



The Clover Leaf



Craighead County

August 11, 2008

State O-Rama Results:



(back row, L-R) Mrs. Beth Thompson, Colby Q., Spencer B., Luke H., Alysha M., Whitney O., Brent F., Mrs. Kim McKay, Mrs. Lori Bounds, Mrs. Nan Snider, Mrs. Stacey Qualls (front row, L-R) Cara H., Meleah M., Jessica G., Chloe H., Micah T., Tommy D., Mrs. Joyce Harlan

Twelve Senior Craighead Co. 4-H members and seven adults attended the 4-H State O-Rama held at the University of Arkansas campus at Fayetteville on July 23–25. Members competed in events ranging from Interior Designing to Tractor Driving. They also enjoyed themselves while ice skating, dancing and meeting new friends. Leaders could probably get a pretty good story out of these members, if you'd like them to give a club report.

Results of the competitions are as follows:

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| Meleah M.: | 2 nd place – Consumer Economics |
| Whitney O.: | 2 nd place – Entomology Collection |
| Alysha M.: | 3 rd place – Interior Design Team |
| Jessica G.: | 3 rd place – Interior Design Team |
| Chloe H.: | 3 rd place – Interior Design Team |
| Micah T. | 5 th place – Fashion Revue |

Special Award Received!



On Thursday, July 24, Mrs. Joyce Harlan was honored at the annual State 4-H O-Rama held at the University of Arkansas campus at Fayetteville. Mrs. Harlan received the prestigious 4-H Alumni of the Year Award, which is presented to one outstanding 4-H Alumni every year for his/her support and leadership given to the Arkansas 4-H program. Mrs. Harlan has been the main leader of the Craighead County Teen Leader Club and is currently serving as the treasurer for the Craighead County 4-H Foundation. The award was presented during a special awards ceremony by Mrs. Snider, president of the Arkansas 4-H Alumni Association and also a long-time Craighead County 4-H leader. Congratulations, Mrs. Joyce!

NEA District Fair Sept 15 – 20

Fair catalogs are available here at the Extension office.

All livestock registrations are due **Sept. 1**, so get those Poultry Chain chickens entered soon.

I'd like to challenge every 4-H member to enter at least one exhibit in the fair this year. It can be anything from a stamp collection to a show steer. It's easy to do and can be very profitable. Remember, you can also add this to your Record Journal.

Shooting Sports Team Wins Big at State Range Events

The Craighead County 4-H Shooting Sports team, led by Mrs. Kim McKay, competed for the first time ever at the State Range Events Competition held in July. The Senior team placed 8th overall in the Pellet Pistol Competition, and Nathan H. took the 7th place individual ribbon for .22 pistol. Over 250 4-H members competed from all over the state. This is an outstanding performance from Craighead County's team!

Volunteer Opportunities at the NEA Fair

The 2008 NEA District Fair is coming up soon – September 15th – 20th. This is a great opportunity for 4-H to get increased visibility and assist with what has become a tradition with 4-H and the county.

Adult volunteers are needed to assist with checking in entries on September 15th, to assist judges on September 16th, and help give it all back on Sunday, September 21st. Any time that you can donate is appreciated. No experience is required; however, you may find it helpful to attend the Volunteer Training on Friday, September 12th (10:00 a.m.) at the Fairgrounds.

Youth volunteers are encouraged to help with the Volunteer Aid Station that will be in operation on September 15th, 16th and 21st. Volunteers that staff the Aid Station will be distributing bottled water and supplies to volunteers.

Please contact Debbie DeRossitte, CEA-FCS, at the Extension office 933-4565 or dderossitte@uaex.edu, if you can assist in any way. You are not only needed; YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!

Leaders Training Meeting **Tuesday, August 26**

It's time once again for another leaders training / planning meeting. We have several new 4-H leaders, and this will be a chance for everyone to get to know one another as well as learn a little bit about 4-H. It will be at the Extension office, and **we will be serving dinner!** You have my personal guarantee that we won't see any more than one tornado this night.

Volunteers Needed at EHC Booth!

We need both 4-H members and adults to run the EHC booth at the fair for two nights.

Monday, 6:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, 6:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The Craighead Co. EHC believes in the 4-H program so much, they have donated thousands of dollars over the years. So let's show them our support and call today for your very own shift.

ATV Safety Course

If you or someone you know is interested in taking an ATV Safety Institute-approved class in rider safety, call the office to find out class dates. This is a \$150 course, but 4-H is offering it for only \$10 per rider. We'd also be glad to put on a class exclusively for your 4-H club.

Calendar of Events:

AUGUST 2008

August Activity Dates:

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| July 28–Aug 3 | National Envirothon, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff |
| July 29–Aug 1 | RESQ Day Camp 6, 4-H Center |
| July 29–Aug 3 | Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show, TBA |
| July 29–Aug 6 | High Adventure Backpacking Program, Pecos Wilderness Area, New Mexico |
| 2 | Bug Bowl (Linnaean Games), Location TBA |
| 2 | 4-H Alumni Day, 4-H Center |
| 5–8 | RESQ Summer Day Camp 7, 4-H Center |

SEPTEMBER 2008

September Due Dates:

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| 2 | State 4-H Tech Team Membership Applications Due LRSO |
| 2 | Fall Adventure Hiking Trek Applications Due to 4-H Center |
| 15 | State Technology Team Member Fee of \$150 Due |
| 17 | Entomology Collections for Mid-South Fair Due to LRSO 4-H Office |

September Activity Dates:

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| TBA | State 2009 Technology Team September Meeting, TBA |
| 20 | 4-H Day at the Mid-South Fair, Memphis, TN |
| 23–25 | National 4-H Engineering, Science & Leadership, West Lafayette, IN |
| 24 | 4-H Day at the AR-OK State Fair, Kay Rodgers Park, Fort Smith, AR |
| 27 | Centennial Gala, Peabody Hotel, Little Rock |
| 28–Oct 1 | National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison, WI |
| 29 | National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, Madison, WI |

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Invitation to Activities

All of the activities mentioned in the newsletter are open to everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, age, 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.