



Benton County 4-H Clover Clippings November 2008



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Important Dates to Remember

November

- 3 Int. TL Mtg / Super Saturday Workshop Deadline
- 8 County Achievement Banquet
- 15 ATV Workshop
- 15-19 National Livestock Skill-a-thon
- 17 Journal Workshop RSVP / Adv. TL Meeting
- 22 Super Saturday Workshops & Journal Workshop
- 24 Adult Leader & Parent Meeting

December

- 1 Intermediate Teen Leaders
- 3-4 State Farm Bureau Sew With Cotton Contest
- 4 Christmas Cookie Exchange & Craft Workshop
- 6 NWACA Carcass Contest Weigh-in, Livestock Project Workshops
- 13 Watch Teen Leaders on AETN! 10 am – 2:30 pm
- 15 Advanced Teen Leader Meeting
- 16 Livestock Judging
- 24-Jan 1 Office Closed for the Holidays

State Journal Winners Head to National 4-H Congress!

Jennie C., Jacob C., Sarah C., Kelsey H., Hillary H., Margie H., and Jordan S. will be leaving on Thanksgiving Day to attend their free trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA. Have fun; you all have earned it!!

Good Luck Girls!



Christine L., Samantha B. and Janee' S. will be competing in the State Farm Bureau Sew with Cotton Contest on December 4th in Hot Springs!

2009 Carcass Contest

Sponsored by N.W. Arkansas Cattlemen's Assoc.

Come join in on the fun and money to be given to the 2009 Carcass Contest winners.

Just ask the winners from last year; Matt Boecker was the Overall Winner and won a check for \$500. Caitlin Taylor won \$100 for highest dressing percentage, Whitney Freeman won \$100 for best marbling and Blake Wilkins won \$100 for Average Daily Gain. These kids sold their steers for meat after the contest. Some went in their own freezers and others to buyers. We have folks interested in buying meat from the contest, but it is your responsibility to market them.

When Does the New Contest Begin? December 6th

How do I get involved? First, Contact Linda Blain at 479-795-2695 or Robert Smith at 479-752-7364 to tell them you are interested. Next, bring your steer(s) to Bill Piercy's farm (directions given when you call) on December 6th at 10:00 for weigh in. Lunch will be provided.

When does the contest end? Steers will be harvested in June.

Who decides winners? The University of Arkansas meats professor will grade the steers.

Other Rules? Kids must live in Benton County, and the steers must come from a Benton County herd or a herd of a member of the N.W. Arkansas Cattlemen's Association.

During the Afternoon

Plans are to ultra-sound steers. This will be a great learning experience. Also, 4-H'ers can put on an Animal Science demonstration or workshop. If you would like to teach a workshop, contact Jessica or Janice by November 21st.

Volunteer Leader/Parent Meeting

November 24 7:00 p.m. Extension Office Auditorium

Please make plans to attend this important adult meeting! You will be receiving our new club handbooks.

Remember, every club should have at least one representative present at this meeting.



ACE 4-H Club

(ASPIRATIONS, CAREERS AND EDUCATION)

This new club is now established and has many opportunities available for 8th -12th grades! This can be your primary club or a secondary club. ACE focuses on Careers and Education for life! Objective of this club is to prepare our junior high and high school members for life after 4-H!

Here is what is coming up in Club ACE:

November 14th – U of A 2008 Bumpers College Career Day

· The Department of Agricultural and Extension Education at the University of Arkansas has invited ACE 4-H'ers to the annual Bumpers College Career Day. They will provide 4-H'ers an opportunity to explore majors and careers, talk with professors and advisors, and learn about financial aid and scholarships, student life, and housing. You will also be able to meet current students and alumni and tour the campus.

· Registration will be from 9:00 to 10:00 am with the program beginning at 10:00 am in the University of Arkansas Student Union Ballroom. Our day will conclude at 2:00 pm.

· Registration is due by November 10th so.....

Call Jacy A. @ 479-795-2457 to confirm your attendance.

November 22nd –Arkansas Cattleman's Convention

It is in Springdale at the Holiday Inn Convention Center.

- Tour the Trade Show
- Visit and interview booth representatives about their company, education and career path to their current job.
- Dinner offsite at the Marketplace in Springdale
- Tour Cavendars western wear store for a behind-the-scenes look at retail, including trends, buying, selling and merchandising practices of Cavendars.

December 5th & 6th OSU College Campus Tour

ACE members will be touring the College Campus of Oklahoma State University. Particular focus will be on the Department of Agriculture.

COME JOIN ALL THE FUN AT THE ACE OF CLUBS!

Call or email for more information:

ACE CLUB-MAIN LEADERS:

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Super Saturday Workshops

Saturday, November 22 10:00 - 12:00

Do you need more Educational Experiences in your Journal? Don't miss this event!

Super Saturday Workshops are a great way to learn about a variety of projects.

We would like you to RSVP by November 17 so we can print the correct number of hand-outs.

What is this "Journal" Business I keep hearing about?

Now is the time to learn all about them! Whether you have completed a Journal before and want to improve on last year's or if you are brand new to the "Journal Recordkeeping," then this workshop is for you!

It will be held on **November 22nd** following Super Saturday Workshops. The Journal Workshop will begin at **1:00 pm** in the auditorium at the Extension office. RSVP by Nov. 17th!



Get Ready...They are Coming...

JOURNAL DUE DATES

Advanced (Ages 16-19 by 1-1-09)
Due January 5th

Intermediate (Ages 13-15 by 1-1-09)
Due January 5th

Beginner (Ages 9-12 by 1-1-09)
Due January 12th

Cloverbuds (Ages 5-8 by 1-1-09)
Due January 16th

Calendar Contest results are in!

A lot of beautiful pictures were taken and sent in for the Benton Co. 4-H Photography Contest Calendar.

Cover winner and January: Kayton C.

February: Samantha B.

March: Mitchell B.

April: Joseph B.

May : Kelsi G.

June: Aryana M.

July: Kelsi G.

August: Joseph B.

September: Aryana M.

October: Adriana J.

November: Chelsea H.

December: Hillary H.

January 2010: Haley H.



Good Luck Livestock Skills Team

Jacy A., Sarah C., Dustin D. and Brent D.

will be representing Arkansas at the National Livestock Skills competition in Louisville, KY on November 17th.

They won this trip by placing 1st at the Arkansas State O-Rama contest.

They have worked hard getting ready for the contest.

We know they will do us proud!

Congratulations

State Fair Livestock Skills Contest Winners:

Swine: Dustin D., Sr. winner

Sheep: Brittany S. Jr. winner

Beef: Sarah C., Sr. winner



The Livestock Skills winners will receive a \$500 scholarship to the U of A.

State Fair 4-H Day Consumer Judging Winners

High Point Individual: Jessica R.

1st Place Team: Jessica R., Janee' S., and Caitlin T.

State Fair Constructed Fashion Revue

1st Place Winners taking home a new sewing machine from the State Fair: Lauren R. and Sarah M.

Benton County also brought home a lot of Purple Circles and Best of Show ribbons! Great Job 4-H'ers!!

Interested in Livestock Judging?

We will meet on December 16 at 7:00 pm at the county Extension office to plan a schedule to prepare for the PLR & Friends judging contest in Fayetteville to be held January 24, 2009. Please RSVP to Jessica by December 15th if you plan to attend. This is open to both Juniors and Seniors!!

Graduating Seniors

Don't forget: You must show proof of being accepted into a college or trade school with your state scholarship application so....**Apply NOW!** State scholarships are due on January 16th with an updated Journal!

Christmas Cookie Exchange and Craft Workshop

December 4th

6:30 - 8:30

Decatur Community Center

5 Ways to Have Fun on December 4th!

- 1.) Come and make crafts!
- 2.) Come and teach others how to make a craft!
- 3.) Bring 3 dozen (any type) cookies to exchange!
- 4.) Bring 3 cookies on a plate and/or a Gingerbread House to be judged in the following categories:



- Best Decorated
- Best Decorated BIG Cookie
- Biggest Cookie
- Most Nutritious (must have recipe attached)
- Most Original
- Gingerbread House
- Gingerbread House Look-Alike



5.) DO IT ALL!!!

This is a great night for clubs to gather and teach each other Holiday Crafts. Clubs can charge for craft supplies, but the cost for crafts should be between FREE and \$1.50.

Each club is limited to two crafts! Call the office by December 1st to sign up to teach a craft.



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