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NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts - AJ Fletcher Opera Theater
Raleigh, NC

MEDIA INVITED TO ATTEND

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4-H YOUTH TEACH NORTH CAROLINIANS TO "LIVE GREEN"

North Carolina 4-H'ers target water and energy conservation education at annual showcase event.

With summer almost here and energy prices soaring, North Carolina 4-H'ers are committed to educating the public on how to live a more "eco-friendly" lifestyle at the 2008 North Carolina 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala on April 22, 2008, at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts.

During the Gala reception beginning at 6:00 p.m., 4-H'ers will showcase the contemporary 4-H program through hands-on, "learn by doing" exhibits including:

- ◆ Low-water gardening and rain barrel installation for your home.
- ◆ Energy saving tips and tricks to decrease your power bill.
- ◆ First -aid skills taught from 4-H'ers who attended the 4-H Medical Academy.
- ◆ Learn to "eat smart and move more" from Person County 4-H'ers and their Cybershop program.
- ◆ North Carolina 4-H's Hispanic Youth Initiative is reaching out to the latino community ... come find out how!
- ◆ Franklin County 4-H'ers will draw out your artistic side with their trick photography workshop.
- ◆ Johnston and Wake County 4-H'ers are using GIS/GPS to map everything from centennial farms to gang graffiti ... learn the rural and urban applications of this exciting new technology.
- ◆ North Carolina is host to tens of thousands of military families ... discover how North Carolina 4-H is affecting them through the 4-H Operation Military Kids program.

In its thirteenth year, the 2008 North Carolina 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala will honor Mr. Fred Wagoner, State Camping Specialist Emeritus as a 2007 National 4-H Hall of Fame Laureate; Ms. Hilda-Pinnix-Ragland, Regional Vice President of Progress Energy; and Mr. John Hood, President and Chairman of The John Locke Foundation. They join notable former honorees including: General H. Hugh Shelton, (USA, Ret.), Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall, Governor James B. Hunt Jr., Ambassador Jeanette Hyde and Mr. Rick Hendrick.

Both current and former North Carolina 4-H'ers will take the stage later in the evening during the *Dee-Dee and Cam Harris Talent Showcase*. Featured will be singer/songwriter Kaine Riggan, former Vance County 4-H'er, and a Centennial Chorus of 4-H voices premiering the official North Carolina 4-H Centennial Song. North Carolina 4-H will celebrate its 100th Birthday in 2009.

Leadership support this year is provided by Capitol Broadcasting Corporation and Syngenta Crop Protection. Cost of the event per person is \$100. Corporate sponsorships are available from \$500 to \$25,000. Event support provides a strong foundation for 4-H members to become future community and business leaders. For ticket or sponsorship information, contact Michael Martin at 919.513.8254 or mjmartin@ncsu.edu.

North Carolina 4-H is the Cooperative Extension System's dynamic non-formal education program for today's young people. The program partners the cooperative efforts of youth, volunteer leaders, state land-grant universities, state and local governments, 4-H Foundations, and the Cooperative State Research, Educational and Extension Service of the US Department of Agriculture.

These partners are working across North Carolina to assist more than 204,000 youth in learning the skills they need to excel by preparing them for a more employable future and teaching them the skills needed to lead a more healthy and productive life. Youth from all ethnic, racial and socio-economic backgrounds who live in rural, suburban and urban communities participate in North Carolina 4-H.

Available for Interviews:

Dr. Marshall Stewart, State 4-H Leader Mr. Terry Bass, President, NC 4-H Development Fund
Ms. Leslie Hash, State 4-H President Mr. Buddy Bryson, State 4-H Vice President
Dr. Michael Martin, Executive Director, NC 4-H Development Fund

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