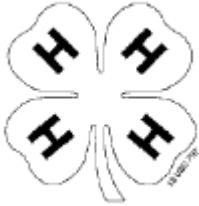


# Yell County 4-H Newsletter

March 2010



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**If you have NOT  
turned in an  
enrollment card for  
the 2010 4-H year,  
this will be your  
last 4-H newsletter!**

Yell County Extension Office  
479-495-2216  
479-229-4441  
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## Garden Project

Spring is quickly approaching which means time to start planning your gardens. Sign up to participate in the Yell County Garden Project. This project is designed to help 4-H members learn about gardening. Points are awarded for attendance to the garden workshop, for taking a soil sample (if you do a regular or raised bed garden), a home garden visit (where the Yell County Master Gardeners visit your garden and judge you on its care and upkeep), and finally, points are awarded at the annual 4-H Garden Fair. You can do either a regular, raised bed, or container garden or a combination of them (ex: a regular and container garden). The participants in each category who have the most cumulative points receive the honor of the Golden Hoe for a regular garden, the Golden Spade for a raised bed garden, and the Golden Trowel for container gardens. Participants will be given seeds and tomato plants for their regular and raised bed gardens. The plants and produce grown from these seeds and the tomato plants will be judged. Participants in the container garden will get three six-packs of flowers. The container garden participants can add plants to their containers and are especially encouraged to be creative in the selection of their container and their plant arrangements. You do not have to attend the garden workshop to participate in the garden project; however it does get you extra points and helps you better understand the how the garden project works. If you wish to sign up for the garden project, or if you have questions, call 495-2216. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: Friday, March 26, 2010.

## Garden Workshop

The 4-H garden workshop will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 6 p.m. at the Yell County Extension Office in Danville. Come and learn about the 4-H Garden Project, general gardening information, and earn an extra 10 points for the Garden Project contest. The Yell County Master Gardeners will be at the meeting to give participants a PIZZA PARTY and to help give gardening advice. If you plan to attend please call the Danville (495-2216) or Dardanelle (229-4441) extension office by Friday, March 12, 2010.

## Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Contest

It is time to order your seeds for the 4-H Giant Pumpkin and Giant Watermelon contest. Seeds cost \$1.50 per package. Those wishing to participate need to order their seed by March 26 by contacting the Yell County Extension office and paying the \$1.50 per package fee when you order. After the seeds come in contestants will be informed of the scheduled planting dates. Participants will bring one giant pumpkin and one giant watermelon to the county fair. The top two county junior or senior 4-H winners in giant pumpkin and giant watermelon at the county fair will be eligible to take a Giant Pumpkin to the State Fair. If you have questions, please contact the county extension office.

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## 4-H Youth & Family 5K Run/Walk

This year's 4-H 5K run/walk will be held at the 4-H Center on Saturday, April 17. Advanced registration for youth is \$5 for Adults is \$15. For more information contact the extension office for registration forms and additional information.

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## 4-H Judging Teams

Has there ever been something that you are interested in that you are not taught in school? Maybe it is something you are taught 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-Hers to participate. Some are for Junior (9 years—13 years) and Senior (14 years—19 years) 4-Hers others are just for Senior 4-Hers. Listed below are judging teams that junior and senior 4-Hers can participate in. Contact Casey at 495-2216 if you are interested.

Forestry	Hippology
Grassland Evaluation	Horse Judging
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation	Horse Quiz Bowl
Entomology—Linnaean Competition (Bug Bowl)	Dairy Quiz Bowl

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## Yell County Fair Blue Ribbon Sponsors

Club leaders, please be sure that Blue Ribbon Sponsors are turned into the Extension Office by Friday, March 26. We need to know by this time what sponsorships have and have not been purchased.

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## 2010 NW Arkansas District Spring Livestock & Poultry Show The

2010 NW Arkansas District Spring Livestock & Poultry Show will be April 9-10 at the Washington County Fair Grounds in Fayetteville. For class and registration information either contact the extension office or go to [www.uaex.edu/washington](http://www.uaex.edu/washington) to view the show catalog.

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## Broiler BBQ Workshop & Contest

We will be having a Broiler BBQ Workshop on Tuesday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m., at the Danville Extension Office. Every year 4-H has a broiler BBQ contest and this workshop is in preparation for it. You will learn how to BBQ poultry. Each participant must bring the following items:

Grill	Aluminum Foil	Charcoal-Not Match Light
Lighter Fluid	Matches	Stick for raking coals down
Small Table	Chair or bucket to sit on	Water Spray Bottle
White Cotton Gloves	3 or 4 paper plates	Paper Towels
Wet Wash Cloth	Sharp Knife	Basting Brush
Salt	Spices of Choice	Sauce
Apron (if desired)	Cap to keep the sun off	Sunscreen
Watch	Small Bowl or container	Plastic gloves
Camera (pictures for record journal)		
Snacks (this will take a couple of hours)		
Coal Chimney and newspapers if preferred over lighter fluid		

If you are interested in competing in the district competition, but cannot make it to the workshop, contact the extension office. Please call either the Danville Extension office at 495-2216 or the Dardanelle Extension office at 229-4441 and sign up by March 15 to attend the workshop. Our county can send five 4-H participants (junior 4-Hers and/or senior 4-Hers) to the District Contest. If we have more than this interested we will hold a county contest. If you are unable to provide some of the materials needed contact Casey at the Extension Office 495-2216.

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## County O'Rama

It is time to start thinking about what you would like to do at County O'Rama. County O'Rama is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010, starting at 9 a.m. at the Danville United Methodist Church. There are many events in which you can compete. I would strongly encourage all members to select at least one activity. All listed subject areas will be available at the County O'Rama. Remember all age groups may participate at a county level. The first place Junior and Senior 4-H winner in each event will be eligible to compete at the District O-Rama. The only exceptions are the first and second place in Forestry and anyone who wishes to compete in the Grassland Plant ID contest. If one person places first in more than one activity, that person must choose which activity they want to compete in at District O-Rama, which will be held this year in Atkins on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. The event that they do not select will then be eligible for the second place winner. The following is a list of the available subject areas in which you can compete. If you need information about these events, you can go to our website: [www.uaex.edu/yell/4h](http://www.uaex.edu/yell/4h) and click on the "4-H Events Packet." Scroll down to the list of District O'Rama activities. You can also receive rules and assistance with study materials from the Extension Office, contact Casey.

### Talks and Method Demonstrations

Agribusiness Public Speaking  
 Public Speaking  
 Safety Activity  
 Citizenship  
 Animal Science  
 Horse Activity  
 Health  
 Environmental Stewardship  
 Veterinary Science  
 Pet Care & Training  
 Entomology-"Let's Talk About Bugs"  
 Consumer Economics  
 Human Development  
 Technology Showcase  
 Food Fair

### Other Activities

Fashion Revue-Purchased Garment Division  
 Fashion Revue-Constructed Garment Divisions  
 Bicycle Activity  
 Performing Arts-Vocal Division  
 Performing Arts-Instrumental Division  
 Performing Arts-Dance Division  
 Entomology-"The Collection" Bait  
 Casting & Game Fish ID  
 Reel Into Sport Fishing  
 Crop & Seed ID  
 Grassland Plant ID  
 Forestry-Timber Estimating  
 Gun Safety BB Gun Marksmanship  
 Ornamental Horticulture  
 Livestock Skills (A State only activity that will be available for all to participate in at County O-Rama)

If you are interested in competing in any of these activities at County O-Rama, please fill out the enclosed form. If you lose your form, contact your club leader or the County Extension Office for a new form. The completed forms must be turned in by Monday, April 12th.

For members who are unable to attend the County O-Rama; or for any of those who did attend the County O-Rama, but did not qualify in one of the events that they competed in and would like to try to compete in another event; contact the County Extension Office. If an event does not already have a competitor from our county you may compete in that event on a scheduled makeup date to try to qualify for District O-Rama.

## Arkansas State Fair Website

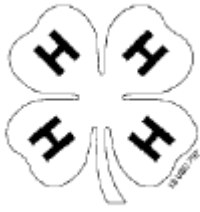
[www.arkansasstatefair.com](http://www.arkansasstatefair.com)

Visit this site to find out information about the 2010 Spring Show and State Fair, and to request a state fair newsletter, see a tentative 2010 show schedule and to see the new rates and entry deadlines for the 2010 Arkansas State Fair! Don't forget to check out the ASF Jr. Ambassador Program and scholarship information

## Arkansas/Oklahoma State Fair Website

[www.kayroderspark.com](http://www.kayroderspark.com)

Visit this site and click on "state fair" to find out information about our district fair. Keep an eye out for new 2010 information.



# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <u>DEADLINE</u> Sign Up for Garden Workshop!	13
14	15 <u>DEADLINE</u> Sign Up for Broiler BBQ Workshop!	16	17	18 Garden Workshop 6 p.m. Danville Extension Office	19	20
21	22	23 Broiler BBQ Workshop 1:30 p.m. at Danville Office	24	25	26 <u>DEADLINE</u> Garden Project Sign up <u>DEADLINE</u> Sign up for Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon	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.

## MARCH 2010

### March Due Dates:

TBA State Camp Deposits and Participant Lists Due  
1 Advanced Camp Counselor Training  
1 Alumni Recognition Program State Application  
1 Ambassador Applications  
1 Community Service Club Awards Applications  
1 National 4-H Congress Adult Chaperone Applications  
1 Promotion Awards Submissions  
1 Teen Leader Club Awards  
1 Teen Star Application  
8 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Registration

### March Activity Dates:

1 Beekeeping Essay Contest Winners Announced  
5-6 High Adventure Backpacking Parent-Camper Rally, LRSO  
12-13 Advanced Camp Counselor Training, 4-H Center 4-H  
13 Advanced Journal Interviews, 4-H Center  
16 Kansas City Conference Leadership Team Leaves  
17-20 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference, Kansas City, MO  
18-20 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, 4-H Center National  
20-25 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.  
22-24 Spring Junior Camp, 4-H Center  
22-26 Spring Bike Trekking Adventures, Mississippi  
26-28 4-H Family Camp, 4-H Center

## APRIL 2010

### April Due Dates:

1 Adult Vol Ldrs Assoc-Agent, Leader, Program Asst., Specialist of the Year Applications  
1 Counselor Applications for Forestry & Wildlife & State Camps  
1 Forestry Contest Applications  
1 Hall of Fame Nominations  
1 Innovative Program Grant Applications  
1 Northwest Arkansas District Junior Spring Livestock & Poultry Show Registration  
1 Pumpkin & Watermelon Seed Requests to 4-H Office  
1 Teen Leader Conference Applications  
1 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest Registration

### April Activity Dates:

TBA Forestry Contest, School of Forest Resources, UAM  
9-10 Northwest Arkansas District Junior Spring Livestock & Poultry Show, Fayetteville  
9-11 4-H High Adventure Backpacking Shakedown, 4-H Center  
16-17 Tech Team Workshop #1: Personal Best Projects, Location TBA  
16-17 Spring 4-H Volunteer Forum, 4-H Center  
17 Yell County 4-H O'Rama  
17 4-H 5K Run/Walk, 4-H Center  
17 District Broiler BBQ, Batesville (Independence County Fairgrounds)  
18-24 National Volunteer Week ([www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org))  
23 State Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest, Logan County  
24 District Broiler BBQ, Fayetteville, Poultry Center of Excellence  
28 State Grassland Evaluation Judging Contest, Date tentative, Location TBA

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## 4-H Online

Arkansas 4-H has a new process for registering for State Camps, District & State O'Rama and other State 4-H activities. It is called Arkansas 4-H Online! If you plan on participating in any 4-H events that take place outside of the county, you need to follow the registration directions (on the back of this sheet) and get your family account set up so when it comes time to register for an event, you can do it quickly. Registration for County activities will still be done by contacting the county office. If you would like assistance setting up a 4-H Online account, you can make an appointment to come by the office and we will help you walk through the process.



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## UARV Horse Show

This year's UARV 4-H Horse Show will be Thursday, June 17. Entry information has not yet been decided.

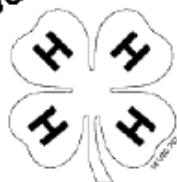
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## Showing Livestock at Fairs

If you are planning on showing livestock at the Yell County Fair, Arkansas/Oklahoma State Fair (District Fair in Ft. Smith), or the State Fair; please complete the enclosed livestock project intent post card that is included in this newsletter and return to the county extension office. This will help us to know who plans to show what at the upcoming fairs and help us with planning livestock workshops. If at any time you have any questions about the fairs, please contact the extension office. If you plan on showing at the district or state fair, please check their website so that you can keep up with deadlines!

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# 4-H Newsletter



All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, natural 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Casey Scarborough".

Casey Scarborough  
County Extension Agent, 4-H

**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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