

Marion County Clover Notes

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“100 Years of Arkansas 4-H: Honoring the Past – Celebrating the Future”

That’s the theme of the annual 4-H Awards Banquet and celebration scheduled for **Saturday, January 26, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.** at the Flippin City Hall. All 4-H members and their parents and 4-H leaders and their families are invited to attend.

We will be honoring 4-H Honor Members and our dedicated leaders at this time and celebrating 100 years of Arkansas 4-H in 2008! This is our own county’s way of honoring a century of leadership and hope for Arkansas youth. Please join us in *Honoring the Past and Celebrating the Future!* Each club is being asked to present a segment of entertainment at the banquet. We’re accepting individual talent or group talent. Clubs can have a group or an individual play an instrument (there is no piano provided at this location), sing, dance, do a skit or whatever! So put your creative thinking caps on and get to work with your 4H Club.

All those attending are asked to bring a vegetable, bread or other side dish for the meal. The 4-H Foundation will be preparing beef brisket for the main course and drinks and dessert will be provided. Please bring your good manners with you too!

We need to know how many people will be attending by **4:00 p.m. on January 23, 2008**. Please call 870.449.6349 or email Jane Mowry at jmowry@uaex.edu to let us know how many from your family will attend.

4-H Fundraiser

We are asking people to bring any old cell phones and ink jet cartridges for our 4-H fundraiser to the Awards Banquet on January 26th. Help Marion County 4-H keep their programs going and at the same time protect the environment.

4-H Journals

If anyone wants to enter a Journal in state or district competition you will need to have the completed book in by **January 25, 2008**.

County 4-H Council Meets

The next County 4-H Council Meeting will be held on **March 17 at 6:00 p.m.** in the conference room of the county Extension office.

Attention: 9-12 year olds!

Ever wondered what it takes to start your own business? Ever wanted to go to camp? Here’s your chance. Entrepreneur camp 2008 is from February 15th-17th. The camp will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday and end at 1:00 p.m. Sunday at the Arkansas 4-H Center in West Little Rock, Arkansas. The cost of camp is only \$20.00. This is for 4-H members and non 4-H members, so share with your friends at school. If you are interested, call the office for more information.



2008 County Officers

A new slate of officers was elected recently at 4-H County Council. They are: President – Curtis E., Vice President – Meggan W., Secretary – Silvia S. and Reporter – Thomas H. Let's plan on giving them a lot of support and help make 2008 a huge 4-H year in Marion County.

County O'Rama

County O'Rama outside activities and speeches will be held at the Fred Berry Conservation Education Center on April 5th. The inside (talent, fashion revue) will be held the same date, but at another location. We will do the inside activities and then go to the Fred Berry Conservation Education Center for the outside activities and speeches.

KEEP YOUR INCENTIVE FORMS!

Incentive Forms are included in this mailing. Please hold on to them and turn them in completed in October to apply for Honor Member for 2008.

2008 Poultry Chain Sign Up

You have until **February 15, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.** to sign up for the 2008 Poultry Chain. We will need your deposit and Poultry Chain agreement signed by you and your parents by that day.

Those who sign up will receive 20 baby chicks (all pullets). Ten will be white leghorns (white eggs) and ten will be Bovan Browns (brown eggs). Both are bred for feed efficiency and high egg production. Chicks arrive around the last of March or first of April. We will notify you when they are coming. 4-H pullets provide fresh eggs for 4-H'ers and their families. Some of the 4-H'ers even sell eggs as a money-making project.

Youth learn important life skills through this project. 4-H poultry chain youth must have a current (2008) 4-H enrollment card on file at the County Extension office. 4-H youth and their parents must sign an agreement form and pay a \$12.00 deposit. The deposit is fully refundable when three pullets are returned for sale at the Marion County Fair. If the 4-H member chooses **NOT** to return the three pullets for sale, the deposit will be forfeited. 4-H members will receive the ribbons and premium awards won by their entries. The three pullets returned will be sold to provide funds to purchase the chicks again next year.

DON'T FORGET!

January 25, 2008 - 4-H Journals ...If anyone wants to enter a Journal in state or district competition you will need to have the completed book in to the county office.

January 25, 2008 – Teen Star, Ambassador applications due in County Office

January 29, 2008 – **2008** Arkansas & Kansas 4-H High Adventure backpacking program and trip – for youth 13years of age (by 1/1/08) to 19 years – adults must be 25 years of age. Cost is \$550.00. Non-refundable \$50.00 registration fee is due with the application.

January 29, 2008 – Citizenship Washington Focus Trip - Youth must be 15 years old by 1/1/08. Cost is \$875.00. Application and first payment of \$400.00 are due. Meggan Worster and Ellen Bergman went last year and had a great time.

January 29, 2008 – Entrepreneur camp – A new camp for 9-12 year olds. Cost is only \$20.00. Camp will be held February 15-17, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. Friday through 1:00 pm. Sunday.

IN CLOSING...

We have so much to do and so little time. As in other parts of life, we must set priorities. By signing up for 4-H, we will know that 4-H is a priority in your life. Please make the commitment and come to the activities AND get a friend to join with you! We want to share our fun and experiences with others! **(If you have not turned in your membership card for 2008, this will be your last newsletter until you turn one in).**

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information (such as large print, audio tapes, etc.) should notify the County Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

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