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**Ozark District 4-H Parent-Leader
Volunteer Forum, Harrison**

This year the Ozark District 4-H Forum will be held in Harrison at the first United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 29 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for training in an atmosphere of camaraderie and support between 4-H volunteers. There will be door prizes, silent auction items and great training materials to take home and use immediately with club members.

The \$15 registration fee includes lunch from one of the fabulous restaurants in Harrison and materials and handouts from all workshop sessions. Please register in the extension office by October 10.

Citizenship...Washington Focus

Arkansas 4-H will once again send a delegation to Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF). The dates for the 2012 CWF program in Washington, D.C. are July 7–14. CWF provides 4-H youth with opportunities to explore, develop and refine their community and civic engagement skills to be outstanding leaders in their communities. Through hands-on educational workshops, and sightseeing tours in the “living classroom” of Washington, D.C., youth learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they learn during CWF when they return home.

Applicants must be 14 years of age by January 1, 2012. The cost for youth is \$980 and \$490 for adult

volunteers. Register through Arkansas.4honline.com and submit deposit to the extension office by October 13. There must be a minimum of 45 delegates registered to guarantee this trip will occur. Additional information will be provided regarding the final payment amount and deadline. Applicants will be advised of interview date.

**County 4-H Technology Project Group
Interest Meeting**

All 4-H members interested in new activities with Science/Technology/Engineering/Math/Photography related 4-H projects are encouraged to attend the project group interest meeting on Monday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m., at the extension office.

After gathering information from interested 4-H families, Anna has new projects, activities, and other resources available for 4-H members to use. If interested but unable to attend, contact Anna.

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture’s *premier* youth conference. 4-H’ers have the opportunity to engage in workshops, roundtable discussions and develop recommendations for 4-H Youth Development.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 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. Delegate cost is \$300 with half being paid by

Washington County 4-H Foundation if requirements are met. Applications are due in the extension office by October 19.

4-H Journals and Workshop

To help anyone new to the Journal process, or you just need a date to get started on your journal, we will be have a **Journal Workshop** at the extension office on **October 24 at 6:00 p.m.** For the first timers, there will be a review of the report form and various parts of the journal. For the Journal repeaters, bring all your records and we will help you get started. This year 4-H work will be reported on the actual 4-H year: October 1 to September 30.

So grab your records, calendars, computers, pens, pencils and paper, and get ready to start your Journal on October 24 at 6:00 p.m. We'll have all the forms needed to fill out your Journal at the workshop; however, if you would like to get an earlier start, the sample forms, blank forms and CDs are now available in the office.

It is that time of the year again to start looking though your 4-H records and getting everything together for the 2010 – 2011 4-H Journals. **Journals** are **due** in the office on **November 30**, by 4:30 p.m. We would like to encourage every 4-H'er to turn in a Journal this year and receive a complimentary ticket to the Achievement Banquet. This banquet is held in the spring, and we celebrate the achievements of Washington County 4-H from the past year.

Journal age categories (as of Jan. 1, 2012): Cloverbud, 5 to 8*; Beginner, 9 to 12*; Intermediate, 13 to 15*; and Advanced, 16 to 18*.

Parent & Adult Leaders Meeting

Fannie Davenport, President of 4-H Parent & Adult Leaders Association, has called a meeting for Monday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the extension office. All parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. The nominating committee will present their recommendations and elections will follow. In addition, the following

committees will be created and meetings scheduled: audit, bylaws and budget.

2012 Calendar Dates

Please bring any dates for January through May 2012 that you would have a conflict with for 4-H activities to the Journal Workshop, or turn in to the extension office by October 24.

Membership Renewal/Record Reminder

Please submit your 2012 4-H enrollment cards and club's paperwork by November 1.

We ask all clubs to either mail in your clubs meeting reports or send us an email letting the extension office know when meetings are held.

Cheese Workshop

A Cheese Workshop will be offered Saturday, November 5 at the extension office from 9:30 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m. We will be making yogurt, keifer, cottage cheese, soft and semi-soft cheeses.

Included in the class: Instructions in food safety and the importance of proper milk handling, equipment and tools necessary, starters, different types, different methods of cheese making, resources for info and supplies and troubleshooting problems.

Please bring a dish for a potluck lunch. There will be a minimum charge to cover cost of supplies.

4-H Club & Project Groups Financial Reports Due in November

Audited Financial Report for the 2010-2011 4-H year (pages 13, 31, 32 and 33 from the Treasurer's Book) and the 2010-2011 Secretary's book are both to be submitted to the extension office by Monday, November 14.

2012 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference

March 14–17 are the dates for the 2012 Kansas City 4-H Global Summit in Kansas City, Mo. Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1, 2012. A unique opportunity awaits you to learn about career options and outlooks, explore career ideas, acquire skills necessary to succeed in the search for a job, gain insight into a global and high-tech workplace, gain appreciation and awareness of the strengths of cultural diversity in a global society, and to make new friends from many other states. Highlights of the conference are motivational presentations on leadership, educational opportunities, careers and job-hunting skills, as well as career seminars exploring diverse career areas such as high technology and computers, hotel and convention management, health care, advertising, agricultural supply and marketing, etc., and educational tours of businesses and industries in greater Kansas City. Register using 4-H Online by November 22. Cost will be announced soon.

4-H Officer Training

Special Invitation to all 4-H main leaders, volunteers, parents, and club officers – Join us at Pauline Whitaker on Monday, November 28. Even if you have attended training before, this year’s schedule is different. Food will be served at 6:00 p.m. and training conducted by the 4-H council officers will follow. All clubs are asked to bring a door prize, and families are asked to bring desserts.

Camp Leadership Workshop – Basic

This workshop will be January 20-21, 2012 at the 4-H Center and is designed to train Senior 4-H members and adult volunteers who are interested in becoming counselors, workshop instructors or volunteers at a camp.

Some of the subjects to be addressed are: working with youth in different age groups, campfire programs and camp safety.

4-H Online registration is due December 1.

Holiday Craft Workshop and Gift-Wrapping This December

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 9-11 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.

Sign up at the extension office by December 1. The fee is \$5 per youth or \$10 for all youth in a family. After December 1, the fee is \$10 per youth or \$20 for all youth in a family. List 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. Parent/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.

State Technology Team Workshop

Tech Team is open to Senior 4-H members (13-19 years of age) who are interested in science, technology, engineering or math. The team consists of up to 10 youth throughout the state who are interested in developing leadership skills through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) knowledge. The workshops are meant to be “train-the-trainer” meetings, where team members learn skills in order to teach STEM workshops in their respective counties and regions.

Their tentative 2012 activity calendar is available in the extension office. Applications (FY4-H-657) are due in the extension office by December 2. A yearly fee of about \$160 is assessed to cover the costs of the workshops and is due after selection process.

You Are Invited

Washington County
Extension Office



Christmas Open House

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

Representing Washington County 4-H

According to the County 4-H Policies and Guidelines, in order to represent Washington County 4-H at a higher than county event (excluding fairs), for either an individual or team event, the 4-H member must have participated in three or more county activities during the most two recent years. These activities are ones that are published in the County 4-H Newsletter or County 4-H Family mailings. This form was given to all main leaders (pink) and is included inside back cover of this newsletter. It is to be completed, in addition to any application, in order to receive approval from the extension office to participate in the event.

This guideline is the same for new and returning 4-H members. 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 Goff.

Washington County Fair Junior Ambassador Program

Application deadline along with a letter of recommendation from a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor is October 15, 2011. Applications are submitted to Ashley Swaffar. This is open to males and females 14-18 years of age as of October 15, 2011, who are residents of Washington County and a member of 4-H or FFA. Applicants must participate in an interview with the selection committee. They hope to see many applicants for this program. Contact the extension office for an application.

Washington County 4-H Fair Follow-Up

There are still many 4-H members that have not picked up their premium checks or items left at the fair. The checks are only valid for 60 days after the printed date, so you need to come to get your club or personal checks very quickly!



2011-2012 Washington County 4-H Council Officers

Congratulations to a wonderful team of officers!
President – Lauren Cheevers; Vice President – Tandy Kidd; Secretary – Austin Hamm; Treasurer – Will Pohlman; Reporter – Sara Gardener; Photographer – Autumn Gregg; and Recreation Leader – Katie Gardner

4-H Cookbook Orders

You can now order the Washington County 4-H Cookbooks; an order form is inside back cover of newsletter. Cost is \$15 each. Cookbooks are expected by early November 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.

Service Project Opportunity

Donate of any of the following items for the craft workshop by December 1 at the extension office. Items needed are neckties, glue, beads, small paintbrushes, sequins, glitter, colored paper, wrapping paper, scissors, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, colored duct tape, paint, felt, stickers, ribbon, ceramic ornaments/figures, wooden ornaments, rubber stamps, stencils, or other craft items. (Leftover craft supplies that you may have from previous projects are appreciated.) Contact Anna if you have any questions. Thank you!

Parliamentary Procedure 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.

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; mailing address. This information will be kept only for the use here at the Cooperative Extension Service and will not be shared.

Tips & Techniques Workshop Date

Tips & Techniques Workshop – January 21, Pauline Whitaker, morning until 12:30 p.m.

Add Us On Facebook!

Washington County has had a Facebook page for the past year. If you have a Facebook account, you can search for agoff@uaex.edu and send a request to be added as a friend.



2012 Washington County 4-H County Council Officers

Washington County 4-H Ambassador Leader Program

The Washington County 4-H Ambassador Leader Program is a group of 4-H members 12 years and older who have demonstrated high involvement in the 4-H program. New applicants for the program must be at least 12 years old at the time 4-H Journals are submitted to the county on November 30. This honorary program is renewable annually.

Meetings for the Ambassador Leader Program will occur on the third Monday of even months of the year. These are the months that County 4-H Council may have committee meetings, in which Ambassador Leaders will be involved and assist.

If selected as an ambassador, these members agree to represent the Washington County program. Examples include: providing leadership in assisting newly organized 4-H clubs in helping learn the parts of the county program (such as county activity day, talk and demonstrations, poultry BBQ and so on); serving in leadership roles such as county camp counselors, conducting project workshops, assisting County Council officers with county competitive and non-competitive events, and planning and conducting a community service project that will involve other Washington County 4-H members.

Criteria for new applicants:

1. Members must be 12 years old or older at the time 4-H Journals are submitted to the county on November 30, 2011. The categories for the County Ambassador Leader Program are Junior 4-H Ambassadors and Senior 4-H Ambassadors, based criteria for Junior and Senior 4-H members.
2. Submit a county Journal during the year you are applying.
3. Submit a Washington County 4-H Ambassador Leader application by November 30.
4. Be a current member in good standing of a Washington County 4-H Club.

Maintaining County 4-H Ambassador Leader Role (Recertification requirements):

All Ambassadors

1. Submit county Journal
2. Participate in four county 4-H activities, such as: O-Rama events, county workshops, county council meetings, county camp, tour, or community service projects.

Choose **three** of the following:

Junior Ambassadors:

3. Participate in District O-Rama
4. Plan and conduct a project workshop for Junior 4-H members.
5. Mentor at least one new 4-H member or county 4-H club to help prepare for and participate in one or more county activities.
6. Prepare a 4-H promotional exhibit and display it in a prominent location in the county.
7. Make a presentation promoting 4-H (audience must be primarily non 4-H) during the recertification period.

Senior Ambassadors:

3. Participate in District and State O-Rama

2012 To provide documentation for the Washington County 4-H Policies and Guidelines:

Name of 4-H Member: _____ 4-H Club: _____

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Name of 4-H county activity and the year of the activity – to meet above described eligibility guidelines:

- 1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ _____

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