

4-H Clover News

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The 4-H Wagon Train Is Coming

This Lawrence County 4-H Centennial Event Is Saturday, March 15

Wagons, buggies, horses and riders will begin rolling in at
9 a.m. behind Minturn Grain on Hwy 67S
Departure time is scheduled for 10 a.m.

The ride will end approximately three hours later at the Historic
Clover Bend School with free fun, free food, free entertainment,
free door prizes and a short program following.

All 4-H members, families, friends and members of the
community are invited.

Each 4-H club in the county is involved, so members unable to
make their last meeting should call their leaders for details.

Contact Jerry or Donna at 870-878-0033 if you have a wagon,
buggy or horse that you'd like to sign up. All others just needing
a ride need be at Minturn Grain between 9–9:30 a.m.

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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.

MEETING DATES AND LEADER CONTACTS

Meeting dates and locations are subject to change. Contact the leaders listed below if information is needed on meeting locations.

HILLCREST: 1st Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Delise: 870-528-9917

dcoles@rvsd.nesc.k12.ar.us

TRAILBLAZERS: 1st Wednesday @ 3 p.m.

Gail: 870-869-2937

grorex@yahoo.com

TECH TEAM: 2nd Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m.

Scott: 870-869-2937

scott@rorexteam.com

SHUTTERBUGS: 3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Patricia: 870-878-6089

lfbarnes@peoplepc.com

DISCOVERY: 3rd Wednesday @ 3:30 p.m.

Tammie: 870-886-2899

tammie@blackriver.org

Sarah: 501-940-9663

sarah.callahan@bobcats.k12.ar.us

WESTERN WRANGLERS: 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.

Sandra: 870-878-6571

sandra@bscn.com

HOXIE CLUB: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Patricia: 870-878-6098

lfbarnes@peoplepc.com

Derinda: (870)768-5108

derinda.smith@ar.usda.gov

Adventures In FCS Available For Senior 4-H Members

Discover the innovative field of Family and Consumer Science. *Adventures in FCS* is a week-long summer camp for senior 4-H members ages 15-18 at the School of Human Environmental Science at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The dates are Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11. The county deadline for applications is April 21. Each day will be filled with activities designed to help students experience Family and Consumer Sciences in a college and career environment. The \$350 registration fee includes lodging, all activities, and meals. A deposit of \$100 is due with the application. The balance will be due May 19. 4-H'ers should complete and submit the Basic Arkansas Youth Application for 4-H Activities, FY4-H-655. They must also submit a brief paragraph telling why they are interested in attending Adventures in FCS. Complete details regarding the agenda, meals, and lodging are available in the Extension Office.

2008 Arbor Day Poster Contest For County 5th Graders

March 17 is the County Extension deadline for entry in the National Arbor Day Poster Contest. The contest is for all 5th graders. Only one entry per county may be entered. This year's theme is: **"Trees are Terrific . . . inside and out!"** The criteria for judging is based on this theme as well as size and ease of reproduction. Keep in mind that bright colors show up better than pencil drawings. Every school in the county should receive complete guidelines in the next few weeks. If you are interested in entering the contest and do not receive the information at school, call the Extension Office, 870-886-3741, for complete details.

March 3 Due Dates

- Cloverbud Camp registration & deposit
- Junior State Camp registration & deposit
- Senior Adventure Challenge Camp registration & deposit
- BB-Q Broiler Registration
- Mt. Magazine Spring Trek Hiking Adv.

March 17 Due Dates

- Hall of Fame Nominations
- Teen Star/Hall of Fame Banquet Servers
- Giant Pumpkin/Watermelon Seeds
- Teen Conference
- Arbor Day Poster Contest Entries
- COUNTY O-RAMA participation intent (pre-registration)

April 21 Due Dates

- Poster Art Entries
- Forestry & Wildlife Camp

May 19 Due Dates

- County Ross Photo Contest

BB-Q Broiler Contest **(Grilling Chicken)**



Junior and Senior members need to remember that they must pre-register to participate in this year's County BB-Q Broiler Contest so that their chicken can be ordered. The deadline for this event is Monday, March 3. Contestants must provide all of their own supplies, with the exception of the meat. The contest will be held on the same day as the Centennial Wagon Train at the Historical Clover Bend School Grounds. Call Herb at 870-886-3741 or e-mail him at hginn@uaex.edu to register, or for more details. The top five contestants will be eligible to compete at the regional competition in Batesville on Saturday, April 26.

Mt. Magazine Spring Hiking Adventure for ages 13–19



The Mt. Magazine Spring Hiking Adventure is a wonderful opportunity for introduction into backpacking experiences. There still are several openings for the Hiking Adventure. It will be March 7–9, with arrival time set for 6 p.m. Friday and departure set for 1 p.m. Sunday. **All school time missed due to 4-H events should receive excused absences according to the same law that regulates FFA and other school event sponsored absences.** Be sure to check with your school prior to the trip. The adventure will include tent camping and backpacking. Tents will be provided. The cost of this trip is \$50. The county deadline for application is March 3, so if you are interested call the Extension Office at 870-886-3741, before 4:30 p.m. on that date.

County O-Rama is April 12

The 2008 Lawrence County O-Rama will be held at the Walnut Ridge Community Center on Saturday, April 12. All events, both indoor and outdoor, will be held on this date. In case of rain only the outdoor events will be re-scheduled. Listed below are the many events that 4-Her's have to choose from. It is suggested that 4-H'ers select no more that three or four, since it does involve some time to adequately prepare for the competition. We also ask that you let the office know of your intent to compete, and in which events, so that we are sure to have all the supplies and materials gathered and ready ahead of time.

Indoor competitions include Performing Arts, which consist of the following categories: Dancing, Vocal and Instrumental; Fashion Revue: Casual Purchased, Dressy Purchased, Casual Constructed, and Dressy Constructed; Crop & Seed ID; Ornamental Horticulture; *and* Talks and Demonstrations: Agribusiness Public Speaking, Animal Science, Citizenship, Consumer Economics, Entomology Talk, Food Fair, Health, Horse, Human Development, Pet Care, Public Speaking, Safety, and Veterinary Science.

Outdoor events will be held after lunch and include Bicycle Safety; Bait Casting & Game Fish ID; Reel Into Sport Fishing; *and* Gun Safety and BB Gun Marksmanship.

The Extension staff will be glad to assist members with the preparation for their events either as small groups or individually. Bryce and Herb will be in charge of all outdoor events as well as Crop & Seed ID and Ornamental Horticulture. Martha will be in charge of Talks and Demonstrations and Mary Jane Fashion Revue and Performing Arts. Detailed information for each event is also available online at <ftp://ftp.uaex.edu/Uploads/2007-4-H-Calendar-of-Events> or through the Extension Office.

Livestock Shows are Firing Up! Mark these dates!



- March 8 – Baxter County Blow & Show
- March 8 – Benton County Farm Bureau Spring Preview
- March 9, 10 & 11 – Crowley’s Ridge Classic Junior Livestock Show
- March 29 – Sevier County Blow & Go
- April 4 – Buffalo Island Livestock Show

Parent & Volunteer Leader Forum & Centennial 4-H Reunion

The Spring Parent & Volunteer Leader Forum – 4-H Centennial Reunion will be held at the 4-H Center April 18 & 19. Registration is \$49 and includes meals and lodging. There is an additional fee of \$18.95 for Friday night’s Centennial 4-H Celebration & Reunion. Registration is due at the State Office no later than March 28. The forms are available in the County Extension Office, but should be mailed directly to Little Rock by each participant.

Leaders, Patricia B. (Shutterbugs & Hoxie) and Sarah C. (Discovery) are currently planning to attend and welcome others to share the ride and join them. **Fifteen first-time forum participant scholarships (\$49) are available** through Monsanto. To be eligible, applicants should contact Lynn Wooten by e-mail lwooten@uaex.edu beginning February 25. Applicants must provide in the e-mail their name, address, and phone number. The scholarships will be awarded to the 15 following their participation at the forum.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 870-886-3741.

Now Is The Time To Order Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Competition Seeds

March 17 is the last day to order your giant pumpkin and watermelon seeds through the county Extension Office. When the seeds arrive, those that had placed orders will be notified that their seeds are ready to be picked up. A “Growing Guide Tip Booklet” will also be available. The suggested planting time is April–June for Junior and Senior members hoping to enter their fruit in the Arkansas

State Fair in October. Members, including Cloverbuds, wanting their fruit to be ready to enter the Lawrence County Fair in August will need to get their seeds planted as soon as the weather permits.

O-Rama Bicycle Safety Event Rules Have Changed



The state guidelines and rules for the Bicycle Safety O-Rama event have changed beginning with this year's County O-Rama. While the changes aren't major, those of you planning to enter our April County O-Rama may want get a copy prior to 12. They can be downloaded from the state website <ftp://ftp.uaex.edu/Uploads/2007-4-H-Calendar-of-Events> or picked up at the Extension Office, 1100 W. Main in Walnut Ridge.

Arkansas 4-H Centennial Celebration



Lawrence County 4-H Wagon Train Everyone Is Welcome To Join In The Fun

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Leaves Minturn Arkansas @ 10 a.m.

Lunch follows at Historic Clover Bend School