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The 4-H Pledge
I pledge my **Head** to
clearer thinking,
my **Heart** to greater
loyalty,
my **Hands** to larger
service and
my **Health** to better
living, for my club, my
community, my country,
and my world.

From the Office

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! It's time to really get back into the swing of things. We have a great 4-H year planned for you! Jump on board and buckle up!

As always, if we can help in any way, please let us know.

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Journals!

4-H Journals are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. January 22! If you need help completing your journal, please contact the Extension Office.

Start planning now for 2009 Journals! Putting a journal together is EASY, if you keep up with your information throughout the year! Start NOW! For help, please contact the Extension Office!

Shooting Sports



It's that time of year again! Shooting Sports meetings and practices are getting underway! **The first meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12**

from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Drew County Fairgrounds. The first few practices will be in archery, and a child does not have to have their own bow to participate. The club has a few bows for children to use to see if he or she may be interested in archery. Other areas that the Drew County 4-H Shooting Sports Club participates in include: .22 rifle, black powder, sporting clays, air rifle, wildlife identification, compass and orienteering, and hunter responsibility and safety. The Drew County 4-H Shooting Sports Club is for children ages 9 – 19. If your child has completed the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Hunter Safety Exam, please bring a copy of the card with you. **Cost of membership will be \$25 for the year.** If you were involved in Shooting Sports last year or just think it might be something you would like to try, plan on attending this meeting! **The Shooting Sports club will also meet on Saturday, January 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Drew County Fairgrounds.** If you have any questions, please contact Chuck at the Extension Office, (870) 460-6270, or Terry Koone at (870) 367-9172, for more information.

Entrepreneur Camp

Who: 9-12 year olds

Cost: Only \$20 (fee covers lodging, meals, and supplies)

When: February 15–17, 2008

7:00 p.m. Friday through 1:00 p.m. Sunday

Where: C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center Ferndale (West Little Rock), AR

What: Learn about starting and running a Business

Why: To help students learn about business, money, financial management and to meet new friends/have fun

Deadline: Applications DUE January 23

Call the Extension Office, for more information.

2008 ARKANSAS and KANSAS 4-H HIGH ADVENTURE BACKPACKING PROGRAM and TRIP

If you want the ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE...THINK 4-H HIGH ADVENTURE! Interested in a challenge...one that requires outdoor skills in fire making, compass reading, outdoor cookery, safety, and working with other people? What about a challenge demanding the physical conditioning to take on mountain hikes of 4–5 miles a day while carrying a 35–45 pound pack? The 2008 4-H High Adventure Backpacking Program can offer you those challenges.



The deadline for applications is January 23.
Contact the Extension Office for the cost. The

program is open to youth who are 13 years of age by January 1, 2008. The following are important dates for the trip:

- **Required** - Parent/Camper Rally will be held at the Little Rock State Extension Office on March 1, 2008
- **Required** - Backpacker Training at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center on April 4 – 6, 2008
- **New Mexico Trip will be July 29 - August 6, 2008**

Call the Extension Office for more information.

Attention All

Parents and Leaders!

Are you interested in attending get-togethers as a county to keep up-to-date with the latest 4-H happenings, share ideas, help plan the direction of Drew County 4-H and get to know each other better? We could have regular meetings just for the adults involved in 4-H—just an idea. Please contact Amber at the Extension Office (870) 460-6270, on her cell (870) 224-1118, or e-mail her at ahainston@uaex.edu, if you are interested!

E-Mail Chain



It's time to update our 4-H e-mail chain. Most of us have e-mail now, and it is a wonderful way to stay in contact. So many times there are things we would like to share, but making connections on the phone is difficult. **If you would like to become a part of our e-mail chain, please send me an e-mail with your name, club, and whether you are a parent/leader or 4-H member.** I look forward to hearing back from you and can be reached at ahairston@uaex.edu.

Taco Soup

Here's a recipe to keep you warm this winter.

Ingredients

1 lb ground round or turkey
1 cup water
1 – 16 oz can kidney beans
½ pkg (2-3 tbsp) taco seasoning mix
½ cup chopped onion
1 – 14 oz. can stewed tomatoes
1 – 8 oz can tomato sauce

Condiments

Shredded lettuce
Grated cheddar cheese
Sour Cream
Corn Chips
Avocado, chopped
Olives
Tomatoes, chopped

Preparations Steps

~ In a heavy saucepan or Dutch oven, cook ground round or turkey and onion until meat is brown and no longer pink. Drain off fat.
~ To meat/onion mixture, add water, tomatoes, un-drained kidney beans, tomato sauce and seasoning.
~ Simmer 15 to 20 minutes.
~ Prepare condiments and arrange on plate or in bowls. Any combination of condiments can be chosen. To serve: Place a layer of corn chips in the bottom of a soup bowl. Add soup and top with condiments.

ENJOY!

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is set for July 5 – 12, 2008. 4-H members will take their 4-H experience to another level through CWF. CWF is a six-day intensive summer citizenship program for youth ages 15–19. Delegates will learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation's capital. They will get the inside scoop about how the government really works from prominent guest speakers. In addition, college-age program fellows lead bill-writing workshops, a national issues forum, mock elections and congressional sessions that will prepare you for leadership now and in the future.

The registration fee covers program costs while at the National 4-H Center, transportation for the week, most meals in DC, a dinner theater ticket, a personal copy of an 8 inch x 10 inch color picture of the delegation taken on Capitol Hill, CWF T-shirt, CWF Capitol Hill day polo, etc. Delegates will need money to cover 2 meals en route to DC, 2 meals while in DC, and 2 meals en route home.

Contact the Extension Office for the cost of the trip. The program is open to youth who will be 14 years of age or older by January 1. **The deadline for applications is January 15, 2008.** Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Pilgrim Rest 4-H Club Meeting – 5:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6	7	8 Adventuring Clover 4-H Club Meeting ~~~~~ Lucky Clover 4-H Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	9 Kennedy 4-H Club Meeting – 5:30 p.m.	10 Koinonia 4-H Club Meeting – 2:00 p.m.	11	12 Shooting Sports Practice – Fairgrounds 2:00 p.m.
13	14	15 Monticello Billies 4-H Club Meeting – 3:20	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Office Closed - MLK JR. Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26 Shooting Sports Practice – Fairgrounds 2:00 p.m.
27	28	29 Mean Green 4-H Club Meeting – 6:30 p.m.	30 Wilmar Longhorns 4-H Club Meeting – 4:30 p.m.	31		

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*Please let us know of any information that your club
would like added to the calendar.*