

Clover Crews News



Teen Counselor Training

Six Howard County 4-H Teen Leaders participated in the Statewide Teen Counselor training held at the Arkansas 4-H Center in Little Rock on January 11 - 12. The teens gained knowledge and skills necessary to be effective counselors here in Howard County for day camps and overnight camps. Participating were **Daniel I., Matt W., Jonathon L., Crystal G., Bethany R. and Cori M.** Mrs. Annette Mauk, Mrs. Donna Gaddis and Mrs. Jean Ince attended as adult volunteer leaders.



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Beekeeping Essay Contest

Joshua R. is representing Howard County 4-H in the 2008 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. The topic this year is “The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community.” Joshua’s research took him onto many interesting Internet sites, and he read magazine articles and periodicals about the honeybee. He interviewed two local fruit growers, a Master Gardener, an environmental educator at Rick Evans Grandview Prairie, and Sherry Beaty. Joshua



said that one of the most interesting things he learned was that there is a difference in honeybees and Blue Orchard Bees, which are used by some growers in this area. According to Joshua, “The Blue Orchard Bees do not sting as much as honeybees.”

Howard County 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

We need a new t-shirt designed for Howard County 4-H. Bring your design to the office. The design should be simple enough that it can be reproduced easily. The winner will receive a free t-shirt. Contest ends **February 29**. So far, only one design has been entered.



Journals

Seventeen beginner and intermediate 4-H Journals have been completed and turned in to the office for review and submission to the state office for judging. Congratulations to **Jonathon & Kathleen L., Daniel & Lauren I., Christopher & Daniel P., Ace R., Bethany R., Matthias S., Caleb S., Jake E., Megan ., Crystal, Lydia & Nathan G., Cori M. and Matt W.** for completing journals. All 4-H'ers submitting journals, including Cloverbud Journals, will receive an invitation to the 4-H Achievement Banquet on March 7.

The due date for Cloverbud Journals, for ages 5 - 8, is **February 28**. Encourage your Cloverbud members to complete this easy and fun journal. Cloverbud Journals are available at the office or online at www.uaex.edu and follow the links - 4-H Youth Development to 4-H Programs to 4-H Journals.

4-H Breads Workshop & Contest

A 4-H Breads Workshop will be held on **Monday, February 11, at 4:00 p.m.**, at the EH Center in Nashville. Youth will learn the basics of bread making. This workshop will help prepare you for the 4-H Breads Contest. A registration fee of \$3.00 will be charged to cover program supplies. All supplies will be provided. In order to have enough for each member participating, please call the Extension office at 845-7517 to register by February 8.

The 4-H Breads Contest will be held **Monday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the EH House. A letter describing this contest has been mailed to you. Remember to call and register by **February 21**.

4-H Community Service

Pop-A-Tab for 4-H - collect tabs, which will be donated to the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The club that brings in the most tabs by **February 15** will win an ice cream sundae party. Be creative - set up pop-tab collection boxes at local business, schools, churches, etc. So far, the Entomology Club is in the lead, but I hear that Show-n-Shine is determined to win the prize. We will be collecting tabs all year long, so keep collecting!



A **Used Book Drive & Sale** to benefit the Howard County Public Library will be held by Howard County 4-H. Please start collecting books for this sale. The library will use the funds to purchase books for their youth department. Jonathon Lance is chairing this committee.

Poultry Chain Chicks

4-H Poultry Chain ordering time is here. The white leghorn chicks will cost 40 cents each. Cal Maine has been a great sponsor for many years and provides the chicks below cost. The Bovan Brown, sometimes called "*Golden Sex Links, Golden Comet and Cinnamon Queens*," etc., will cost around 80 cents each and are sponsored by Centurion Poultry. Approximate delivery dates for chicks will be during late March to early April. **ORDER DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 25.** **By that date, we must have the number of chicks you want, the kind wanted, the number of roosters you want (if any) and payment in full turned into the office.**





4-H Club **Community Service Awards** applications are due at the Extension office by **February 26**. Your club will need to provide an application, a small scrapbook including a club story, pictures, news clippings and other documentation, and a Club Community Service Report. Contact Sherry W. with any assistance needed to apply.

2007 State 4-H Honor Club applications are due by **March 1**. Has your club secretary kept the club Secretary's Book filled out? Does your club hold regular meetings? If so, Sherry W. will be glad to assist you in applying for this distinguished honor for your club. For 2006, Shooting Stars and Show-n-Shine were selected as State Honor Clubs. A certificate will be awarded to each club that receives this award. There is no competition between clubs for this award and no limit on the numbers of clubs that may receive this honor.

Applications for the above-mentioned awards and information about 4-H policy and events may be obtained at the state Extension website - www.uaex.edu. Once at the site follow these links: 4-H Youth Development, 4-H Programs, Activities & Events, Events Packet, Awards and Recognitions. Contact the Extension office, if you need help.

O-Rama Competition Begins . . .

Fashion Revue and Talent contests will be held on **March 3** at the EH House.

Fashion Revue will be held at 5:30 p.m. and consists of a short presentation and modeling of garments, either purchased or home sewn, in either the casual or dressy category. You will need to know fabric content, washing or cleaning instructions, the value of your outfit and occasions when the outfit could be worn.

In the **Talent** competition, which starts at 6:30 p.m., you may enter in three divisions - instrumental, dance or vocal, either individually or in a group. Groups may have up to eight members, but all must meet the age requirement for the age level that they are participating in. Each category has a five-minute time limit.



Additional 4-H county competitive activities are coming up. The Dairy Foods & Egg contest, Broiler BBQ and the Illustrated Talks & Demonstrations are scheduled in April, and B-Day is scheduled in May. District O-Rama will be held June 17. Ask your leader or call the office, for more details.

4-H Achievement Banquet

The 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held **Friday, March 7**, at the EH House. Would you like to be invited to the banquet? If so, you may receive an invitation by doing one of the following:

1. Submit a State 4-H Journal (Cloverbud, Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced, submission date is past due)
2. If you have been in 4-H for one year or less, submit your "4-H Story" telling us why you joined 4-H and what projects and other interests you wish to pursue within your club and at other 4-H events, such as competitions, summer programs, camp, etc. Minimum one page. Due date: **February 19**.
3. If you have been in 4-H over one year, you may submit a Howard County 4-H Journal. Tell about your main project interest and what you did in it during the year. How many hours did you spend on your project? What activities did you do to complete your project? How much money did you spend or earn? We also want to know what you did in other 4-H projects, community service, and leadership (teaching others, being an officer, leading a pledge or song at a meeting, making a motion, etc.), and tell us about yourself and your family. Due date: **February 19**.



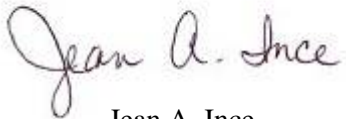
Calf Clinic

A calf grooming clinic will be held by Richard Webb on Saturday, **March 22**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** You will not need to bring your calf, and lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please call Mr. Webb at 870-983-2796 or 870-703-2485.

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.

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