

4-H CLOVER NEWS

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We still have county T-shirts available if you would like to purchase one. The cost is \$12 per shirt. Hurry in soon – quantities are limited!!!

September Due Dates

- 17 Entomology Collections for Mid-South Fair Due to LRSO
- 24 National 4-H Conference Applications
- 28 Fair Entries due at Hestand Stadium 1– 6 p.m.

October Due Dates

- 1 "Water Is Life" Poster Contest Entries Due
- 29 Kansas City Global Conference Applications
Managing Rice for Ducks '09 Registration
- 30 ATV Essay Competition Entries Due

September Activity Dates

- 13 Great Arkansas Cleanup
- 13-14 Hunter's Ed. Class, Delta Rivers Nature Center
- 17 4-H Expansion and Review Advisory Committee Meeting
- 20 4-H Day at the AR-OK State Fair, Fort Smith, AR
4-H Day at the Mid-South Fair, Memphis, TN
- 27 Centennial Gala, Peabody Hotel, Little Rock
- 28 Day of Giving Back, JCPenney Store, Pines Mall
Fair Exhibits Entered 1 – 6 p.m., Hestand Stadium
- 29 Livestock Show & Rodeo begins, Hestand Stadium
4-H Concessions – Annual Fundraiser, Hestand Stadium

October Activity Dates

- TBA Purple Circle Banquet
- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- 1-5 Southern Region Vol. Leaders Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
- 4-6 Fall Hiking Adventure Trek, Location TBA
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 6 Adult Leaders' Association Meeting
- 8 National Youth Science Day
- 10 Arkansas State Fair Begins, State Fairgrounds, LR
- 11 Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Weigh-in, State Fair, LR
- 18 4-H Day at the State Fair, State Fairgrounds, LR
- 18-19 Hunter's Ed. Class, Delta Rivers Nature Center
- 24-25 Boo on the Bayou, Delta Rivers Nature Center

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is an opportunity for 4-H members to participate in decision-making sessions and public relations forums. The conference will be held March 28 – April 2, 2009, at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland and the Washington D.C. area. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 of the current calendar year and not have had their 19th birthday by January 1 of next year. Preference will be given to those youth who have one year of 4-H eligibility left. Five 4-H members will be selected to represent Arkansas. Application deadline is September 24, 2008. Contact our office for more information.

SE AR District Fair



The 69th annual District Livestock Show and Rodeo will soon be underway at Hestand Stadium. Beginning Sunday, September 28, all educational exhibits, home economics entries, field crops, fruits, vegetables and plants will begin setup for judging. Check-in hours are 1:00 until 6:00 p.m. Please contact our office, if you have specific questions about exhibits or entries.

Jefferson County 4-H Concessions

We will once again be conducting our annual concession stand fundraiser in conjunction with the SE AR District Fair. The dates are Monday, September 29 – Saturday, October 4.

***Please be advised that the eligibility requirements for county scholarships are that the 4-H member (age 13 and up) or the member's parent/guardian must work a minimum of three (3) hours in the 4-H Concession Stand AND submit a completed 4-H Journal. *** We need workers each day in the following time slots:

- Monday – Judges' Breakfast – 8:00
Final setup during day
Evening shift – 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday – 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.



Wednesday – 8:00 – 1:00 p.m.

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday – 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Call our office at 534-1033 to sign up.



Kansas City Global Conference

The 2009 Kansas City Global Conference will be held March 18 – 21 in Kansas City, Missouri. Held annually, the conference provides opportunities for youth (ages 15 – 19) to explore careers, technology, the environment and cultural diversity in a global society. The conference features tours to Kansas City area businesses and organizations, workshops showcasing a variety of careers, service learning opportunities and cultural events. Delegates will have the opportunity to meet and interact with other youth from Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma. The cost of the conference is \$192.50 and is due with the application on October 29th. Contact our office for more information.

The Great Arkansas Cleanup

Saturday, September 13, is the date for the 2008 Great Arkansas Cleanup. Cleanup time is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. A picnic is scheduled for 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. on the North Green of the Pine Bluff Civic Center for all clean up participants. For more information, call the Clean and Beautiful Commission at 543-4901.

Hunter Education Classes

Hunter education classes will be offered at the Governor Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center in Pine Bluff. A hunter education card is required for any hunter born after December 31, 1968, and any youth applying for an Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AG&FC) permit hunt. Youth (under 16) hunting under the direct supervision of a licensed adult (21 or older)



are not required to have a hunter education card.

Attendees must attend both sessions for a total of eight hours. The class will end with a test on day two. The test must be passed in order to be issued a hunter education card. Dates and times for the classes are as follows:

Saturday, September 13	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sunday September 14	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 19	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Class size is limited to 50, so be sure to pre-register to ensure a seat. To pre-register for either of the classes or for more information, please call the Nature Center at (870) 534-0011. For those not able to attend either of the live classes, the Nature Center provides two other options. Call the Nature Center at (870)534-0011 for more information.



Arkansas 4-H Banquet of the Century

Saturday, September 27, 2008, marks the date for the Arkansas 4-H Centennial Gala. This

banquet is the culmination of the yearlong Arkansas 4-H Centennial celebration. The Gala is a formal, green-tie and gown affair. Governor Mike Beebe will deliver the keynote address. Tables of 10 are available for \$1,500; individual tickets may be purchased for \$150. For more information, contact Sarah Harrison, 4-H Centennial Coordinator, at (501)671-2352.

Day of Giving Back

Our county 4-H program was recently selected as a national 4-H Afterschool Partner and as a result of this recognition, has been approved to participate in various JCPenney Charity Events. The next scheduled event is the JCPenney Day of Giving Back. This new, nationwide campaign was created by JCPenney to help raise funds to support local afterschool programs and draw attention to the importance of these programs for our communities. From September 14 – 28, JCPenney store customers will have the chance to purchase



a \$5 coupon good for 20% off* almost all store, jcp.com and catalog purchases made on Sunday, September 28. All proceeds from coupons sold at our local JCPenney partner store during that two-week period will be donated to our 4-H Afterschool program. We need adult and teen (15 & up) volunteers to be on hand on Sunday, September 28, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. to distribute literature about our program and to answer any questions customers may have about 4-H. If you'd like to sign up to volunteer, or you'd like more information, please give me a call at 534-1033.

“Water Is Life” Poster Contest

The Jefferson County Conservation District is sponsoring a poster contest with the theme “Water Is Life” for all students in grades K – 12. Contestants will be able to compete for local and state prizes awarded based on grade category. Poster contest entry forms and informational brochures regarding the contest may be obtained from Kenyon Branch, County Extension Agent – Urban Storm Water Educator, by contacting him at (870) 534-1033. The deadline for submission of posters is October 1, 2008, to the Jefferson County Conservation District.



National 4-H Week

National 4-H week is scheduled for October 5 – 11, 2008. To celebrate this annual event, Jefferson County 4-H has scheduled several promotional activities. Please see the insert in this newsletter for the week's schedule.

Leaders' Meeting

The Jefferson County 4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders' Association will meet on Monday, October 6, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Cooperative Extension office.

4-H National Youth Science Day

National 4-H Council has announced details of the first-ever National Science Experiment (NSE), the designated science activity of 4-H National Youth Science Day, to be held October 8, 2008. The National Science Experiment will



focus on the environment and will use science principles to teach youth across the country about the importance of water conservation and preventing groundwater contamination. For more information on 4-H National Youth Science Day, go to www.4-H.org. The NYSD experiment will be conducted at one of the local schools in Jefferson County—so be on the watch for us on your campus!

Arkansas State Fair



4-H Day at the AR State Fair is Saturday, October 18. Registration for most events begins at 9:30 a.m.

If you are interested in competing, please call us by Wednesday, September 24, so that our county list of competitors can be finalized. Spaces are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

The competitive activities are:

Poultry Cooking Contest – Limited to 3 juniors and 3 seniors

Consumer Judging – Limited to 1 junior team, 1 senior team and 4 individuals

4-H STEM Hands-On Activities – County teams of three will work with a 4-H Officer to conduct five hands-on activities open to the public. These activities will be held in a tent located next to the FFA Petting Barn. Our county is scheduled for the 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. shift.

Entomology Exhibits

Big Pumpkin & Big Watermelon – 2 in each category (age 9 – 19)

Weigh-in for Big Pumpkin/Watermelon is 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 11

ATV Essay Competition

The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is offering young Arkansans the chance to give a little safety advice for the all-terrain vehicle driver. The essay contest has two categories, one for youth up to age 12, and one for ages 12 to high school senior. The essays will be scored on the basis of 50 points with 20 points awarded for originality, 10 points for improvements/innovation, 10 points for grammar/style and 10 points for the safety



issues considered. Prizes will be given to the top three winners in each category. Winners' names and their essays will be posted on the Extension Web site. The entry deadline is October 30, 2008. Call our office at 534-1033 for complete contest rules.

“Making Your Mark”

The Urban Storm Water Education Program with the Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Service desires to involve 4-H youth in an environmental project for storm drain marking in the city of Pine Bluff. A presentation will be given to participants on the importance of storm drain marking in addition to the educational marking of the storm drains in their community. Club leaders and 4-H youth who are interested in participating in this project are asked to contact Kenyon Branch, County Extension Agent – Urban Storm Water Educator, by calling (870) 534-1033.

4-H Journals

It's time once again to think about 4-H Journals! Journals will be due in our office for county judging on Monday, December 15. Three (3) workshops will be conducted for those needing assistance with Journals:

Advanced (age 16 & up) - November 3

Intermediate (age 13–15) - November 10

Beginner (age 8-12) – November 17

All workshops will be held at the Extension office from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. each date.

Contact our office for more information regarding 4-H Journals.



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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