

2017 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE: HAMPTON COUNTY

Wild @ Webb 4-H Camp Celebrates 12 Years

Our 4-H Natural Resources and Shooting Sports camp, Wild @ Webb, celebrated 12 years of serving youth throughout the state. Created through a partnership with SC DNR, the camp provides an opportunity for 25 youth between the ages of 10 and 13 the chance to learn conservation and management of our natural resources as well as hunter ethics and safety. In the 12 years the camp has existed, over 250 youth have participated in “Wild @ Webb”. Although many say the reason for attendance is the food, post camp surveys indicate that the staff and the friendships are the reasons youth continue to return each year. It is the comradely developed during camp among the youth that encourage them to become counselors when they are no longer eligible to attend as a camper. The James W. Webb Wildlife Center and Game Management area is located in Garnett, SC. The 5,866 acres encompass upland pine stands that host endangered species such as red-cockaded woodpeckers, bottomland hardwood forests and cypress-tupelo swamps. The Webb Center is a facility owned and managed by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources to provide wildlife habitat and opportunities for public recreation.



▲ 2016 Wild @ Webb 4-H Camp participants.



▲ (L to R) 3rd Place winner Clayton Richards, 1st Place winner Randy Ulmer, and 2nd Place winner Kyle Jarrell.

4-H Introduces Tractor Driving

The 75th annual Hampton County Watermelon Festival witnessed the first 4-H Tractor Driving Contest. Youth ages 14-18 were invited to test their skill both in the classroom and on the tractor. Despite the rain, several youth showed up to compete for the \$500 first place scholarship. Beginning with a safety workshop discussing proper operating procedures, machine safety checks, and proper driving technique. The safety workshop ended with a written exam. Following the classroom portion of the contest, youth completed a driving course. Winning first place and a \$500 scholarship sponsored by Farm Bureau Federation was Randy Ulmer, from Bamberg, SC. Second place and a \$250 scholarship sponsored by the Low Country Cattlemen’s Association went to Kyle Jarrell, from Estill, SC, and third place with a \$100 scholarship from the Allendale, Hampton, & Jasper Young Farmers Association went to Clayton Richards from Hampton, SC. Other sponsors included Blanchard Machinery Co., Gooding Advertising, Palmetto State Bank, J. R. Wilson Construction Company, Inc., AgSouth Farm Credit, Bayer Crop Science, Citizen’s Choice Insurance Co., Carolina Eastern, and Anderson & Brown LLC.

SC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
AT A GLANCE



AGENTS
133



PROGRAMS
11,158



CONTACTS
242,239



**YOUTH & FAMILIES
REACHED**
104,156



AG ED
163



AGRONOMIC
133



76
FORESTRY



**FOOD
SAFETY &
NUTRITION**
2,967



**LIVESTOCK
& FORAGES**
316



HORTICULTURE
1,858



4-H
4,278

**NUMBER OF
PROGRAMS**



**WATER
RESOURCES**
1,174



181
AGRIBUSINESS



▲ Participants fill the room to learn about pesticide safety.

Farm Safety is Still a Priority

Farming remains one of the most hazardous industries in the United States. In an effort to increase awareness of the dangers associated with farming the following educational programs were conducted:

- A quarterly farm safety newsletter containing safety tips is distributed electronically to producers in Hampton, Colleton and surrounding counties.
- During National Farm Safety & Health Week, news articles on farm safety topics were published in local newspapers in Hampton & Colleton counties and the Cattle Connection.
- Two farm safety presentations were given to 4-H members in Colleton & Hampton counties attending an outdoor day camp and a tractor driving competition.
- Farm safety presentations were given at the Colleton/Bamberg Young Farmers, the Hampton, Allendale, Jasper, Beaufort Young Farmers and the Low Country Cattlemen's Association meetings.
- The safe use of pesticides were topics at pesticide application recertification trainings given in Colleton, Hampton & Jasper counties. Farm safety awareness programs are an effective way to educate farmers on the dangers associated with their important occupations and help reduce farm related accidents.



◀ After several years of inadequate space to conduct the many program areas of Clemson Extension, we now have a building where we can provide trainings, meetings and 4-H club events for our community. A special thanks to Representative Bill Bowers and to Dr. Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman of the Hampton county council along with the entire council and county Administrator, Rose Elliot who worked together to purchase the formally state owned building that we now call home. We hope you will stop by and visit us at 12 Walnut Street in Hampton.

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