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# “4-H NOTES & QUOTES”

## Arkansas County 4-H Newsletter

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### ARKANSAS COUNTY FAIR



It won't be long until the Arkansas County Fair begins! We are looking forward to it and know that it will be lots of fun for the whole family.

September 8-13, 2008

#### The 4-H Motto:

*"To make the best better"*

#### Dates to Remember:

Arkansas County Fair  
September 8-13

4-H Day  
Mid-South Fair  
September 20

4-H Day  
Arkansas State Fair  
October 18

**4-H Poultry Chain** -- Remember you are required to bring four of your best pullets to the County Fair for judging. Check-in is Sunday, September 7, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. or Monday, September 8, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Some of your chicks may be laying eggs. If so, eggs may be entered in the Horticulture Division.

**Educational Booths** -- Prairie Angels, Pride of Gillett, Spirit of '76, Arkansas County Razorbacks, Teen Leaders 4-H Clubs have signed up for educational booths. Educational booths must be completed by Sunday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m.

**Giant Pumpkins & Watermelons** -- "Green thumb" 4-H'ers who are growing giant pumpkins and watermelons should enter them in the County Fair on Monday, September 8, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. The top two county winning pumpkins & watermelons will qualify as entries for the State Fair Weigh-In on Saturday, October 11 at 9 a.m.

4-H'ers are reminded to enter **Individual Entries** in the County Fair. Enter arts, crafts, food, horticulture and field crops on Monday, September 8 from 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.; livestock on Sunday, September 7 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. or Monday, September 10 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and poultry, waterfowl and rabbits on Sunday, September 7 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. or Monday, September 8 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Parade** -- 4-H members will meet on the front lawn of the DeWitt Middle School at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 11 to participate in the parade. At their last meeting, leaders voted to have a group of 4-H'ers in the County Fair parade carrying the 4-H Centennial banner and balloons. 4-H Leader, Cindy P. was appointed to be in charge of getting the 4-H'ers organized prior to the parade.

**4-H Day at the County Fair will not be held due to changes in 4-H Day at State Fair.** However, youth who pre-register at the County Extension Office to participate in 4-H Day at the State Fair by Friday, September 12 will receive a gate pass to the Arkansas County Fair for Saturday, September 13.

**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 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.

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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 a.m. – 3 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. For more information, call the County Extension Office.

#### 4-H DAY AT MID-SOUTH FAIR

The 2008 4-H Day at the Mid-South Fair will be Saturday, September 20. Activities include: Home Furnishings, Food & Nutrition, Livestock Judging, Hippology, Poultry Judging, Bicycle, Seed Identification, Forestry, Consumer Judging, Poultry BBQ, Fashion Revue, Wildlife Evaluation, Entomology and BB Shoot. Deadline to register is September 1. Rules for the contest may be found in the Mid-South Fair Catalog, and accessed at <http://www.midsouthfair.com/pdf/farmyouthprebook2008.pdf>. For more information, call the Extension Office.

#### ARKANSAS COUNTY WEBSITE

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

#### 4-H CENTENNIAL HOT WHEELS 100 MILE BIKE RIDE

Join the 4-H Hot Wheels 100 Youth Riding Program. Final Ride at the Big Dam Bridge 100 on September 27 to 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 or visit: [www.bigdambridge.org](http://www.bigdambridge.org).



#### 4-H CENTENNIAL GALA

Join us for a once-in-a-century event 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 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. For more information, visit [www.arkids.org/centennial](http://www.arkids.org/centennial) or call the County Extension Office.

#### CLOVER CORNER NEWS

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

#### 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!

#### OCTOBER IS 4-H PROMOTION MONTH



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.

#### 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.

#### **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.

**4-H Horse Conference:** The 2008 4-H Horse Leaders Conference is scheduled for September 13, 2008 at the Arkansas 4-H Center. This will be a one day conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch and training materials.

The purpose of this conference is to educate 4-H leaders, parents and other interested adults techniques to teach youth about horses. Emphasis is placed on learning models for knowledge and management as well as horsemanship principles.

Registration is due September 1. For more information, contact the County Extension Office.

**4-H Shooting Sports Training Courses:** The Fall Shooting Sports Instructor Training will be held September 26 – 27 at the Arkansas 4-H Center. State 4-H Certification will be offered in the shotgun, rifle, pistol, muzzleloader and archery disciplines. This two-day course emphasizes youth education, instruction, marksmanship and firearms safety. Those who wish to coordinate and/or instruct youth in any 4-H shooting sports club at local practices or for competition at any state level activity, event or program are required to receive this certification as a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. Registration is due Friday, September 12. 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-Her 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 their own 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-serve basis.

#### **ARKANSAS 4-H OUTLOOK**

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



**OPPORTUNITIES IN 4-H . . .** 4-H abounds with opportunities for youth and adults alike.

**Camps** - At the state level, 4-H'ers and Adult Volunteers may participate in environmental activities, or camps, many of which are held at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale, Arkansas.

**Volunteers** - Volunteers are the backbone of the Arkansas 4-H Program. Adult Volunteer Leaders can lead clubs or assist with particular activities. Our Adult Volunteer Leaders also encourage a spirit of volunteerism among Arkansas youth.

**Youth Leadership** - There are a variety of programs 4-H'ers can participate in and apply for that recognize and develop youth leadership skills.

**Recognition of Excellence** - 4-H strongly pursues opportunities to recognize excellence for our volunteers, activity winners, scholarship winners, clubs, community service participants and donors to the County and State 4-H Foundations.

**Workshops and Competitive Activities** - Workshops and competitive events contribute to the goal of developing life skills so 4-H'ers can become self-directing, productive and contributing citizens. 4-H competitions may be against one's personal best achievement, against a previously-determined standard of excellence or against one's peers.



4-H Promotion Month	October
4-H Hamburger Supper	October 9
4-H Pumpkins/Watermelons Enter at State Fair	October 11
4-H Donor Appreciation Coffee	October 14
4-H Day at State Fair	October 18
4-H County Convention	October 20



**2008 Shooting Sports Wrap-Up** - This year's Shooting Sports program in Arkansas County was very successful. Club members participated in two competitions held at the 4-H Center in Ferndale. The Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) was held in June and the junior team did an excellent job. Junior team members are: Tanner C., Addison J., Haley P., Heather P. and Derek K. One Hundred Three individuals made up the 16 junior teams that competed at YHEC this year. The Arkansas County junior team placed 4th place overall in Wildlife Identification and the Hunter's Safety Trail. Arkansas County individuals also placed very well. Tanner C. placed 7th overall in Wildlife Identification and Derek

K. place 10th overall in Wildlife Identification. Congratulations to the Shooting Sports junior team on their accomplishments!

**4-H Horse Club** – 4-H Horse Club met on Monday, August 25 with fourteen youth and adults in attendance. The program was presented by Lisa P. The next meeting date is October 6.

**Teen Leaders 4-H Club** – Teen Leaders 4-H Club will meet Tuesday, September 2 at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, DeWitt.

**Spirit of '76 4-H Club** – Spirit of '76 4-H'ers held their first meeting of the new school year on August 27 with 28 youth and 3 leaders in attendance. Stacey B. was a special guest and gave her talk on "Child Proofing Your Home." Members discussed the County Fair activities and the various divisions for participation. 4-H'ers enjoyed playing the 4-H Discover Word Search and Wait a Minute games to conclude the meeting.

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