

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

**Southampton County Extension Report
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Assisted with Service Learning Day where 55 area youth desiring to become counselors for this year's 4H camp were provided 6 hours of training on various topics such as soil testing and preparation, laying out and planning a vegetable garden, water quality and efficient use of stormwater, and being responsible citizens. Also provided hands-on instruction and led 12 teen counselors in planting the Airfield 4H Educational Center garden.

Assisted with Teen and Adult Leader Training where 116 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.

Assisted with Teen Counselor Training where 24 Southampton and Isle of Wight teen counselors were provided 6 hours of instruction on group leadership dynamics, diversity training, experiential learning, age-appropriate cognition, and other specific topics related to conducting a safe, fun, and memorable 4-H summer camp experience.

Recruited 12 teen counselors for 4H camp and 4 new 4-H enrollees.

Hosted 4-H Livestock Club meeting where 22 youth and adults learned about rabbit and poultry husbandry, were instructed in club officer roles/tasks, planned fundraising activities, and planned and prepared material for the Southampton County Fair 4-H Livestock Shows.

Provide support to 4-H Shooting Sports Club with five volunteers coaching 12 youth working to compete at the Southeast District Shoot.

Promotion, planning and registration for the 2011 4-H Junior Camp with enrollment already full at 80 campers. Camp will be held July 11-15, 2011.

Promotion, planning and registration for the 2011 4-H Fishing Extravaganza in cooperation with VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries. This event will be held June 4, 2011 at the Southampton Correctional Center Pond.

Attended Southampton County Board meeting and provided info about the Pesticide Container Recycling program in which the Memorandum of Agreement was signed.

Provided information on land applied wood ash as an agricultural amendment to the County Administrator as well as several other citizens.

Wrote livestock club article for Extension column in May 11 Tidewater News.

Processed Continuing Education paperwork for cotton, forestry, and pesticide meetings.

Participated in Franklin-Southampton County Fair Board and local unit staff meetings.

Provided 24 hours of training for Extension administrative assistant from another unit.

Received training in National 4-H Plus database system.

Planning for camp, livestock, vegetation management, commercial pesticide recertification, corn earworm monitoring, and other future educational programs.

Distributed 55 soil sample boxes and forms and provided explanation/interpretation regarding fertilization results.

Information was provided to 49 Southampton county residents on topics ranging from fruit tree diseases, tomato diseases, bees, lawn weeds, shade tree appraisal, livestock appraisal, cereal leaf beetle, pruning, pest identification and control recommendations, 4H training and youth education.

Contacts for this month: 41 calls; 27 visits; 520 mailings; 6 internet hits.