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Achievement Banquet “4-H Centennial”



When: Saturday, January 26, 2008

Time: 5:30pm

Where: First Baptist Church

Who: 4-H members, parents, leaders and Johnson County 4-H Foundation donors are invited to attend. Invitations have been mailed.

What: Proper dress and manners are required. Dress for the banquet is “Sunday Best” – nice dress or pant suit for girls and nice slacks and tucked in shirt for boys.

Manners: Good manners are always important, but especially when you are at a banquet. The meal will be served buffet style. When it is your turn to go through the line, invite guests at your table to go first. Many of you will have 4-H foundation donors as guests at your table. Please introduce yourself to them, thank them for their support, and talk to them about what you have learned and done in 4-H.

Tickets: Each person attending the banquet **must** have a meal ticket obtained from the County Extension Office by **Friday, January, 18th**. If you have a banquet meal ticket and are unable to attend, you will be expected to pay the \$8 meal cost if the County Extension Office is not notified by Friday, January 25th, that you or your guest will not be able to attend. Bring your tickets to the banquet, as drawings will be held for door prizes. We hope each 4-H family will attend and join in celebrating another successful 4-H year in Johnson County.

Workers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the Achievement Banquet. Anyone willing and able to help, meet at the **First Baptist Church at 10:00am Saturday January 26th**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Email Addresses Needed!

Periodically, I send out emails containing information that is not timely enough to print in the Newsletter. If you are not receiving these emails and would like to, email me at jzerr@uaex.edu with the subject line: **Add to 4-H email list.**

GPS/GIS Technology Workshop



A Geocaching Workshop will be held on January 13th at the Extension Office starting at 1:00pm. This workshop will introduce families to the fun and adventure of geocaching.

Hand-held GPS units will be furnished. Participants will have hands-on experience with the units and will learn how to use GPS/GIS technology. To register, contact the Extension office at 754-2240.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

The American Beekeeping Federation sponsors an essay contest each year for active 4-H members between the ages of 9-19. Cash prizes are awarded at the state and national levels. The topic for this year's contest is **“The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community.”**

Friday, February 8, 2008 is the deadline for entry. Contact the County Extension Office at 754-2240 for complete rules.

Arkansas Goat Conference



The 2008 Arkansas Goat Conference will be held **Saturday, February 16th at the Natural Resources Building in Conway.** Various educational lectures will be presented throughout the day.

Schedule:

Registration – 8:15-9:00am

Welcome – 9:00-9:10am

Principles of Parasite Control – 9:10-9:50am

Management of Show Goats – 9:50-10:30am

Control of Internal Parasites – 10:30-11:15am

Feeding of the Commercial Goat – 11:15-12:00pm

Lunch (included in registration) – 12:00-1:00pm

Basics of Goat Management – 1:00-1:45pm

Marketing Goats from Arkansas – 1:45-2:50pm

Break – 2:50-3:00pm

Three Sessions – Select One – 3:00-4:00pm

(1) Showing and Fitting Meat Goats, Ann Bowman and youth,

(2) Showing and Fitting Dairy Goats, Jodie Pennington and youth,

(3) Meeting of Arkansas Meat Goat Association

Adjourn – 4:00pm

The registration is \$15 at the door or \$10 pre-registration. **Please call the extension office to sign up by February 6th.** If you have any questions or need more information, call the Extension Office at 754-2240.

2008 Arkansas and Kansas

4-H High

Adventure Backpacking Program & Trip



Arkansas Beef Ambassador Competition

The Arkansas Cattlewomen Association in cooperation with the Arkansas beef council is sponsoring a contest for any Arkansas youth between the ages of 9 and 19.

Each Contestant will present a prepared speech about beef and /or the beef industry.

Youth & Junior Divisions: 3-5 minutes

Senior Division: 5-7 minutes

There are three divisions:

YOUTH Division for ages 9-12

JUNIOR Division for ages 13-16

SENIOR Division for ages 17-20

Three monetary awards will be given in each division:

1st- \$150

2nd- \$100

3rd- \$75

The first place winner of the **senior** division will be awarded a \$1500 scholarship and will also represent Arkansas at the National Beef Ambassador Competition to be held fall of 2008.

Wednesday, February 20, 2008, is the deadline for entry. Contact the County Extension Office at 754-2240 for complete rules.

County T-Shirts

In February, we will be ordering our new 4-H County T-Shirts. This year's design winners are Morgan Jacobs (T-shirt front) and Stephanie Alderson (T-shirt back). You have your choice of either gray or yellow and long or short sleeve. The price is \$8.95 for short sleeve and \$10.95 for long sleeve—additional charges for plus sizes. Contact the Extension Office and place your order today! Payment is required at the time you place your order.

For the first time Arkansas 4-H and Kansas 4-H will be teaming together to conduct a joint 4-H High Adventure Program and Trip. Crews made up of 4-H youth and volunteers from each state will have the opportunity to experience this challenging program together.

The 2008 Arkansas 4-H High Adventure Backpacking Program to the Pecos Wilderness Area in New Mexico will be on July 29-August 6, 2008. The program is open to 4-H'ers who are 13 years of age by January 1, 2008. The cost per youth Backpacker is \$275 (1/2 of the total program cost of \$550). The cost for an adult Backpacker is \$187.50 (1/2 of the total program cost of \$375).

The deadline to register for the Adventure Program is **February 1, 2008**. Please contact the Extension Office at 754-2240 for an application and details.

2008 Arkansas State Camps

Johnson County will be participating in the 2008 Arkansas 4-H State Camps this summer at the C. A. Vines 4-H Center. This includes the state camp for ages 9-12 and the adventure track for ages 13-15 (we are registering for the July 14-16 dates); Bring a Big Person camp for Cloverbud members and an adult-July 17-18; Equine track, ages 12 and up with equine experience-July 14-17. This year the deposit has increased from \$10 to a \$25 nonrefundable deposit. The deposit is due when you register by contacting the Johnson County Extension Office by **Friday, February 15, 2008**. Remaining camp fees will be due at a later date. Scholarships are available to qualifying 4-H'ers.

Contact the County Extension Office at 754-2240, for more information or to register to attend state camps.

Mark Your Calendars

Jan	13	GPS Technology Workshop
Jan	14	Leaders Meeting
Jan	18	Deadline to obtain meal tickets for the Achievement Banquet
Jan	25	Last day to cancel for Achievement Banquet
Jan	26	Achievement Banquet at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church
Feb	1	Deadline for 2008 High Adventure Backpacking Trip Citizenship Washington Focus Deadline
Feb	15	Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline 2008 State Camp Deadline
Feb	16	Arkansas Goat Conference
Feb	20	Deadline for entry Arkansas Beef Ambassador Competition

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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.