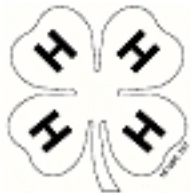


Yell County 4-H Newsletter

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Achievement Banquet

Save the Date!

This year's 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 6th.



Yell County Centennial Awards

4-H Centennial Individual Challenge

During the 2008 4-H Year we are challenging each 4-H club that is still a club and was a club during the last 4-H year (this award will not apply to new clubs formed after October 1, 2007) to recruit new members for their club. The 4-H club that has the most new members during the 2008 4-H Year will receive an award of \$100 at next year's banquet.

4-H Centennial Individual Challenge

During the 2008 4-H Year we are challenging each 4-H member, parent, volunteer, and leader to recruit NEW 4-H members. Each time a new member joins they are to write the name of the person that recruited them on the top right hand corner of their enrollment card. The person that recruited them could be a 4-H member, leader, volunteer, or parent. Each time a name is found on an enrollment card, the name of the recruiter will be put in a drawing. At next year's banquet we will draw a name and the winner will receive a set of all five Arkansas 4-H Centennial collectible stuffed animals. Our goal is to have 200 Yell County 4-H members by next year's banquet.

Yell County 4-H Awards

This year there are new County 4-H Awards. Each of the club leaders should have a copy of the Yell County 4-H Policy that lists the awards in detail. Two of them require an application: the Outstanding 4-H'er award and the County Honor Club award. The deadlines for these applications have been extended this year until Monday, November 3, 2008. You may pick up an application at the county Extension office or request that I email you one. Here is a list of the awards that will be given this year.

Yell County 4-H Outstanding 4-H Member (awarded to one Junior and one Senior 4-H'er)
County Honor Club (awarded to as many clubs that qualify)
Record Journal Winners
Record Journal Participants
High Point Club
Club of the Year (selected from County Honor Club recipients)
Club Participation Award
Volunteer of the Year
High Point Individual

4-H Record Journals DUE!

This year's 4-H Record Journals are due Friday, January 9, 2008. They may be turned in before this time if you choose. Please remember that the Dardanelle office is not always open on Fridays. If you would like assistance with starting a record journal, you can contact the Extension office and set up an appointment with Casey. No appointments will be made for after December 12, 2008.



Kansas City Global Conference

The dates for the 2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, are March 18-21, 2009. Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1, 2009. Because speakers, workshops, and tours vary from year-to-year, youth who have attended in the past may apply for the conference. However, preference will be given to those who have never attended. The cost for youth and adults is \$385. Volunteers can apply for a \$100 scholarship if they are a Lifetime member of the Arkansas Adult Leaders' Association and have been a County 4-H Leader for at least two years. All applications are due in the state 4-H office November 3, 2008. Transportation will be by chartered bus. Delegates will be notified of final details once they are selected. If you have questions, contact the Extension office.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in Developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. This year's conference will be March 28-April 2, 2009, at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 of the current calendar year 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. Most of the program costs will be paid for by Extension. The program cost per delegate is \$210. If you are selected to attend; the county 4-H Foundation will pay half of the expenses IF you turned in a 4-H Record Journal in January 2008 and the county has not yet reimbursed half of a 4-H activity of your choice (this does not include State 4-H O-Rama). If you are interested in applying, you may pick up an application at the county Extension office. Applications are due to the State Office by October 31, 2008.

2008 Fall 4-H Parent and Volunteer Forum

This fall's 4-H Parent and Volunteer Forum is scheduled for November 7-8, 2008, at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. This year's theme is "Continuing the Tradition in a New Century." Youth are also invited to attend and participate in youth workshops. The cost is \$50. If you are interested in attending, you may contact the Extension office for more information.

Yell County Conservation District Scholarship

If you are interested in obtaining a degree in the conservation-related field (agriculture, horticulture, forestry, range management, soil sciences, environmental management, environmental law, botany, etc.) and you are a **high school sophomore, junior, or senior** and have a grade point average of at least a 2.0, you are eligible. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded at a county level. The county winner will then go on to the area contest, and from there the area winner will go to the state contest. At each competition there is an opportunity for additional scholarship money. Each applicant will have to complete a short application form and an essay (minimum of 500 words) on the designated topic. This year's topic is "Climate Change: Is it caused by naturally occurring events or mankind?" You must be ready to make an oral presentation on your essay topic for the judges and be willing to meet with the judges for a personal interview. This is an excellent opportunity to receive funds to aide you in your college expenses. In the past there has been little if any competition for this scholarship. If you are interested, you may request an application from the Extension office in Danville or from Sharon Underwood at the NRCS office in Danville. **Applications and essays are due by January 15, 2009.**

October Birthdays

3—Jessica H., Clever Clovers
4—Kimberlea B., Galloping Clovers
6—Michael A., Busy Beavers

8—Elisabeth T., Busy Beavers
17—Luke B., Kountry Kids
19—Aaron T., Clever Clovers

Have Fun Learning About Something You Like!

Has there ever been something that you are interested in that you are not taught in school? Maybe it is something they teach you in school, but you would like to do more with it. Consider joining a 4-H Judging Team. 4-H has many judging teams available for 4-H'ers to participate. Some are for Junior (9 years—13 years) and Senior (14 years—19 years) 4-H'ers; others are just for Senior 4-H'ers. Listed below are judging teams that Junior and Senior 4-H'ers can participate in and a little about them. Descriptions of Senior-only competitive judging teams will come in the November/December newsletter. Contact Casey at 495-2216 if you are interested.

Forestry Contest

The contest is usually in early June and takes place at the state 4-H center. 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 of three or four from each county compete in six forestry events: Tree identification, tree measurement, compass traverse, insect and disease identification, forestry quiz, and forestry evaluation. The first place Senior team is chosen to represent Arkansas at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp in West Virginia.

Grassland Evaluation

The goal of the grassland evaluation program is to teach decision-making skills to 4-H'ers in the area of grassland resource management. The objectives are to develop a 4-H contest that integrates the areas of pastures, livestock, soils, wildlife, plant identification and to teach students an overall awareness of proper grassland management. Currently we have a Junior team consisting of Jacob B., Joseph B., & Daniel P. One more position is available on their team. Currently there is no Senior team. The top five Senior teams are eligible to attend the Mid-America Grassland Evaluation Contest in Missouri in June.

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation

Participants will learn and compete in six areas: identification of common wildlife species, identification of common wildlife foods, interpret wildlife habitat from aerial photographs, understand and prescribe wildlife management practices, develop a rural wildlife management plan (Seniors only), and develop an urban wildlife management plan (Seniors only).

Entomology—Linnaean Competition (BUG BOWL)

This entomology activity is held so that 4-H members can become better acquainted with the insect world in which they live. The Linnaean Competition gives youth an opportunity to learn in a team atmosphere about insect life cycles, life histories, and entomology in general. The contest is conducted in a quiz bowl-type setting. Each team MUST consist of four members.

Hippology

Hippology refers to the study of horses. The primary objective of the Hippology contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science and management, and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge and skill. The contest will include an examination phase, station phase, judging phase, & team problems. Teams may consist of three or four individuals.

Horse Judging

Teams consist of three or four individuals. The highest scoring Senior team will be eligible to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Round Up in Louisville, KY. Contestants will judge halter classes (American Quarter Horse, Morgan, Appaloosa, Arabian, Palomino, & American Paint) and performance classes (Western Pleasure, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle, English Pleasure, Western Riding, Hunter Hack, & Trail).

Horse Quiz Bowl

Each team will consist of four or five members. If five members are on a team, one will be designated as an alternate. Questions will come from a list of references. All questions will relate to horses.

Dairy Quiz Bowl

Each team will consist of four members. This is a quiz bowl where members will study questions related to dairy and the industry. They will compete at the 4-State Dairy Days in Benton County. Senior team winners are eligible to attend the National Dairy Quiz Bowl held every November at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.



October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAVE THE DATE! Yell County 4-H Banquet December 6, 2008 at 6:30 pm			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 4-H Day Arkansas State Fair
19	20 Teen Leader Meeting 6:30pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Dates to Remember

Please remember that many of these due dates are when they are due into the STATE office. We need them sooner at the county office.

October Due Dates:

TBA	Beef Quiz Bowl Registration
1	Adult Master Volunteer Re-Certification
1	National 4-H Conference 2009 Applications

October Activity Dates:

TBA	Purple Circle Banquet
Sept 28-Oct 1	National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison, WI
1	New 4-H Year Begins
1-5	Southern Region Volunteer Leaders Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
4-6	Fall Hiking Adventure Trek, Location TBA
5-11	National 4-H Week
10	Arkansas State Fair Begins, Arkansas State Fairgrounds
11	Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Weigh-in at the State Fair, Arkansas State Fairgrounds
18	4-H Day at the State Fair, Arkansas State Fairgrounds

November Due Dates:

3	4-H Club AFFACT-662 due in State 4-H Office for all clubs
3	Kansas City Conference 2009 Applications
3	Managing Rice for Ducks 2009 Registration

November Activity Dates:

1	National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Louisville, Kentucky
7-8	Fall Parent & Volunteer Leader Forum, 4-H Center
16-17	Tech Team Meeting, Lonoke Farm
16-17	Arkansas Envirothon, UCA, Conway
Nov 28- Dec 2	National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

December Due Dates:

1	National Program Assistant Internship Applications for Spring 2009 (Feb - May)
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December Activity Dates:

Nov 28 - Dec 2	National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA
6	Yell County 4-H Achievement Banquet
15	Tech Team Meeting, LRSO



The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service offers the 4-H program to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

Sincerely,

Casey Scarborough
County Extension Agent, 4-H

Gayla Taylor
County Extension Agent-Staff Chair

ATTENTION!!! If this is your first issue of the Yell County 4-H Newsletter, we hope that you enjoy. Each month the newsletter will contain upcoming activities and dates that you need to be aware of so that you can participate.

We are so glad that you are involved in the 4-H program! We hope you enjoy all of the activities that we provide for your education and enjoyment. Please remember to spread the word to your family and friends about everything you have learned and how much fun 4-H is.



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