

# Wake County JMG - 4H Newsletter



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Next Meeting: **Field Trip!** Thursday, March 12, 2009 6:40-8:30pm

## JMG Field Trip

Please read and reread the information about our end of school year JMG meeting May 14. We'll be taking a field trip to an organic farm about 4 miles from the Extension Office. Everyone needs to meet in the office parking lot prepared to leave by 6:40 p.m. for the caravan trip to the farm. All members need to wear JMG Shirts. If there are new members that do not have one, please let me know and I'll try to get one for you. When we arrive at the farm we'll have a short business meeting and some announcements. A videographer will be present taking some footage of our group so please follow all directions, pretend that no one is taking photos, and enjoy the evening.

We are advised against wearing open-toed shoes, as there are fire ant mounds in the fields and poison ivy growing on the edges of the woods. It's tick season so some repellent on pants legs and socks might be a good idea. Do not go off on your own, but follow all rules the farmer gives us.

See you all Thursday!

Carol Norden

## Wake County Garden Contest

Attached is a copy of the 2009 Wake County Youth Flower & Vegetable Garden Contest. We are quickly approaching the entry deadline and I know that we have lots of young people interested in growing their own gardens. Please download the form, complete it, and send it to Carol Norden at the address at the bottom of the form asap. There is a place where you may request a Master Gardener to be a gardening friend as you begin, grow, and harvest whatever you are growing. Please note the numbers of flowers or vegetables you are required to grow in your particular age group. If you grow some vegetables and some flowers to make the total needed, that's okay and your garden will be judged in the category that you have the most plants or vegetables. Read the contest rules carefully and make sure that you are following all the rules. The complete contest rules can be found at

[http://www.njha.org/pdfs/youngam\\_gardening.pdf](http://www.njha.org/pdfs/youngam_gardening.pdf) . Gardens are judged sometime during the first two weeks in July. The judges will want to pick up your record book to review, but will return it at our picnic celebration a few days later when prizes are awarded.

For participants ages 5 and 14 (based upon your age December 31 of the current year) you should continue to work on your record book and submit for NJHA (National Junior Horticultural Association) Young America Competition and submit your project mid-September. Carol Norden is the national chairperson for the four Young America Projects so she'll be very interested in receiving your record books. You may enter any two of the four Young America Projects in a calendar year.

## **2009 Summer Classes and Plant ID Contest**

Typically we offer two weeks of morning classes during the summer. The classes are horticulture in nature and are geared to fit the age of the participants. Classes are usually taught by Master Gardeners so naturally the dates are determined by when leaders are available. If you are interested in your child/children participating, please contact Carol at [cnorden@bellsouth.net](mailto:cnorden@bellsouth.net) to let her know of your interest.

Plant ID Classes have been one of our summer events. Youth ages 9 and older have the opportunity to go to NC State July 20 to compete in the State Contest just as practice or part of a Junior or Senior Team depending upon age. The County Senior Team receiving the highest score then has the opportunity to compete at the 2009 NJHA Convention. Wake County has done extremely well over the years. Our Honors Team was the Grand National Winner in 2007. This year will be the NJHA's 75th Anniversary and the convention will be held October 16-19 in Harrisburg, PA.

Anyone interested in Plant ID classes, please let Carol know of your interest. Also, everyone that has participated in plant ID classes in the past please send Carol an e-mail or call her to let her know that you will or will not participate this year.

# Announcements



## NC 4H Photography contest

NCSU will begin accepting entries for the 2009 4H Photography Contest now, and will continue through Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

This contest is open to 4H youth ages 9 – 19.

Entries for the 2009 contest must be postmarked NO LATER THAN June 9, 2009.

Entryforms, past winning photos, and complete rules can be found at:

<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/4-HPhoto/index.html>.

## Useful Links-

Toxic-free NC:

<http://www.toxicfreenc.org>

2009 Youth Garden Contest;

<http://www.njha.org/pdfs/younga>

National JMG website:

<http://www.jmgkids.us/>

## 4-H Presentation/Demonstrations

We are true believers in our 4-H'ers participating in 4-H Presentations and Demonstrations. The younger you start engaging in conversation and communicating about a particular topic the better you become as an adult. Many adults did not have the opportunities that 4-H'ers have today to participate in public speaking and communicating about so many topics. Several young people in our JMG program volunteered to compete in 4-H

Presentations/Demonstrations this year. They will soon compete at the District Level in Cashwell County. We certainly wish them well and hope that they will be winners with the opportunity to go to State 4-H Congress in July to compete.

All 4-H'ers should take a look at the sites below at the interviews of some country music stars done by a young 4-H'er. See if you think she participated in 4-H presentation.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j84Wpon\\_bwU&feature=channel](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j84Wpon_bwU&feature=channel) (Taylor Swift Interview)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgtX\\_69aCi8&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgtX_69aCi8&NR=1) (Keith Urban interview)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZMf7Mv8z-Y&feature=channel> (Jack Ingram interview)

## **Congratulations and Thanks to the Plant Sale Propagaters!**

The April plant sale was a great success as was our propagation project. This was the first year the youth were involved in propagating plants for the sale and the sales of those plants totalled \$954. In the spirit of 4-Hs Entrepreneurship Project, half of this will go to the youth involved in the propagation project and the other half goes to support the Junior Master Gardener program we all love so much.

The Plant Sale Propagaters were:

Asiyah Ibrahim  
Idris Ibrahim  
Ishaq Ibrahim  
Ismail Ibrahim  
Jordi Zierz  
Kourtney Roberts  
Mimrah Hossain  
Nayeem Hossain  
Olivia Holt  
Peter Norden  
Sylvia Zierz  
Xavier Zierz



Special thanks also to the parents who provided the glue and the guidance to make the propagation project a success. We have all learned a great deal through our propagation project experiences this year and look forward to an even more meaningful and successful experience next year. Below are a few quotes from parents and youth who participated in the Propagation Project this year:

What was the best part of this experience?

"I liked the whole idea."

"Seeing the satisfaction in her eyes when she saw them grow"

"Meeting new people and finding out new things"

"I liked selling plants and meeting customers to talk about what we had planted"

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## Are you ready for the Field Trip test?

**Where are we going for our field trip next Thursday, May 14 and what time must we be at the office?** Leave the extension office (4001-E Carya Drive, Raleigh 27610, at 6:40 p.m. sharp to go on a field trip to an organic farm about 4 miles away.

**What should you wear?** JMG T-shirt, no open-toed shoes, and long pants. Dress appropriately and don't touch fire ant hills or poison ivy!

**What will we do there?** We'll have a short JMG business meeting (all groups together) and some youth will be recognized for JMG accomplishments. A videographer will be present taking some footage of our group, so we must be on our best behavior.

As a follow-up after the meeting I think the farmers would be thrilled to get a thank you note for allowing us to visit. Younger students might like to draw a picture of something they enjoyed on the trip. Perhaps the best way to handle the thank-you's would be to send them to:

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