

“4-H NOTES & QUOTES”

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FASHION REVUE AND SHARE THE FUN/PERFORMING ARTS ACTIVITY

The Fashion Revue and Share the Fun/Performing Arts Activity will be held Monday, **January 28**, at the DeWitt Schools Administration Building, 422 W. First, DeWitt. Please call the Extension office by Friday, January 25, to pre-register.



4-H Fashion Revue: Registration for Fashion Revue is 5:45 – 6:00 p.m., with presentations for the judges beginning at 6:00 p.m. The style show will begin at 7:00 p.m. This activity consists of informally modeling garments purchased or constructed by the contestant and a short, informal presentation detailing the cost, use, and how fabrics from which the garments are made should be identified and reasons given for their choice. Presentations should be 1-2 minutes and are delivered without the benefit of notes. Contestants should be prepared to answer the judges' questions about how the competition garments were purchased or fabric was selected. The Fashion Revue activity has two categories, casual and dressy: (1) Casual, for school and casual after-school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are: pants, jeans, skirts, or shorts and tops, jumpsuit, casual or sporty dresses, skirts or pants with casual/sporty jackets, school coats, and coordinated separates (no swimwear) (2) Dressy, for ensembles worn to dressy activities such as church, dinner dates, theater, and job/scholarship interviews. (Note: This category does NOT include garments worn for formal evening events and formal weddings.) Competition garments must be a complete ensemble and must include a top and bottom. Accessories such as ties, belts, scarves, shoes, etc., should be used appropriately to enhance the garment. For more information or a copy of the scorecard, please call the Extension office.

Those participating in Fashion Revue should bring a description of your garment, accessories, and information about the contestant to be read as you model to the DeWitt or Stuttgart Extension office by noon on January 28.

4-H Share the Fun/Performing Arts: Registration for Share the Fun/Performing Arts is 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., with the activity beginning immediately following the style show. Those participating in the 4-H Share the Fun/Performing Arts Activity should provide the name and type of number you plan to perform at the time of registration. Members may perform talent numbers in vocal, instrumental, or dance, or groups or individuals may present a skit or interpretive reading. For more information or a copy of the score sheets, please call the Extension office.

4-H JOURNALS

4-H Journals are due in the county Extension office on **January 22**. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to complete 4-H Journals. No matter how much or how little you have done, we want to see a journal for you. More information is available at: <http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/4Hprojects/Journal/Default.htm>. Call the Extension office if you need help with your record keeping.

Community Conservation Project

Remember to continue saving aluminum cans and bring them to the Extension office. This has been a great 4-H community conservation project! Proceeds are 50% to the Gazebo Fund & 50% to the 4-H Council.

4-H POULTRY CHAIN CHICKS



Arkansas County 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to learn more about chickens, how to grow them and business management skills through the 4-H Poultry Chain program. Any 4-H member who wishes to participate in this program will receive 25 White Leghorn one-day old chickens to care for and keep records of. 4-H'ers agree to return four of the chicks to the county during the County Fair. Chicks are judged, and then Arkansas County 4-H auctions them off. This funding is then used to implement the next year's program. Approximate delivery date is late March-early April. To pre-register, call the Extension office by **January 25**.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Arkansas County 4-H Shooting Sports Club 2007-2008 officers are: President: Addison Jacobs; Vice-President: Tanner Canamore; Secretary: Charli West; and Reporter/Treasurer: Haley Poole.

The Spring Kick-Off meeting for the Arkansas County Shooting Sports Club was held on January 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the DeWitt Extension office. Members learned "Compass and Orienteering Skills" as well as basic map symbols.

All youth interested in Shooting Sports are invited to participate in club activities. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate as well. Currently Arkansas County has adult instructors trained in shotgun, rifle, muzzleloader, pellet pistol and pellet rifle, and we also teach compass and orienteering, hunting safety and wildlife identification. If you are interested in 4-H Shooting Sports, please call the Extension office at 946-3231 or 673-2346.

4-H LEADERS MEETING

4-H adult leaders and officers will meet on Monday, **February 4**, at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension office in DeWitt. Plans will be discussed for the 4-H Banquet.

RICE FOR DUCKS

Participants are reminded that narrative reports are due on **February 15**. Contact the county Extension office if you have questions.

WILDLIFE HABITAT EVALUATION PROGRAM (WHEP)

Are you interested in learning to identify Arkansas wildlife species or learning about wildlife habitats? Then WHEP is for you! WHEP is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to Junior and Senior level (ages 9 – 19) youth in the United States.

Arkansas County 4-H'ers who are interested in the WHEP program will have the opportunity to practice and prepare for the state WHEP competition. The Arkansas WHEP competition will be held on **Friday, April 25**. During practice, participants will learn about wildlife identification, wildlife foods and about interpreting aerial photographs. Kids will also learn to write wildlife management plans and urban management plans.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, please call Carly at the Extension office at 946-3231 or 673-2346.

The WHEP team will meet on the following days:
Thursday, January 17; Thursday, February 28 and Thursday, March 27.

We will also have additional practices during Spring Break and during the month of April before competition.

BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

The topic for this year's contest is "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community". Essayists are encouraged to become familiar with these pollination activities and then survey their communities to see what examples they can find.



4-H Trivia

Call the Extension office now and tell us the name of your 4-H project. The first two 4-H'ers to call the Extension office at 946-3231 or 673-2346 before January 17 at 4:00 p.m. will receive a prize.

Deadline for submission is **February 11**. For more information, call the Extension office.





4-H CHOIR

The Arkansas County 4-H Choir visited Crestpark Nursing Home on December 18. The choir enjoyed singing traditional Christmas Carols to residents and delivering Christmas cards. 4-H Choir members are: (back row) Tanner C., Charli W., Daniel M., Tosha G., Taylor W., (middle row) Heather P., Kailyn F., Haley P., Breanna S., Destiny B., (front row) Samantha R., Kalli S., Cassidy G., and Kayla S.



4-H HAMBURGER SUPPER

Thanks to 4-H members, leaders and parents who helped to make the 4-H Hamburger Supper a great success! We had a great time and added \$973.83 to our treasury. Samantha R. was top ticket salesman.



4-H COUNTY CONVENTION

2007-2008 Jr. and Sr. 4-H Council officers were elected at County Convention. They are: Junior 4-H Council officers - Britton P., President; Tanner C., Vice President; LeeAnn K., Secretary; Kailyn F., Treasurer; Erin W., Reporter. Senior 4-H Council officers - Colbie P., President; Trevor N., Vice President; Jena L., Secretary; Daniel M., Treasurer; Charli W., Reporter.



4-H STATE CAMPS AND EVENTS

The following is a quick reference for upcoming 4-H state camps and events. For more information, contact the Arkansas County Extension Office.

Remember that county scholarships are available for those qualifying whereby the County 4-H Foundation will pay ¾ of the expenses for one camp per year.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS



Citizenship...Washington Focus is a leadership program for high school youth (ages 15-19) from across the country. Every summer thousands of young people stay at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program. CWF can enrich young people's lives by providing opportunities for their world, increase individual commitment to citizen involvement, understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders, practice fitness and have fun.

The date for this year's trip is July 5-12. Applications are due in the county office by January 25. The cost will be \$875 for delegates. Payments should be made to the county office according to the following schedule: January 25, \$400 deposit with application; March 1, balance. Remember county scholarships are available if requirements are met. For more information, contact the county Extension office.

ENTREPRENEUR CAMP

Ever wonder what it takes to start your own business? Ever wanted to go to camp? Then the Entrepreneur Camp may be for you:

Who: 9-12 year olds (4-H and non-4-H)

Cost: Only \$20 (fee covers lodging, meals and supplies)

When: February 15-17, 2008

7:00 p.m. Friday through 1:00 p.m. Sunday

Where: C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center
Ferndale (West Little Rock), AR

What: Learn about starting and running a business
Using the Entre-WHAT? Curriculum

Why: To help students learn about business, money, financial management

To meet new friends/have fun

To educate non-4-H'ers about what 4-H can offer them

To bring in new campers

Applications are due January 25. For more information, call the Extension office.

4-H HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

For the first time, Arkansas 4-H and Kansas 4-H will be teaming together to conduct a joint 4-H High Adventure Program and Trip. Crews made up of 4-H youth and volunteers from each state will have the opportunity to experience this challenging program together.

If you want ADVENTURE...THINK 4-H! If you want a CHALLENGE...THINK 4-H! If you want the ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE...THINK 4-H HIGH ADVENTURE! Interested in a challenge...one that requires outdoor skills in firemaking, compass reading, outdoor cookery, safety and working with other people? A challenge demanding physical conditioning to take on mountain hikes of 4-5 miles a day carrying a 35-45 pound pack? The 2008 4-H High Adventure Backpacking Program can offer you those challenges.

The 4-H High Adventure Program is an outdoor leadership program for teens. The purpose is to develop character and integrity in young people through the teaching of teamwork, leadership, and outdoor skills, and the program allows them to share their knowledge and skills with others. It is a comprehensive education program that encompasses many 4-H project areas and develops in young people an appreciation for and respect of the outdoors, animal life and other areas of nature.

A required, one-day training will be held in March for participants and parents, along with a weekend training for all participants in April. The climax is a nine-day trip to the Pecos Wilderness area in New Mexico, July 29 - August 6, 2008. The Pecos Wilderness, northeast of Santa Fe, New Mexico, is located in both the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests and encompasses approximately 230,000 acres. Plans are to have four to six backpacking crews. Two days of the trip will be spent in Amarillo, Texas, with tours and a trip to the Palo Duro Canyon to see the Texas Musical Drama. Additional information on health and physical requirements for participants is available at the Extension office. Applications are due in the county office by January 25.



4-H PROJECTS

When selecting a 4-H project, consider the following:

- Interests, needs, and capabilities of the member
- Opportunity for sufficient challenge and growth
- Family situation
- Availability of adequate financing
- Availability of equipment and space
- Availability of leadership for the project

Most of these projects have a project manual that will guide the family in learning fundamentals and opening doors to other opportunities. Each manual is developed with age-appropriate materials and projects. The activities and projects outlined in the manual can then be entered in the county fair and other activities throughout the year.

4-H project work can be accomplished very easily by developing a simple plan to accomplish one project/activity each month during the year.

Check out the county website at <http://www.uaex.edu/arkansas>





Pride of Gillett 4-H Club

Pride of Gillett 4-H Club met on December 13 for a Christmas party with eleven youth participating. Club members provided wrapping paper, Scotch tape, tags, bows and boxes for wrapping gifts contributed to the Gillett Christmas Angel Tree. Members played Christmas games and enjoyed refreshments provided by Jacey W.

Spirit of '76 4-H Club

Spirit of '76 4-H Club held their annual Christmas party on December 19. Members enjoyed playing Bingo and making a grapevine wreath tree ornament while eating pizza, dip, chips, cookies and punch. Instead of a gift exchange, toys were brought and donated to Dana's House. The next meeting will be January 16 at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

Arkansas County 4-H offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, or disability.

Sincerely,

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More Dates To Remember

<i>WHEP Team</i>	<i>January 17</i>
<i>Citizenship Washington Focus Applications due</i>	<i>January 25</i>
<i>Entrepreneur Camp Applications due</i>	<i>January 25</i>
<i>4-H High Adventure Applications due</i>	<i>January 25</i>
<i>Beekeeping Essay Contest deadline</i>	<i>February 11</i>
<i>Rice for Ducks Reports due</i>	<i>February 15</i>
<i>Method Demonstration</i>	<i>February 25</i>
<i>WHEP Team</i>	<i>February 28</i>
<i>4-H Banquet</i>	<i>March 10</i>
<i>WHEP Team</i>	<i>March 27</i>
<i>WHEP Competition</i>	<i>April 26</i>

