

# 4-H Club Grows In Transylvania – Brevard NC

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Julianna Turknett and Tyanna Sanders worked closely together to build and launch the rocket that won the competition for hitting a target.

Although 4-H started more than 100 years ago, it continues to grow and provide community-based programs to all youths ages 5 to 18. It is now the largest youth organization in the United States with 6.3 million members. Working in partnership with 110 universities, 4-H programs are research-backed and offer life-changing experiences to youth around the world.

In [Transylvania County](#), the 4-H program is associated with both of [North Carolina's](#) land grant universities: N.C. State and A & T State University. Resources and guidance from these institutions are especially evident in local 4-H robotics, horse, gardening, and leadership programs for both youth and adult leaders.

According to an in-depth longitudinal study conducted by Tufts University, 4-H youth are three times more likely to actively contribute to their communities and have higher educational achievement. As the 4-H pledge attests, 4-H'ers commit their heads to clearer thinking, hearts to greater loyalty, hands to larger service and health to better living - not just for themselves and their club - but for their community, country, and world. Each 4-H club plans and implements at least one service project each year and many teen members lead workshops for younger youths.



4-H Teen Council members Cjon Conley and Madiera Duckett lead students in the 4-H Rockets Away project at Rise & Shine.

New members are always welcome to join a club any time of the year. There are also opportunities to pursue an interest in a short-term workshop. Contact the Extension Center now at 884-3109 to register for an Electric Workshop on Monday afternoons in November for

seventh-ninth graders (\$10/youth) and a Painting Workshop November 6 and 13 for ages 8 to 10 (\$25/youth). Scholarships are available based on need.

Membership in the following clubs is open and free of charge: Creekside Riders (do not have to own a horse); Robotics Club at [Rosman](#) Middle School, Backyard Barnyard animal club, Trail Trekker family [Hiking](#) club, Farm Fun club, the 4-H Teen Council and the Sapphire Warriors club (meets in Sapphire community center).

4-H grows confident, capable, and caring young people with the life skills to thrive in today's world and succeed in their boldest dreams for tomorrow. Call 4-H Agent Mary Arnaudin at 884-3109 to learn more about how 4-H Grows here in Transylvania County.