

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Southampton County Extension Report

June 16, 2011 – July 15, 2011

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Conducted Junior 4-H Camp for 162 youth (80 from Southampton) on July 11-15, 2011, where youth were instructed on many phases of youth development and learned team building, leadership, communications, as well as many other outdoors skills. The Extension office played an integral role in registration and administration of this camp.

Assisted with Teen and Adult Leader Training where 44 area youth and adults were provided 6 hours of instruction on risk management, behavioral issues, diversity training, group leadership dynamics, and other specific topics related to conducting a safe, fun, and memorable 4-H summer camp experience.

Recruited 6 new 4-H enrollees.

Hosted Registered Technician review and examination for 12 applicators who were able to successfully pass their RT exams.

Coordinated SHARP logger chainsaw safety training enabling 27 loggers from around the region to operate more safely and efficiently and meeting industry training requirements.

Actively monitoring and assessing many current agricultural pest and weed problems which will have significant economic impacts on crop production in the county. These include corn earworm, stinkbug, powdery mildew, Palmer amaranth, and a whole host of other pests and pathogens. Control recommendations are made available where appropriate.

Hosted 4-H Livestock Club meeting where 25 youth and adults learned about record books and registered their projects for the Franklin-Southampton County Fair, were instructed in club officer roles/tasks, conducted fundraising activities, and planned and prepared material for the Southampton County Fair 4-H Livestock Shows.

Hosted 4-H Entomology Club meeting where 5 youth and adults learned about the economic, environmental, and social factors of insects and learned how to collect, identify, categorize, display, and communicate information for exhibits for the Southampton County Fair.

Assisted with Boykins Summer Activities fair where local citizens, faith-based, and civic organizations collaborated to host a series of activities to enhance leadership and youth development for 35 youth.

Taught Forestry and GPS classes for 6 youth at Kids College at Paul D. Camp Community College.

Attended Southampton County Board, Franklin/Southampton County Fair Board, Extension Unit Coordinators, several 4-H planning, local staff meetings.

Information was provided to 57 Southampton county residents on topics ranging from tomato and cucurbit diseases, pasture weeds, field weeds, pest identification and control recommendations, 4H training and youth education.

Contacts for this month: 70 calls; 37 visits; 444 mailings; 16 internet hits.