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**Holiday Craft Workshop and Gift-Wrapping**

Come make a variety of crafts and help the parliamentary team raise money for their national contest. Gift-wrapping will be done for donations on Saturday, December 10 at Pauline Whitaker; 8:45 a.m. sign-in, and bring your sack lunch.

Schedule of activities: crafts 9:00-11:00 a.m.; sack lunch (you bring) 11:00-11:30 a.m.; crafts continued plus fun and games 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; clean-up and sign-out 1:15-1:30 p.m.

The fee is \$5 per youth or \$10 for all youth in a family. Call the office and give the names of all youth that will be attending, their age, what club they are in, and make sure there is a current health card on file for each person attending.

All county 4-H members are invited to join the free fun and games from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Parents/guardians will need to remain at Pauline Whitaker if youth are only attending the fun and games section of the day. Contact Anna if there are any questions.

**4-H Journals**

Following judging at the county level, the journals going on for judging at district and state will be returned to the 4-H'er (available December 19) to make suggested changes. These journals **need to be**

returned by Wednesday, January 18, 4:30 p.m. in order to be processed and sent on to Little Rock.

**You Are Invited!**

Washington County  
Extension Office



**Christmas  
Open  
House**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
**11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**County 4-H Council Meeting**

All 4-H club officers are members of the Washington County 4-H Council and are encouraged to participate in the meeting on Monday, January 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Even though the Extension office is closed that day, this meeting is

held on the third Monday. PAL is providing the main dish. Please bring plates, utensils, sides or a dessert.

Agenda topics include banquet, broiler BBQ contest, county 4-H event dates, and the upcoming tips and techniques workshop. Hope to see you and have you share ideas as committees discuss plans.

## Parent and Adult Leaders Meeting

President, Tami Pohlman has scheduled a parent and adult leaders meeting following the county 4-H council meeting on Monday, January 16. The main dish will be provided. Please bring plates, utensils, sides or a dessert.

## 4-H Tips and Techniques Workshop

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the different activities available in 4-H? We have a fun and exciting workshop planned for everyone to learn more about 4-H events, so you can become more involved. All 4-H members (new and returning) and their parents are invited to attend. Changes for journals and O-Rama competitions will be shared at this workshop.

Please pre-register for this workshop by calling the Extension office by Tuesday, January 17 to determine groups and make sure we have enough supplies and snacks. You will need to give names of who plans to attend and a contact number. This workshop will be at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center on Saturday, January 21 with registration at 8:45 a.m. The workshop will be finished by noon. In case of bad weather, everyone that has pre-registered will be contacted. You can contact Anna on her cell phone at 479-856-8565 if you are concerned with the weather.

## Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award

The Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award was instituted in 1983 and was designed to recognize one outstanding Arkansas 4-H member each year. This award is available only to current or former state 4-H Journal/ Record Book winners.

This prestigious award is based upon a current year's 4-H Journal and the Governor's Award application. Each finalist will receive a silver bowl or a crystal vase. The Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award recipient will receive a silver tray or a crystal vase, presented by the governor, and a \$1,000 scholarship (pending funding). The tray or vase is normally presented at the Awards of Excellence banquet. In addition, the award recipient's name will be added to a plaque on permanent display at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Only former state Journal/Record Book winners and any current state journal winners who are in their last year of eligibility will be considered in the selection process. In order to receive the Governor's Award, he/she must complete the Governor's Award Report Form. Those 4-H'ers who are vying for state journal winner in the current year should submit the Governor's Award Report Form clipped to the inside cover of the journal. Then, in the event he/she is named a state winner, the journal will be considered for the Governor's Award.
2. Journals, along with the Governor's Award Report Form and two letters of recommendation, are due in the Extension office on January 18.
3. The Governor's Award recipient must have had his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and will be eligible to apply annually until the year after their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
4. Former state Journal/Record Book winners must submit a **current** journal with the Governor's Award Report Form. The form should be paper-clipped to the inside front cover of the binder. All other sections of the journal will remain the same as for state judging. The Arkansas 4-H Journal Form need only cover the years since the 4-H member was named a state Journal/Record Book winner, but may include a 4-H'er's entire work.
5. All journals must show **significant** work during the current year. A 4-H'er may select any project that is eligible for state honors.

## Washington County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Washington County 4-H Foundation Board is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating Senior 4-H'er, who turned in a 4-H Journal in the current year, and has been active in the 4-H county program.

Selection by the board will be based on the application, journal, personal interview and need. This scholarship will be presented at the Achievement Banquet.

Application is available in the Extension office or will be mailed upon request, and is due by Wednesday, January 18.

## **College 4-H Scholarships**

Arkansas 4-H members are eligible to receive only one college 4-H scholarship from each category of state 4-H scholarships: Category A: general scholarships; Category B: scholarships available to former state advanced 4-H Journal/ Record Book winners only; and Category C: Governor's Award.

All attachments must be included with the scholarship applications (FY4-H-635) and received in the Extension office by January 18.

## **Adult Volunteer Leaders Judge District 4-H Journals**

Volunteer leaders will be selected to serve as members of the beginning and intermediate journal judging committees from February 22– 24 at the 4-H Center in Ferndale. There is no cost for volunteers selected. Submit applications by Wednesday, January 19.

## **State Ambassador Workshop**

The purpose of the ambassador workshop is for ambassadors and state officers to utilize their leadership abilities in planning, then conducting the three-day statewide 4-H Teen Leader Conference held at the Arkansas 4-H Center in June. Some training is also provided to help teens better serve in their ambassador role. Teens who have been selected as state 4-H ambassadors are eligible to attend.

Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Workshop will be held at the Arkansas 4-H Center on February 17-18. The cost is TBA, and applications are due online by January 24.

## **Entrepreneur Camps**

Regular and advanced camps will be at the 4-H Center on February 10-12. Regular camp is for ages 9-13 and advanced for 13-19 year olds. Online applications are due January 24; cost is \$120.

## **Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Practice Session**

Want to learn more about the Wildlife Habitat Contest, or do you need a jump start to help study for the contest? A practice session will be held on February 24 at ASU in Beebe.

Cost is \$12 per participant (including youth, coaches, parents and guests) if you registered on 4-H Online by January 24.

## **Teen Star Program**

The Arkansas 4-H Teen Star Program is for any Arkansas 4-H member ages 15-18 as of January 1 who has outstanding achievement in the areas of 4-H projects and activities, leadership and community service. The awards ceremony is conducted at Teen Leader Conference at the 4-H Center. Each member receiving this recognition will receive a certificate and pin, then becomes eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship once they become a high school senior. Members may apply for the Arkansas 4-H ambassador application during the same year.

Submit application (FY4H-139) to the Extension office by February 16.

## **Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Program**

Arkansas 4-H ambassadors are individuals who assist with 4-H promotion at the state and county levels. Ambassadors can be utilized in the following ways: assist with statewide 4-H programs, assist with county programs as requested, promote Arkansas 4-H, and represent 4-H at various activities, fairs, award programs and other events.

In order to qualify to apply to become a state 4-H officer, a member must be an Arkansas 4-H ambassador for one year and has met the recertification requirements for the current year.

To apply, a 4-H member must be a Teen Star. Applicants can apply for Teen Star during the same year, then if selected as a Teen Star they will interview for ambassador. The interview process will be during Teen Leader Conference at Ferndale. Application (FY4-H-657) is due by February 21.



### **Rabbit Workshop**

If there is enough interest, a rabbit workshop will be scheduled in January. Anyone interested in attending a workshop on rabbits please contact Anna at the Extension office, 444-1755, by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Give your name and workshop topic preference.

### **Beef Quiz Bowl Practice**

Practice will be at the Extension office on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### **Parent & Adult Leaders Officers 2011-12**

- President – Tami Pohlman
- Vice President – Debra Biswell
- Secretary – Tiffany Rogers
- Treasurer – Mary Crumley
- Reporter – Tracy Roebke
- Parliamentarian – Darrell Goff

### **4-H Teams for Competition**

Even though you must be a Senior 4-H member to compete on the following teams, all interested 4-H members are encouraged to come to practices and participate in learning about the competitions.

### **2012 Teams to Start Forming**

Any 4-H members interested in learning more about the following topics please contact the Extension office by Friday, January 20.

- Consumer Judging
- Dairy Cattle Judging
- Food Bowl
- Interior Design
- Land Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Skills
- Poultry Judging
- Parliamentary Procedure

### **4-H Cookbook Orders**

You can now order the Washington County 4-H Cookbooks. Form is in this newsletter. Cost is \$15 each. Cookbooks are expected soon and will be available to be picked up from the Extension office. For each cookbook sold, \$3 will be returned to a 4-H club of the member's choice.

### **4-H Fundraiser**

The Washington County 4-H Parliamentary Procedure team is raising money for the national contest in Denver, Colo. They are selling Paracord survivor bracelets (\$8 for knot and \$10 for buckle), Paracord key chains (\$10), and Paracord lanyards (\$10). There are a variety of colors to choose from.

### **Weather Closings**

Please note when the University of Arkansas is closed for inclement weather, the Extension office is also closed. If you are unsure, you can call 479-444-1755 or Anna's cell, 479-856-8565.

### **4-H Alumni Search**

We are searching for anyone that has been in 4-H as a member or a leader. If your club can start a list of anyone they know and get it to Anna as soon as possible, this would be greatly appreciated. We need to know as much of the following information as you can provide – county/state they were with 4-H; if they were a member or leader; name; email; phone number; and mailing address. This information will be kept only for the use here at the Cooperative Extension Service and will not be shared.

### **Last 4-H Newsletter?**

This is your last 4-H newsletter if your enrollment form for 2011/2012 is not on file in the Extension office.

## Your Help Is Needed

Washington County 4-H is very privileged to have such a wonderful 4-H Foundation that has been able to support the members.

This holiday season, we're asking you to provide help providing the resources needed to continue creating connections that change lives. Do you know of any potential donors or methods of earning funds through specific business or personal contacts? Do you have ideas to suggest for county fund raising projects? The Washington County 4-H Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Please let us know ideas to help the county 4-H Foundation continue the current support for the 4-H activities and events.

## County Community Service Opportunities

### ▪ Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter

Things needed for youth and women in the shelter for the holidays – contact the Extension office for donation delivery information by December 16 – ham, turkey, boxed stuffing, canned goods, potatoes, bought cookies and desserts, candy for the kids, small gifts, hats and gloves. Please contact Anna or Annette for the list of other needs throughout the year.

▪ **Hats and gloves** are needed for foster children in our county and other children in need. Please drop by any donations to the Extension office.

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# WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H COOKBOOK: \$15



**This limited-edition cookbook is made up of recipes submitted by 4-H alumni, members and families in our county. All proceeds go to the county 4-H Foundation and participating 4-H clubs. Checks need payable to the "4-H Foundation".**

**(Please submit payment with your order.)**

Name of person ordering \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount due \_\_\_\_\_ Payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H club to receive proceeds (list one club per order) \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable) Name of 4-H member selling the cookbook: \_\_\_\_\_

Email [dmurdoch@uaex.edu](mailto:dmurdoch@uaex.edu) or [agoff@uaex.edu](mailto:agoff@uaex.edu), or you can call 479-444-1755 for more information.

**Return Order forms to: Washington County Cooperative Extension Service  
2536 N. McConnell Avenue  
Fayetteville, AR 72704**

You will be contacted when they arrive. Thank you!