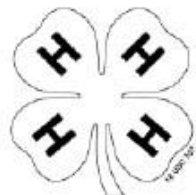


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Christmas Party/Awards Reception

We are moving our banquet back to the spring, so this year we will be doing an awards banquet in conjunction with a Christmas party to cover some of the awards from this past year including Record Journal Winners, workshop attendance, photography winners, and recognition of county fair winners. The awards reception will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Dardanelle Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, located on Highway 7 in Dardanelle (parking behind the church, turn onto S. 2nd street). A Christmas Party will immediately follow the Awards Reception.

Awards Applications DUE!

Awards Applications are due the first Monday in December. This year that would be Monday, Dec. 6! This would be application for Outstanding Junior 4-H member and Outstanding Senior 4-H member and county honor clubs. These awards will be announced at our Spring Banquet. Applications are available at the extension office, or you can print them off on our website at www.uaex.edu/yell/4h.

Record Journals DUE!

Record Journals will be due Tuesday, Jan. 4. If you need assistance, contact me by Dec. 13. Record Journal covers can be purchased at the extension office for \$3.

Record Journal Workshop

We will have a Record Journals Workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the extension office in Danville. Bring questions!

Kansas City Global Conference

Do you ever think about the future? If you are looking for an opportunity to learn about careers and touch base with high technology businesses, hear incredible motivational speakers and take part in awesome service learning opportunities, tours, recreation and social mixers...the Kansas City Global Summit is for YOU! The 2011 Summit is scheduled for March 16-19, 2011, in Kansas City Missouri. Registration this year will be utilizing 4-H Online Registration deadline for the event will be Dec. 10. The cost for the trip is \$412. Complete payment is due Jan. 14, 2011.

AACD Photo Contest

The Conservation District photo contest "The Wonders of Arkansas" is open to amateur photographers who are residents of Arkansas. You can enter four photos each in these categories: Landscape/Waterscape; Livestock/Wildlife; Cropland; Forest/Plants. Two categories Youth (less than 18 years) and Adult (18 and older). Deadline Dec. 1. For rules, contact Casey at 495-2216 or Sharon at 495-2441.

Senior 4-H Judging Teams & Activities

Some Senior Only Competitive Judging Teams include: Parliamentary Procedure, Dairy Cattle Judging, Livestock Judging, Livestock Skills, Poultry Judging, Land Judging, Consumer Judging, Food Bowl, and Home Furnishings. Other Senior Only Activities include: Automotive Contest, Tractor Driving, Photography (other 4-H photography contest include juniors and clover buds; this is just at State O' Rama), Reporting, and Turkey Talk and BBQ. Listed below is a description of each of these competitive activities:

Parliamentary Procedure

Teams of five members will take an exam composed of 25 multiple-choice questions over Parliamentary Procedure knowledge. Following the exam each team will use the 4-H order of business to conduct a club meeting during which the team members will have to perform four parliamentary abilities in addition to a main motion. The four parliamentary abilities will be drawn from the following list: Motion to limit debate, Motion to postpone, Request for parliamentary inquiry, Request to withdraw a motion, Question of privilege, Motion to suspend the rules, Motion to amend, Motion to refer to committee, Motion to lay on the table, and point of order. Each team is given 15 minutes to prepare and 15 minutes to perform all required abilities. This time will include the opening and closing of the meeting. After team competition, the secretary and president will rewrite the minutes of the meeting and submit these minutes to the designated official. 15 minutes are allowed to write the minutes.

Dairy Cattle Judging

A team of three or four members will judge two classes of heifers, four classes of lactating cows, and give oral reasons on three cow classes. The high-scoring team will be eligible to attend the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at Madison, Wisconsin. Out-of-State trip expenses will be covered if funding is available.

Livestock Judging

A team of four members should be prepared to place three classes of beef cattle, three swine, and three sheep classes. Oral reasons will be required on three or four of the selected classes. Classes may have a set of evaluation data and a production situation statement. High point contestants will receive a trophy. The winning team will receive a trophy and will be eligible to attend the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Out-of-State trip expense will be covered if funding is available.

Livestock Skills

A team of four members compete. This activity will train 4-H members in production practices and management of meat animals. 4-H members should learn to make their own decisions based upon the best available information. The Livestock Skills Contest will have the following categories: Breed identification of cattle, sheep, and hogs; livestock equipment identification, retail meat cut identification, livestock feed identification, a written quiz on the livestock industry, evaluation of livestock feeding and performance information including calculating average daily gain, daily feed consumption, feed conversion, cost per pound of grain, and demonstrating and ability to make management decisions based on performance data; and quality assurance exercises such as how to read a medicine label, calculating withdrawal times, calculating dosages, and making management decisions regarding quality assurance. The high point contestant will receive a trophy and the winning team will receive a trophy and will be eligible to attend the National 4-H Livestock Skills Contest. Out-of-state trip expenses will be covered if funding is available.

Poultry Judging

A team of three or four members who have conducted a recognized 4-H club poultry project will learn how to tell the difference between good and poor layers and how to determine the USDA grades of live and dressed poultry. The contestant also will learn how to grade eggs according to USDA standards. The state contest will consist of the following classes: Two classes of hens for egg production qualities, oral reasons to be given on one production class, live market broilers, ready-to-cook broilers, ready-to-cook fowl, eggs broken out, eggs candled, eggs exterior shell, and breed identification. Winning team members will receive trophies and a trip to the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest.

Land Judging

A team of three or four members will judge four soils. Pits will be dug to expose the soil profile. One trophy will be awarded to the high-scoring senior and one trophy for the high-scoring team. The winning team will be eligible to attend the National Land Judging School and Contest in Oklahoma City, OK. Out-of-state expenses will be covered if funding is available. Winning team members will receive individual trophies.

Consumer Judging

A team of three or four members. All members will participate in the judging of three classes from the following: Cellular Phones, Rent-to-Own Contracts, Managing Credit, Shopping Online, Evaluating Advertising, Telephone Answering Machines, and Athletic Shoes. Written reasons will be recorded on the back of the placing card for one class. Contestants will be told which class will require written reasons. After individuals judge the classes the team will then judge the classes together. The team will establish oral reasons. The team captain will present an oral defense.

Food Bowl

A team of three members with an optional fourth alternate. They will increase their knowledge of the principles of good nutrition, dietary requirements for different age groups, the relationship of nutrition to good health, and safe food handling practices. The teams will compete in a series of one-on-one elimination contests.

Home Furnishings

A team of three or four members will use a scenario to solve an interior design problem and develop a presentation to justify their decisions. Presentation boards, samples, photographs, etc. should be utilized to describe and present your team's solution to the problem. Each member is expected to participate in the presentation.

Automotive Contest

One senior member, at least 16 years of age with a drivers license and a record free of moving violation convictions for the past 12 month, will compete by taking a written test consisting of 15-25 questions taken from subject material in the 4-H Automotive Project books, they will identify automotive parts and take a driving skill test.

Tractor Driving

One senior member will compete by taking a written examination and demonstrating knowledge of parts identification, tractor safety knowledge, and drive in a two-wheel trailer course.

Photography (State Contest ONLY; other contests include juniors and clover buds.)

One senior 4-H member will be given a roll of slide film and a photographic theme several weeks before the state O'Rama. The 4-Her will return the undeveloped film to the Extension Communications Department no later than 10 days before O' Rama. Judging will be on impact, composition, technique, and other criteria. First place winner will receive a trophy.

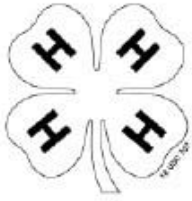
Reporting

One senior member from the county will participate in an intense workshop covering basic news writing conducted by media professionals and/or journalism professors. Exercises and interaction are part of the workshop. This workshop is "how-to." The second part of the activity is a mock news conference in which the instructor introduces an idea or project. Participants question the instructor to elicit information just as journalists do at press conferences. Each "reporter" then writes a one or two page story on the topic of the press conference.

Turkey Talk & BBQ

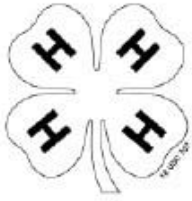
One senior member from the county will prepare one or two 1¼ to 1½ -pound turkey breast fillets provided to them by the contest monitors and present an illustrated talk. There will be a 2½- hour time limit on the preparation of the turkey. Each contestant must provide their OWN barbecue grill. Charcoal and lighter fuel will be provided at the contest. The contestant will be scored for barbecue skills and sensory evaluation according to the barbecue score sheet. The presentation should include factual information about the turkey industry and its products. 5-8 minutes is allowed for the talk. Only posters and table top graphics will be allowed. The first place winner will receive a trophy and expense for a paid trip to compete in the National Turkey BBQ contest at the Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, KY. Second Place receives a ribbon and \$100, third place a ribbon and \$75, fourth place a ribbon and \$50, and fifth place a ribbon and \$25.

If you have an interest in any of these activities and would like more information or to participate in a judging team, contact Casey at 495-2216.



November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Record Journal Workshop 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 6:00 p.m. Adult Leader Training	24	25 Office Closed THANKSGIVING	26 Office Closed	27
28	29	30				



December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Awards Reception Christmas Party 9:30 a.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Closed for Holiday	25
26	27 Closed for Holiday	28 Closed for Holiday	29 Closed for Holiday	30 Closed for Holiday	31 Closed for Holiday	

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.

November Due Dates:

- 1 National Program Assistant Internship Applications for Spring 2011 (Feb - May)
- 1 4-H Club AFFACT-662 due in State 4-H Office for all clubs
- 1 Kansas City Conference 2011 Applications

November Activity Dates:

TBA National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Louisville, Kentucky
19-20 Tech Team Workshop #4: GIS Poster Workshop, Location TBD
21-22 Arkansas Envirothon, UCA, Conway (Tentative)
25-30 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

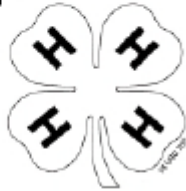
December Due Dates:

15 2011 Tech Team Applications & Yearly Fee due to LRSO

January Due Dates:

4 Record Journals Due!

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,

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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