



# Faulkner County 4-H Clover News



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Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, and Parents:

The 2008 4-H year has come to a close, and the 2009 4-H year is underway! Congratulations to all of those who qualified for FREE banquet tickets and awards – a big thank you to the foundation members, parents, and leaders who helped make the 2008 4-H year a great success!

The 2009 4-H year promises to be one of the best yet! So get on board, and get ready for some 4-H fun!

Your 4-H Agent,

Leigh Helms  
CEA 4-H / Family and Consumer Sciences



## TEEN LEADER CLUB APPLICATIONS

The Faulkner County Teen Leaders Club is now accepting membership applications for the 2009 year. Application packets are available online, or may be picked up at the Extension office. Applications are due no later than November 26, 2008. You must reapply even if you are already a member. For more information contact Leigh at 329-8344, or Club Advisor Bill Reed at [billyjoe72173@yahoo.com](mailto:billyjoe72173@yahoo.com).

## Bill Dodgen's Retirement Reception

Bill Dodgen, Faulkner County CEA Staff Chair, is planning to retire in January. The date is "to be determined," but a reception will likely be held in January. Each club has been asked to donate \$25 towards the reception cost. Your donation can be mailed or brought to the Extension office.



**William H. Dodgen**  
CEA—Staff Chair

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# 2008 4-H Achievement Banquet

## "The Stars of Today. The Leaders of Tomorrow"



Thursday, November 6, 2008 ~ Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

Antioch Baptist Church Family Life Center

Meal ticket purchase deadline: October 31, 2008

### Community Service Opportunity

The Conway Clovers 4-H Club is collecting plastic bags (i.e. Wal-Mart, Kroger, Target, etc.) for use by a local food bank. They are asking for your help! Bags may be brought to the Extension office or to the 4-H Achievement Banquet and placed in the drop-off box.

## 4-H HIPPOLOGY Team WANTED

We are in the process of forming a county 4-H Horse Hippology Team(s). The primary objective of the Hippology contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects or interested in the project area to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting, where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. for those interested in the becoming a team member. A mock contest will be held to allow participants to test their skills and get an idea of what the contest involves.

Please send me an e-mail or call the Extension office to let us know if you plan to attend. Notification is not mandatory, but we must have previous notice that people plan to attend!



Have you turned in your 2009  
4-H Enrollment Card?

If not, please do so today!

\*\*Remember: Cards must be filled out  
completely with at least one project  
listed and all required signatures!

**The next Teen Leaders' Meeting  
is scheduled for TUESDAY, November 18  
at 6:00 p.m.**

**This is a change to the regularly  
scheduled meeting time.**



### Arkansas Educational Television Network Funding Drive

The Teen Leaders voted to assist with the 2008 AETN Telethon on Tuesday, December 2 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Several volunteer positions are still available.

Volunteers will be answering phones during the live telethon and taking viewers' donations. You must be at least 12 years old and capable of answering the phone and taking caller information. Supper and snacks will be provided. If you would

# 4-H Journals...

## Preparing for the future through planning today...

A 4-H Journal is a place to show others what you have accomplished through your 4-H project work. Completing a journal is much like completing a portfolio. Through your journal, you show your accomplishments and how you have developed responsibility by keeping records. Your 4-H journal will be useful to evaluate past achievements, set future goals, assist in filling out job and scholarship applications... and so much more!

Each 4-H member is strongly encouraged to complete a 4-H Journal each year. Journals do take time to fill out, but the time spent is eventually well worth the effort! Just ask a 4-H member who has won at the state level—or maybe a 4-H'er who simply filled one out successfully...

Journals help 4-H'ers \

- set goals
- learn to keep records,
- wisely use their resources,
- make decisions for themselves,
- think critically and be responsible.



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### Journals continued...

Completing a Journal is not what every Cloverbud, Junior or Senior 4-H member wants to spend his/her time doing, but the benefits gained are too numerous to list. All 4-H members who complete and submit a Journal by the January 9, 2009 deadline will receive a free ticket to the 2009 4-H Achievement Banquet, recognition on the county level (and possibly regional and state levels), and gain irreplaceable skills to help throughout their lives.

So, how do you get started filling a Journal form out or helping you 4-H'er complete a Journal? Go to [www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h) and click on the 4-H Journals link.

There will also be a Journal workshop on November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tommy Lewis Conference Center. There is no cost for the workshop, but we ask that you register by Tuesday, November 11. To register for the workshop or to learn more about 4-H Journals, contact Leigh at 501-329-8344.

## How Do I Know Which Journal Form to Complete?

There are four Journal report forms:\

- Cloverbud (ages 5-8)
- Beginner (ages 9-12)
- Intermediate (ages 13-15)
- Advanced (ages 16-19)

**You should complete the form  
according to your age on January 1,  
2009!**

If you have any questions or need help getting started please give me a call. I would love to help!



# Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program

The 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation is an event designed to teach youth about the fundamentals of wildlife management. Although there is a competitive component of the contest, the main goal of the program is to teach youth about wildlife. Participants will learn to identify wildlife according to the food they eat, their fur/pelts, scat (animal waste), and by the habitats in which they live.

We are now in the process of forming a WHEP project group and WHEP competitive teams. All youth are invited to participate, but competitive team members must be at least 9 years of age as of January 1, 2009. An informational, hands-on meeting will be held on December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tommy Lewis Conference Room. Becky McPeake, state WHEP coordinator, will teach participants about the program and the 4-H WHEP contest. Pre-registration is not required, but we do ask that you let the Extension know by calling or via e-mail if you plan to attend.

For more information on the program, check out [www.whep.org](http://www.whep.org).



**2009 4-H Enrollment Cards**  
are in the office and ready to be picked up.

**Remember:**

Each youth **MUST COMPLETELY** fill out a new card each year. The 4-H year begins October 1 and ends on September 30.

**\*\*Cards WILL NOT be accepted if they are incomplete or incorrectly filled out!**

## 4-H Journal Workshop

Come one, come all... 4-H'ers, parents, and leaders, that is. Bring your Journal, your questions, and your curiosity to the Journal Workshop!

Thursday, November 13, 2008  
6:00 p.m. ~ Tommy Lewis Conference Room

Questions? Call 329-8344 or e-mail  
[lhelms@uaex.edu](mailto:lhelms@uaex.edu).



## *The Leaders' Corner*

# Adult Leaders Meeting

Tuesday, December 15 ~ 6:30 p.m.  
Faulkner County Natural Resource Center



This is a very important meeting... We will be developing the proposed 2009 4-H Budget, and setting the 2009 county 4-H competitive activity dates. We will also be setting the 4-H activity calendar, so bring any dates for 2009 you may have already so we can plan accordingly. This discussion will affect each club in some way, so please make an effort to have at least one main leader from each club present.

Please bring your favorite finger food to share with everyone! Cups, plates, napkins, drinks, and utensils will be provided.

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.

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## *Dates to Remember*

October 31	Kansas City Global Applications Due
November 6	2008 4-H Achievement Banquet
November 13	Journal Workshop
November 18	Teen Leaders Meeting—6 p.m.
November 18	4-H Hippology/Horse Quiz Bowl Meeting
November 26	Teen Leader Applications Due to Extension Office
December 2	AETN Telethon
December 11	Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Meeting
December 12	Woodrow Cummins Kid-To-Kid 4-H Conference
December 15	Parent and Leaders Meeting—Budget Meeting and Christmas Social
December 16	Teen Leaders
December 24-January 1	Extension Office Closed
December 25	Christmas Day
January 9, 2009	4-H Journals Due
January 25	High Adventure Applications Due
February 21, 2009	State WHEP Practice Session