I’ll Be Home for the Holidays

Lyrics, “I’ll be home for…ever.” Well that’s not exactly how the song goes but all joking aside, you will likely be there. For many of us, December brings to mind the hustle and bustle of the holidays, extra time with family and friends, messes in the kitchen, decorations, and likely, extra stress too. Just because you are spending more time at home doesn’t mean you can’t have fun or make memories together. Now more than ever, families need to spend time together. I don’t mean just take up the same space, but actually do things with each other.

The 4-H at Home Holiday Activity Guide will help you do just that. With activities like coding, making ornaments, and helping keep the homeless warm, this activity guide will keep you busy all month long! You can do one activity, or all 15. To bring 4-H home for the holidays, simply visit 4-h.org and click the download activities button on the homepage.

Is the kitchen your happy place? Are you missing the 4-H Holiday Bakeoff like I am this year? You can still have fun in the comfort of your own kitchen baking up some 4-H fun! When you choose to download the holiday activity guide, you also get access to the “4-H at Home Holiday Cookie Making” guide. This offers over 20 cookie recipes from 4-H’ers to 4-H’ers! Add something sweet to your holiday celebrations or start a new family tradition with a cookie swap or bake day.

Want to keep the kitchen a little healthier? On the same website mentioned above, scroll down a little and look for the tab on the right-hand side titled, “Explore Delicious, Simple Recipes from the 4-H Family.” When you click the “download now” button, it will take you to a new page where you can access the Fresh Chefs cookbook, several cooking videos, and a variety of featured recipes that are healthy for the whole family.

After doing an activity, share a picture with me and put it on social media using #4HatHome. 4-H participants that send me pictures before the end of the year will be entered into a drawing for some 4-H swag! If you have any questions about these activity guides or are interested in other 4-H activities, please call me, Catherine Shelley, 4-H Agent, at 910-997-8255 or visit our website at Richmond.ces.ncsu.edu.