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Greetings from the Extension Office!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed quality time with your loved ones. The 2011 year is off at a fast pace—We are busy at the Extension Office planning for this year's exciting activities and let me tell you, there are some exciting activities in the works!

This newsletter has important information on several activities coming up within the next few months. The county contest schedule is listed at the bottom of the page and complete activity details can be found in the County Competition and O'Rama packet located on our county web page. Our leaders also voted to conduct the county-wide 4-H Spaghetti Supper fundraiser again this year. This year's event will be held on March 11 at Oak Bowery Baptist Church. Please see inside your newsletter for complete details. We need your help to make it a success for the 2nd year in a row!

And as always, the Extension staff is here to assist you with any questions or needs you may have so don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Leigh Helms

### 2011 County Contest Schedule

February 24	Illustrated Talk/Method Demonstration Contest
April 14	County Performing Arts and Fashion Revue Contest
April 9	County Crop and Seed Id & BB Marksmanship/Safety
April 9	County Bicycle, Baitcasting and Reel Into Sportfishing
April 9	County BBQ Contest
April 9	County Dairy Recipe Contest
April 29	Ross Photography due to County office
June 15	Ozark Regional O'Rama—Atkins High School
July 19-22	Arkansas 4-H O'Rama

For a complete list of activities and events, please see the 2011 Faulkner County 4-H Calendar of Events located at [www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h)

**\*\*Please note the Big B Day events, date change!!**

# 2011 County 4-H Illustrated Talk and Method Demonstration Competition

Communication is a large part of the 4-H Project work and something that everyone must do at some point—whether talking to friends, giving a presentation at school, or running for a club office. Becoming an effective communicator is important no matter how old (or young) you are and no matter what your goal in life.

Each year, 4-H members are encouraged to prepare a brief illustrated speech or method demonstration on a topic that interests them and that focuses on one of their 4-H project areas. This year's county competition will be held on Thursday, February 24, in Conway. A list of talk categories and information regarding specifics for each category can be found in the 4-H events packet located at [www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h) or by contacting the Extension Office. The website also has a presentation about how to prepare a talk or demonstration. Please note, members must prepare their own talk for the county contest. Teams are not allowed.

A list of talk categories, information regarding category specifics, and registration forms are located at [www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h). Registration is due to the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, February 18. If you have questions or need suggestions for your talk, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office or your 4-H Leader! We are here to help!

**\*\*Remember:** The winner of each category will have the chance to represent Faulkner County 4-H at the Ozark District O'Rama in Atkins on June 15, 2011!

Good luck to our Faulkner  
County 4-H Shooting Sports  
Members competing at the State  
4-H BB Championship at the 4-H  
Center on February 4-5!



**Congratulations to Walker B.  
for making the 2011 Arkansas  
4-H Tech Team!**

**We are proud of you!**

## 2011 4-H High Adventure...Is it 4 You?

**If you want ADVENTURE and CHALLENGE...THINK 4-H!**

**If you want the ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE...THINK 4-H HIGH ADVENTURE!**

Interested in a challenge...one that requires outdoor skills in firemaking, compass reading, outdoor cookery, safety and working with other people?

The 4-H High Adventure Program is an outdoor leadership program for ages 13-19 as of January 1, 2011. The purpose is to develop character and integrity through teamwork, leadership, and outdoor skills; and allows them to share their knowledge and skills with others. It encompasses many 4-H project areas and develops an appreciation for the outdoors, animal life, and other areas of nature.

A required one-day training will be held March 5 for participants and parents along with a weekend training for all participants on April 1-3. The climax is a 9-day trip to the Pecos Wilderness area in New Mexico July 26 - August 3, 2011. Total cost for the trip is \$595 per youth participant, \$475 per adult participants selected as Crew Advisors (2 per crew), and \$595 per additional adults. This fee includes Parent/Camper Rally, Trainings, transportation for participants, meals in the backcountry, lodging and five meals en route, and insurance. Please note: Some of the activity cost may be covered by the Faulkner County 4-H Foundation.



# 4-H College and Career Prep Program

School getting you down? Think you're ready for the real world? Join 4-H as we travel down the road to help you get prepared for your future after high school. The 4-H College and Career Prep Program is a 6-week program to teach 4-H members in grades 9-12, how to create a resume, ace the college/job interview, how to get the acceptance letter (and the scholarships), and how to dine with distinction (proper etiquette). The group will meet on Monday nights (January 24-March 7, with the exception of January 31) from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Tommy Lewis Conference Room.

Participants will have the opportunity over spring break (March 21-25) to visit Texas A & M University and Louisiana State University. We will be touring the campuses and youth will visit with individual students and faculty from the various departments. We will also tour each university's College of Veterinary Medicine. To be eligible for the college trip, participants must attend at least 4 of the 6 scheduled workshops.

Please contact the office for more information regarding this program.

## Arkansas 4-H Teen Star Program

The Arkansas 4-H Teen Star Program is a recognition program for 4-H members 15-18 years of age who have shown outstanding achievement in their 4-H project, leadership, and community service. Teen Stars are eligible to apply for the 4-H Ambassador Program (which is a pre-requisite for running for state 4-H office).

The 2011 Teen Star Recognition Dinner will be conducted during the 2011 Teen Leader Conference on June 21. Each Teen Star receives a certificate, pin, and becomes eligible for a \$1000 scholarship once they become a high school senior.

Last year, two Faulkner County 4-H members, Taylor M. and Hunter B., were honored as Teen Star Recipients. Let's continue to "light-up" Faulkner County 4-H with Arkansas 4-H Teen Stars! Check the Teen Star Application requirements and then complete and submit your application (FY4H-139) by February 22. The application can be found in the Events Packet located on the county 4-H web page.



## Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors

are individuals who can be called on to assist with 4-H promotion at the state and county level. Ambassadors can be utilized in the following ways: assist with statewide 4-H programs, assist with county programs as requested, promote Arkansas 4-H at every opportunity, and represent 4-H at various activities such as fairs, donor events, awards programs, etc.

To apply, a 4-H member must be a Teen Star. 4-H'ers may apply for Ambassador the same year they apply for Teen Star. Individuals will interview for ambassador only if selected as a Teen Star. Applicants must submit a completed Arkansas 4-H Leadership application (FY4-H-657) to the County Extension Office no later than February 22.

# 2nd Annual 4-H Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Oak Bowery Baptist Church

Friday, March 11 ~ 6 pm to 8 pm

Tickets are \$5.00 each

**(Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Drink, and Dessert)**

Each member is asked to sell at least 10 tickets. For each ticket you sell, your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$50 Savings Bond.

Members are also asked to secure donations for the live and silent auctions. Donations of chicken spaghetti are also needed.

Proceeds from the ticket sales and auction items will be split with the participating 4-H clubs (the same as with the Haunted Hayride Fundraiser)

Tickets will be available from your club leader or from the Extension Office. Pre-ticket sales are due to the Extension Office by February 28.

## Poultry Chain Chicks Are A'Comin!

The 4-H Poultry Chain project is designed to allow 4-H members an opportunity to raise Bovan Brown, egg-laying type chicks from commercial industry clean stock (these are designed to be great birds!) This project is open for all 4-H members and is a great "starter" animal science project. Each participant is eligible to receive 1 set of 25 chicks for a cost of \$22.50. Participants may also purchase cockrels for .30 each.

The only project requirement is that the 4-H'er exhibit 3 of the Poultry Chain birds (no roosters) at the 2011 Faulkner County Fair. Additionally, the Extension Office will provide guidance and assist with vaccinations for growing the birds. So if you are looking for a great project, the Poultry Chain Project may be for you! Chicks will be delivered to the Extension Office during the week of April 11.

**Orders are due to the Extension Office no later than Monday, February 28.**

Contact Leigh or Jennifer for more information.



## Faulkner County 4-H Shooting Sports Club Offers AGFC Hunters' Education Course

An Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Hunter Education Class has been scheduled for Saturday, February 5 at the Faulkner County Office of Emergency Management on Acklin Gap Road. The class will be from 8 am to 6 pm and is open to all ages 9 and up and is FREE of charge but **registration is required**.

Registration is FIRST COME, -FIRST SERVE so do not wait to register! You must complete all 10 hours of training in order to take the test and receive your Hunters' Ed License. Call the Faulkner County Extension office (501.329.8344) or go online to the AG&F website at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)





## State 4-H Camp Continued...

### New Camps for 2011...

#### Spring Break Junior Camp

March 21-23

(9-12 year olds; 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades)

**This camp will be focused on outdoor activities.**

Cost for camp is \$155. The Faulkner County 4-H Foundation will pay 1/2 for qualified applicants.



#### Spring Break Adventure Challenge Camp

March 21-23

(13- 15 year olds; 8th-10th grades)

**This camp will be focused on team building and conquering challenges. The high ropes course is part of this camp.**

Cost for camp is \$155. The Faulkner County 4-H Foundation will pay 1/2 for qualified applicants.

#### Week Long Summer Junior Camp

June 26-July 2

(9-12 year olds; 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades)

**This camp's theme is "Celebrating 150 Years of Camping"**

Cost for camp is \$255 if paid by deadline



## Wildlife Habitat Education Program and Workshop (WHEP)

The WHEP Program is a hands-on, experiential, and practical program designed to teach about wildlife and rural / urban wildlife management practices. Participants learn ecologically sound principles of wildlife management, strong leadership and team work skills, and the ability to apply the knowledge they learn. WHEP Participants will learn and compete in the following areas:

1. Identification of common wildlife species
2. Identification of common wildlife foods
3. Interpretation of wildlife habitats from aerial photos
4. Understanding and prescription of wildlife management practices
5. Development of a rural wildlife management plan (seniors)
6. Development of an urban wildlife management plan (seniors)

Check out: [www.whep.org](http://www.whep.org) for complete program details.

The State 4-H WHEP Practice/Information session workshop will be on Saturday, February 26 at ASU—Beebe. Participants must register online at <http://arkansas.4honline.com> Cost is \$12 if registered by February 1 or \$24 for late applications.

**NOTE: Our county WHEP Program is currently in search of a Volunteer Leader/Coach. Please contact Leigh ASAP if you are willing to fill this need.**

## 4-H Sewing Group is in Stitches about Sewing...

Sixteen 4-Her's and guests met on January 13 to begin the county 4-H Sewing Group. Thanks to Group Leader, Debbie Landers, for organizing and leading this exciting new group. The group's next meeting dates are February 17. For more information on joining the 4-H Sewing Group, contact Debbie at 796-3923.



## It's in the Brag Book! Fifty-five 4-H Members Submit 4-H Journals

A round of applause goes to the following 55 4-H members who met the challenge of recording and submitting their 2010 4-H project work in their 4-H Journal. These members will receive a FREE ticket and be honored at the 2011 4-H Achievement Banquet! Congratulations to each of these members on a job well done!

### **Cloverbuds (age 5-8)**

Mallory M.  
Kaylee S.  
Landon S.  
Lawson C.  
Julie N.  
Rodney L.  
Emma A.  
Sophie F.  
Brandon B.  
Victoria P.  
Gracie R.  
Alex W.  
Tanner H.  
Kendall E.  
Chyna S.  
Chelby W.  
Paige K.

### **Cloverbuds Continued**

Olivia B.  
Taylor M.  
Lynn G.  
Kadee F.  
Justin H.

### **Beginners (ages 9-12)**

Savannah W.  
Isabella B.  
Landon C.  
Layton C.  
Tanner R.  
Hannah L.  
Brittney B.  
Sierra P.  
Alexis H.  
Mylanie H.

### **Beginners Continued**

Ayla H.  
Haley E.  
Trey K.  
Kalynn P.  
Ashley B.  
Rachel H.  
Corban H.  
Sammye H.  
Mathew M.  
Andrew H.  
Chase T.



### **Intermediate (ages 13-15)**

Christina M.  
Jansen R.  
Clayton M.  
Macey E.  
Hannah S.  
Walker B.  
Laci Rios  
Brekke G.  
Sarah S.  
Austin B.  
Matthew K.

### **Advanced (ages 16-19)**

Hunter B.  
Taylor M.  
Amber H.

**Advanced Teen Counselor Training** is for youth 14 and older who want to improve their camp counselor leadership skills. This training is an annual event and the workshop topics change each year. This year's topics include No previous counselor training is needed. The 2011 4-H Advanced Counselor Training will be March 11-12 at the Arkansas 4-H Center. Total cost is \$80. The county 4-H Foundation will pay a portion of the fees for qualifying participants. Payment and

## **2011 State 4-H Camp Details**

**All camps are held at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale.**

### **Junior Camp Track – 9-12 year olds (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades) - July 5-7**

Junior campers have the opportunity to canoe, fish, do arts & crafts, perform at the campfire program, meet 4-Hers from other counties, and gain an appreciation for summer camp. Cost for this camp is \$135. The Faulkner County 4-H Foundation will pay 1/2 for qualified applicants.

### **Adventure & Challenge Track – 13-15 year olds (8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades) - July 5-7**

This camp focuses on giving the campers the chance to challenge themselves. Each camper will have the opportunity to go through our ExCEL Leadership Challenge (Ropes) Course. Other challenges and adventures will also be a part of the program. As with the Junior Track, the campers will have the opportunity to canoe, fish, do arts & crafts, perform at the campfire program, meet 4-Hers from other counties, and gain an appreciation for summer camp. Cost for this camp is \$140. The Faulkner County 4-H Foundation will pay 1/2 for qualified applicants.

### **Equine Camp – 12-18 year olds (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) - March 21-24**

This camp will be focused on Western Pleasure. Participants should be able to handle their horse, saddle and care for them on their own. **This is not a beginner program and participants should have some experience.** This program is for ages 12 and up, and is limited to 10 participants. Cost for this camp is \$325. The 4-H Foundation will pay 1/2 for qualified applicants.

### **Cloverbud Camp – 5-9 year olds (Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grades) - July 8-9**

This camp will introduce young 4-Hers to the camp experience. The workshops will be the same as Junior Camp, just fewer since it is a shorter camp. Cloverbuds will be introduced to things such as canoeing, fishing, arts & crafts, and campfire program. The camp is a two-day camp. Each cloverbud should be accompanied by an adult (21 or older) who has completed the 4-H Volunteer Leader process and who is related to or holds legal guardianship over the camper. Cost for this camp is \$90. The Faulkner County 4-H Foundation will pay 1/2 for qualified applicants.

To register for camp, go to <http://arkansas.4honline.com>. All payments must be paid either online or at the county office before registration will be confirmed. Late fees will apply if paid registration is not received by April 1.



# Dollars for Scholars

## Faulkner County 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Each year, the Faulkner County 4-H Foundation awards several scholarships to graduating seniors and current college students to assist with furthering their education. Applicants must be or have been an active Faulkner County 4-H member and must submit a complete, current scholarship application. This year's scholarship application deadline is March 1. All applications must be typed. Please contact the Extension Office for an application or visit [www.uaex.edu/faulkner](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner) to obtain a copy.

## Faulkner County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

To be eligible to receive this scholarship, the applicant must be a member, child, or grandchild of a of the Faulkner County Cattlemen's Association member and have a 3.0 grade point average. Selection will be based upon academic achievement, character, career plans, and leadership. Contact the Extension Office for an application. Applications are due by April 22.



## Get in the Buzz with the annual 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The annual 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest is officially underway. Each year, the American Beekeeping Federation sponsors the contest and awards cash prizes to the state and national winners. This year's topic is "U.S. Honey: A Taste For Every Preference".

For complete rules go to [www.abfnet.org](http://www.abfnet.org) or contact the Extension Office. Essays must be submitted via email to [gstudebaker@uaex.edu](mailto:gstudebaker@uaex.edu) no later than February 21.



## The Leaders' Corner

### January 2011 PALs Meeting

Monday, January 31—6:30 pm

Faulkner County Office of Emergency Management on Acklin Gap

### Shooting Sports Instructor Training and Certification

4-H Shooting Sports is one of the fastest growing programs in 4-H today. In addition to teaching youth concepts related to shooting safety and firearm responsibility, the curriculum offers opportunities for youth to develop important life skills such as citizenship, leadership, sportsmanship, ethics, critical thinking, and an appreciation for nature.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor training and certification is scheduled for March 19-20, at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center. Agents and volunteers will be offered National Shooting Sports Curriculum training at the state level. For those interested in attending this training, log onto [www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities\\_Events/Shooting\\_Sports/Training/default.htm](http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/Shooting_Sports/Training/default.htm). Registration and payment is due to the LRSO **no later** than March 4.

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**DATES TO NOTE:**

**January**

31 PALs Meeting (FC OES Building)

**February**

1 State WHEP practice registration due  
4-5 State BB Competition  
5 Hunters' Education Course  
17 4-H Sewing Group Meeting  
18 Illustrated Talk Registration Due  
21 4-H Beekeeping Essays Due  
22 State Ambassador Applications due  
22 4-H Teen Star Applications due  
24 Illustrated Talk County  
26 State WHEP Practice  
28 Poultry Chain Chick Orders due  
28 Spaghetti Supper pre-ticket orders due

**March**

1 FC 4-H Foundation Scholarship apps due

1 High Adventure payment/application due  
1 Advanced Counselor Trng apps due  
4 Shooting Sports Inst. Training reg. due  
5 High Adventure Parent/Camper Meeting  
11 4-H Spaghetti Supper  
21-25 4-H College Trip

**April**

1-3 High Adventure ShakeDown  
1 State Camp Registration Deadline  
9 County Big B Day  
14 County Performing Arts contest  
14 County Fashion Revue contest  
16 State 4-H Leaders Forum  
16 Arkansas 4-H 5k  
22 FC Cattlemen's Scholarship apps due

**Looking Ahead...**

Faulkner County Fair: September 19-24  
SE District Fair: September 26-October 2  
Arkansas State Fair: October 14-23

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 or disability. 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.