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## Southampton County Report April 16, 2009-May 15, 2009

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Four teens from Southampton County participated in Service Learning Day at Airfield 4-H Center and participated in a variety of Service projects at Airfield 4-H Center.

22 teens from Southampton County participated in Risk Management Training at Airfield 4-H Center in May. This is one of many requirements that teens must meet in order to serve as 4-H Camp Counselor or Counselors in Training.

20 youth from Southampton County participated in a Livestock Workshop to kick off the 4-H Livestock Program. All of these youth were new to the livestock program and have an interest in possibly participating at the Southampton County 4-H Livestock Show in August. 18 adults also participated or helped conduct this half day workshop.

12 teen leadership council members helped conduct two events for Earth Day. They helped with hands on activities for youth between the ages of 5-14 at both the Courtland and Franklin libraries.

Agent attended a Teen Relationship and Dating Train the Trainer workshop. This workshop focused on teen healthy relationships, signs of abuse, and other risks in dating for teens.

Agent conducted a rabbit and poultry workshop at the Courtland Library in conjunction with the 4-H rabbit and poultry chairperson and 4-H volunteers. The program focused on rabbit and poultry projects in 4-H.

Agent conducted a plants program with all first grade students at Riverdale Elementary. The students learned about plant growth through a story and then planted plants to take home and planted a plant to chart the growth in the classroom.

Agent conducted a field trip at Airfield 4-H Center for Southampton Academy on creativity, nature and teamwork. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a nature hike, challenge course, and created boats from natural materials and sailed them on the lake.

Agent also conducted a club officer training, conducted training for Isle of Wight Counselor/Counselor in Training since there is no agent in Isle of Wight, conducted day camp planning sessions for all five 4-H day camps, and organized committees for fundraisers and community service programs.

One teen leadership council member served as the speaker for the GFWC Franklin Junior Women's Club Banquet. She spoke on the benefits of the 4-H Program. The GFWC Franklin Junior Woman's Club donated to the 4-H Camp Scholarship fund in her honor.

Agent partnered with the YMCA to start a community garden with the Spring Break/After School Care children. This partnership will continue as the kids will plant the starter plants in the garden in the late part of May.

Contacts for this month: 76 calls; 27 visits; 211 mailings; 9 internet hits  
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