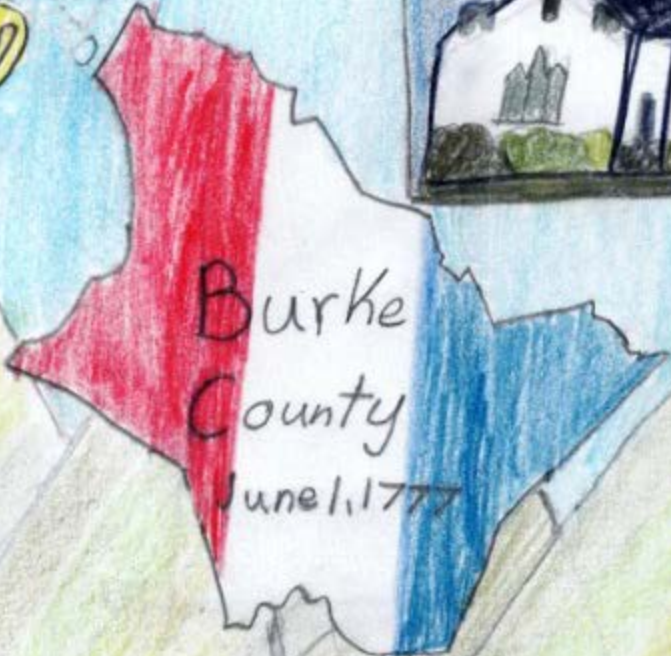


APPLE HILL ORCHARD



Burke  
County  
June 1, 1777



## America 250 NC: County Flag Challenge Essay

**Directions:** Write a short essay (2-3 paragraphs) explaining why your flag represents your county. Include why you chose certain colors, images, symbols, or words. Make sure to write your answers in short paragraph form. **Include your name and school on your submission!**

My flag represents the beauty and history of Burke County. I drew the shape of Burke County and colored it red, white, and blue because that's the colors of the American flag and our school colors. I put June 1, 1777 because this is when Burke County was founded.

Burke County's history is shown on my flag by the Overmountain Men Victory Trail symbol. In 1780, the Overmountain Men met at Catawba Meadows to organize a march to Kings Mountain. The battle was the turning point of the Revolutionary War. I also drew the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese. The Waldensian people left Italy and formed the town of Valdese so they could worship God.

Burke County is a beautiful place to enjoy nature. I drew mountains, a waterfall, and a river because South Mountain State Park is a great place to hike, camp, and enjoy nature. I drew azalea bushes because they grow wild in the mountains and many people use them for landscaping around houses. I have azalea bushes in my own yard. I drew apples because they are my favorite fruit and Apple Hill Orchards is a great place for fresh apples.

I hope you see the beauty and importance of Burke County in my flag.

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