed your name, or updated your contact information, let us know so we can make sure we have your accurate information in our directory!

You can update your information at this link: <http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/directory/>

If emails and snail mail are too slow for you,

you can get notifications as soon as we post an update by joining our Honor Club Facebook group! The Facebook group is the best way to stay on top of event reminders, learn about new opportunities as soon as they're announced, and connect with your Honor Club friends. You can join the Facebook group by clicking [here](#).

The Board has recently become aware of an issue where members are not receiving emails from Honor Club. We are currently working on finding a solution for this issue. If you or someone you know have not been receiving Honor Club emails in the past year or longer, make sure you have access to our Facebook group or website to receive news and we will keep everyone updated about the email issue.

## Winter Meetup Recap

We held our 2024 Winter Meetup on January 20 and it was a blast! 30 Honor Club members gathered together to reconnect and share 4-H news. Dr. Yoder visited us to bring updates from the state office. Dr. Yoder shared news of state office staffing changes, new committees being formed to discuss today's challenges in 4-H, changes in National 4-H, and some updated numbers for enrollment.

One talking point that stood out is that enrollment has almost risen back to pre-pandemic numbers. Prior to the pandemic, we had 263,000 youth benefitting from 4-H. In 2021, that number dropped substantially to 140,000. But in 2023, we saw those numbers rise back up to 223,000. Another important piece of news is that Jennifer Sirangelo has stepped down as National 4-H CEO and Jill Bramble has stepped up to fill the position.

### Got Fundraising Questions?

Allyson Farmer (Wilson 2010) is our contact on the NC 4-H Fund Development Board. If you ever need her assistance, here is her contact info:

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Becky Caison and Daniel McAuley shared about who the District Directors are and why they're important to the Honor Club Board. Anna Marie Morra and Kat Stulpin spoke on the application screening process and the updates we're making to the process for the coming years.

For our bonding activity, we all shared about our favorite 4-H memories and what we miss about our time in 4-H. It was a great opportunity to look back on our 4-H experience and share gratitude for the impact 4-H had on our lives. If you weren't able to attend the meetup, we hope you'll consider attending Honor Club Conference and other future meetups.

### Run for Honor Club Board!

Would you like to serve as an Honor Club Board Member? Honor Club Board members are responsible for new member applications, planning Honor Club Conference, and more! We hope that you'll run for a position at Honor Club Conference 2024!

**Have a question for Honor Club? We'd love to hear from you.**

Contact us on our webpage and we'll be in touch!

<http://nc4hhonorclub.org/contact/>

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Visit our website at [www.nc4hhonorclub.org](http://www.nc4hhonorclub.org)

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