



North Carolina 4-H Alumni and Friends Association News

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- Immediate Past President of NC 4-H Alumni & Friends Association

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL ATKINS, NC4HA&F BOARD MEMBER & FEBRUARY STUDENT CITIZEN AWARD WINNER!

Michael Atkins is an 11th grader at Charles B. Aycock High School in Pikeville, NC where he maintains a 3.95 un-weighted GPA. In addition to excelling at academics, Michael is very active in his community and at school. He serves as an ambassador for his school and is a member of various clubs. He is former president of the Southeast District 4-H, where he served more than 250 hours of community service last year. He is also a member of TRY (Teens Reaching Youth) and has already performed 108 hours of teaching. Michael has collected school supplies and library books for hurricane victims. He also helps regularly with Crime Stoppers, Alzheimer's disease programs and other agencies.

In 2005, Michael started the Warming Tree project with his sister. They recruit local schools and businesses to put up Christmas trees and decorate them with scarves, hats, gloves and other winter wear. The collected items are then donated to homeless children, cancer patients, and other residents that may need them. In 2006, they collected more than 500 items.

Michael's volunteer work has earned him the Bronze and Silver Congressional Awards.

CW22 and MyRDC, along with Fayetteville State University, are proud to recognize and honor students like Michael Atkins that meet the requirements of the NC Student Citizen Act. The values are: Responsibility for school climate, Service to others and Citizenship.



Membership Report

As of April 2008, the Association has 88 members, of which 51 are sustaining members. Our membership represents alumni living in North Carolina, Florida, Maryland, Mississippi, and Ohio.

Alumni and Friends members represent 4-H member participation from 1931- 2007, in North Carolina and in Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Scholarship Report

So far \$2,135.00 has been raised, through your generosity, to be used to support the new Alumni Scholarship Program.

Association Website

<http://www.nc4halumni.com/>
Check back often for more news and information.

How Can My Friends Join?

Do you know other 4-H alums who would like to be a part of this organization? A membership form is available online at <http://www.nc4halumni.com>

Contact Us

Have a question or comment? Send an email to: info@nc4halumni.com.

Volunteers

Many of you indicated on your membership form that you are interested in serving in a volunteer capacity. As with any voluntary association, we will want to tap into the wealth of experience and skills that our members have.

Membership Fiscal Year

The alumni board voted at the last meeting that the membership year would run from January to December. Anyone who has joined the alumni association, your membership will be active through December 2008 even if you joined prior to January 2008. Renewal notices will be sent out in October.

Alumni Shirts

We have embroidered short sleeve polo shirts available for purchased. They are available in adult sizes from Small to XL for both men's and woman's as well as 2XL - 4XL in men's shirts. They will have a clover on the shirt and the words "North Carolina 4-H Alumni and Friends Association". There are 4 colors available: White, Red, Augusta Green, & Black The shirts are \$30 each and can be ordered both on-line and through the mail.

New Swannanoa 4-H Center Director

We are pleased to announce that Margaret Hedge has been hired as the new Swannanoa 4-H Center Director, effective February 25th. Before joining our department, she served as the Camping Services Director, at the Girl Scouts-Mountain Prairie Council. She has a Masters of Education and Bachelor of Science Education from the University of Tennessee. Please join us in welcoming Maggie to our team.

New 4-H website www.nc4h.org.



4-H truck at Southern States

In Stores Now!

In partnership with North Carolina's Southern States stores, North Carolina 4-H is proud to present our North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Transporter. Traveling North Carolina's highways and byways, this transporter crisscrosses our state as part of the NCDA Commodity Foods Distribution fleet.

You can purchase your very own 1/64 scale replica of our transporter for the suggested retail value of \$29.99 at your local Southern States store. There's a limited quantity of 2,500 available – act now to take yours home today!

If you have any questions on this initiative, please contact Sarah Ray with the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund at 919-515-9263 or sarah_ray@ncsu.edu.

North Carolina 4-H Gala Honors Wagoner, Hood, Pinnix-Ragland

As the rain came down outside, over 450 friends of North Carolina 4-H celebrated the achievements of three very special honorees during the 2008 North Carolina 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala held April 22, 2008, at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Raleigh. Following the State 4-H Council's state project theme of expressive arts programming, the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund coordinated an event to showcase just that....the talents of our 4-H'ers, 4-H alumni and honorees, all while raising over \$220,000 in

private support for 4-H programming across North Carolina.

In its thirteenth year, the 2008 North Carolina 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala honored Mr. Fred Wagoner, State Camping Specialist Emeritus as a 2007 National 4-H Hall of Fame Laureate; Ms. Hilda-Pinnix-Ragland, Regional Vice President of Progress Energy; and Mr. John Hood, President and Chairman of The John Locke Foundation. They join notable former honorees including: General H. Hugh Shelton, (USA, Ret.), Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall, Governor James B. Hunt Jr., Ambassador Jeanette Hyde and Mr. Rick Hendrick.

Both current and former North Carolina 4-H'ers took the stage later in the evening during the *Dee-Dee and Cam Harris Talent Showcase*. Featured were singer/songwriter Kaine Riggan, former Vance County 4-H'er, and a Centennial Chorus of 4-H voices premiering the official North Carolina 4-H Centennial Song. North Carolina 4-H will celebrate its 100th Birthday in 2009.

4-H'ers showcased the contemporary 4-H program through hands-on, "learn by doing" exhibits including:

- Low-water gardening and rain barrel installation for your home.
- Energy saving tips and tricks to decrease your power bill.
- First -aid skills taught from 4-H'ers who attended the 4-H Medical Academy.



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- Learn to “eat smart and move more” from Person County 4-H’ers and their Cybershop program.
 - North Carolina 4-H’s Hispanic Youth Initiative is reaching out to the latino community ... come find out how!
 - Franklin County 4-H’ers will draw out your artistic side with their trick photography workshop.
 - Johnston and Wake County 4-H’ers are using GIS/GPS to map everything from centennial farms to gang graffiti ... learn the rural and urban applications of this exciting new technology.
 - North Carolina is host to tens of thousands of military families ... discover how North Carolina 4-H is affecting them through the 4-H Operation Military Kids program.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Lynda Loveland summed up the evening best, “Never in one place have I seen so many truly talented young people. These youth make me so proud that 4-H was part of my childhood, and that I have been able to reconnect with it as an adult is truly a blessing.”

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Upcoming Events

North Carolina 4-H’s 100 year anniversary in 2009. details coming!

NC 4-H day at the Zoo, Join us for a day at the Zoo on October 4th. . *details coming!*

Picnic at Pullen Park, Come out to Pullen Park, shelter 3 next to NC State University for a hamburger & hotdog picnic with friends from 11am to 1:30. A short program and lunch will be at 12:00 pm. There will be time to catch up with friends and a chance to tell *your* 4-H Story.

Cost: Members & member family \$5 for adults/ \$3 for children 2-5/ free for under 2.
Non-members: \$6 for adults/ \$4 for children 2-5/ free for under 2.

You can register on-line!
www.nc4halumni.com

General Membership, Come out for our annual meeting on July 24th at 3:30pm. More details to follow!

2008 4-H Alumni & Friends Picnic Registration

June 14th at Pullen Park (520 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh) , Shelter 3 from 11:00 till 1:30

Members & guests:

___ x \$5.00 for Adults _____
 ___ x \$3.00 for age 5 and under _____

Non-members:

___ x \$6.00 for Adults _____
 ___ x \$4.00 for age 5 and under _____

Total: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

Please mail to:

NC 4-H Alumni & Friends Association
 Campus Box 7606, NCSU
 Raleigh, NC 27695

Members can register and pay on-line at www.nc4halumni.com & click on store.

Alumni Short Sleeve Polo Shirts

Sizes Available: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (Men's only) 4XL (Men's only)

Color: White Black Red Augusta Green

Quantity	Men/Women	Size	Color	Total
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Order your shirt on-line at www.nc4halumni.com & click on store. Shirts are available for members only. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

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