



SALINE COUNTY GREEN & WHITE NEWS

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School is almost out! Summer is a busy time for 4-H! I hope that you will all come to the 4-H activities that we plan this summer. We will have several workshops and days that we will be learning and having fun!

BBQ Chicken Contest Winners

1	Mollie E.
2	Hollie W.
3	Melissa E.
4	Jo Ann S.
5	Julian C.

The top five from our contest go on to the District BBQ contest at the 4-H Center in May!

4-H Summer Survey

We want your input on summer activities. This is anonymous and will only take about three minutes. Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QGV7K79> and answer five questions to get a say in what programs are offered. We are definitely going to Hope Experiment station on June 25th to pick blackberries again! So, give us some more input and we'll set the dates soon!

4-H is Online!

If you haven't done so, please go online and register as a 4-H member in Saline County. This is adults and kids! This will allow you to register for state and eventually county activities online as well as pay online by e-check or credit card. Let me know if you have any questions about this process. Go to <https://arkansas.4honline.com> to begin!

Teen Leaders & PALS (Parents & Leaders) meeting will be at the EXTENSION OFFICE on Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

State Summer Camps

These are almost full, but there is still space, sign up at 4-H Online at: <https://arkansas.4honline.com/Login>. You must register online as a member and I will approve you, and then you can register for camp. Sign up soon. Pay online or at the office. It is much easier online, though! It is a very safe and secure website.

State Camp Junior Track I II	July 6-8 July 12-14	4-H Center	\$25 deposit Plus \$120	Ages 9-12
State Camp Adventure & Challenge Track State Camp I State Camp II	July 6-8 July 12-14	4-H Center	\$25 Deposit Plus \$120	Ages 13-15
State Camp Cloverbud Camp	July 9-10	4-H Center	\$25 Deposit Plus \$65	Cloverbud (5-9 years old by Jan. 1) plus an adult person

FREE CAMPS!!!!



Teen Challenge 2010 – June 14-17 – 4-H Center – FREE

Teens that go to this camp have plenty of challenges and outdoor recreation by taking the Ropes Course. You'll learn CPR, the danger of driving under the influence and valuable leadership and team-building skills. Have lots of fun, stay in comfortable dorms. Your tuition can be paid for if you are one of the first two who call me. Call the Extension office at 303-5672 or e-mail if you're in the 9-12th grade. This is an EXCELLENT camp! Just ask the kids that went last year.

National Leadership Forum – FREE! – June 6-11 – Harding

Students from across the country will gather at Harding University in Searcy to share experiences and information. The Farm Bureau will sponsor two students, which is a \$120 value. This is a great opportunity and not too far from home. Participants should be entering either the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades in September 2010.

Poster Contest

The 4-H poster art contest is open to all 4-H members ages 9-19.

Posters should be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium art - watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material, such as cartoon characters, and cannot have any three-dimensional items on them. One poster entry per 4-H member will be accepted.

Your name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of your artwork must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner. (You may use a 3" x 5" index card.) Posters should be submitted (flat, not rolled) to the **County Office by May 12.**

The themes are:

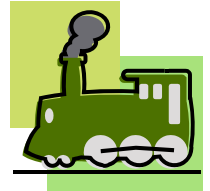
The Century of Believing; a Future of Achieving
Open theme (create a poster and theme to go with it)

Tractor Supply Paper Clovers!

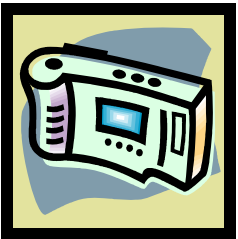
Support our local 4-H by buying a paper clover (or more) from tractor supply for \$1. This is a great opportunity to bring money back to our 4-H program!

4-H Train Ride ~ CHOO CHOO!

Virginia McClure, Shining Stars main leader, is planning an exciting train ride in Van Buren, Ark. They will leave Friday, May 14th and stay overnight in Van Buren. The hotel rate is \$59 per night (thanks to smooth-talker Virginia). The train ride is Saturday from 11:00-2:30 (Van Buren to Winslow). Train tickets are \$15 per person. There is a car wash scheduled for May 8 to help offset costs. Show up to help at the auto parts store next to Sonic on Military Road to help, and you will get a portion of proceeds toward your trip. Hopefully, there will be time to get in a museum tour and some geocaching. Please help get the word out! Call Virginia McClure at 501-317-1741 OR 501-317-7625 to sign up and for more information. She would like to reserve all rooms at once. Please call here ASAP if you want to go.



4-H Ross Photo Contest



All 4-H members age 9-19 are eligible. You may enter two color photographs (one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category if two are entered) and two black-and-white photographs (one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category if two are entered). Four county winners are selected - one in each category.

Photographs must be of scenes or subjects in Arkansas. The pictures must have been taken June 1, 2009 - June 1, 2010. Date, location and negative (or disk, if digital) must accompany each photograph. DO NOT mount or frame any photo.

The following must be with the photo: name, county, category entered, date taken and where the photo was taken. This information should be typed or printed on a slip of paper and taped to the back of the photo.

Digital cameras are allowed. You should set the camera for highest resolution. Submit an 8" X 10" picture on photo quality paper. The photo may be enhanced to improve quality, and you may change a color image into black and white. A CD-R disk containing the .jpeg photo must be submitted.

Cash awards are presented to winners.

Entries are due in the Extension Office by June 7.

Club News



Davis Elementary welcomes a new 4-H club - The Davis 4-H Clovers. They meet the first Monday of each month 3:30-5:00 p.m. (during school year). So far they have 30 members and are growing every day! They have a wonderful group of parent volunteers to help the "Davis Clovers" succeed. E-mail Barbie McDaniel at bmcdaniel@bryantschools.org for more information.

Bauxite has a new 4-H Club forming! They have their initial meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at the cafeteria at Pine Haven Elementary. E-mail nwebb@uaex.edu for more information.

The Saline County 4-H Livestock Club meets the second Tuesday at 6:30 at the Saline County Fairgrounds. This month they are talking about horse judging and sheep care. E-mail Mollie Wright at wright36@hotmail.com for more information.

Wiggles and Wags 4-H Dog Club meets the third Tuesday night at the Saline County fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. They have dog training starting soon. Please contact Barbara Laule at blaule@aol.com for more information.

Helping Hands will only meet once on May 14th from 2-4 at the extension office. A guest is coming to talk to the group about how to make sleeping mats from plastic bags for the homeless. Anyone is welcome to attend. The families that signed up for the Heifer International trip in Perryville have rescheduled it for Thursday, May 6th from 1:30-3:30. We will meet in front of Heifer at 12:30 to eat lunch together & be ready to go in by 1:30.

We would love for you to join our Facebook page! Keep up with what we're doing on Facebook! We update our activities frequently. Please go to:
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=192058453317>



Special Thanks to First Electric Trust's Operation Round-Up!!

If you're on First Electric Cooperative, you might want to consider taking part in their Operation Round-Up program. When paying your bill, you just round up to the next highest dollar and the extra few cents go to programs like 4-H! We just got a \$500 grant from them. Thanks so much Operation Round-Up - we truly appreciate it!

Calendar of Events



May 1 – District BBQ Contest – Ferndale

May 11 – Livestock Club – 6:30 – Fairgrounds

May 12 – Poster contest entries due

May 14-15 – Train ride – Fort Smith, Ark.

May 18 – Wiggles and Wags Dog Club – 6:30 – Fairgrounds

May 22 – Big B Day – extension office – 10 a.m.

**May 25 - Teen Leaders and PALS Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – EXTENSION
OFFICE**

June 7 – Ross photo entries due

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All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to youth, between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, or disability. 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.