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Fun ‘N’ Fashion

This year’s event will be held on Thursday, March 31, starting at 5:30 p.m., at Holcomb Elementary in Fayetteville. (Please arrive earlier to sign in and get seated.) From I-540, take the Porter Road Exit #65, take West Mt. Comfort Road, and then turn right at the light onto North Salem Road. The address is 2900 North Salem Road, Fayetteville, AR 72704. The school is on the right.

Please make sure to review all guidelines and directions for your events found at http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/event_packet/ and scroll down to 4-H O-Rama 2011.

Northwest Arkansas District Junior Spring Livestock & Poultry Show

Note change to one day: The Northwest Arkansas District Junior Spring Livestock and Poultry Show will be Saturday, April 9 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Fayetteville.

Livestock entries must be *received* by April 1 to avoid late fees. Books and entry forms are available at the Extension office and online.

Be sure to check health requirements so your animals will be eligible to show. Call Ashley Kyle at 799-8802 or Barbara Lewis (5:00–7:00 p.m.) at 443-5510 to set up an appointment to have your

poultry tested for Pullorum-Typhoid. There is a charge of \$1.15 per bird to cover cost of supplies

Calf Scramble

The Ozark Cattlemen’s Association will once again sponsor a calf scramble at the Spring Show in Fayetteville. The contest will be 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 9 – entries requested by April 4.

The contest is open to Washington County 4-H and FFA members who have not yet completed the 10th grade. A release form signed by the parents is required to participate, and those winning heifers will be obligated to keep and show the heifer for the next two years at the county fair.

2011 - 1st Place County Winners

Everyone that has won a trophy and placed 1st in the different County 4-H O-Rama Events (Talk & Demo’s, Fun ‘N’ Fashion, and Activity Day) please contact the Extension office by Tuesday, April 12 to declare what event you will be participating in at District O-Rama, or if you will not be participating in District O-Rama. This will allow other 4-H members to participate at District O-Rama on June 15 at Ozark High School.

Journals Ready for Pick Up

Journals are available to be picked up at the Extension office by individual families or main leaders. Please sign out all items that you pick up.

Activity Day Breakfast

Saturday, April 2 from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at Pauline Whitaker Arena, the Washington County Shooting Sports is having a breakfast and proceeds benefit the Washington County 4-H Foundation. Cost is \$4 each person or \$15 per family.

Activity Day

Saturday, April 2 at Pauline Whitaker Arena – Set up for all volunteers is by 7:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Events start at 8:30 a.m. and will end between 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Awards will follow.

Activities will be Baitcasting & Game Fish ID, BB Shooting & Gun Safety, Bicycle (please bring your bicycle and/or helmet if possible), Crop & Seed ID, Entomology ID & Collection (bonus for bringing a collection), Forestry, Ornamental Horticulture, Reel Into Sport Fishing and Wildlife ID.

Breads Contest

Finished baked products with a copy of the recipe are to be checked in at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 2 at Pauline Whitaker Arena in the lobby, by the concession/ kitchen area. Cloverbuds, Juniors and Seniors may enter in one or both of the following categories – Quick Bread or Yeast Bread. Only Cloverbuds will be allowed to use a mix as an ingredient in their recipe.

Parent & Adult Leaders Meeting

Saturday, April 2 immediately following the awards at Pauline Whitaker Arena, there will be a Parent and Adult Leader meeting.

2011 Spring Livestock Show, LR

Dates are May 5-7 in Little Rock at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds. Enter by April 14 to pay regular rate entry fees. Paper entries only will be accepted after April 21 for \$100 per entry. Signature forms for 2011 are available in the Extension office.

County Fair Ambassador

April 15 is the deadline to submit a Washington County Fair Junior Ambassador Program application to Ashley Swaffar, along with a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader. All 4-H members ages 14–19 as of August 31, 2011, who meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the Extension office.

Arkansas 4-H Forestry Contest

The Arkansas 4-H Forestry Contest will be held May 12 at SWREC-Hope for Junior and Senior 4-H members. The contest is a competitive event designed to help 4-H members develop their knowledge of and skills in forestry and natural resources management. Teams from each county compete in six forestry events: Tree Identification, Tree Measurement, Compass Traverse, Insect and Disease Identification, Forestry Quiz, and Forest Evaluation. Forest Evaluation is a team event in which all team members work together to collect information on site quality and forest stand quality, in order to make recommendations on future management practices.

Registration is due in the Extension office by April 15 and total cost is \$35.

Horse Show Clinic

The Young Rider's 4-H club is hosting an open horse clinic and show on April 16th at Pauline Whitaker Arena in Fayetteville. Clinic starts at 9:00 a.m. with Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure and Hunter Pleasure followed by lunch and a short show with all four classes. This will be a

great chance to learn all about showing before show season gets under way this year!

Please contact Shannon Blanchard at aladar@pgtc.com or [479-799-3384](tel:479-799-3384) for more info.

Farm Friends

We need lots of rabbits, chickens, ducks and other poultry for Farm Friends on April 21st. I also need a few nice cattle, sheep, goats and pigs. If you would like to bring animals, let Johnny know. Those bringing animals will be expected to write a brief description of their animals so they can tell the groups coming through a little bit about them. Animals need to be in place at 8:00 a.m. on the 21st. We also need as many as possible to stay for the evening program from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Invite your families to come out and join us for beans and cornbread that evening.

Ross Photography

Categories are Color Living, Color Non-Living, Black & White Living, and Black & White Non-Living. (Living category is intended for people and animals.) All scenes or subjects must be in Arkansas and have been taken during the current contest year. An 8x10 print is required for judging and is to be submitted to the county Extension office by April 21 with a CD or negative. Cash prizes are awarded to state winners and their photos are exhibited at the 4-H Center and other locations. Call Anna for more information.

Arkansas State Fair Market Animals

Here are the dates for ordering ID kits for animals for the state fair:

- Market Steers, due by May 10th, \$27 per kit
- Market Lambs, due by July 1st, \$22 per kit
- Market Goats, due by July 1st, \$22 per kit
- Market Hogs, due by July 12th, \$22 per kit

County O-Rama Make Up Day

The County O-Rama Make Up Day will be on May 12 at the Extension office. Please call the office between April 27–May 6 to see what activities are open and schedule a time to compete.

Forestry and Wildlife Camp

Arkansas 4-H Forestry and Wildlife Camp offers Junior 4-H members (ages 10–13 by January 1, 2011) a unique outdoor educational experience at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. The camp enhances project work related to forestry, fisheries, wildlife, water, general ecology and natural resource conservation.

This four day camp is June 20–23. Your cost is \$82.50 (with 4-H Foundation paying half) and applications are due in the Extension office by May 24.

4-H Ambassador Re-Certification

To re-certify for the following year, state 4-H Ambassadors must meet the requirements, and submit the Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Re-Certification Report (FY4-H-138) to the Extension office by April 20.

4-H State Officer Election

State 4-H Officers are required to perform on a very vigorous and continuous basis. Therefore, it is necessary that those who aspire to become officers are highly qualified, able and willing to perform. A total of nine state 4-H officers will be elected. Positions are President, Regional Vice-President (total of four), and four At-Large state officers. President and At-Large elections will be held at the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama. The total voting delegation will elect the President after which the four At-Large state officer positions will be elected. Regional Vice-Presidents will be elected at the four regional O-Ramas. Only those 4-H members present who are

competing in a sanctioned O-Rama activity may vote.

Eligibility Requirements...4-H members applying for a state office **MUST**:

- * Be at least 16 years of age but not more than 18 years of age during the current calendar year.
- * Be an Arkansas 4-H Ambassador and have met the re-certification requirements for the current year.
- * Agree to reside in Arkansas during the entire year while serving as state 4-H officer.
- * Have demonstrated a high degree of responsibility and leadership ability in previous 4-H involvement.
- * Submit a written recommendation from a local 4-H club leader and one from a county Extension agent as part of the application.
- * Prepare and deliver a two-minute campaign speech during the election process.
- * Not have previously held the state office for which they are running.
- * Be totally dedicated to the total Extension education and 4-H program.
- * Be willing to commit the entire year to State Officer activities.
- * Be willing and able to travel without involvements at home.
- * Work through preparation and practice to develop effective public speaking skills and to project a desirable image of 4-H at all times.
- * Adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct.
- * To avoid participation in any activity or conduct which would raise questions as to moral character and that would be an embarrassment for the Extension service and 4-H program.

Duties of the state officers and the application are available online and in the Extension office. Applications are due by April 20.

Poster Art Contest

The contest is open to all 4-H members ages 9–19. You can go with an open theme; create a poster and theme to go with it.

Posters should be 14”x22” 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. The 4-H member’s name, age, county, Social Security number, full address and brief interpretation of artwork must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left-hand corner. Posters are due April 20 in the Extension office.

Volunteer Servers for Teen Star and Hall of Fame Banquet

The planning committee for the 2011 Teen Star and Hall of Fame Banquet once again requests the assistance of 4-H members between the ages of 12 and 14 to be a volunteer server. This is a great opportunity to develop some statewide leadership and community service. Servers are expected to arrive at the 4-H Center by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21 dressed in a white button-up shirt and black pants or skirt. After an orientation on how to properly serve food and beverages, volunteers will assist with setting the tables for the banquet. The volunteers will also need to refill drinks and clear the tables. They are expected to finish around 9:30 p.m.

Registration forms are available in the Extension office and are requested by April 20. Dinner will be provided for each 4-H’er who volunteers.

Survivor Camp Counselors

Survivor Camp is June 28 and 29 at Pauline Whitaker Arena. This year we are accepting applications and recommendations for Survivor Camp Counselors. These applications can be picked up at the Extension office and are due by May 2.

4-H County Council Officer Election

Washington County Council Officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Photographer, and Recreation Leader. Officers must have held a major main office (listed above) in a local club and have participated in 4-H club work for at least one year. The County Council President will be required to have held the office of president in their local 4-H club.

Please note there are multiple changes this year. Candidates should be aware of the following qualifications and procedures:

- Officer candidates must have submitted a journal for the previous year of 4-H.
- Candidates must submit a completed application form and resume by the county deadline.

In addition to the officer duties outlined in the Constitution, council officers are expected to do the following:

- * Visit clubs upon request to encourage participation in various activities.
- * Attend all competitive activities and assist in presentation of awards.
- * Assist in the planning and conduct the program at the annual Awards Banquet.
- * Assist in plans and preparations for recreational and promotion activities, including National 4-H Week and competition for Spirit Award at District O-Rama.

An application is enclosed and is due in the Extension office by May 17.

The president of each 4-H club or designated voting delegate will vote for candidates by giving a score regarding the officer candidate's traits, such as responsibility, dependability, leadership skills, honesty, character, dedication, commitment, and teamwork. These votes will count as 25 percent of the total score.

Elections will also consist of an interview committee that evaluates the application, resume and interview.

This committee determines 75 percent of the total score and recommends which 4-H member should be selected for the individual officer positions. Candidates will be notified in writing regarding the outcome.

Food Preservation Workshop

Learn the art of food preservation. We will be making fruit spreads; zucchini pickles and dehydration; canning carrots and green beans; and learning fair judging.

The workshop will be June 14, 16 and 17 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and on Friday as soon as fair judging and cleanup are finished we will eat and dismiss. We will have a potluck lunch daily, with each family asked to bring a dish. This workshop is for youth 8 years and older.

Registration fee of \$15 is to be paid when you register at the Extension office by June 1. The class is limited to 30. Each family is to bring one case of jars the first day of the workshop, will let you know what size at registration.

If you have any questions please contact Annette Coor at 444-1755 or Mary Loftus 521-2258.

The Creative Culinary Experience

New this year: Hands-On Cooking School. Learn about various aspects of culinary creations, including creativeness, ways to save money, nutrition, fun techniques and tricks to use, food safety, fair-related entries, and much more.

This year, our workshop is going to be held on the following Mondays: July 11, July 25 and August 1. Each day we will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring their lunch with them each day.

This workshop is open to youth ages 9 and older. We need at least 10 and no more than 25 to sign up for the class. A short registration form is required

and a \$30 registration fee for the classes, submitted by June 16. All materials will be provided for use during the workshop and there will be afternoon snacks made daily. For more information please contact Anna.

Beginning Sewing Workshop

This year we will be offering the beginning workshop at two different times. You can sign up for only one of these times, so that we can give more children the opportunity to participate. Beginning Sewing Workshop is Wednesday through Friday July 20, 21 and 22. Registration for first workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon each day. Second workshop registration will begin at 12:30. Classes will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. each day. You will be making a pillow case and a scarf.

There will be a \$10 fee for the class, plus materials you will need to bring. A material list will be furnished when you sign up. Workshops are limited to 10 participants each and each must be at least 7 years old. Registration and fee are due in the Extension office by July 8.

Advanced Sewing Workshop Participants

Advanced Sewing workshop is Wednesday through Friday July 27, 28 and 29. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon each day. You will be making a locker organizer, scarf and backpack. There is a \$10 fee due with registration; you will be given a list of materials to bring at this time. Registration is due in the Extension office by July 15.

Congratulations!

Talks & Demonstrations Day

Congratulations to all of the participants in this year's County Talks & Demo O-Rama Day. Our Cloverbuds were Emma G., Dawson W., Cade C., Austin R., Casey B. and Zack G.

Our Junior 4-H members were: Agribusiness Public Speaking – 1st Sara G.; Animal Science – 1st Jacob N.; Citizenship – 1st Charlie H.; Consumer Economics – 1st Blayne R., 2nd Rebecca H.; Entomology Talk – 1st William P.; Health – 1st Autumn G., 2nd Natali H.; Horse – 1st Joanna R.; Human Development – 1st Hannah R., 2nd Jared D.; Pet Care – 1st Corrine R.; Public Speaking – 1st Katie G., 2nd Nick P.; Safety – 1st Zoë A.; Veterinary Science – 1st Colton B.

Our Senior 4-H members were: Agribusiness Public Speaking – 1st Will P., 2nd Maggie F.; Citizenship – 1st Tandy K.; Environmental Stewardship – 1st Ryan R.; Food Fair – Healthy Snacks – 1st Cabrina R.; Horse – 1st Kayla M.; Pet Care – 1st Lauren C.; Public Speaking – 1st Maxwell H.

Dairy Foods Contest

Party Ideas:

1st Colton B., 2nd Katy T., 3rd Shylynn O.

Main Dish:

1st Nick P., 2nd Zoë A., 3rd Lauren C.

Ozark District and State Journal Finalists & Winners

Beginner: Extending Resources – Gabrielle L.; Enhance Health & Well Being – Sara G. and Rebecca H.; Encourage Individual Development – Katie G. and Hannah R.; Animal Science – Autumn G.; Plant & Soil Science – Zoë A.; and Utilizing Science & Technology – Keely A.

Intermediate:

Enhance Health & Well Being – Max H.; and Encourage Individual Development – Lauren C.

State Advanced Finalist and Winner:

Tandy K. – Animal Science

Achievement Banquet

The County Achievement Banquet was held on Saturday, March 5 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. The theme was “Wild about 4-H” and

more than 220 attended. District 4-H Vice President Rachel Eaton was the guest speaker and presented journal awards to all members at the banquet who turned in journals. Parent and Leaders Association presented awards for Outstanding Cloverbud to Khristian D., Mary Gilbert Service Award to Sara G., and 4-H Hall of Fame to Amanda B. There were three groups recognized as Friends of 4-H: Tractor Supply Company at Farmington, Cargill, and Eventures Party Rentals. Kelsey H. was named Senior Champion and Hannah R. was named Junior Champion. Kelsey H. was awarded the 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

Dale Killian and Marilyn Weyl were retiring from the County 4-H Foundation and were recognized for their timeless dedication of time, commitment, and support.

The banquet sponsors were Cargill, Dairy Farmers of America, Eventures Party Rentals, Farm Credit Service of Western Arkansas, Moore's Funeral Chapel, Ozarks Electric Cooperative, Prairie Grove Telephone Company, Tyson Foods, Washington County Farm Bureau, and Welsco Inc.

The Achievement Banquet Committee, County 4-H Council officers, and their parents did a wonderful job planning and decorating for the banquet. Thank you!

Service Project Opportunities

State level – Donations for the Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders Association Spring Forum Auction need to be taken to the Extension office by April 13. Money raised at the auction goes for 4-H scholarships and trip awards. Canned food, donated items from local businesses, baked goods and 4-H handmade items are wonderful.

State level – Aluminum can and can tab collections sponsored by the Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders Association for needy 4-H members in the state. Bring them to the Extension office as soon and as often as possible, in plastic sacks/bags. The winning county is announced at State O-Rama in July. Drop off items by July 18.

State level – Items for hygiene kits (washcloths, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste/brushes, combs – drop off by July 18.

State level – Non-toxic crayons for waiting room kits for kids – drop off by July 18.

State level – Pillowcase challenge – either bring fabric or the pillowcases already made – drop off by July 18. For more information go to: <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/>

State level – Pillows for Children's Hospital. Drop off pillows made or ready to stuff by July 18.

Join 4-H Members across the Nation

National 4-H Headquarters has a goal to have 100,000 4-H members and their families complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. This recognizes those individuals who log their recommended physical activity for six weeks, five days a week (60 minutes for youth, 30 minutes minimum for adults). Signing up is simple. All you have to do is register. It's quick and there is no cost to participate. How to Join:

- 1) Go to: http://www.presidentschallenge.net/login/register_individual.aspx
- 2) Fill out the registration form
- 3) When you arrive at your personal dashboard page, click on the groups tab and join the 4-H group.
Your Group ID Number: 96548
Your Group Name: National 4-H Program
- 4) After registering, start logging your activities. As you log activities, you'll be able to track your progress toward winning a President's Challenge Award or Medal.

Club Honors and Scrapbooks

August 11, 2011 is the due date for all County Honor Club, State Honor Club and Scrapbook Honor applications to be submitted to the Extension office for the 2009-2010 4-H year. These award opportunities for your clubs will be discussed and questions answered during the May 4-H County

Council meeting on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

County 4-H Clubs will be recognized at the Incentive Awards Program. These honors include Scrapbook Honors, County Honor Club, and State Honor Club.

Scrapbook honors are awarded to new clubs or clubs submitting a scrapbook for the first time. These clubs must include the following items in their scrapbook: pictures of club officers and leaders; and pictures of members at three or more of the following (club activities, county activities, state activities, community service projects, fairs, or receiving awards at 4-H activities).

The County Honor Club guidelines are online at: http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/event_packet/e-awards_recognition/county_honor_club.pdf

The State Honor Club guidelines are online at: http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/event_packet/e-awards_recognition/state_honor_club.pdf

Copies of the Honor Club forms may also be requested from the Extension Office.

County 4-H Incentive Program

All 4-H members who participate in club and county activities are encouraged to participate in the Washington County 4-H Incentive Program. Points are based upon the individual 4-H member's involvement in club and county activities. These forms are due at the Extension office by August 11, 2011. 4-H members can work towards receiving a Certificate of Recognition or T-Shirt. Additional forms can be requested from the Extension office.

Representing Washington County 4-H

According to the County 4-H Policies and Guidelines, since 2006, in order to represent Washington County 4-H at a higher-than county event (excluding fairs) for an individual or team event, the 4-H member must have participated in three or more

county activities during the two most recent years. These activities are ones that are published in the County 4-H Newsletter or County 4-H Family mailings. The form must be completed in addition to the application in order to receive Extension approval to participate in the event.

If you have not participated in many county events, now is the time to start getting involved. If you have any questions, please contact Anna.

Leadership Opportunities for Volunteer Leaders and 4-H Members

Germ City

4-H members are needed to help with two different Germ City Activities: 1) Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., for the Washington County Head Start on at the Jones Center. Contact Anna by April 8 if you are available to help. 2) During the Farm Friends afternoon events, on April 21, from 4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Contact Anna by April 19 if available to help.

Community Service Projects at State O-Rama

There will be several sewing-related community service projects happening at State O-Rama on Wednesday afternoon, July 20 and Thursday morning, July 21 at the U of A campus. These are the times that Senior 4-H members will be competing in their District Qualifying and State Only Competitive activities. Please let Anna know by June 20 if you are interested in helping with these projects and which day(s) you are available.

2011 Ozark District Fall Forum

4-H members and Volunteer Leaders are encouraged to teach a workshop or roundtable session at this year's Ozark District Parent and Volunteer Leader Forum on Saturday, October 29. Applications for these workshops or roundtable sessions will be available soon. If you are interested, please let Anna know by May 18.