

4-H Clover News



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Out With The Old & In With The New

The last day of September brings to an end the 2007-08 4-H year, and October 1st marks the beginning of the 2008-09 year. With the new year come new beginnings: for membership enrollment, for continuation of old activities and events and the beginning of new activities and events. **To remain a 4-H member, leader or adult volunteer, YOU MUST RE-ENROLL**, which means completing and returning a new enrollment form. The good news is the state office has listened to our voices and has *shortened* the form for re-enrollment. Contact your club's main leader or the Extension office to get a form so you can get your re-enrollment completed by October 31st and continue receiving newsletters and mail-outs from the Extension office.

ADULT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION Dinner WILL BE SEPTEMBER 29TH

This month's scheduled Leader Training will instead be a time for recognizing and showing appreciation to all of our Lawrence County 4-H Adult Volunteers (those who have completed the application process). A meal, recognition ceremony and short program will be held at the Powhatan Community Center beginning at 6:30. Letters have been mailed with RSVPs requested. This event will replace the volunteer recognition segment usually done at the January Achievement Banquet.



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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 @ 7:00

Delise: 870-528-9917

Hdcoles@rvsd.nesc.k12.ar.us

TRAILBLAZERS: 1ST Wednesday @ 3:00

Gail: 870-869-2937

Hgrorex@yahoo.com

TECH TEAM: 2ND Tuesday @ 4:30

Scott: 870-869-2937

Hscott@rorexteam.com

SHUTTERBUGS: 3RD Monday @ 6:30

Patricia: 870-878-6089

Hlfbarnes@peoplepc.com

GOLDEN CLOVER SPARKS: 3RD Tuesday @ 5:30

Patricia: 870-878-6089

Hlfbarnes@peoplepc.com

Derinda: 870-768-5108

Hderinda.smith@ar.usda.gov

DISCOVERY: 3RD Wednesday @ 4:30

Sarah: 501-940-9663

Hsarah.callahan@bobcats.k12.ar.us

WESTERN WRANGLERS: 3RD Thursday @ 6:30

Sandra: 870-878-6571

Hsandra@bscn.com

SHOOTING SPORTS: date & time vary

Donald: 870-886-6217

Wayne: 870-869-3143

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 20: 4-H Day at the NEA Fair

September 22: National 4-H Conference

Application County Due Date

September 29: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL 4-H MONTH

October 1: Beginning of the 2008-09 4-H year

October 13: Kansas City Global Application

County Due Date

October 25: 4-H "Miss Iron Mt. Photogenic Contest" Fund Raiser

October 25: Western Wrangler's Costume Ride

October 31: Re-Enrollment Forms Due at the Extension Office

4-H...The Power of Youth



Discovery 4-H Club in Walnut Ridge has New Meeting Time

The Discovery Club, which meets at the Community Room in Walnut Ridge on the third Wednesday of each month, has changed its meeting time from 4:00 to 4:30. The Community Room is located in the same building as the Lawrence County Library on Walnut Street, one block north of Main Street.



The Shutterbug Photography Club continues to seek new members. They welcome youth new to 4-H as well as those who are already members of other clubs. The minimum membership age requirement for this club is nine but may be younger with special approval of club leader, Patricia B. Her contact information is found in the Leader Contact Information Box to the left of this article.

Shooting Sports Club Continues to Grow

The Lawrence County Shooting Sports Club continues to make progress with an increasing membership and several others planning to join when they have obtained their Hunters Education training, which is required. They hope to establish a regular meeting date and time when they next meet. For now, if you are interested in joining you need to contact one of the leaders, whose contact info is found in the Leader Contact Information Box to the left of this article.

October is “National 4-H Month”

October is “National 4-H Month,” and this year’s theme is “Keeping It Green.” When planning your club’s activities for the year you might want to consider programs and activities focusing around this theme.



4-H PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE RECORDED

Youth members of all ages are needed to read Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to be broadcast on the local radio stations during October, “**National 4-H Month.**” Members from every club need to be represented so if you’d like to promote 4-H on the radio, call or e-mail Mary Jane and let her know so she can send you the text so you can begin practicing. The younger you are the simpler the text will be. If you don’t contact Mary Jane your club leader may be calling you.



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE FOR SENIOR MEMBERS

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's *premier* youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The conference will be

March 28–April 2, 2009, at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

Eligibility Requirements: 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.

Selection Process: Each county may nominate one 4-H member. A committee will review the applications and make the selections. Interviews may be conducted to determine final selection. Up to five 4-H members will be selected to represent Arkansas. Consideration will be given to those youth who:

1. Have experience in local, county, area, and/or state developmental committees, advisory groups, councils, etc.
2. Are willing and able to work prior to Conference in collecting facts, ideas, etc., of local people regarding concerns of youth and possible action.
3. Have "time ahead" to make significant contributions in their communities within the next two years.
4. Are flexible as individuals to meet differing situations, having growth potential and a curiosity about situations, people, and events.
5. Have an evident capacity to cope with ambiguity and are concerned about issues involved and in deciding to solve the problems and get on with business.
6. Possess strong interpersonal skills.
7. Have good energy levels, capable of participating fully in an active and demanding program involving long hours.

Applications and Due Date:

4-H'ers are to complete an Arkansas 4-H Activity Application for Leadership Roles (CES-657). **Applications are due in county Extension office by September 22nd.**

Additional Information:

Delegates travel by air to participate in this conference. The delegation departs from the Little Rock Airport and flies into National Airport in Washington, D.C.

Program Cost:

Most of the cost will be paid by Extension. The program cost per delegate is \$210.

If you have any questions, please contact Bryce or Martha at the county Extension office.

KANSAS CITY GLOBAL TRIP FOR SENIOR MEMBERS

The dates for the 2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, are March 18–21, 2009. Applicants must be **15** years of age by **January 1, 2009**. Because speakers, workshops, and tours vary from year-to-year, youth who have attended in the past may apply for the conference. However, preference will be given to those who have never attended. The cost for youth and adults is **\$385**. Some youth scholarship money will be available through the Lawrence County 4-H Foundation. Two county Extension agents and two adult volunteers will serve as chaperones. **4-H volunteers are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.** Volunteers can apply for a \$100 scholarship if they are a Lifetime member of the Arkansas Adult Leaders' Association and have been a County 4-H Leader for at least two years. All applications are due in the **county Extension office October 13th**. Please use form CES-655 (Youth) and form CES-656 (Adult), which is in the Events Packet. Immediately after applications are received, delegate selections will be made and those selected will be told how to sign up electronically for workshops and tours. For additional information, refer to the information in the 4-H Events Packet.

Transportation will be by chartered bus departing from Jonesboro, Arkansas. Depending upon delegate selection, the bus will make stops at the state Extension office, Little Rock and various other locations en route to

and from Kansas City. Delegates will be notified of final details once they are selected.

If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

ATV SAFETY CLASSES TO BE HELD

Bryce will be conducting several ATV Safety classes this month. They will be as follows: September 15 & 25 @ 4:00 in the lot across from Flippo Heating & Air in Walnut Ridge, Sept. 17 at the District Fair Grounds in Jonesboro @ 10:00, Sept. 19 at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds in Imboden @ 4:00, and finally Sept. 27 at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds in Imboden @ 10:00. Proper protective gear must be worn by all and includes DOT-approved motorcycle helmet, goggles or face shield, over-the-ankle boots, sturdy gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirt or jacket. If a participant needs specific gear, please contact the instructor and it will be provided. Class sizes are limited, and enrollment will be on a first-come basis. The cost of the training is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information, call Bryce at 886-3741 or 870-324-0632.

2009 4-H Source Books Are Now Available

The 4-H Source Book is a catalog showing all the products and curriculum for sale through the National 4-H Council. Some of the products include 4-H apparel, caps, holiday ornaments, jewelry, plush animals, stickers, camping gear, office supplies, 4-H Essentials, the newly released country music C.D. "Clover County," and much more. These catalogs are free and available to all members. Leaders will be given a copy for each one of their members who complete the re-enrollment process by October 31st. If you don't receive your copy you can contact your club leader, the county Extension office, or go to www.4-Hmall.org.