



*Baxter County 4-H
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Wow, what a year! The County Fair is over, and the 4-H year is quickly coming to an end. Oct. 1 marks the beginning of a new year.

It's time to fill out re-enrollments, code of conducts, health statements and picture release forms.

Leaders, now is the time to fill out annual financial reports. Please stop by the office to pick up your reports.

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**



You're Invited



4-H Fall Nature Hike

At Twin Lakes Park

October 4, 2008

10 am—2 pm



Twin Lakes Park is located on Rossi Road off the Sheid-Hopper Bypass.

Activities include:

10 am— Hike around park (bring your cameras)

Time capsule burial, to be opened in 2018

(Each club brings something small for the capsule)

12 pm— Picnic lunch (Hot dogs provided; bring your own side and drinks)

1 pm—Miss Linda's scavenger hunt (Grand Prize to the winner)

Anyone planning to attend, please contact the Ext. office so we can have a head count.

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2 Opportunities for Journals Workshops

The Norfolk Rebels will be hosting the first journals workshop on Thursday, October 2, at 7:00 pm.

The second opportunity will be on October 6 at the First Free Will Baptist Church starting at 6:30 pm, hosted by the Lucky Clovers.

Youth Horsemanship Workshop, Oct. 25

The Baxter County 4-H program will be hosting a Youth Horsemanship Workshop on Oct. 25 at the Mtn. Home Arena starting at 10 am.

Steve Jones (U of A Ext. equine specialist) will present hands-on ground work information as well as in the saddle horsemanship.

Bring your horse and join us in a day of fun with your horse.



For more information, contact the office at 425-2335.

4-H County Council Meeting, October 9, 6:30 pm

We will be discussing this year's fall activity and officer election, which is Saturday, November 8th. Also, we will be discussing 4-H promotion in October.

Gregg Farm Supply is sponsoring 4-H fundraiser!

Doug Gregg is giving the Baxter County 4-H program the proceeds from this year's calendar sales. These calendars will have pictures of 4-H'ers at the fair and other 4-H activities throughout the year. The cost of the calendars will be \$5.00.

Next time you see Mr. Gregg, please give him a BIG THANK YOU!!!



GOODBYE!



I'm sad to say Shannon Bassham will be stepping down as the Easy Riders Leader. He has been a great leader and volunteer, donating his time and efforts to the Baxter County 4-H Program. I would like to give him a personal Thank You!

But there is good news. Beth Hodges and Deborah Leach will be the new Co-leaders of the Easy Riders. I would like to give them a big welcome to our volunteer program.

Billie Majors
CEA 4-H



4-H Food Booth

A big thank you to all that helped in the 4-H Food Booth!

2008 Fall 4-H Parent and Volunteer Forum

November 7-8, 2008, at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center

Registration is due to Lynn Wight in Little Rock by October 17, 2008. Full-time registration fee (youth or adult) is \$50.00/person. The Forum is sponsored by the Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders' Association. For more information contact the Ext. office.

The theme for the forum 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 pm on Friday, November 7th, and conclude on Saturday, November 8th, at 2:00 pm.

4-H Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

HELP CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL YEAR OF SCIENCE 2009

"How are you celebrating?" That's the question scientists are being asked around the country. And it's the slogan for the Year of Science 2009, a year-long celebration of science and its role in society.

Initiated by the American Institute of Biological Sciences and managed by its Coalition for the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS), the Year of Science 2009 is beginning to catch on.

Why 2009? The year coincides with a number of important science-related anniversaries, including the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln. Among his other claims to fame, Lincoln founded the National Academy of Sciences and signed the Morrill Act, which created the land grant system of agricultural colleges.

More than 250 participating organizations have signed on to COPUS, a grassroots organization that includes universities, museums, corporations and non-profits. Organizers have allocated a specific discipline to each month to represent the full range of scientific endeavor. Review the COPUS Web site at www.copusproject.org for more information on how you can get involved in the coalition and the Year of Science 2009. Then you'll have an answer when someone asks, "How are you celebrating?"

2009 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, 2009. Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1, 2009. 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. Two county Extension agents and two adult volunteers will serve as chaperones. Please encourage 4-H volunteers to apply for this opportunity. Volunteers can apply for a \$100 scholarship if they are a Lifetime member of the Arkansas Adult Leaders' Association and have been a County 4-H Leader for at least two years. All applications are due in the state 4-H office **November 3, 2008**. Please use form CES-655 (Youth) and form CES-656 (Adult), which is in the Events Packet. Immediately after applications are received, delegate selections will be made and those selected will be told how to sign up electronically for workshops and tours. For additional information, refer to the information in the 4-H Events Packet.

Transportation will be by chartered bus departing from Jonesboro, Arkansas. Depending upon delegate selection, the bus will make stops at the state Extension office, Little Rock, and various other locations en route to and from Kansas City. Delegates will be notified of final details once they are selected.

Arkansas Youth Featured Entrepreneur Program Stacey McCullough, Instructor – Community & Economic Development

Are you a youth entrepreneur? Do you know someone who exhibits entrepreneurial talent? The Featured Entrepreneur Program seeks to recognize youth entrepreneurs in Arkansas who are involved in 4-H. Individuals selected as featured entrepreneurs will be profiled on the "Entre-WHAT?" Web site to be unveiled this fall and will receive a certificate recognizing this achievement. Upon selection, featured entrepreneurs will be contacted to schedule an interview and collect additional information for Web publication. Applications are accepted year round. To obtain an application form, or to have your questions answered, please contact Stacey McCullough by email at smccullough@uaex.edu or by phone at (501) 671-2078.

October State Calendar of Events

Due Dates:

- 1 Adult Master Volunteer Re-Certification
- 1 National 4-H Conference 2009 Applications

Activity Dates:

- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- 3 Dog Daze, TBA
- 1–5 Southern Region Volunteer Leaders Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
- 4–6 Fall Hiking Adventure Trek
- 5–11 National 4-H Week
- 10 Arkansas State Fair Begins, Arkansas State Fairgrounds
- 11 Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Weigh-in at the State Fair, Arkansas State Fairgrounds
- 18 4-H Day at the State Fair, Arkansas State Fairgrounds



Congratulations

To all 4-H'ers who participated in the Baxter County Fair!

Good Luck at District Fair and State Fair!



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Baxter County 4-H



All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity. The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.