

“4-H NOTES & QUOTES”

Arkansas County 4-H Newsletter

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OCTOBER IS 4-H PROMOTION MONTH

The 4-H Motto:

“To make the best better”

Dates to Remember:

4-H Promotion Month
October

4-H Hamburger Supper
October 9

Enter State Fair
4-H Pumpkin/Watermelon
October 11

4-H Appreciation Coffee
October 14

4-H Day
Arkansas State Fair
October 18

4-H Convention
October 20

October is 4-H promotion month, and it provides us an opportunity to let others in the community know what 4-H is all about. 4-H youth from across the nation will be “Keeping It Green” as they celebrate 2008 National 4-H Week, October 5–11, by raising awareness about environmental issues and initiating environmental projects that make a positive difference in their communities. Each club is encouraged to plan some type of special 4-H promotion activity. As you are planning and participating in the activity, please include the news media, and tell everyone about 4-H.



ARKANSAS COUNTY CLEAN-UP

Arkansas County residents wanting to do something to improve the look of the county will get a chance at the Arkansas County Clean-Up on September 27, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Get a group together....and help clean up Arkansas County! Interested groups may sign up by calling Ruby Allen at 946-4321 at the Arkansas County Judges Office in DeWitt.

4-H HAMBURGER SUPPER



The 4-H Hamburger Supper is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds in DeWitt.

TICKETS – Please help make our event successful by selling tickets. Tickets are available to pick up at the Extension office in DeWitt. The 4-H member to sell the most tickets will receive a \$10 cash prize. Ticket money or unsold tickets should be turned in by Monday, October 6.

WORKERS – We need everyone to help – members, leaders, and parents. Please be at the fairgrounds at 4:30 p.m. We will begin serving at 5:00 p.m. Members will take orders while adults will do the cooking. It will be fun, so please plan to come be a part!

4-H APPRECIATION COFFEE

The Annual 4-H Appreciation Coffee for all those that support 4-H will be held on Tuesday, October 14, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Arkansas County Courthouse in DeWitt. Please remember to bring refreshments to the Courthouse by 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to stay and assist with serving. Also, we need several 4-H'ers available for a picture at 9:15 a.m. with Judge Cox signing the 4-H proclamation.

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4-H DAY AT STATE FAIR

4-H Day at State Fair will be Saturday, October 18. Registration is at 9:30 a.m., and the events will begin at 10:00 a.m. 4-H Day activities are limited to one Junior and one Senior entry (individual or team depending upon the activity) per county. 4-H members registered and participating in 4-H Day at State Fair will receive a State Fair gate pass. Events include Consumer Judging, Entomology Exhibits, Poultry BBQ Contest, Livestock Skills Contest and STEM activities.

Beginning this year during 4-H Day at the State Fair, STEM activities will be open to the public for hands-on participation. Five hands-on STEM activities will be continual during a five-hour period (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) for the public to participate. County teams will work with a 4-H officer to conduct an activity. Each of the five activities will have a county team of three to assist the public with the activity. Counties can sign up for two-hour shifts beginning at 9:30 a.m. for set-up and ending at 3:30 p.m. at take-down. Arkansas County 4-H'ers interested in volunteering to assist with STEM activities should call the county Extension office.

County Extension agents will work with youth registering to participate in the 4-H Day State Fair activities to prepare for competition. Deadline to register is Monday, September 29, at 12:00 noon. For more information, call the county Extension office.

ARKANSAS COUNTY WEBSITE

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

4-H COUNTY CONVENTION

Just what is a County Convention anyway? This is a citizenship activity where we go through the process of electing a 4-H County Council. 4-H members nominate themselves for an office (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter) on the Junior or Senior Council. Only one member of each club may run for each office. Campaign speeches are given, and each community 4-H club will have two voting delegates. These delegates cast their votes after discussing the candidates with the rest of their club members.



County officers serve an important role. County officers meet and plan county activities as well as have fun. Now is the time for 4-H'ers to consider running for office. County Convention will be held on Monday, October 20, at the Arkansas County Courthouse in DeWitt. Registration will be from 6:00

to 6:30 p.m., and the convention will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Remember that only one member of each club may run for each office. Officers are: President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter for both Junior and Senior Council. Campaign speeches are given and each community 4-H club will have two voting delegates. These delegates cast their votes, after they caucus with the rest of their club members. We would encourage each club to have a member run for each office. Deadline for filing your application to run for office is Friday, October 17. Please contact your club leader and fill out an application and return it now. (Applications are available at the Extension office.) Clubs will need to designate two members as voting delegates.

ARKANSAS 4-H OUTLOOK

The *Arkansas 4-H Outlook* advises about youth and 4-H opportunities: <http://www.kidsarus.org/newsletters/Outlook/default.htm>

COUNTY FAIR WINNERS

Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who had entries in the County Fair!



- ❖ 4-H Poultry Chain: Riley M., Grand Champion; Samantha R., Reserve Grand Champion; Tripp R., Blue; Cody J. and Daniel M., Red
- ❖ 4-H Pumpkins: Will P., Sweepstakes; Colbie P. and Jase R., Blue; Rob P. and Britton P., Red.
- ❖ 4-H Watermelons: Colby T., Sweepstakes; Colbie P., Britton P., and Charli W., Blue.

The top two county winning pumpkins & watermelons qualified as entries for the State Fair Weigh-In on Saturday, October 11, at 9:00 a.m.

Congratulations to the 4-H clubs that had an educational booth. They were: Arkansas County 4-H Teen Leaders, Sweepstakes; Razorbacks, Blue; Prairie Angels, Blue; Pride of Gillett, Red; Spirit of '76, White.

4-H CENTENNIAL HOT WHEELS 100-MILE BIKE RIDE

The Final Ride of the 4-H Hot Wheels 100 Youth Riding Program will be held at the Big Dam Bridge 100 on September 27 to celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Arkansas!

Community Conservation Project

Remember to continue saving aluminum cans and bring them to the Extension office for recycling. This has been a great 4-H community conservation project!

4-H CENTENNIAL GALA

The 4-H Centennial Gala, a once-in-a-century event, will be held on Saturday, September 27, 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 year-long Arkansas 4-H Centennial Celebration.

4-H DAY WITH THE UAPB GOLDEN LIONS

Join Jefferson County 4-H for a day of fun with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Golden Lions as we wrap up our celebration of National 4-H Week, 2008. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th – UAPB Golden Lions vs. Jackson State University. Kick-off is at 4:00 p.m. The Golden Lions Stadium is located on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Tickets are: \$7 youth, \$10 adults. Join us in the 4-H section for the fun! Orders must be placed by October 6. For more information, contact the county Extension office.

ATV ESSAY COMPETITION FOR YOUTH



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.

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. Certificates and other prizes will be given to the top three winners in each category.

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 in the county Extension office is October 27. Contact the county Extension office for more information.

GREAT ARKANSAS CLEAN-UP YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

The Great Arkansas Clean-up is holding a Youth Poster Contest for students in grades K-5. Keep Arkansas Beautiful and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service are sponsoring the poster contest to involve students, increase awareness and educate the public that litter and using illegal dumping sites have a harmful effect on the environment and Arkansas' quality of life. The poster contest can also emphasize the positive effects of recycling and beautification (tree

planting, butterfly gardening and flower gardening). All artwork should be original, with no copyrighted characters. Posters must be these dimensions: 8½ x 11 inches or standard letter size. Prizes will be awarded in two divisions: Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5. Posters should be received in the county Extension office by October 24. For more information, contact the county Extension office.



4-H ENROLLMENT

All 4-H members are reminded to fill out annual enrollment forms. This will require parent's participation, so show your responsibility to your leaders and be sure they are returned. *All 4-H members who return their completed forms to the Extension office by November 15 will receive a prize.*

When completing your enrollment, be sure to fill in your project. Project work helps you determine your interests and develop skills in areas in which you are most interested. After you complete a project book, turn it in to the Extension office. *4-H members receive a Gold Dollar upon completion of a project book, followed by an Annual Pizza Party for those completing project books.* Thanks for your cooperation.

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.

Arkansas County 4-H Camp Scholarships Available:
*Remember, county scholarships are available for those qualifying whereby the County 4-H Foundation will pay ¾ of the expenses for one Jr. camp per year and two Sr. camps per year.

Fall 4-H Parent/Volunteer Forum: The 2008 Fall 4-H Parent and Volunteer Forum scheduled for November 7–8 at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center is just around the corner. The forum is sponsored by the Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders' Association.

The theme is "Continuing the Tradition in the New Century." The theme will allow you to enhance your involvement in 4-H. There will be educational workshops, fun shops, updates from the state office, and networking with other parents and volunteers from across the state. This will be a great opportunity to expand your knowledge and learn new ideas to take back to your local and county

clubs. Youth are also invited to participate in the Fall Forum, as specific youth workshops have been planned. The Forum will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, and conclude on Saturday, November 8, at 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$50 and is due October 15. For more information contact the county Extension office.

Fall Hiking Trek: A new school year is underway and fall is in the air. Fall is an excellent time to go backpacking! The Fall Hiking Trek is a great opportunity for any 4-H'er interested in learning about backpacking. The Fall Hiking Trek will be held October 3–5 at Mt. Magazine State Park for 13–19 year olds and adults who want to attend with their child. (Everyone will be responsible for his or her transportation to and from the park.) Participants will be introduced to backpacking, tent camp at a campground on Friday night, backpack into our camping area Saturday, and come off the trail Sunday morning. Cost is \$50 per person. Applications are due now and will be received on a first-come first-served basis.

National 4-H Conference: The National 4-H Conference is an annual event planned and conducted by the National 4-H Headquarters located in the Families, 4-H, and Nutrition Unit of the Cooperatives State Research, Education, and Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The purpose of the conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension system to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and nation levels. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the U.S., its territories and the Canadian Provinces. The conference will be March 28–April 2, 2009, at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 of the current calendar year and not have had their 19th birthday by January 1 of next year. Preference will be given to those youth who have one year of 4-H eligibility left. Cost is \$210. Applications are due September 29. For more information, contact the county Extension office.

Kansas City 4-H Global Conference: The dates for the 2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, are March 18–21. Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1. Because speakers, workshops, and tours vary from year-to-year, youth who have attended in the past may apply for the conference. However, preference will be given to those who have never attended. The cost for youth and adults is \$385. Applications are

due October 31. For more information, contact the county Extension office.



TIME TO THINK ABOUT 4-H JOURNALS

As you begin to think about preparing 4-H Journals with your 4-H'ers, here are a few reminders to consider:

1. Go to <http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/4Hprojects/Journal/Default.htm> for information critical to the success of preparing a journal.
2. Second step is to visit <http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/4Hprojects/Journal/guidelines.htm> to gain specific knowledge concerning each journal level. Each level has specific information. You will find a PDF template, an example and PowerPoint for each level.
3. It is critical that you read everything listed under the *GENERAL* heading. Most important is the *CREATE A JOURNAL FORM*. You can create the journal form in any word processing program by following these instructions. The PDF template located under each level will work only if you have Adobe Acrobat Professional, thus the instructions for *CREATE A JOURNAL FORM*. If you will follow the *CREATE A JOURNAL FORM* instructions, you and your 4-H'er can create a journal form with little worry. Creating the form in your word processing program is part of the learning experience for the 4-H member.
4. DO NOT TYPE IN THE PDF TEMPLATE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ADOBE ACROBA PROFESSIONAL. FOLLOW THE *CREATE A JOURNAL FORM* INSTRUCTIONS.
5. And there you have it, a 4-H Journal is born.

CLOVER CORNER NEWS

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

4-H TRIVIA



October is National 4-H Month. "What do you plan to do to promote 4-H? The fourth 4-H'er to call the Extension Office with his or her answer before October 1 at 4:00 p.m. will receive a prize.



4-H Shooting Sports: The 4-H Shooting Sports team has been asked to assist with the Wildlife Festival at the White River Refuge on October 4 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The refuge is in need of volunteers to help with events throughout the day. If you can help, please call Mrs. Carly by September 30 at 946-3231. This is a great way to get the word out about Shooting Sports! Don't forget to wear your t-shirts.

Spirit of '76 4-H Club – Spirit of '76 4-H'ers met on September 17 with 28 present. After the business meeting, club leader Onita W. gave a presentation on preparing posters. The club will conduct a poster contest during October for Promotion Month with posters displayed at the Courthouse. Members then played The Price is Right game and made decorative rice bags for Crest Park Retirement Inn residents. Refreshments were provided by Erin S., Kaitlyn & Michael P.

4-H Horse Club – The Arkansas County 4-H Horse Club was well represented at the County Fair. All but one horse at the fair were shown by 4-H members! Those who participated in the fair were: Kayla and Kalli S., Kayla W., Ina, Cheyenne and Stacy C. and Daniel M. A big thanks to 4-H members and their parents for making this year's fair a great success! Jr. Horses: Showmanship, Kayla W.; Halter Class-Mares: Grand Champion, Stacey C.; 3rd Place, Kayla S.; Halter Class-Geldings: Grand Champion, Kayla W.; Reserve Grand Champion, Kalli S.; Miniature Horses–Halter Class Geldings: Grand Champion Kayla S.; Reserve Grand Champion, Daniel M. The 4-H Horse Club will meet Monday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Pride of Gillett 4-H Club - The Pride of Gillett 4-H Club will meet on Thursday, September 25, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Mrs. Tammie O's. classroom at Gillett Schools.

Teen Leaders 4-H Club – The 4-H Teen Leaders met on September 2 to make preparations for their educational exhibit “4-H makes the best better” at the County Fair. Their exhibit won sweepstakes and will be entered in Southeast District Fair.



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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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