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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 2012 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 upcoming activities. 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 9 at Oak Bowery Baptist Church. Please see inside your newsletter for complete details. We need your help to make it a success for the third year in a row!

Also, we will be starting our series of 4-H Livestock Project workshops on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The 4-H Vet Science Program will be revealed and we will have our first five sessions of "4-H Livestock 101." Check your e-mails and newsletter for more information.

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!

### 2012 County Contest Schedule

February 28	Illustrated Talk/Method Demonstration Contest
March 31	County Crop and Seed ID and BB Marksmanship/Safety
March 31	County Bicycle, Baitcasting and Reel Into Sportfishing
March 31	County BBQ Contest
April 17	County Performing Arts and Fashion Revue Contest
TBA	County Dairy Recipe Contest (pending)
May 1	Ross Photography due to County office
June 20	Ozark Regional O-Rama—Batesville High School
July 24-27	Arkansas 4-H O-Rama

For a complete list of activities and events, please see the 2012 Faulkner County 4-H Calendar of Events located at [www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h)

# County 4-H Membership Renewal Deadline

The 2012 deadline for 4-H membership renewal is Feb. 1, 2012. Members must log-in to their previous 4-H Online account and update their information. If you are renewing membership, **DO NOT** create a new family profile/account. Creating a new profile will delay the member's confirmation.

Refer to the Faulkner County 4-H Constitution for complete membership requirements. Members will be removed from the club roll after the third missed club meeting. The 4-H Constitution may be accessed at [www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner/4h).

The link to re-enroll, enroll (for new members only), or to register for state 4-H activities is <http://arkansas4honline.com>.

## 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 prerequisite for running for state 4-H office).

The 2012 Teen Star Recognition Dinner will be conducted during the 2012 Teen Leader Conference on June 13. Each Teen Star receives a certificate, pin and becomes eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship once they become a high school senior. Last year, two Faulkner County 4-H members, Amber H. and Jansen R., 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 Feb. 23. The application can be found in the events packet located on the county 4-H Web page.

## Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors

Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors are individuals who can be called on to assist with 4-H promotion at the state and county level such as assisting with statewide 4-H programs, assist with county programs as requested, and represent 4-H at various activities such as fairs, donor events, awards programs, etc. Being a 4-H Ambassador is also a prerequisite to running for a state 4-H office.

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 Feb. 23.

Congratulations to the following 4-H members selected to serve as 2012 Faulkner County 4-H Teen Leaders! Candidates were required to provide a written application and complete a formal interview. Gina Riddle is the 2012 club leader. Congratulations to each member, and thank you to Mrs. Riddle.

Taylor McN. – President	Taylor M.K. – Vice President
Brekke G. – Secretary	Travis C. – Treasurer
Andrew C. – Photographer	Christina M. – Photographer
Hannah S.	Haley C.                      Austin B.
Emily C.	Lauren C.                     Jansen R.
Kinsey W.	

The club will assist with county activities, serve as county 4-H Ambassadors, and provide guidance to local 4-H clubs. To schedule a Teen Leader member visit for your club, contact [griddle72@gmail.com](mailto:griddle72@gmail.com).

## Official County 4-H Polos Have Arrived...

Official Faulkner County 4-H Kelly green polo shirts have arrived. Polos are only \$12 each. Several youth and adult sizes are still available for purchase at the extension office.



## **2012 4-H County 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 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 Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Needs Creek Missionary Baptist Church in the Springhill/Needs Creek Community. A list of talk categories, information regarding specifics for each category, and activity registration forms may be accessed 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.

Registration is due to the extension office no later than Tuesday, Feb. 21. 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 Batesville on June 20, 2012!

## **4-H College and Career Prep Program**

Is school getting you down? Think you're ready for the real world? Join 4-H as we travel down the road to help prepare for your future after high school. The 4-H College and Career Prep Program is a five-week program that will 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 (Feb. 6 – March 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Tommy Lewis Conference Room.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit the University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville along with several other in-state universities. To be eligible for the college trip, participants must attend at least 4 of the 5 scheduled educational sessions. Contact the office for more information regarding this program or to register.

## **4-H High Adventure Goes to the Water – the Boundary Waters**

Grab your paddle. Grab your pack... 4-H High Adventure is back and headed to the Boundary Waters Canoe area in Ely, Minn. This year's 4-H High Adventure program will hit the waters in northern Minnesota for an experience of a lifetime during a five-day canoe trip. Participants age 13-19, along with adult volunteers, will depart Little Rock on July 29 and return on Sunday, Aug. 5. The trip cost of \$600 includes all lodging and transportation, canoe rental, crew equipment, food while in the backcountry, and two pre-trip trainings. Pre-requisite trip requirements include a parent/camper rally on March 3 and Shakedown on March 30–April 1. For more information, contact Shannon Caldwell at 501-821-6884 or email [4hcamps@uaex.edu](mailto:4hcamps@uaex.edu). Online registration will be accepted until Feb. 24. **\*\*The county 4-H Foundation will pay half the registration fees for qualifying county members.**



# Back at the Barn... 4-H Livestock Program Information



## Poultry Chain Chicks Are A'Comin!

The 4-H Poultry Chain project allows 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!) The extension office will provide guidance and assist with vaccinations for growing the birds. This project is only open to current 4-H members and is a great starter animal science project. The 2012 project fee is \$25 per participant. This fee will include UP TO 25 birds per project. Project participants may also purchase Bovan Brown males for \$0.30 each, with a limit of five.

Project members are required to exhibit three of the Poultry Chain birds (no roosters) at the Faulkner County Fair. So, if you are looking for a great project, the 4-H Poultry Chain Project may be for you! Chicks are scheduled to be delivered to the extension office during the first week of April.

**Orders are due to the extension office no later than Wednesday, Feb. 22.**

## Livestock 101 Workshop and 4-H Vet Science Program Introduction Meeting

**Livestock 101 (Part I)** is designed to give 4-H members and parents a grasp of what individual 4-H Livestock projects involve before they jump in headfirst. \*\*This will be part one of the Livestock 101 series and will offer sessions on the 4-H Vet Science Program along with the Hog, Lamb, Market Goat, Dairy Cattle and Beef Cattle projects. Sessions start at 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 31 at the Natural Resource Center.

There is no cost to participate, but pre-registration by Wednesday, Jan. 25 is requested so that adequate program materials may be prepared.

Think you want to be a veterinarian one day, or a medical doctor? The 4-H Vet Science Program is a great place to start. The 4-H Vet Science Program is an exciting, new, educational five-year program available for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above (due to curriculum demands, this is a high school/college level program).

An informational session on this new program will be conducted as part of Livestock 101 on Jan. 31 at the Faulkner County Natural Resource Center. The Vet Science presentation will be held from 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Additional details are included with the Livestock 101 information.

**Dairy Judging Team Practices Underway**  
The Faulkner County 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Team is underway with practices. There is still time for interested 4-H members to get involved. Contact team coach Gina Riddle at [griddle72@gmail.com](mailto:griddle72@gmail.com) for more information on practices and activities.

**4-H Livestock Judging Team Forming**  
The County 4-H Livestock Judging Team is currently accepting junior and senior members.

Practices will be held one night per every other week to begin with and will increase closer to contest time. The team will participate in 2-3 contests during 2012, with various practices and judging camps scheduled.

Please contact Diana Watkins ([dianaw@uca.edu](mailto:dianaw@uca.edu)/336-4381) or Megan Brewer (581-6920) if you are interested in this opportunity.

## Livestock 101 (Part II)

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012  
Faulkner County Natural Resource Center

- ✿ Broiler Project
- ✿ Poultry Chain
- ✿ Rabbit

\*\*This will serve as the official poultry chain workshop for 2012. Contact the extension office to pre-register.



# 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 and include all supporting documentation. Please contact the extension office for an application, or visit [www.uaex.edu/faulkner](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner) to obtain a copy of the application.

## Arkansas 4-H State Scholarships

Arkansas 4-H members may apply for statewide 4-H academic scholarships. Awards are based on overall 4-H participation, along with leadership and community involvement. Application information may be accessed in the Arkansas 4-H events packet located at [http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities\\_Events/event\\_packet/default.htm](http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/event_packet/default.htm).

## Faulkner County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

To be eligible to receive this scholarship, the applicant must be a member, child, or grandchild of a 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 Regina at 730-2287 for more information.

## Faulkner County Farm Bureau Scholarship

For application requirements and information, contact Faulkner County Farm Bureau at 329-5681.

## Faulkner County Master Gardener Scholarship

This will be awarded to a Conway County, Faulkner County, or Perry County, Ark. resident pursuing a post-secondary degree in a plant science-related field, including but not limited to horticulture, botany, agronomy, forestry, plant science, landscape architecture/design and turf management. FCMG will award two scholarships in the amounts of **\$1,500** and **\$1,000**. Contact Lisa Evans at 336-4643 or [johndeere@cyberback.com](mailto:johndeere@cyberback.com) FMI.

## Arkansas Fair Managers' Association Scholarship

Selection based on degree of involvement in county, district and state fairs; leadership; community involvement; school/academics. For additional information, contact Larry Brewer at 450-4935 or come by the extension office.



## The Leaders' Corner



### PALs Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 26

6:30 p.m. in Antioch Chaos Room

(Faulkner County Natural Resource Center)

**Each club is expected to have at least one representative in attendance.**

**Do you know the eight essential elements of youth development? Bring your answer to the PALs meeting, and those who can name at least four will receive a special gift!**

# Show Me the Money: 4-H Entrepreneur Camp

Are you a 4-H member interested in starting your own business? Got ideas but don't know the first thing about getting started? 4-H Entrepreneur Camp is the place to be on Feb. 10-12, 2012 for 4-H members ages 9-13 and 14-19. Basic campers (ages 9-13) will develop a business plan, produce a mock business and sell their products to fellow campers while creating a budget and maintaining their company's finances. Advanced campers will use technology to conduct market research, develop marketing tools for their business idea, and visit one-on-one with entrepreneurs who put their ideas to use in developing a successful business of their own.

Registration is being accepted until Jan. 30 through Arkansas 4-H Online (<http://arkansas.4honline.com>). Registration fees are \$120 (includes supplies, lodging, meals and T-shirt). The Faulkner County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fees for qualifying county 4-H members. Contact the extension office for more information.



## Go Outside and Play!

### Arkansas 4-H Camps 2012



**Week Long Summer Junior Camp** – June 24-30 (5:00 p.m. Sunday – 10:00 a.m. Saturday)  
Open to youth ages 10-13. Cost is \$360. (Includes lodging, meals, activities, and T-shirt)

**Cloverbud Camp** – July 6-7 (10:00 a.m. Friday – 1:00 p.m. Saturday)

Open to youth ages 5-9 and adult parent/guardian. Parent/guardian must complete and clear youth protection paperwork. Cost is \$110. (Includes lodging, meals, activities, and T-shirt)

**Junior Camp I** – July 9-11 (10:00 a.m. Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. Thursday)

Open to youth ages 9-12. Cost is \$165. (Includes lodging, meals, activities, and T-shirt)

\*\*The county foundation will pay for one adult volunteer per eight county youth attending camp.

**Adventure and Challenge Camp I** – July 9-11 (10:00 a.m. Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. Thursday)

Open to youth ages 13-15. Cost is \$165. (Includes lodging, meals, activities, and T-shirt)



Registration for camp is through Arkansas 4-H Online (<http://arkansas.4honline.com>). Deadline for this year's Arkansas 4-H Summer Camps is June 1. Payment may be made at the extension office or online by credit card.

\*\*The Faulkner County 4-H Foundation generously supports county 4-H youth attending camp. The Foundation will pay half of camp registration for qualifying 4-H members. Check the 4-H Foundation payment policy for guidelines.

**Operation Military Kids' Camps** – OMK camps are open and FREE to youth family members of military personnel. For a complete list of OMK camping opportunities, contact Leigh at the extension office.

## Camp Counseling Opportunities

Think you have outgrown going to camp? Think again. Camp counseling opportunities are available for 4-H members 14 and older. There is no fee to serve as a counselor, but the personal rewards are endless: leadership growth, lasting relationships and lots of fun!

Online summer camp counselor applications are due by April 1. Selection will be based on age, experience and availability. Questions? Contact Shannon at 501-821-6884 or [4hcamp@uaex.edu](mailto:4hcamp@uaex.edu).

**3rd Annual 4-H Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser**  
**Oak Bowery Baptist Church**  
Friday, March 9, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Tickets: \$5 each  
(Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Drink and Dessert)

4-H members are each asked to sell at least 10 tickets.  
For each ticket sold, the 4-H member's 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 pre-ticket sales and auction items will be split with the participating 4-H clubs.






Tickets will be available from your club leader or from the extension office.  
Pre-ticket sales are due to the extension office by March 1.

## **Club and Project Displays Requested for 4-H Foundation meeting**

4-H clubs are invited to provide an informational, club display for the annual Faulkner County 4-H Foundation Board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Natural Resource Center. Displays will need to be brought to the extension office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 and must be picked-up by Friday, Feb. 24 at 4:00 p.m. This is a great way to share your club with our program supporters. Please notify Regina if your club would like to participate.

### **Congratulations...**

to the following 4-H Members for being selected to attend the state 4-H Camp Leadership Basic Training on Jan. 20-21.

-  Jansen R.
-  Lauren C.
-  Austin B.
-  Brekke G.
-  Taylor M.K.

### **Faulkner County 4-H Members Prepare for State Shooting Sports BB Competition**

Good luck to the 15 youth representing Faulkner County at the Arkansas BB Marksmanship and Safety Competition on Feb. 3-4 in Ferndale. Participants, parents and coaches have spent numerous hours preparing for the competition. Thank you to the coaches and volunteers who have helped make this opportunity possible for our 4-H youth!

## **Arkansas Cattlewomen Association Seeks Entries for Arkansas Beef Cook-Off**

The Arkansas Cattlewomen Association is looking for the beef – the best beef dishes in Arkansas, that is! And they want you to help. Over \$2,500 in cash and prizes will be awarded to the best entries in the adult category and the best in the youth category.

Youth recipes should be based on the theme "Game Day" and should be original, easy to prepare and delicious. Recipes may be portable "on-the-run" recipes or "make-ahead" recipes. Recipes should also include one of the 29 lean beef cuts, include a maximum of 6-9 ingredients, be prepared and cooked in 30 minutes or less, and should yield 4 to 8 servings.

Contact the extension office for a complete copy of rules and guidelines. Deadline to enter is Feb. 1, 2012.

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<b>4-H DATES TO NOTE:</b>	
<b>January 2012</b>	
24	Lollie Bottoms 4-H Pizza Inn Fundraiser
25	Journal Judging applications due
25	Governor's Award application due
30	High Adventure registration due
31	4-H Livestock 101 workshop
<b>February 2012</b>	
1	4-H member renewal deadline
6	College and Career I
13	College and Career II
16	Livestock 101 (Part 2)
20	College and Career III
21	Illustrated Talk registration due
21	Teen Leader Club meeting
22	Poultry Chain Project orders due
23	Teen Star applications due
<b>February 2012 (continued)</b>	
23	Ambassador applications due
27	College and Career 4
28	Illustrated Talk Contest
<b>March 2012</b>	
6	Horse Leader Training
9	Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
13	Horse Leader Training
17	Saddle Up for Success Clinic
19-23	Spring Break
23	Broiler BBQ registration due
27	Horse Leader Training
31	Broiler BBQ
31	Big 'B' Day Contests
<b>April 2012</b>	
14	Volunteer Forum and 4-H 5K
17	Fashion Revue and Perf. Arts Contest

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.