

“4-H NOTES & QUOTES”

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The 4-H Motto:

“To make the best better”

Dates to Remember:

*4-H Rally Day
May 29*

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RALLY DAY

4-H Rally Day is scheduled for Thursday May 29 at the County Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m., with the Bicycle, BB Shooting and Baitcasting competitions starting at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the 4-H Council. **Don't forget – call now to pre-register!** Those who do not pre-register will only be allowed to participate in one event. To compete in two events, 4-H'ers must call the Extension office at 946-3231 or 673-2346 to pre-register no later than Tuesday, May 27.



Baitcasting & Game Fish Identification - The purpose of this activity is to create an interest in fishing. This will be accomplished in two ways: (1) by testing the participants' basic knowledge of fish identification (juniors will identify five common Arkansas fish and seniors 10) and fish anatomy (juniors and seniors will identify five basic anatomical features of fish); (2) by testing the participants' skill at casting, thus encouraging improved accuracy. This important skill is essential for successful fishing. Participants are required to bring their fishing rod; practice plugs will be furnished. For more information, publications are available at the Extension office.

Bicycling - This activity is designed to teach 4-H youth safe bicycle habits, and offer an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of bicycles, and to show their skills of riding a bicycle. This will be demonstrated by riding the bicycle rodeo courses: (1) Straight line test, (2) Double obstacle test, (3) Double zigzag obstacle test, (4) Figure-eight steering, and (5) City Street course. There is also a short written exam and a parts identification section. Participants are required to bring their own bicycle. Again, more information is available at the Extension office.

BB Shooting - This activity is to offer 4-H members the opportunity to learn safe gun handling, proper care of guns, and rules of gun safety. The BB gun target shooting contest and a brief examination will offer 4-H members the opportunity to demonstrate their skill in target shooting and their knowledge of gun safety. This activity consists of three parts: (1) A general gun safety session to discuss gun safety rules, safe handling and care of guns, four basic shooting positions and shooting range procedures, (2) a brief written examination and (3) target shooting. Do not bring your own gun. All guns, BB's, pencils and targets will be furnished. More information is available from the Extension office.

TORNADO DISASTER HELP

We express our care and concern for the victims of the recent tornado in Stuttgart and outlying areas of Arkansas County. As you know, 4-H lent a helping hand. Supplies were purchased by the Arkansas County 4-H Leaders Council and taken to the tornado relief center for distribution to those in need. Items donated included water, canned food, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, bleach, gloves and trash bags. Way to go, Arkansas County 4-H!

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. Winners will be recognized at their respective Regional O'Ramas.

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 by May 25.

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

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. This feature on CMT Insider will soon be available for viewing through the Clover County website along with all of the media clips about Clover Country!

CLOVER CORNER NEWS

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

GIANT PUMPKINS & WATERMELONS

4-H'ers participating in the Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Contest are: Colby Turner, Maggie Holzhauser, Alex Trites, Daniel McFerrin, Tripp Rodgers, Taven Canamore, Tanner Canamore, Jase Ringo, Kailyn Fish, and Charli West. Seeds will be available from the Extension office with instructions for planting, cultivating, fertilizing, etc. soon. Planting dates are May 1 – 31 to harvest by fair time.



ATV ESSAY COMPETITION FOR YOUTH

Knowing how to correctly operate an ATV can mean the difference between a successful day in the field or a trip to the hospital. The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture is offering Arkansas youth a chance to show how much they know about ATV safety through an essay contest offered this spring. The ATV safety essay contest has two categories, one for youth up to age 12 and one for ages 12 to the high school senior level. The essays will be scored on the basis of 50 points, with 20 points awarded for originality, 10 points for improvements/innovation, 10 points for grammar/style and 10 points for the safety issues considered or similar.

Category A: Eligible Drivers (For ages 11 and under)

Your essay theme for this category is "Why would you want to ride an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)?" Points to include in your essay:

- What you would like to do before you get on the ATV? Will you go get training? If yes, when and where?
- Why would you wear safety gear?
- Why you would not want your younger brothers, sisters and friends to ride with you? Why you would not ride in tandem and not drive the ATV on pavement?
- Why should you listen to advice from experienced riders and adults?
- Why would you watch the safety videos or read safety instructions and operating manuals?

Category B: Experienced Drivers (For ages 12 to high school senior in 2007-2008 school year)

Your essay theme in this category is: "What have you learned from your ATV experience that others should know?" The essay should reflect the experience, lessons learned through mistakes, if you made any mistakes and what you could have done to prevent the accident or injuries from those mistakes. Points to include are:

- What you did before riding the ATV; did you undergo safety training? If yes, when and where?
- Did you follow the advice of adults and experienced riders?
- Did you watch the safety videos? Did you ask many questions to your parents, elder brothers or sisters, grandparents if they were around?
- Did you read the operating manual and safety instructions?
- Would you have any suggestions to the ATV manufacturer?

Prizes

Certificates and other prizes will be given to the top three winners in each category. Winners' names and their essays will be posted on the Cooperative Extension Web site: <http://www.uaex.edu>, All Terrain Vehicle Association Web site: <http://www.atva.com> and 4-H ATV Safety Web site: <http://www.atv-youth.org>

Rules and regulations

The essay should be no more than 1,500 words. A panel of five judges will rate the essays and their decision will be final. The deadline for submissions to the County Extension office is Thursday, May 29.

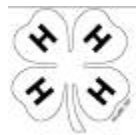


ROSS FOUNDATION 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND EXHIBIT

The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Exhibit provides an opportunity for Arkansas 4-H'ers to demonstrate, compete, and exhibit their photography skills. All 4-H members age 9 – 19 are eligible. Each 4-H member may enter two color photographs (one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category if two are entered) and two black-and-white photographs (one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category if two are entered). Four county winners are selected – one in each category. Photographs entered in the Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Exhibit MUST be of scenes or subjects in Arkansas. The pictures must have been taken during the current contest year. Date, location, and negative MUST accompany photograph. Cash awards are presented to winners. Photos are due in the County Extension office by June 2.

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>



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.

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 can 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.

SCOTT TRACTOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIP



Jena L. is this year's recipient of the Scott Tractor 4-H Scholarship. This \$1,500 scholarship is available to a graduating senior involved in 4-H and attending college. Congratulations to Jena!

4-H LEADERS MEETING

The May 5 4-H Leaders Meeting was called to Order by Pricilla Bennett. Minutes were approved as written. Treasurer's Report was given by Brandi Danner. Under business, a survey of the 4-H Banquet was conducted. Members stated we need to plan for more people or do something about the extra people who were there. For example, if we are seating 120, we need to have placemats, etc for 120 people. A suggestion was made to charge extra guests and grandparents \$5 each. This was the amount that most people were noted as being willing to pay. The food and décor were noted as excellent.

A motion was made and approved to have a group of 4-Her's in the County Fair parade with the banner and balloons, etc. A motion was also made and approved to have a special section in the Stuttgart and DeWitt newspapers all about 4-H during October. The Stuttgart Daily leader has agreed to this and we will contact DeWitt Era Enterprise.

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting is August 4.

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!

MISS ARKANSAS COUNTY RICE

Colbie P. was crowned "2008 Miss Arkansas County Rice" on May 19. Colbie is the daughter of Bill and Cindy P. of Humphrey. Her rice dish is "Cuban 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 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 three-fourths of the expenses for one camp per year.

Forestry & Wildlife Camp -- 4-H Forestry & Wildlife Camp to be held June 23–26. This camp offers junior 4-H members (ages 10 – 13 by January 1) a unique outdoor educational experience at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center. The purpose of the camp is to familiarize the campers with natural resources and environmental concepts so that they will be better informed citizens of tomorrow. The cost is \$150. Applications are due June 2. For more information, call the County Extension office.

District 4-H Horse Show -- The 2008 Southeast District 4-H Horse Show will be held on Thursday, June 5 at Hestand Stadium in Pine Bluff beginning at 8 a.m.

State 4-H Horse Show -- The 2008 Arkansas 4-H Horse Show will be held July 7 – 10 at the Saline County Fairgrounds in Benton.



May 29
June 20
July 23-25

4-H Rally Day
SE District O'Rama
State O'Rama



Pride of Gillett 4-H Club

The Pride of Gillett 4-H Club met at the Gillett Elementary School on April 2. Leslie J. presented the program on her 4-H Geocaching project - high tech treasure hunting with the help of a Global Position Satellite (GPS) device. Leslie showed members how she can track her travel bug "Spec" as he travels to Hershey, Pennsylvania via the internet. The meeting concluded with a scavenger hunt to help the members understand the basics of geocaching. On April 29, Alta Lockley, 4-H Program Assistant presented a "Health Rocks!" program for club members. The next meeting will be May 22.

Spirit of '76 4-H Club

Mrs. Donna Hoskyn gave an informative program on "Manners" at the April meeting. Members learned how to give a hearty handshake, the correct way to set the table, and basic table manners. Twenty-four members answered roll call by naming their favorite after school snack. Kayla & Kalli S., Samantha R., Julie C., and Cody J. reported on their 4-H poultry chain chicks. Tanner C. gave a demonstration on how to make cheese dip. The next meeting will be May 21.

4-H is a **community**
of **young**
people
across **America**
who are learning
leadership,
citizenship and
life skills.



Corner

CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship is the relationship between you and others, as demonstrated by the following:

1. The way you think, feel, and act toward your family, other 4-H'ers, your school and church groups, and other people in your community.
2. Activities that help foster greater understanding of the role of a community citizen.
3. Activities that contribute to the welfare of your local 4-H club, individuals in your community or the community as a whole.
4. The 4-H'er shows good citizenship by working with people to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a good citizen. Citizenship activities can include helping an individual or a group, or carrying out a project individually.
5. Being a positive role model for younger members.
6. Doing the right thing for the right reason.



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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