



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 2.

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 1, 2012

**REQUESTED BY:** Lauren Langley, Cooperative Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development

**SHORT TITLE:** Pender County Youth Celebrate National 4-H Week October 7-13, 2012

**BACKGROUND:** October 7-13 is National 4-H Week, and Pender County is celebrating the 4-H youth who have made an impact on the community, and are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing world. On October 8, 2012 at 6:15 pm at the Agriculture Building on 801 S. Walker St. Burgaw, NC, 4-H youth will connect with the community by conducting a county-wide community service project through a 4-H Talent Show. Admission to the talent show will be two cans of food or two grocery coupons per person. The can food admission will then go to those in need in NC through the food bank and the coupons will go to military families who can benefit from expired coupons of up to 6 months. Can't make it to the talent show? Don't worry, can food items and grocery coupons will be collected during the entire National 4-H Week, just bring your donations by the Agriculture Building at 801 S. Walker St. Burgaw, NC.

Recent findings from Tufts University's *4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* indicate that young people in 4-H are three times more likely to contribute to their communities than youth not participating in 4-H. Notably, the Tufts research discovered that the structured learning, encouragement and adult mentoring that 4-H'ers receive play a vital role in helping them actively contribute to their communities. In Pender County, more than 65 4-H members and 20 volunteers are involved in 4-H.

4-H youth are a living breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. Learn how you can *Join the Revolution of Responsibility* at [4-H.org/revolution](http://4-H.org/revolution), or contact Lauren Langley, 4-H Extension Agent, at North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension, Pender County at 910-259-1235 or [lauren\\_langley@ncsu.edu](mailto:lauren_langley@ncsu.edu).