



#### Look for them

As part of the 4-Her's marine biology class, they went crabbing. Here, with nets and strings in the

water, the students are looking for any movement that may indicate their bait has been taken. Many of

the activities at the camp were educational and will undoubtedly help the young men and women as they

pursue scholastic endeavors.

## 4-H camp means more than just summer fun

In July, some Hoke County 4-H members got a taste for marine biology, canoeing and sailing, along with some other activities that young people can only get at summer camp.

The Hoke 4-Hers went to Swansboro's Camp Mitchell for a week of learning and fun.

This county's delegation to Mitchell was the largest in camp during the week of July 8-13 as 61 young people made the trip.

Other delegations from Moore and Montgomery counties together only totaled 100 campers, and they rounded out the entire attendance for the week.

All the 4-H members in camp that week had plenty to keep their time occupied as they participated in activities like swimming, sailing, archery, handicrafts, working with electrical connections and learning new games that are not competitive so everyone wins.

Marine biology was one of the more popular of the courses offered at the camp as campers went crabbing, cooked and ate squid.

Campers were also treated to activities outside of those in camp.

They took field trips to Ft. Macon State park (to the beach) and to a nearby marine resource center.

There were in camp specialties that made the week much more exciting too such as a field day, a swim meet and a scavenger hunt.

There were even five members of the Hoke County delegation that won superior camping awards.

Jeffrey Strother, Kenton Lawson, Vanessa Campbell, Lawrence Ferguson and Linda English walked out of camp with the honor that only a small percentage of campers receive.

About 26 4-Hers from this county left camp with honors in the various regular activities.

Not only did the young people have fun at camp, but they also learned a few things about responsibility while there.

The campers in each cabin had to keep their cabin clean for inspections as well as taking turns with other delegations cleaning off

tables at meal time, cleaning the entire dining hall and recreation hall.

Growing and learning is what the camp was all about, said one adult leader.

About one third of the campers could not swim when they went to camp but all had "progressed" by the end of the week, Alice Pettitt said.

Of course there were counselors from all over the state to assist campers in becoming better at their weak points.

Not all the counselors' faces were unfamiliar.

Raeford's Carmen Fowler and Lisa Upchurch worked at the camp and were always especially happy to work with someone from home.

The adult leaders who donated one week of their time to take the Hoke County youngsters to camp were: Alice Pettitt, director of the 4-H program in Hoke County, Dela Maynor, Terry Williams, James McQueen, Juanita Holland and Wally Majekodunmi, an agricultural intern.



#### Steady there mate!

A camp counselor holds on to the boat while Kenton Lawson (left) and Mark Wamsher climb aboard. Sailing was just one of the water sports in which instruction was given at the 4-H camp. Some of the

delegation from Hoke County came away from camp with awards in sailing and many others learned how for the first time. It is rather like learning to ride a bicycle.



#### Speaks the wizard?

While Jammie Locklear (left) may look like he is casting an evil spell on his companions, Lance Bain (standing) and Fernandez Blackshear, he is actually warming up for a break dance routine. This is just

one of the things that keeps the time spent at summer camp exciting. There were talent shows and contests of some sort going on all week.



#### Home again

After a week away from the grinds of home, most young people are really happy to get back. Such is the case with Cheyanna Wright as she walks toward

parents. The first sight of a life-long familiar face will usually erase all traces of homesickness.