



Thank you for your interest in NCACC YouthVoice 2025! The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and its partners, 4-H Youth Development and Boys & Girls Clubs of North Carolina are proud to sponsor YouthVoice, August 22-23, in Pitt County.

We hope that you find YouthVoice to be a rewarding experience with opportunities to talk with local county officials; learn about the role of county commissioners as the governing body for counties and the county budgeting process; and develop strategies to further your leadership and communication skills.

CONDUCT AND DRESSCODE

YouthVoice is held in conjunction with the NCACC's Annual Conference, and you will be attending several events with elected and appointed county officials. You are expected to conduct yourself accordingly (abiding by the N.C. 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct, as indicated on the registration form) and dress appropriately.

For Friday's events, you will need to wear at minimum casual dress pants (khakis, for example) or dress skirt along with a YouthVoice T-shirt that you will receive at check-in. On Saturday, more formal attire – slacks, a collared shirt, a jacket and tie if preferred – is required. Flip-flops are not acceptable at any time during the conference.

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to [registering online](https://forms.office.com/r/Qa1PBb08Ac) (forms.office.com/r/Qa1PBb08Ac) by July 9 (note there is a form included in this packet to help you collect needed information), you need to complete two assignments prior to YouthVoice:

1. attend – and speak at – your county Board of Commissioners meeting; and
2. submit a photo of yourself with your county Board of Commissioners.

You will need to contact your county's Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to request time on the Board's meeting agenda (visit www.ncacc.org/youthvoice for a listing of county contacts). Work directly with your 4-H agent or Boys and Girls Club advisor to prepare your comments and for the meeting. You can speak on an issue facing youth in your county, your experience as a member of the 4-H or Boys/Girls Club program, or another topic of your choosing.

You are strongly encouraged to request time on your Board of County Commissioners' agenda as soon as possible, as agendas can be developed weeks ahead of the meeting date. Do not wait to request agenda time.

Tell the Clerk to the Board that you will be your county's Youth Delegate at the NCACC Annual Conference and include that information in your comments to the Board. Encourage commissioners to attend the Saturday lunch and be prepared to discuss issues of importance to young people in your county.

Photos of Youth Delegates and Commissioners will be displayed on screen during the lunch. Please email your photo to jason.king@ncacc.org.

Submit your photo no later than August 13.

You must fill out the medical consent form and present it to your chaperone before departing for YouthVoice. The medical consent form should remain in your chaperone's possession for the event's duration. You should also keep a copy of the Multimedia Consent and Release Form. The online registration form includes a permission checkbox pertaining to public release of photos and videos taken at YouthVoice.

COST

The NCACC covers the cost for this event for a select number of youth (one per county 4-H club and one per Boys & Girls Club) and chaperones. If you withdraw from the event after July 9 (without finding a substitute of the same age and gender and notifying the NCACC), or you do not attend the event, or are asked to leave for misconduct, or you do not complete the pre-event assignments by August 13, 2025 – or obtain permission to attend at a later date – you will be required to reimburse the NCACC the cost of accommodations, meals and training expenses (\$200).

TRANSPORTATION

You and your chaperone are also responsible for arranging for transportation to and from the event.

CONTACT

We look forward to a great event! If you have questions, contact Jason King with the NCACC at (919) 715-0045 or jason.king@ncacc.org.





YouthVoice 2025

14th NCACC Youth Summit

August 22-23, 2025, Pitt County

AGENDA

Friday, August 22

1 – 3:15 p.m.

*** OPTIONAL * Reentry Simulation with County Officials** (Separate Registration Required)
(Greenville Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A)

The Reentry Simulation simulates the struggles and challenges faced by individuals who are transitioning from incarceration back into society. It is designed to mimic one month in the life of an individual who has just been released from prison and is now on probation, post-release, or parole. Over the course of roughly 2 hours, participants experience the first month of post-release life. Each participant assumes the identity of a formerly incarcerated person and receives a packet of materials, including a “name history” and a “life card.” Expect to gain an understanding of obstacles faced by individuals attempting to acquire resources from various agencies upon their release from incarceration.

This exercise will be facilitated by the NC Department of Adult Correction.

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Check-in window for non-reentry simulation participants (TBD, Residence Inn or Homewood Suites)

Overnight rooms will be at the Residence Inn, 1820 W 5th St, Greenville, and the Homewood Suites, 420 Moye Blvd. These hotels are walkable from each other (2 minutes), and 12 minutes by car from the Convention Center campus.

4 – 4:45 p.m.

YouthVoice Orientation (Holiday Inn on the Greenville Convention Center campus)

What is YouthVoice, and why are you here? The orientation provides information about the NCACC and its involvement in youth leadership development; a welcome from NCACC President T Davis of Warren County; a look at each of the partner organizations; and an overview of YouthVoice events.

4:45 p.m.

See the World Through ‘Real Colors’ (Holiday Inn on the Convention Center campus)

At one time or another, everyone reaches a point where they wonder, “Why do people do the things they do?” The answer may surprise you! Everyone has a distinct temperament spectrum comprised of four colors: Blue, Gold, Orange and Green. In this “Real Colors” session, you will learn how to quickly identify your own “color” and personal strengths, as well as that of others. Using this powerful knowledge, you can develop more effective communication skills and build better relationships by recognizing and appreciating the strengths and viewpoints of others.

County officials are invited to participate in the Real Colors training with Youth Delegates.

The session is being facilitated by North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Executive Director Kevin Leonard, and Deputy Director and General Counsel Amy Bason.

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Friday (continued)

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:30 – 9 p.m. **Resume ‘Real Colors’**
- 9 p.m. **Youth Delegate Ice Cream Social**

Saturday, August 23

Check out of rooms and put luggage in vehicles by 7:45 a.m.

- 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (Glenn Room, Holiday Inn)
- 8:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Find Your County’s ‘Bottom Line!’** (Holiday Inn on the Greenville Convention Center campus)
Designed as a classic board game, “Bottom Line!” is an engaging learning tool that simulates the county budgeting process. Attendees will work together in small groups – acting as boards of county commissioners – to first decide what values are most important to their counties. The simulation then challenges groups to remember those values during scenarios that force them to choose between cutting programs and/or services, or increasing taxes or fees in order to maintain a balanced annual budget.
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Evaluation**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch with county officials, plenary session and documentary screening** (Greenville Convention Center, Exhibit Hall CDE)
County officials and Youth Delegates come together for lunch and discussion on community issues and/or lessons from YouthVoice.
Documentary Screening: ‘Rising Above Helene’
100 Strong Productions, a division of NCACC that seeks to uncover the issues and highlight the stories of North Carolina and its counties through film, will screen its new documentary, “Rising Above Helene: Western North Carolina’s Journey to Recovery.”
Watch the trailer at vimeo.com/1107621843!
- 2 – 2:30 p.m. **NCACC Business Session and adjourn** (Greenville Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A)
Three Youth Delegates will be asked to provide a report-out to counties during the Association’s annual business meeting on lessons and takeaways from YouthVoice.



NCACC YouthVoice

Registration for Youth Delegates

DUE JULY 9

August 22-23, 2025, Pitt County

Use this form to collect information. All registrations must be completed online at forms.office.com/r/Qa1PBb08Ac no later than July 9.

Name (first/last): _____ Preferred Name (for nametag): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Mobile phone: _____ Adult T-shirt size (circle one): S M L XL 2XL 3XL

County in Which You Participate in Boys & Girls Club or 4-H: _____

Club Name: _____

Name of Boys & Girls Club director: _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s): _____

Name of adult you will be riding to the event with: _____

Name of adult volunteer chaperone (if different from above): _____

Gender (for rooming purposes): _____ Age as of August 22, 2025: _____

Grade in school for 2025-26 academic year: _____

Assignments (initial that you have completed and indicate date of completion)

Assignment 1: Attended and spoke at a Board of County Commissioners meeting _____ Date: _____

Assignment 2: Submitted a photo of yourself with your Board of County Commissioners _____ Date: _____

Special Needs

Dietary Needs: Vegetarian (eat eggs, dairy) Vegan (no eggs, dairy, animal products of any kind)

Other diet restrictions (Please explain:)

Please describe any other special needs or accommodations that may be required to enable you to participate in this program:

Yes, I understand that this event will be conducted under the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct (nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/4-H_codeofconduct.pdf), and that all misconduct will be handled accordingly.

Yes, I consent to permissions requested on the Multimedia Consent & Release form No, I do not give permission

I accept the opportunity to represent my county and club at NCACC YouthVoice 2024, to be held August 22-23 in Pitt County. Because the NCACC is covering my costs for attending this event, I understand that I will be asked to pay a \$200 fee if I: (1) withdraw from the event after July 9 without finding a substitute of the same age and gender and notifying the NCACC; (2) do not attend the event; (3) am asked to leave the event; or do not complete the pre-event assignments by August 13, 2025 – or obtain permission from NCACC to submit at a later date.



NCACC YouthVoice

Expectations for Volunteer Chaperones

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YOUTH: PLEASE PROVIDE THIS FORM TO YOUR PROSPECTIVE CHAPERONE

Thank you for your interest in serving as an adult volunteer chaperone for NCACC YouthVoice 2025! Please find below a list of your responsibilities as a chaperone for this event. If you have questions, please contact Jason King at (919) 715-0045 or jason.king@ncacc.org.

- You must register online by July 9 to attend this event. The registration form is online at forms.office.com/r/Qa1PBb08Ac.
- YouthVoice is held in conjunction with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Annual Conference, and you and the youth will be attending several events with elected and appointed county officials. You are responsible for ensuring that the youth under your watch are in their rooms at the time indicated on the agenda, and that those youths are abiding by the 4-H Code of Conduct (nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/4-H_codeofconduct.pdf), as agreed upon on the registration form.
- For Friday's events, you will need to wear at minimum casual dress pants (khakis, for example) or dress skirt along with a YouthVoice T-shirt that you will receive upon check-in. On Saturday, more formal attire – slacks, a collared shirt, a jacket and tie if preferred – is required. Flip-flops are not acceptable at any time during the conference.
- Youth have been instructed to provide you with their Medical Consent Form. You will be responsible for possession of the Medical Consent Forms for the youth(s) under your watch.
- You are responsible for ensuring transportation for the youth under your watch to and from YouthVoice.
- You are expected to participate fully in YouthVoice activities and meals, and attend NCACC sessions. Your help is needed to make this event a success!





NCACC YouthVoice Medical Consent Form

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SUBMIT TO VOLUNTEER CHAPERONE

NAME OF EVENT PARTICIPANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____, NC ZIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____ GENDER: _____

PARENT (or guardian) NAME: _____

ADDRESS (if different from above): _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ WORK PHONE: () _____

CELL PHONE: () _____

ALTERNATE EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ WORK PHONE: () _____

CELL PHONE: () _____

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

Please provide the name of your health/accident insurance carrier(s) and appropriate policy certificate number(s):

NAME OF POLICY CARRIER: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD.

Does this student have any chronic or acute medical problems (circle one)? Y / N

Please explain: _____

List any allergies: _____

List any medications being taken at present time: _____

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT:

My child has permission to attend the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' YouthVoice 2025. In the event of a medical emergency while my child is participating in this event, I _____ (parent or legal guardian) give consent for medical treatment to be provided to _____ (minor child), including but not limited to, treatment at a hospital or other medical facility to which my minor child may be transported. I authorize the information on this form to be released to any healthcare provider. I further authorize any adult acting as an agent, volunteer, or employee of the event organizer to consent to medical care for my minor child in the event that such medical care is deemed necessary.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 2025





NCACC YouthVoice

Multimedia Consent & Release Form

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Complete this form and keep it on file.

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), North Carolina 4-H, a youth development component of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, and participating Boys and Girls Clubs of North Carolina may use photographs, video and audio of NCACC YouthVoice participants and volunteers, and/or printed, electronic or illustrative material produced by participants for promotional, educational, public relations, marketing or accountability purposes in a number of printed or electronic formats, including:

- *CountyQuarterly*, the monthly printed publication of the NCACC that is distributed mainly to county commissioners, county staff, and State of North Carolina elected and appointed leaders;
- the NCACC’s website, www.ncacc.org, and its social media platforms: Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, Vimeo, LinkedIn, and SmugMug;
- the NCACC Annual Conference program and promotional mailings; and
- 4-H newsletters, media presentations or publications produced by 4-H Youth Development or agencies contracted by 4-H in slide, photographic, audio, video, written or illustrated presentations.

In addition, photographs that include YouthVoice participants and volunteers may be distributed to County Managers’ offices for possible distribution to local media outlets.

This form allows you to choose whether you consent to have your images, likeness and/or property included in photographs, and/or video and audio recordings, published or distributed by the NCACC, 4-H and/or Boys and Girls Clubs through the media listed above, and consent to have your name and identity revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

By signing this form, you expressly release the NCACC, and North Carolina State University and its agents, employees, licensees and assigns from any and all claims that you have for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, defamation, copyright infringement, or any other causes of action arising out of the use, adaptation, reproduction, distribution, broadcast or exhibition of such recordings of your image, voice or likeness.

This consent and release is entirely optional, and participants/volunteers who do not give permission remain eligible for YouthVoice participation and for 4-H services, benefits and privileges.

I consent

I decline

Youth Delegate/Volunteer Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If delegate is under the age of 18, permission of the parent or guardian is required.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____