

“4-H NOTES & QUOTES”

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The 4-H Motto:

“To make the best better”

Dates to Remember:

Rice Field Day
August 13

Arkansas County Fair
September 8-13

4-H Day
Mid-South Fair
September 20

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT FIELD DAY 2008

Every year in August, the Rice Research and Extension Center has a field day for producers to come and see the research being conducted at the center. There is a new and exciting part of the RREC field day on August 13 this year. Family activities have been planned for children and parents as well. There will be activities on 4-H ATV Safety, Wildlife and Water Quality, Hands-on 4-H STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and Consumer Education. Some of the activities will include art projects, games, and a “Get Up and Get Moving” station. There will be lots of fun for the whole family! Those visiting the center can also go along on tours of the field work at the Experiment Station. The tours and activities begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 10:30 a.m. and are followed by an indoor program beginning at 10:45 a.m. After the indoor program, the field day will conclude with a catfish-catered lunch by Yoder Ruritan.

4-H members from other counties will be attending this event, and Arkansas County 4-H members are invited as well! If there are leaders or youth that would like to participate, we would love for you to come out and have a good time. There will also be plenty of activities to with which to assist, if any leaders or older 4-H members would like to help. If you have any questions about the field day, please give us a call at the Extension office.



ARKANSAS COUNTY FAIR

It's time to start planning for the Arkansas County Fair, September 8 – 13.

4-H Poultry Chain – Remember, you are required to bring four of your best pullets to the County Fair for judging. Check-in is Sunday, September 7 at 1 – 3:30 p.m. or Monday, September 8 at 8 – 10 a.m. Some of your chicks may be laying eggs. If so, eggs may be entered in the Horticulture Division.

Educational Booths -- Prairie Angels, Pride of Gillett, Spirit of '76, Arkansas County Razorbacks, and Teen Leaders 4-H clubs have signed up for educational booths. Educational booths must be completed by Sunday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Giant Pumpkins & Watermelons -- “Green thumb” 4-H'ers who are growing giant pumpkins and watermelons should enter them in the County Fair on Monday, September 8, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.

4-H'ers are reminded to enter **individual entries** in the County Fair. Enter arts, crafts, food, horticulture, and field crops on Monday, September 8, from 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.; livestock on Sunday, September 7, from 1 – 3:30 p.m. or Monday, September 10, from 8 – 10 a.m.; and poultry, waterfowl and rabbits on Sunday, September 7, from 1 – 3:30 p.m. or Monday, September 8, from 8 – 10 a.m.

4-H HORSE CLUB

A 4-H Horse Orientation Program was recently held at the Camp Doughboy in DeWitt. Twenty youth participated in the workshop. Participants learned about feeding and nutrition, and proper saddling techniques. Dr. Steve Jones, University of Arkansas Equine Specialist, also talked about the importance of ground work with your horse before getting in the saddle. If you are interested in joining the 4-H Horse Club, which is organizing in Arkansas County, please call the Extension Office at 946-3231 or 673-2346.



4-H DAY AT MID-SOUTH FAIR

The 2008 4-H Day at the Mid-South Fair will be Saturday, September 20. Activities include: Home Furnishings, Food & Nutrition, Livestock Judging, Hippology, Poultry Judging, Bicycle, Seed Identification, Forestry, Consumer Judging, Poultry BBQ, Fashion Revue, Wildlife Evaluation, Entomology and BB Shoot. Deadline to register is September 1. Rules for the contest may be found in the Mid-South Fair Catalog and accessed at <http://www.midsouthfair.com/pdf/farmyouthprebook2008.pdf>. For more information, call the Extension office.

4-H CENTENNIAL BIKE RIDE

Remember to save Saturday, September 27, so you can help the Big Dam Bridge 100 bike ride celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Arkansas! You can participate by signing up as a rider, volunteering at a rest stop, or being a spectator at the finish line. For more information, contact the county Extension office.



4-H CENTENNIAL GALA

Join us for a once-in-a-century event on Saturday, September 27, 2008, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock to celebrate Arkansas 4-H, its youth and supporters. This Banquet of the Century is the culmination of the yearlong Arkansas 4-H Centennial celebration.

The 4-H Centennial Gala is a formal, green-tie and gown affair that will provide much-needed funding for the 4-H program and its scholarships. For more information, visit www.arkids.org/centennial or call the County Extension Office.

4-H STATE CAMPS AND EVENTS

The following is a quick reference for upcoming 4-H state camps and events. For more information, contact the Arkansas County Extension Office.

Arkansas County 4-H Camp Scholarships Available:
*Remember, county scholarships are available for those qualifying whereby the County 4-H Foundation will pay $\frac{3}{4}$ of the expenses for one Jr. camp per year and two Sr. camps per year.

4-H HORSE CONFERENCE: The 2008 4-H Horse Leaders Conference is scheduled for September 13, 2008, at the Arkansas 4-H Center. This will be a one-day conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch and training materials.

The purpose of this conference is to educate 4-H leaders, parents, and other interested adults in techniques to teach youth about horses. Emphasis is placed on learning models for knowledge and management as well as horsemanship principles.

Registration is due September 1. For more information, contact the county Extension office.

4-H TECHNOLOGY TEAM: Members of the Arkansas 4-H Tech Team meet to discuss future plans for the team, including community service projects and educational workshops. The team can learn about GPS, digital photography, or even forensic science with hands-on lessons at the

workshop. The lessons are given by various career professionals in the technology field. Tech team is open to Senior 4-H members (13 – 19 years of age) who are interested in technology.

Overnight meetings will begin Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. and ending on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. Tech Team members are not required to attend every event but are strongly encouraged to attend the first meeting on September 26 – 27 at the Arkansas 4-H Center. Future tech team meetings will be planned at this first meeting. There has been a strong interest in creating regional tech teams, which will be a focus of the tech team this year.

The fee for joining the State Tech Team is \$150, which covers lodging and food for the youth. Applications are due in the county Extension office by August 26. For more information, contact the County Extension Office.



Spirit of '76 4-H Club

Spirit of '76 4-H Club will meet on Wednesday, August 27, from 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the Extension office in DeWitt.



Teen Leaders 4-H Club

Arkansas County 4-H Teen Leaders presented *Health Rocks! - You Choose!* to summer school students at DeWitt Elementary School. Students were given the recipe for making good decisions. The ingredients are the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. They're what make a good

decision good. Presenters were: Erin W., Leslie J., and Lauren J.

Community Conservation Project

Remember to continue saving aluminum cans and bring them to the Extension office. This has been a great 4-H community conservation project!



4-H Leaders Meeting

The Arkansas County 4-H Leaders met on Monday, August 4, at 5:30 p.m. Treasurer's report and minutes were approved as read.

Carly Bokker, CEA-Ag announced the Family-Orientated Activities at Field Day on August 13, 8:00-10:30 a.m. at the Rice Research & Extension Center. 4-H members and leaders were encouraged to participate.

County Fair was discussed. No plans were made regarding 4-H Day at the Fair, since there are no details concerning 4-H Day at State Fair on October 18.

Donna Hoskyn reported that several clubs have reserved educational booths at the County Fair.

Plans to have a group of 4-H'ers in the County Fair parade carrying the 4-H Centennial banner and balloons were discussed.

4-H Day at Mid-South Fair, September 22, was discussed.

4-H Centennial Event dates were announced.

Cindy P. reported that the Stuttgart Daily Leader has agreed to have a special section in the newspaper. Clubs are encouraged to submit photos and information.

The 4-H Hamburger Supper was discussed. The annual 4-H Hamburger Supper will be held on October 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds. Ticket Price: \$6.

proposed by DeWitt Pride (People Revitalizing and Investing in DeWitt's Economy).

Everyone was reminded to submit 4-H club news for the newsletter.

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in DeWitt.

The **Arkansas 4-H Outlook** advises about youth and 4-H opportunities: <http://www.kidsarus.org/newsletters/Outlook/default.htm>.

Arkansas 4-H O-Rama

Through 4-H programs, kids learn skills for life. They help others in their community, and they travel to new places. Oh, and sometimes they even make new friends and have fun along the way! 4-H O-Rama provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to exhibit the skills they have developed through their project work in a variety of competitive activities. Arkansas County 4-H members participating in 2008 Arkansas 4-H O-Rama, "Arkansas 4-H Extravaganza - 100 Years In The Making" at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, were: Stacey B., Safety; Colbie P., Crop & Seed ID; Charli W., Food Fair and Daniel R., Pet Care. Stacey B. was 1st place winner in Safety with her talk "Child Proofing Your Home." Also attending were: Charles B., 4-H Leader; Donna Hoskyn, County Extension Agent – Staff Chair; and Grant Beckwith, County Extension Agent – Agriculture.



CLOVER CORNER NEWS

Check out the latest edition of Clover Corner News, 4-H's national online newsletter, at: www.4hblogs.org/ccn

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4-H Promotion Month	October
4-H Hamburger Supper	October 9
4-H Donor Appreciation Coffee	October 14
4-H Day at State Fair	October 18
4-H County Convention	October 20

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