

## 2016 4-H NCACC Youth Summit Report

August 12-13 2016

On August 12<sup>th</sup> We had our first guest speaker of the night to come in and give us a very motivational speech about never giving up on our dreams and to never let anything stop us. Later that night we did our personality quiz where we learn a lot about ourselves. I found out I was a blue, blues were the ones that were very caring and enjoy life to day by day and always try their best to help. After that we did a group activity with the people who matched our color to see what we all had in common. On the following day we sat down and ate breakfast with our county commissioners and also talked about plans for the county. We had two guest speakers during the breakfast which were both very moving. After breakfast we were dismissed to go to our workshops where we did the hardest thing ever. We learned just how hard it is to be a county commissioner by doing budget cuts and figuring out which programs would have to lose funds and if property taxes would increase. There were many disagreements about what was considered important and what wasn't. Our Youth Summit ended with the voting for new officers where we also got to meet Governor Pat McCrory.

I spoke at a commissioners meeting about the youth summit and what happened during this event. I also sat down with Commissioner Ron Wesson and discussed positive changes we can make in Bertie County. I had a great time making connections and new friends.

Below is the press release that will be printed in the Bertie Ledger and given to Bertie County Commissioners.

*Jackia Chamblee from Bertie County attended the seventh annual North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Youth Summit, which was held in Winston Salem, North Carolina August 12-13, 2016. North Carolina 4-H and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service partnered for the seventh year with the NCACC on a multi-year initiative to increase youth involvement in county government. This initiative aims to overcome the mindset that many youth are disengaged and lack trust in our government.*

*Over 63 counties were represented during this event. The event is sponsored and supported by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.*

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*The 4-H program is the youth education program of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State universities. More than 239,000 young people ages 5 through 18 participate in North Carolina 4-H activities each year with the help of 21,700 adult and youth volunteers.*

This was a once in a lifetime experience. I hope that I can use what I learned in Winston Salem soon here in Bertie County.

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