



The Clover Leaf



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IT'S POULTRY CHAIN TIME!

4-H members, leaders, and parents: It is time to order poultry chain chickens for this year. The project is designed for youth to raise 25 or 50 egg-laying birds. The Extension Office will provide guidance, and vaccinations, for growing the birds.

The chicks will be placed with the 4-H'ers in late March to early April with an agreement that the 4-H'er will raise the birds to 20 – 22 weeks of age and show a pen of three at the NEA Dist. Fair. Costs of the chicks are:

\$12.00 per 25 White Leghorns

\$22.00 per 25 Cinnamon Queens

Orders must be placed by February 28.

Update on Awards Banquet! Date Changed to April 4

The date has been changed on the Annual Awards Banquet to Friday, April 4 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. It will still take place at the St. Bernard's Auditorium. Every 4-H Family is invited to attend and celebrate our accomplishments over the last year. I apologize for any inconvenience this date change may cause. It was brought to my attention that the original date was the night of parent teacher conferences across the county.

Arbor Day Poster Contest



All area schools have been sent a packet containing information on the National Arbor Day Poster Contest. This year the theme is "Trees are Terrific, inside and out!" There are several great prizes for winning the national contest. If your school doesn't have the Arbor Day Contest information available, you can get it here at the Extension Office. Call or come by, for more information.

4-H Member Had Surgery on 2/13/2008

Please keep Kelsey H. in your thoughts and prayers. She underwent surgery on Wednesday, February 13. Kelsey is the president of the NEA Home School 4-H Club and is also a member of the Teen Leaders Club. If you would like to send her a card or visit her, contact the county office for her address.



2008 Summer State Camps

Junior Camp Track – (9-12 year olds) **July 7 - 9**

Adventure & Challenge Camp I – (13-15) **July 7 – 9**

Junior Camp II – (9-12 year olds) **July 14-16**

Adventure & Challenge Camp II – (13-15) **July 14-16**

Cloverbud Camp (Ages 5-9) – **July 17-18**

Equine Track (Ages 12-18) – Speed Events (**July 14-17**)

All state camps have a pre-registration fee of \$25.00. Call or come by the office for an Application.

Broiler Bar-B-Que Contest

If you have an interest in grilling than this contest is for you.

Here's how it works:

On Tuesday, March 25 come to the Extension Office at 5:00 p.m. Bring your charcoal grill, charcoal (non-match light), lighter fluid, utensils, bar-b-que sauce, and favorite seasonings.

You will be given two chicken halves to bar-b-que your favorite way. After everyone is set up and their coals are burning, you will have an hour and a half to cook your chicken halves.

You will submit your best half to an expert team of judges who will grade your chicken on visual presentation, palatability and doneness. Raw chickens will not win!

Ribbons will be awarded and the top five bar-b-que chefs will qualify to participate in the District contest held in Batesville on April 26. From there, the top two senior winners will qualify to participate at the state contest in June.

At the State level, you will have an opportunity to meet some of the biggest, current country music stars and have your way completely paid for!

Please pre-Register for the event by e-mailing me or calling the office at 933-4565.

Robotics Workshop:

There has been much interest expressed around the county in the Robotics Project that 4-H offers. We are looking at some dates to have a specialist come and put on a robotics workshop. If you are interested, please let me know. I'm putting together a list and will contact you as soon as a date is finalized.



Spring Hiking Trek

Who: 13-19 year olds

Where: Mt. Magazine State Park

When: March 7-9, 2008 (arrive 6:00 p.m. Friday, depart around 1:00 p.m. Sunday)

What: Introduction to backpacking. We will tent camp at a campground on Friday night, backpack into our camping area Saturday, come off the trail Sunday morning.

Due Date: Taking applications until Trek is filled. Contact me ASAP, if you are interested!

4H - Camp Counselors 2008

The 4-H Center is currently taking applications for Camp Counselors.

Who: While preference will be given to those 16 & older, we encourage all interested, 14 & older, to apply.

Prerequisites: Have attended Teen Counselor Training and/or been a counselor before.

Application: FY4-H 657 Arkansas 4-H Activity Application for Youth Leadership Roles (attached)

Required: Background check through Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry

Counselors Needed for the Following Camps:

Forestry & Wildlife Camp (June 23-26)

State Camp Junior Track I (July 7-9)

State Camp Adventure & Challenge I (July 7-9)

State Camp Junior Track II (July 14-16)

State Camp Adventure & Challenge II (July 14-16)

Cloverbud Camp (July 17-19)

Deadline: Preference given to "go-getters" who get their applications in soon. **March 17, 2008** last day to turn in.

Buffalo Island Livestock Show

The Buffalo Island Northeast District Junior Livestock Show will be start on **Wednesday, April 2 and go until Saturday, April 5** at the NEA District Fairgrounds.

If you are interested in participating on a Livestock Judging team or exhibiting animals, contact the Extension Office.

Fair Judging School: June 17

Ms. Debbie DeRossite will be conducting a Fair Judging School for anyone who is interested in judging exhibits at the District Fair. Mark your calendars!

4-H Calendar of Events

MARCH 2008

March Due Dates:

- 3 Advanced Camp Counselor Training
- 3 Alumni Recognition Program State Application
- 3 Ambassador Applications
- 3 Community Service Club Awards Applications
- 3 Final Payments for CWF Due – No Refunds After This Date
- 3 Horse Conference Applications to Steve Jones
- 3 Horse Demo. & Public Speaking Applications to Steve Jones
- 3 National 4-H Congress Adult Chaperone Applications
- 3 Promotion Awards Submissions
- 3 Teen Leader Club Awards
- 3 Teen Star Applications
- 10 Spring Shooting Sports Training Registration
- 15 Arkansas Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Entries due
- 17 State Camp Deposit and Participant List Due
- 18 Registration for Goat Conference 2

March Activity Dates:

- TBA Arkansas Beef Ambassador Competition, Cattlemen's Assoc. in Little Rock
- 1 High Adventure Backpacking Parent-Camper Rally, LRSO
- 3 Beekeeping Essay Contest Winners Announced
- 7 Horse Demonstration & Public Speaking, 4-H Center
- 7-8 Arkansas 4-H Horse Conference, 4-H Center
- 7-9 Arkansas Adventure Spring Trek, Location TBA
- 11 Kansas City Conference Leadership Team Leaves
- 12-15 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference, Kansas City, MO
- 15 State Technology Team Meeting, LRSO
- 15 Managing Rice for Ducks State Judging, 4-H Center
- 15 4-H Advanced Journal Interviews, 4-H Center
- 21-22 Advanced Camp Counselor Training, 4-H Center
- 28-29 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, 4-H Center
- 29 Open & 4-H Goat Conference 2, Washington County Fairgrounds, Fayetteville
- 29-April 3 National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.

APRIL 2008

April Due Dates:

- 1 Adult Volunteer Leaders Assoc-Agent, Leader, Program Asst., Specialist of the Year Applications
- 1 Hall of Fame Nominations
- 1 Teen Star/Hall of Fame Banquet Server Applications
- 1 Innovative Program Grant Applications
- 1 National 4-H Congress Congressional Delegate Applications, LRSO
- 1 Northwest Arkansas District Junior Spring Livestock & Poultry Show Registration
- 1 Pumpkin & Watermelon Seed Requests to 4-H Office
- 1 Teen Leader Conference Applications
- 1 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest Registration

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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.