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“Arkansas Is Our Campus”



Dear 4-H members, leaders and parents:

It is that time of year again; summer is coming to an end, school is starting, and fair time is rapidly approaching. We have had a busy summer full of 4-H activities here in Johnson County. As summer activities wind down and you begin preparing for the upcoming fair, remember to keep track of your project work. The time to submit Journals is right around the corner. Keep reading your newsletter for upcoming activities; we have an exciting fall in store for us.

Coming this fall.....

September 2–6	Johnson County Fair
September	Re-enrollment
September 20	4-H Day Arkansas Oklahoma State Fair
October 5–11	National 4-H Week
October	National 4-H Promotion Month
October 18	4-H Day at the State Fair

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All meetings and activities 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 other legally protected status.



State O-Rama Results

Emily T., Eden O., Brandi C., Elizabeth S., Crystal A., Laura L. and Austin K., attended 4-H State O-Rama held July 23–25 on the University of Arkansas Campus in Fayetteville, Ark. The O-Rama theme was “4-H Extravaganza: 100 years in the making.” Our 4-H’ers participated in their respective district qualifying competitive activities in addition to state only activities. They also attended the Jones Center, Awards of Excellence Banquet, State Officer Election, Dance, Salsa Dance Workshop, and Hands to Larger Service Community Service Project. It was a great opportunity for our Senior members to participant in this year’s State O-Rama.

1st place

Emily T. Environmental Stewardship Talk

5th place

Elizabeth S. Public Speaking

Austin K. Consumer Economics Talk

Participation

Crystal A. Livestock Judging

Austin K. Livestock Judging

Brandi C. Fashion Revue

Eden O. Community Service

Laura L. Vet Science Talk/

Livestock Judging

Arkansas 4-H Extravaganza
100 years in the Making

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Chicken Barbecue Dinner Fundraiser by selling tickets, providing cakes, working the day of the dinner, and delivering. We raised over **\$2,500** for the Johnson County 4-H Foundation. This money will be used for camps, workshops, county awards and various other county activities. Congratulations to Austin Keefer for winning the \$25 gift certificate for selling the most tickets. Reminder, this was the only county fundraiser to qualify for Super Star.

Garden Fair Day

Johnson County Garden Fair was held Monday, July 28th at the Fruit Research Station.

The winners in each category were as follows:

Cucumbers- Austin K.	Pepper- Austin K.
Beans- Devin K.	Squash- Ben C.
Sweet Corn- Devin K.	Okra- Kyle K.
Tomatoes- Samantha S.	Zinnia- Amy T.
Southern Peas- Kyle K.	Marigold- Kaitlyn F.
Canned Goods- High Acid- Shayla M.	
Canned Goods- Pickles- Austin K.	
Market Basket- Derrick M.	

Everyone that participated in this year’s garden project did a great job!



Adult Horse Conference



The 2008 4-H Horse Leaders Conference will be held September 13, 2008, at the Arkansas 4-H Center. The purpose of this conference is to educate **4-H leaders, parents, and other interested adults** in techniques to teach youth about horses. Emphasis is placed on learning models for knowledge and management as well as horsemanship principles. This will be a one-day conference, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and dismissing at 4:00 p.m. **Cost is \$30**, which includes lunch and training materials. Registration deadline is **September 2nd**. Adults interested in attending, please contact the Extension office, 754-2240.



Johnson County Fair

September 2–6



The 2008 Johnson County Fair is September 2–6 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The theme is “*Arkansas 4-H Centennial, Honoring the Past Celebrating the Future.*”

The County Fair is only a success because of those that enter items. 4-H members make items throughout the year, but many forget to bring them to the fair. Make plans now to enter your items and show off what you have learned. This can be reported in your journal.

Before you bring items to the fair, be sure to check the fair catalog for exhibit categories and rules. Some changes are made each year to the exhibit lists.

Note: Fair catalogs are available at the Extension office

Reminder: Check-in is **Tuesday, September 2, noon to 6:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, September 3, 8:00 a.m. to noon**—after noon, the **Exhibit Building will be closed Wednesday, noon to 6:00 p.m.** for judging. **Check-out time is Sunday, September 7, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

Educational booths may be set up Tuesday morning or afternoon and Wednesday morning. All booths must be in place by noon on Wednesday. If your club has not called in to reserve a booth space, contact the Extension office immediately.



Third Place Horse Judging Team

The 2008 4-H State Horse Judging Contest was held Wednesday, July 9th at the Saline County Fairgrounds in Benton, Arkansas. The Senior Team consisted of Ivet C., Caleb D. and Sarah P. The Johnson County team competed against teams from across the state of Arkansas and received third place medallions. Sarah P. was the individual high point winner of the contest and received a gold bucket and a medallion.

New 4-H Year

September 30th marks the end of this 4-H year. Every year, each member must complete a new enrollment form to remain in 4-H. We are offering a special incentive this year for the first club to renew 100% of its members and for all clubs that renew at least 90% by the October 1st deadline. The new 4-H year begins on October 1st every year.



National 4-H Month



October is National 4-H Promotion Month. 4-H members are encouraged to promote 4-H during this time. Fans and brochures are available upon request at the Extension office.

National 4-H Week is October 5–11, 2008. Each club in the county should do its part to help get the 4-H word out and celebrate 4-H in Johnson County.

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DATES TO NOTE:



- 5 County Chicken BBQ Dinner
- 6 High Adventure Return Home
- 13 Market Animal Check In
- 15 Last Day to Reserve Fair Booth
- 16 Market Animal Check In
- 19 Extension Council Meeting
- 30 4-H Day w/Razorbacks



- 2 Adult Horse Conference Entry Due
- 2-6 Johnson County Fair
- 20 4-H Day Ark/Ok State Fair



October is 4-H Promotion Month

- 1 Enrollment cards due
- 5-11 4-H Week
- 18 4-H Day Ark State Fair