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70 YEARS OLD!

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Whose 70? Not me but sometimes about this time of year I feel like it. You can probably guess - Yes - 4-H camping in North Carolina is officially 70 years old this month.

According to **Clover All Over** by James W. Clark, Jr., Warren County takes the honor for conducting the first organized encampment July 21-24, 1919, at the G-aham Academy.

This first camp perhaps established a custom which old timers always mention when they talk about attending 4-H camps as youngsters. Each camper had to bring food which included at the Warren County camp a chicken (live), a dozen eggs, and a cake, as well as two dollars in cash. The encampments were formed to bring boys and girls together for recreation, inspiration, and instruction. So what's new?

Within a year, more than twenty counties reported having at least one camp. Homer Mask, North Carolina Club Supervisor, in 1920 had at least 10 surplus army tents which he put on loan to the counties who requested them. You need some?

In 1920 Buncombe County held their camp at Biltmore on the grounds of the famous Vanderbilt estate enjoying the luxury's of the day while Rutherford County campers gathered at the base of Chimney Rock sleeping in Mr. Mask's tents under a growth of big trees. A unique feature of the 1921 Sampson County camp was the requirement that members had to live up to the basic club requirements. For instance, no boy or girl could attend camp unless their project record was up to date.

The first club camp for Negro boys and girls was held during the summer of 1924 in Beaufort County along the Pamlico River for five days. By the end of the summer four additional camps at other sites in the county had involved more than 300 youngsters



Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics
A&T and N.C. State Universities,
100 Counties, and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperating.

The first regional 4-H camp opened at White Lake in 1926. 4-H officials in the mountain counties started a drive to have a camp in the west soon after the opening of White Lake. L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Leader, got State College and the Department of Agriculture to designate a few acres at the test Station in Buncombe County for a camp. Commercial agencies, civic groups and many individuals donated money, skill, and materials to build the large dining hall/recreation building. However, there was no money to build any cabins so counties were challenged to raise funds to build a cabin in their name. But even before any cabins were built, Swannanoa 4-H Camp opened in June 1929 when 100 Cleveland County 4-H'ers arrived to christen the new facility. Each camper brought a \$1.50 fee and food to place in the common pantry.

The army took Swannanoa over 1942-45 to use during the war.

The Federal Government designated a site in Richmond County in 1935 for a permanent group camp designated as "The Rocks." Mr. Harrill, Jimmy Gray and Grady Bain were the chief pushers for this new 4-H camp which was built primarily in 1938. Sampson County made the first scheduled visit to "The Rocks" or Millstone the week of July 3-8, 1939. They were followed by Camden, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Alexander, and Anson Counties.

How many of you remember Roanoke Island 4-H Camp? It was the first camp I took campers to (1969) after moving to North Carolina. Dare County officials accepted the old Naval Air Station on Roanoke Island from the Federal Government in 1946 and 4-H leaders in the community were instrumental in getting Extension to provide a camping program on the site soon after the acquisition.

A thirty-two acre section of the mountain Experiment Station at Waynesville was opened as a 4-H camp in 1950. Many mountain counties raised funds to make it possible for their new camp named after I.O Schaub, Director of Extension, who retired the same year.

The Negro 4-H Foundation in North Carolina was incorporated in 1950 with its main purpose to create a camp like Schaub in the east for black boys and girls. The group raised nearly \$90,000 to build the original eight buildings on a 31 acre site at Hammocks Beach in Onslow County. Named for the first black man to serve as State Negro Agent in North Carolina, Camp Mitchell was opened in June 1965.

A new center was built starting in 1963 on two-hundred acres of the Chinqua-Penn Plantation which was donated by Mrs. Penn including \$250,000. T.C. Blalock, State 4-H Leader, led the dedication of Betsy-Jeff Penn on May 24, 1964. Can you believe that Penn is 25 years old?

In 1975, Luther and Mildred Robinson donated their 375 acre ranch to 4-H as a living memorial to their two daughters who had died of polio. Thus, the creation of the Anita-Alta 4-H Outpost Camp near Lenoir in Caldwell County. Have you been there? It's available.

A beautiful site in Stokes County which had to be reclaimed from years of neglect and was once a fashionable spa (Vade Mecum Spring) with two hotels, became the latest 4-H camp in 1980. Some Sertoma clubs in the Winston-Salem area donated the property to 4-H which opened as Sertoma 4-H Camp in 1982.

This brief history of 4-H camping was screened from reports collected by James W. Clark, Jr. in his book, Clover All Over.

J. Roland Flory

**CAMPAIGN FOR 4-H NEWS
COUNTY PACESETTER CAMPAIGN GOAL
ANNOUNCED**

The total pledged by counties for the Campaign was announced on Wednesday evening of Congress during the Campaign for 4-H/Committed to Excellence Celebration. We can all be proud of the total pledge by our 4-H family. We are on our way for a successful campaign. Congratulations!

Thearon T. McKinney

PACKAGED FUND RAISER

Two packaged programs are available for use by the 4-H Family Drive in the County Pacesetter Campaign. They are: 1) Farm Bureau Salted Peanut Sales and 2) Food Lion Community Way Days. Fact sheets/program descriptors for both programs are enclosed. All 4-H Agents will receive the core package in August.

We hope you find them valuable as you implement your county plan to reach your Campaign goals.

Thearon T. McKinney

KIDS HELPING KIDS/90 CANCELLED

Kids Helping Kids/90, originally planned as a packaged fund raiser for the Campaign, has been cancelled. Only the Farm Bureau Salted Peanut Sales and the Food Lion Community Way Days will be packaged for 4-H Family Drive use.

However, counties interested in conducting Kids Helping Kids locally or as a community service project are encouraged to do so. Although the program will not be packaged this year we plan future program involvement and a continuing support of the Ronald McDonald Houses of North Carolina.

Thearon T. McKinney

**REGALIA MANUFACTURING RECEIVES
EMBLEM AUTHORIZATION**

Find enclosed a letter authorizing Regalia Manufacturing Company of Rock Island, Illinois to use the 4-H name and emblem on selected items for awards and recognition.

Thearon T. McKinney

THE BIG SWEEP

The environment has received a lot of attention lately from media representatives which is causing citizens to ask questions. The focus of these questions is that we have both the right and the responsibility to protect our environment.

The Big Sweep is a statewide effort sponsored by the following entities: UNC Sea Grant, NC Division of Coastal Management, NC Division of Parks and Recreation, NC Aquarius, NC 4-H Program, WRAL-TV, NC Wildlife Resource Commission, and Keep NC Clean and Beautiful. The one day cleanup of our beaches, lakes, and rivers will be held September 24, 1989, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Last year more than 3,000 volunteers picked up 42 tons of trash!

The question becomes, why should I become involved in the Big Sweep? An eleven year old at a city park gave me the answer. As I was walking by I saw this young man bend over and picked up some litter and put it in a bag he was carrying. I asked him why was he picking up other peoples trash. He stopped, looked at me and said "because I am supposed to". Why, I asked. "Because, no one else will do it if I don't".

Obviously we have a lot of litterbugs in North Carolina and most of them are adults. Let's show them that the young people of North Carolina know a better way.

Eddie Locklear

NATURAL RESOURCE CONFERENCE

Remember the deadline for this conference is September 1, 1989. Do you have leaders or teens who are interested in Project Learning Tree, Wildlife Judging, Soil and Water Quality Activities that are hands on, or Aquatic habitats? Are you interested in having a team of volunteers that you could use in your county environmental education program? This conference will utilize instructors who both know the curriculum and how to teach it. The 1989 State Council Project has generated a lot of interest in the environment which has been paralleled by media coverage. These teens and leaders could provide a great cadre of leaders for your county for years to come. Let me know if you have questions.

Ed Maxa

BEING HEAD SMART

1300 people die every year from bicycle accidents. 75% of those die from head injuries. If you are doing bicycle programming, helmets are a must. Additional copies of the Protect Your Head brochure (enclosed) are available to you free of charge.

Ed Maxa

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL IN NC

Enclosed in this newsletter is a special report, "National 4-H Council Serving North Carolina."

Dalton R. Proctor

MASTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING CONFERENCE

An information packet regarding the Master Volunteer Training Conference is enclosed in this newsletter packet. Instructions for registering are included along with a Conference Agenda.

Eleven areas for training are offered. The packet information includes job descriptions and agendas for each track. Some tracks are

designed for teams and some for individuals. If you have questions about any one track, you might want to call the Specialist giving leadership to that track. They are:

After School MV - Eddie Locklear
County Camping Chairman-Roland Flory
Cumulative Record- Sharon Rowland
Adventure Based Prog.-Claire Marie Hannon
New Leaders Only- Judy Groff
Presentations - Ann Frazier
4-H Project Records - Sharon Rowland
Teen Programming - Judy Groff
Teens Reaching Youth- Judy Groff
Storytelling MV - Cheryl Willoghby
Recreation Leadership MV- Thearon McKinney

Additional information about the Conference is in The Ladder. The Registration Form in The Ladder is one for leaders to indicate their interest to you. You may still need to recruit leaders to participate in areas you especially need to advance your 4-H program.

Judy M. Groff

SOUTHERN REGION 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS' FORUM

Brochures with information about the Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Forum are enclosed. Please distribute these to as many of your leaders as possible. It is also fine to copy as necessary or if you need only a few, you can call the State 4-H Office to get extras.

You might want to recruit some leaders from your after school programs or school enrichment programs to go as a recognition. There will be many workshops of interest to them. Also we will be applying to AHEA for offering PDU credits to qualifying participants.

You may note that the forum extends over a weekend this year. It also offers an option for part time

registration of participants. This may be of special interest to leaders in Western North Carolina.

Judy M. Groff

ADDITIONAL STATE WINNERS NAMED

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been named State Project Winners when records were judged July 1.

Bicycle - Doris Davenport - Tyrrell County

Energy - Don Rodgers, Jr. - Gates County

Gardening - Shea Crutchfield - Durham County

Swine - Joseph Williams - Wayne County

Agents and leaders who worked with these 4-H'ers are to be commended for their efforts.

Sharon R. Rowland

SHARE THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

You receive two copies of the newsletter each month. Please see that your County Director gets one of those copies. We have had complaints from the District Directors that the County Director is not aware of the monthly 4-H Newsletter.

Dalton R. Proctor

Sincerely,



Dalton R. Proctor
State 4-H Leader