



*Baxter County 4-H  
Cloverleaves Newsletter*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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Have you turned in your 2008 4-H  
Enrollment Card?

If not, please do so today?

**\*\*Remember:** Cards must be filled  
out completely with at least one  
project listed and all required  
signatures!

Dear 4-H members, leaders and parents:

The 2007 4-H year has come to a close and 2008 4-H year is well under way! If you have not participated in the recent activities – you are missing out! Thirty-five 4-H members along with friends and family attended Fall Fun Night and 4-H County Council Officers Election at the Driftwood Bowling Lanes on November 17. A Journals Workshop was held on December 11, Connie Phelps, CES 4-H Specialist, the expert in Arkansas 4-H Journals attended to give instruction and answered questions on how to create a successful 4-H Journals. I would like to thank those that attended and wish you all good luck in this year's journals competition.

I would also like to give Diana Turnbo and Anna Doyel a Big Thanks for helping to promote 4-H in TV interviews on XL 7.

Please read your newsletter thoroughly for upcoming, exciting events taking place.

Your 4-H Agent,



## Upcoming Activates and Events:

### **Game and Fish Shooting Sports Instructors Training**

The Game and Fish Shooting Sports and Instructors Training will be January 12, 2008, at the Twin Lakes Gun Club (Mountain Home). If you have **pre-register** with the Game and Fish classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be over approximately around 4:00 p.m. You are not required to bring anything to the training, but you are welcome to bring your favorite shotgun for the live-firing session of the training. (A firearm will be provided, if you do not wish to bring yours). Meal will be provided.

### **4-H Journals Due**

4-H Journals, Club Scrap books, and Honor Member Forms are all due January 11, 2008, in the County Extension Office no later than 4:30 p.m. Honor Member Forms are available in the County Extension Office.

### **4-H Summer Camp Counselors Training**

Any Senior 4-H'ers that would like to serve as camp counselors at The 4-H County Camp on July 29 through 31 at Camp Galilee will have to attend the Camp Counselors Training on **February 9**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Boone County Extension Office. If you would like to be a camp counselor, please contact the Baxter County Extension Office at 425-2335.

### **2008 4-H High Adventure... Is it for You?**

If you want **ADVENTURE...THINK 4-H!** If you want a **CHALLENGE...THINK 4-H!** If you want the **ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE...THINK 4-H HIGH ADVENTURE!**

Interested in a challenge...one that requires outdoor skills in fire making, compass reading, outdoor cookery, safety and working with other people?

The 4-H High Adventure Program is an outdoor leadership program for teens ages 13 to 19 as of January 1, 2008. The purpose is to develop character and integrity in young people through the teaching of teamwork, leadership and outdoor skills, and to allow them to share their knowledge and skills with others. It is a comprehensive education program that encompasses many 4-H project areas and develops in young people an appreciation for and respect of the outdoors, animal life, and other areas of nature.

For the first time, Arkansas 4-H and Kansas 4-H will be teaming up to conduct a joint 4-H High Adventure Program and Trip. Crews made up of 4-H youth and volunteers from each state will have the opportunity to experience this challenging program together.

A required, one-day training will be held in March for participants and parents along with weekend training for all participants in April. The climax is a nine-day trip to the Pecos Wilderness area in New Mexico, July 29 through August 6, 2008. Total cost for the trip is \$550 per youth participant, \$375 per adult participant selected as crew advisors (two / crew), and \$550 per additional adult. This fee includes parent / camper rally, training, transportation for participants, meals in the backcountry, lodging and five meals en route, and insurance. Check with Billie at 425-2335, to find out more information. Applications (FY4-H-655) are due into the county Extension office no later than January 25.

## Arkansas 4-H Teen Star

Completed 2008 Teen Star Applications are due in the Extension Office February 25 The Arkansas 4-H Teen Star Program is a recognition program for Arkansas 4-H members who have outstanding achievement in the areas of 4-H projects and activities, leadership, and community service. Achieving Teen star is the first step in becoming a State 4-H Ambassador and State 4-H Officer. If you have been in 4-H for at least 3 years and would like to apply, contact the office for application.



## Entrepreneur Camp 2008



Attention 9 to 12 year olds. Get the facts on how to run your own business in a fun camp atmosphere. Camp will be held on February 15 through 17 at the Arkansas 4-H Center. Cost for this event is only \$20 and includes supplies, lodging, and meals. For more information, contact the office at 425-2335.

## Citizenship Washington Focus

The dates for 2008 CWF program in Washington, DC are July 5 - 12, 2008. Delegates will learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation's capital. They will get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers.

Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1, 2007. The cost for youth is \$875. All applications are due to the state 4-H Office February 1, 2008, with a \$400 deposit and a final payment of \$475 due by March 1, 2008.

The registration fee will cover all costs involved, but delegates will need about \$150 spending money.



Has Your Club Been Doing Some Cool Things? Send us an article and we will get it put in the Newsletter.

# 4-H Journals...preparing for the future through planning today...

*For those new to 4-H or maybe for those who aren't quite sure why anyone would want to take the time and complete a 4-H Journal...read on!*

*4-H members are strongly encouraged to complete a 4-H Journal each year. Yes, these journals take time to fill out, but the time spent is eventually well worth the effort! Just ask a 4-H member who has won at the state level—or maybe a 4-H'er who simply filled one out successfully. . .*

*Journals help 4-H'ers set goals, learn to keep records, wisely use their resources, make decisions for themselves, think critically, and be responsible. Not what every Cloverbud, Junior, or even Senior 4-H member wants to hear, but the benefits gained are too numerous to list. All 4-H Journals are due to the Baxter County Cooperative Extension Office by **January 11, 2008.***

*So, how do you get started filling a journal form out or help your 4-H'er in completing a journal? If you missed our Journals Workshop last month or need a refresher, go to [http://www.kidsarus.org/4h\\_program.htm](http://www.kidsarus.org/4h_program.htm) and click on the 4H Journals link. To learn more about 4-H Journals, contact Billie Majors at 870-425-2335.*

## **Centennial News:**

### **Canned Goods Drive**

In acknowledgment to this year's centennial theme "Honoring the Past and Celebrating the Future" the Baxter County 4-H County Council is collecting canned goods for donation to our local food bank. During the month of January, we will collect 100 canned goods to honor the past and 100 canned goods to celebrate the future of 4-H in Arkansas. Please bring your canned items to your February club meeting and your club representatives will bring them to the County Council meeting on Feb. 14.

### **Nature Hike and Time Capsule Burial**

On Saturday, October 4, 2008, we will have our Centennial Celebration Nature Hike and Time Capsule burial. So, be thinking ahead for what your clubs want to put in the time capsules for other clubs to see in our future.

### **Centennial Display**

A centennial display is scheduled to be set up at the Baxter County Library in June. If you have any 4-H memorabilia you would like to share in the display, please bring it to the Extension Office in May.

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