

“4-H NOTES & QUOTES”

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The 4-H Motto:

“To make the best better”

Dates to Remember:

*Nature Photography
June 18*

*SE Regional O-Rama
June 20*

*Clover Bud Camp
June 24*

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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL O-RAMA

4-H Regional O-Rama is right around the corner! It is called, “Arkansas 4-H Extravagana-100 years in the making.” The event is open to both Junior and Senior 4-H members and provides an opportunity for 4-H’ers to exhibit the skills they have developed through their project work in a variety of competitive activities. 4-H’ers may compete in one activity. Listed below are competitive activities to be conducted. Also listed are those who have already qualified for competition. Some areas are still open and need to be filled as soon as possible. Please contact one of the county agents or your club leader if you would like to participate in one of the open areas. Southeast Regional O-Rama is Friday, June 20, at UAPB in Pine Bluff. Call the Extension office now to register.

Activity	Junior	Senior
Agri-Business Public Speaking		
Animal Science		
Baitcasting & Game Fish ID	Erin S.	
Bicycle Activity	Kalli S.	
Citizenship		
Consumer Economics	Taven C.	
Crop & Seed ID		Colbie P.
Entomology-(Collection)		
Entomology- “Let’s Talk About Bugs”	Britton P.	
Environmental Stewardship		
Fashion Revue	Kailyn F.	Trevor N.
Food Fair		Charli W.
Forestry		
Gun Safety/BB Shooting	Addison J.	Daniel M.
Health		
Horse Activity		
Human Development		
Ornamental Horticulture	Tanner C.	
Pet Care & Training		Daniel R.
Performing Arts	Cara H.	
Public Speaking		
Reel Into Sport Fishing	LeeAnn K.	
Safety Activity		Stacey B.
Technology Showcase		
Veterinary Science		

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DISTRICT JOURNAL WINNERS

Congratulations to 2008 District Journal winners! They will be recognized at Southeast Regional O-Rama on June 20 at UAPB. Beginner: Taven C., Photography; Intermediate: Charli W., Child Development; Daniel M., Beef; Daniel R., Pet Care and Advanced: Stacey B., Child Development.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

ARKANSAS COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 4-H Promotion Month Award: 1st Place - Searcy County 4-H Clubs; 2nd Place - Arkansas County 4-H Clubs; 3rd Place - Columbia County 4-H Clubs. Special thanks to the 4-H Teen Leaders for compiling the Arkansas County 4-H Promotion Report. Arkansas County will be recognized at Southeast Regional O-Rama on June 20.

YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

Arkansas County 4-H Shooting Sports members will participate in YHEC 2008 on June 6 & 7 at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale.



NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Photography is fun and helps kids look more carefully at the world around them. If you have a digital camera and want to learn more about how to use it, we have a workshop for you. A Nature Photography Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, for ages 9–19. The workshop will be held at the White River National Refuge Visitor Center at St. Charles with the program by Matt Conner, Interpretative Park Ranger. Digital cameras will be provided, and participants will learn about techniques for digital photography. Snacks will be provided. Two sessions will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided for each session. Space is limited, so register now for one of the sessions. Participation will be on a first-come first-served basis. The deadline to pre-register is Thursday, June 12.

4-H FUN DAY

Arkansas County 4-H has been invited to attend a 4-H Fun Day at Arkansas Post on Friday, June 13. 4-H members from Desha, Drew, Chicot and Ashley counties are hosting the event. After a program conducted by park staff, there will be a craft geared towards the 4-H Centennial Celebration and lunch. **Transportation will have to be on your own!** The program starts at 9:30 a.m. and concludes with lunch. If you are interested in attending, please call the Extension office to sign up by Tuesday, June 10.

ARKANSAS 4-H OUTLOOK

The Arkansas 4-H Outlook is a way to advise the public about youth and 4-H opportunities. The newsletter is located at: <http://www.kidsarus.org/newsletters/Outlook/default.htm>

CLOVER BUD CAMP

Attention all Clover Buds! Join us for a fun-filled day for ages 5–8 on Tuesday, June 24. We will have lots of fun and games, lunch and a movie. We will be watching “Charlotte’s Web.” Feel free to bring a blanket and pillow to get comfortable for the show. The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m. We hope you will join in the fun!!!



INTERESTED IN HORSES?

Coming up on July 17, the Arkansas County Extension Office will be hosting a 4-H Horse Program at 6:00 p.m. at Camp Doughboy. If you are interested in being part of a 4-H Horse Club, please make plans to attend this informative event. Also, if you know other youth or adults interested in horses, this will be a program they won’t want to miss. Please pass this date on to others interested, and watch for more information in the near future.

2008 4-H DAY WITH THE ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

Join Arkansas 4-H for a day of fun with the Arkansas Razorbacks and celebrate the Arkansas 4-H Centennial on Saturday, August 30: Arkansas Razorbacks vs. Western Illinois. Tailgate picnic before the game on the patio and lawn of the Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences Building. Tickets are \$45 and may be picked up at the State 4-H Office or mailed to you for \$2 shipping (per ticket). Order deadline is August 1. For more information or an order form, contact the county Extension office.

4-H CENTENNIAL BIKE RIDE

Remember to save Saturday, September 27, so you can help the Big Dam Bridge 100 bike ride celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Arkansas! You can participate by signing up as a rider, volunteering at a rest stop or being a spectator at the finish line. For more information, contact the county Extension office.

4-H CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS

4-H Centennial T-shirts are available to order through the county Extension office. Orders and payment must be made to the county Extension office.

Centennial Logo T-Shirts

- Natural color (Ivory) short-sleeve shirt
- Centennial Logo on left chest, 4-H clover on left sleeve, large Centennial logo on back (see above for logo details)
- s-xl \$8; 2xl \$10; 3xl \$10





4-H RALLY DAY

4-H Rally Day was held at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds on Thursday, May 29. Those participating were: Baitcasting - Charli W., Sr. Sweepstakes; Erin S., Jr. Sweepstakes; LeeAnn K.; Addison J.; Jasmine W.; Madelyn B.; Kayla S.. Bicycle - Kalli S., Jr. Sweepstakes; Greg W.; Riley B.; Kailyn F.; Madelyn B.; John Austin H.; Emily J.; Breanna M.; Kayla S. BB Shoot/Gun Safety – Daniel M., Sr. Sweepstakes; Addison J., Jr. Sweepstakes; Cody J.; Charli W.; Stacey B.; Erin S.; Riley B.; Greg W.; Derek K.; Kalli S.; LeeAnn K.; Jasmine W.; Kailyn F.; John Austin H.; Breanna M.; Kaitlyn P.; Michael P.

CLOVER COUNTRY CD

4-H's Clover Country CD is now available! Some of country music's biggest stars have come together in a new country compilation CD aimed at generating awareness and support for 4-H! The album is now available for sale through www.countryclovercd.com (via the 4-H Mall).

The CD has already been featured in more than 30 print, online, radio and TV media outlets, including a feature on CMT Insider, which will be available for viewing, along with all of the media clips about Clover Country, which can be accessed through the clover country website soon!

CLOVER CORNER NEWS

Check out the March edition of Clover Corner News, 4-H's national online newsletter, at: www.4hblogs.org/ccn

MISS ARKANSAS COUNTY RICE

Colbie P. was crowned "2008 Miss Arkansas County Rice." Colbie's responsibilities are to promote the cookery and use of rice in the county. If you would like Colbie to come to your club and present a program, please call the Extension office.



4-H CENTENNIAL GALA

Join us for a once-in-a-century event on Saturday, September 25, 2008, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock to celebrate Arkansas 4-H, its youth and supporters. This Banquet of the Century is the culmination of the yearlong Arkansas 4-H Centennial Celebration.

The 4-H Centennial Gala is a formal, green-tie and gown affair that will provide much-needed funding for the 4-H program and its scholarships. Governor Mike Beebe has been invited to deliver the keynote address.

Each year, the Arkansas 4-H Foundation provides \$60,000 in scholarships to our youth. These scholarship are essential for many 4-H'ers, who would otherwise have to miss critical educational opportunities.

The gala will provide 4-H supporters an opportunity for an elegant evening while contributing to a program that has touched generations of Arkansas youth. For more information visit www.arkids.org/centennial or call the county Extension office.



DISCOVERY EDUCATION/ 3M YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE

Discovery Communications and 4-H are teaming up to bring more science, engineering and technology opportunities to millions of America's young people.

As a first step in this exciting partnership, 4-H'ers have a great opportunity to participate in the **Discovery Education/3M Young Scientist Challenge**, the premiere middle school science competition in the nation. This competition is for students in fifth through eighth grades and is designed to encourage a passion for science and to promote the importance of science communication. Discovery Education and 3M are, like 4-H, committed to engaging America's youth in science, engineering and technology education. For full entry details and more on the **Discovery Education/3M Young Scientist Challenge**, please see www.discoveryeducation.com/youngscientist. The deadline for entry is June 15, 2008.

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!

THE ARKANSAS 4-H FOUNDATION, INC. C.A. VINES ARKANSAS 4-H CENTER COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Arkansas 4-H Foundation, Inc., has scholarships available to assist 4-H members to attend camp at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. All applicants must complete the 4-H Camp Scholarship application in order to be eligible for this scholarship. Application forms are available at: <http://www.kidsarus.org/newsletters/Outlook/default.htm>

The following guidelines should be followed:

- The scholarship is for 4-H members in the community, project, school or after-school 4-H clubs who have an economic hardship.
- Only one scholarship will be granted per year, per individual.
- Scholarship applications for the 2008 camp year will be due June 5, 2008.
- Scholarship applications will be evaluated, and county Extension offices will be notified of recipients.
- In the event that all scholarship funds for the current year are exhausted, county offices will be notified that the money is no longer available.

Applications should be submitted from the county Extension offices to The Arkansas 4-H Foundation, Inc.



4-H EVENTS

Arkansas County 4-H Camp Scholarships Available

The following is a quick reference for upcoming 4-H state camps and events.

For more information, contact the Arkansas County Extension Office.



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

Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum – The Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is scheduled for October 1–5, 2008, at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. Participants include parents/adult volunteers from 13 southern states, Puerto Rico, Grenada, and the Virgin Islands. The Arkansas delegation will leave/travel on October 1 and return on October 5.

The theme of the 2008 Forum, "4-H: A Taste for All" will allow you to enhance your involvement in 4-H. Through workshops, speakers, fun shops and just plain networking, you will have the opportunity to expand your capabilities, strengthen your vision, refresh the perspectives of your work and enrich your personal agenda. The primary purpose of the forum is to educate and prepare participants to share what they learned back home. Participants benefit from the experiential learning activities, which require them to discuss, use and apply what they learn. The ultimate application is for individuals and teams to teach others.

Registration fee for delegates is \$220 per delegate (excluding transportation). This fee includes all meals and lodging on-site. Travel/Transportation fees (approximately \$150) will be based on the number of delegates participating. 4-H parents and volunteers interested in applying for this activity should contact the county Extension office by June 23.



Pride of Gillett 4-H Club

The Pride of Gillett 4-H Club met at the Gillett Elementary School on May 22. Tammie O. and Leslie J. presented the program on Rabbits. Members enjoyed feeding the rabbits and learning how to care for them. Alta Lockley, 4-H Program, presented information on 4-H Journals.

Spirit of '76 4-H Club

Spirit of 76 4-H'ers enjoyed a fun day at DeWitt City Park for their final meeting before summer break. Pizza, chips, soft drinks and popsicles were served to the 18 members attending. Games of sandwich ball relay, hula hoop chain and beach ball toss were enjoyed by all.



**July 17
July 23-25**

**Horse Program
State O-Rama**

LIFE SKILLS THROUGH 4-H

Experience in 4-H helps persons develop life skills.

What Are Life Skills? A life skill is an ability that makes a difference in everyday living. Many writers have tried to define life skills:

- A life skill equips a person to perceive and respond to significant life events.
- A life skill is a competency that enables a person to live in an interdependent society.
- A life skill equips a person to be self-directing and productive, to lead a satisfying life and to contribute to society.
- A life skill enables a person to function effectively in a changing world.

Life skills include feelings about one's self and skills for coping; self-esteem and coping skills are essential to human survival, productivity and community. Life skills are personal – an expression of the self. Life skills are interpersonal – including relationships with others, problem solving and participation in the larger human community. A life skill is an expression of the whole person; a person with ability to live well has life skills. Life skills:

- Require thinking or reasoning, the use of one's mind.
- Express feelings, are rooted in one's emotions.
- Symbolize attitudes, reveal one's posture toward others and life.
- Are actions well performed: behaviors in which thought and feelings and attitudes find a unified expression.

A skill is something a person does – “a behavioral manifestation” of the self. A life skill increases proficiency of living; life skills make a difference in quality of life.

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

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