

JEFFERSON COUNTY

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June Due Dates

- 6/2 Ross Photography Entries
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Turkey Talk Registration
- 6/20 Fitness Fest Registration

July Due Dates

- 7/7 4-H Photography Contest Entries

May Activity Dates

- 5/27 County Teen Leader Club Meeting
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June Activity Dates

- 6/7 Farmer's Market Grand Opening
- 6/8 – 13 National Leadership Forum
- 6/10 Ambassador's Pre-TLC Meeting
- 6/11– 13 Teen Leader Conference
- 6/11 Ambassador/Advanced Journal Interviews
Teen Star & Hall of Fame Banquet
- 6/14 Fishing Derby
- 6/16 – 20 Farm Bureau Teen Challenge Camp
- 6/20 Regional O-Rama
- 6/27 Fitness Fest

July Activity Dates

- 7/2 Community Service Workshop
- 7/7-9 State Camp/Adventure Challenge Camp
- 7/14 Adult Volunteer Leader's Association Meeting
- 7/15 – 18 U of A Poultry Science Youth Conference
- 7/22 – 25 State O-Rama
- 7/28 – 8/1 County STEM Institute

County 4-H O-Rama



It is time once again to register for O-Rama competitive events! County O-Rama will be held on Thursday, May 29, starting at 4 p.m. on the campus of Jack Robey Jr. High School. Competitive activities include illustrated talks and method demonstrations in project areas, as well as Bicycle, Baitcasting and Reel into Sports Fishing. Pre-registration is required and will close at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 22. Call our office at (870) 534-1033, as soon as possible, to reserve your spot! (In honor of the AR 4-H Centennial, light refreshments will be served.)

Regional 4-H O-Rama

The Southeast Regional O-Rama is scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2008. This event will be held on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. 4-H'ers qualified at the county level will compete against other 4-H members from surrounding counties. This year's registration fee is \$2.50, and it must be paid by Friday, May 30. The fee will be \$6 after May 30. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the lobby of the Hathaway Fine Arts Building on the UAPB campus. All beginner and intermediate District Journal winners will be awarded trophies in the morning assembly which begins at 10 a.m. Competition will begin at 10:30 a.m. Non-competing 4-H members and all parents and volunteer leaders are encouraged to attend.

State 4-H Camps

There are still a few spots remaining for Junior & Adventure Challenge camps. 2008 State 4-H Camp dates are July 7 – 9. The absolute last day to register and pay the camp fee is Friday, May 23, at the close of business. Camp fees are \$65 and \$75. Call our office immediately at (870) 534-1033 for an application and/or additional information.



State 4-H O-Rama



The 2008 4-H O-Rama theme is "Arkansas 4-H Extravaganza – 100 years In the Making." State O-Rama will be held on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Tuesday, July 22 – Friday, July 25, 2008. ALL Regional-O-Rama-qualifying senior 4-H members are eligible to attend.

Teen Star Banquet Servers Needed



Each year, the State 4-H Officers and Ambassadors request that 4-H'ers between the ages of 12 and 14 volunteer to assist with the annual Teen Star Hall of Fame Banquet. We are in need of 25 4-H'ers that could help as servers on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. The volunteers would need to be at the 4-H Center by 4 p.m. and would finish by 9 p.m. The meals for the servers are provided. The registration deadline is May 14, 2008.

Poultry Science Youth Conference

The 12th annual Poultry Science Youth Conference will be held July 15 – 18, 2008, on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Any high school student with an interest in the biological sciences or a career in the poultry industry may apply to attend. Youth will see what campus life is like at the U of A and interact informally with faculty and staff and learn about the U of A's Center of Excellence for Poultry Science. The conference is designed to broaden the high school student's understanding of the educational disciplines, scholarship opportunities, careers and industries related to poultry science. Only a few spots remain and the last day to apply is Thursday, May 15. The fee is \$50. For more information, contact our office.



Tobacco Control Youth Board (TCYB)

The time has come to register for the 2008-2009 Statewide Youth Leadership Team - The Tobacco Control Youth Board (TCYB). The TCYB is the leadership team of the YES (Youth Extinguishing Smoking) Team and they need YOU to help in the fight against big tobacco. If you are in the 7th grade or above, the time has come for YOU to STAND UP, SPEAK OUT AND SEIZE CONTROL! Come on---join in! The deadline for application is May 19, 2008. For more information, contact our office or email gperez@fsainc.org or ewilliams@fsainc.org .

County Teen Leader Club

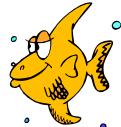
The Jefferson 4-H County Teen Leader Club has scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, May 27, at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the county Extension office. All current 4-H members, ages 13 – 19, are eligible for membership in this leadership project club. All other county youth who meet the age requirement are also strongly encouraged to join.

Farm Bureau Camps

Once again Arkansas farm Bureau is proud to sponsor two special interest youth programs this summer. The National Leadership Forum will be held at Harding University's campus in Searcy from June 8 – 13, 2008. The program is open to students in grades 9 – 12 and will allow youth to share experiences and information with other young leaders from across Arkansas and other southern states. The tuition for this year's camp is \$120 per student, which covers room, board and materials.

The 36th annual Arkansas Farm Bureau Teen Challenge Camp will encompass a variety of activities including outdoor recreation, CPR, the dangers of driving under the influence, and valuable leadership and team-building skills. Teen Challenge will be held June 16 – 19 at the AR 4-H Center in Ferndale. Tuition of \$150 covers all costs, including housing, meals and

materials. Students may be sponsored by county Farm Bureaus, other organizations or individuals, but must be approved by the county Farm Bureau. Transportation is to be arranged by each student, their parents or their sponsors. County entry deadline for both events is May 27. Limited scholarships may be provided by Farm Bureau. Contact our office for more information at (870) 534-1033.



Fishing Derby

The Jefferson County Recreation Association invites you to their annual fishing derby on Saturday, June 14, 2008, beginning at 8 a.m. The event is designed for youth ages 5 – 16, and senior citizens age 55 and up. The derby will be held at the Jefferson County recreation Center, located 10 miles west of Pine Bluff at McCoy's Park on the south side of HWY 270 before the Grant/Jefferson county line. Deadline for pre-registration is Friday, May 30. Contact our office for more information.

Ross Foundation Photography Contest

It's time for the Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest. All 4-H members ages 9 –19 are eligible.



At the county level, each 4-H member may enter two color photographs (one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category, if two are entered) and two black-and-white photographs (one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category, if two are entered). Four county winners are selected, one in each category.

Photographs entered in the Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest MUST be of scenes or subjects in Arkansas. The pictures must have been taken during the current contest year. Date, location and negative (or disk, if digital) MUST accompany photograph. Photos MUST not be mounted or framed.

The following information **MUST** be included with the photo: the 4-H member's name, county, category entered, date taken and where the photo was taken. This information should be typed or printed on a slip of paper and taped to the back of the photo. If you write the information on the back of the photo, do not write hard, since it will show through on the good side. Do not pin, staple or clip this information to the photo.

Digital cameras are allowed. You should set the camera for highest resolution. For judging, we need an 8 inch x 10 inch picture on photo-quality paper. The photo may be enhanced to improve quality, and you may change a color image into black and white. A CD-R disk containing the jpeg photo must be submitted.

If you use a film camera, you may shoot in color, but have the processor print photos in black and white for contest submission.

Advantix cameras are allowed, but you must submit the film canister with the photo.

Cash awards are presented to winners on the state level. Entries are due in our office by the close of business, Monday, June 2. Contact our office for more information.

Jefferson County 4-H T-Shirts

Thanks to the creative efforts of the Jefferson County 4-H Teen Leader Club – we have a new county t-shirt design! The shirt will be a poly-cotton blend black crew-neck, with kelly green lettering.

(Front)

**JEFFERS N
C UNTY
4-H**

(Back)

**“To Make the Best Better”
(List of current county 4-H clubs)**

(Right Sleeve)

Arkansas 4-H Centennial Logo

T-shirts can be purchased for \$12 each and can be ordered at the County Extension office. Any 4-H member, volunteer, 4-H parent, or interested 4-H supporter may purchase a shirt. The deadline for ordering is Friday, June 6.

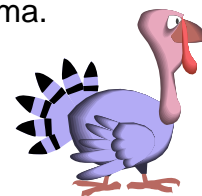
Turkey Talk Competition

We are now accepting names for 4-H'ers interested in representing Jefferson County in Turkey Talk at State O'Rama.

Deadline for submitting your name is Friday, June 6,

2008. This activity is designed for youth ages 14 – 19, to broaden their

knowledge and skills and become better acquainted with the Arkansas turkey industry and its products. The activity consists of an illustrated presentation, including factual information about the turkey industry and its products; plus a turkey barbeque cooking contest. The first-place winner at State O-Rama will receive a trophy and a paid trip to compete in National Turkey Talk BBQ Contest at the 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, to be held in November. If there is a need for a county competition, it will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at 1 p.m. at the County Extension office.



Farmer's Market Grand Opening

The grand opening of the Farmer's Market



will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Saracen Landing. The Jefferson

County 4-H program will conduct activities in the Kid's

Corner. Teens and adult volunteers are needed for this event from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. If you are interested in assisting, please call our office as soon as possible at 534 -1033.

Teen Leader Conference

The theme for Teen Leader Conference 2008 is “Life Is a Highway: Are You 4-H Driven?” This three-day event will be held June 11 – 13 at the C.A. Vines AR 4-H

Center in Ferndale. This annual conference for 4-H members ages 14 – 19 focuses on a different special interest topic each year and helps to prepare teens for leadership responsibilities in their local clubs and counties.

4-H Fitness Fest

The Jefferson County 4-H Teen Leader Club will be conducting a “4-H Fitness Fest” day camp from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2008. The camp will be held at Regional Park, with registration starting at 8:45 a.m. in the Waterfront Building. The camp will include workshop sessions on aerobics, basketball, baseball, dance, archery, first-aid and sports nutrition/healthy snacks. Lunch will be served. This activity is open to all Jefferson County youth, ages 8 – 12. Pre-registration is required and will end at the close of business on Friday, June 20, 2008. Call our office at (870) 534-1033 to pre-register or for more information.



2008 O-Rama Community Service

Senior 4-H members participating in State O-Rama are once again being asked to participate in several statewide community service projects. A list and description of each is included in this newsletter mailing. We will hold a county community service workshop on Wednesday, July 2, in the conference room of the Cooperative Extension office, from 1 – 5 p.m. Please make plans to participate and contribute to this worthy cause!

2008 4-H Photography Contest

I'm excited to announce “Color My World,” which is the theme for this year’s 4-H Photography contest. As the name implies, images submitted to the contest should emphasize color.



4-Her's are encouraged to read their camera's manual in order to become familiar with often overlooked features that can

improve general picture taking and also be an advantage in this event. Be creative, unconventional and experimental. Take hundreds of shots in order to capture the one, definitive image that will garner a top prize.

Monday, July 7 is the county entry deadline. All images must be received in our office by the end of the work day.

Leaders Meeting

The Jefferson County 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association will meet on Monday, July 14, 2008, in the conference room of the County Extension office. Start time is 6 p.m.



4-H Day with the Arkansas Razorbacks

Arkansas 4-H has been offered the opportunity to hold 4-H Day with the Arkansas Razorbacks again this year. It will be on Saturday, August 30 against Western Illinois. This is the first game of the season and is also Labor Day weekend. The game time has not been set yet, but will probably be at either 5 p.m. or 6 p.m.

We will have the tailgate party in the same location (patio and yard of the Agriculture, Food and Life Science Building) as last time. The start time will be set once the game time is determined. Those coming to the game will also receive a t-shirt again this year (look for the new design to come soon).

We will be in Section 111 again this year. Tickets are \$45 each and we have been allotted a smaller number this year, so we expect them to go fast — reserve yours now!





to the following Jefferson County 4-H'ers...

2008 AR 4-H State Camp Counselors –

Ashlee C., Nicole E., Kelsey K., Kerri K., Christian R., Shelby M., Cheyenne M., Marianne S. (Alternates: Crystal C. & Kyrah R.)

2008 Teen Leader Conference Delegates

– Ashlee C., Crystal C., Nicole E., Kelsey K., Kerri K., Cheyenne M., Shelby M., Kyrah R., Christian R., Shellvey R., Marianne S., Raeonia T. & Sarah W.

State 4-H Officer Candidates – Southeast

Regional 4-H Vice President: Kelsey K.

Arkansas 4-H President: Marianne S.

Delta District 4-H Beginner &

Intermediate Journal Winners – Ariana

W., Cheyenne M., Shelby M., Kyrah R., Raeonia T. & Darren S.

State Journal Interview Recipients –

Crystal C., Nicole E., Kelsey K., Kerri K., Christopher S. & Sarah W.

AR 4-H Hall of Fame & Governor's Award Finalist – Jef F.

Jefferson Co. 4-H Talent Show Winners –

Kelsey K., Tedra D., Nicole E., Ty-Tieon D., Dominique D.

Jefferson Co. 4-H Fashion Revue

Winners – Kelsey K., Kerri K., Crystal C., Kaylee I. & Ariana W.

Jefferson Co. 4-H Broiler BBQ Winners –

Nicole E., Christopher S., Maquita C., Dominique D., Alexis C.

Best wishes to all Jefferson County 4-H'ers who graduate from high school this month. We're proud of you and wish you all the absolute best in life!!!



2008 Jefferson County Graduation Dates:

May 13 – St. Joseph Catholic High School

May 15 – Watson Chapel High School

May 20 – Dollarway High School

May 22 – White Hall High School

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.

Sincerely,

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