

# Clark County CloverBee

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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, national 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.

## 4-H Awards Banquet

The 2008 Clark County 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Monday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m., in the Youth Building of the Clark County Fairgrounds. This year we will be celebrating the Arkansas 4-H Centennial as we honor 4-H members' achievements from 2007. We will also recognize 4-H volunteers and Foundation members. Everyone looks forward to the yearly slide show as well!

There will be a \$1 charge for 4-H members and a \$2 charge for all others attending. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee will once again be cooking dinner for us.

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, SO WE HAVE AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR THE MEAL.**



## Babysitter Certification Class

Clark County 4-H is hosting the popular Babysitter Certification Class Friday, February 15, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Youth Building. It is recommended that participants be in the fifth grade and up. Participants will learn basic aid training, CPR action steps (note: they will not be certified in CPR), what to do if a child is choking or not breathing, games to play with young children, how to conduct a family interview, and resume building skills. The course costs \$20 for 4-H members and \$35 for non-4-H members. The fees pay for materials supplied by the Red Cross. Lunch will be provided. **YOU MUST REGISTER BY NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, IN ORDER TO ENSURE ENOUGH MATERIALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED.**

## Poultry Chain Orders Are DUE

Poultry Chain orders are **due by February 25**. 4-H'ers receive 25 Brown Bovan chickens that are excellent layers. The Clark County 4-H Foundation will pay for each 4-H member's chickens with the understanding that the 4-H member will bring a pen of 4 uniformly-sized chickens to exhibit at the County Fair in September. The Poultry Chain chickens exhibited at the fair will be auctioned off at the end of the week to raise money to purchase next year's chickens. The 4-H member can keep his/her remaining chickens or sell them. Call the Extension Service to order. You must specify if you want a rooster. There will be a Poultry Clinic held during Spring Break where raising Poultry Chain chickens will be discussed.



## *Fair Board Chili Supper – Community Service*

The Clark County Fair Board Chili Supper fundraiser will be **Friday, February 29**, in the CADC building at the Fairgrounds. 4-H'ers traditionally bring beautiful desserts to be served or sold at the auction. The Fair Board has asked once again that our wonderful 4-H members provide these again. 4-H'ers are also welcomed to help serve. This is a great community service opportunity to help the Fair Board raise money for this year's county fair. If you plan on bringing a dessert, please have it there by 4:30 p.m. If you are not able to get there by 4:30 p.m., you can bring your dessert by the Extension Service office at an earlier time, and we can transport it to the fairgrounds for you.



## *Re-enrollment Forms Needed A.S.A.P*

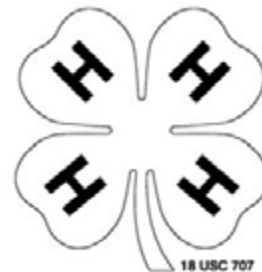
After returning to work from 12 weeks of bed rest and then maternity leave, I have discovered that there are many, many 4-H re-enrollment forms that have not been returned to the Extension office. Each member should have been given his/her one-page re-enrollment form by one of the adult leaders of your club that attended the 4-H Journal Training last October. If you've lost yours or otherwise need a new one, please contact me or Rebekah at the Extension office, a.s.a.p. Those who have not returned them are considered inactive members, and we must remove you from the mailing list, if they are not returned soon. We know many of you who have not turned yours in are active, but we need the form on file.



## *4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest*

The annual Beekeeping Essay Contest entries are due to the county Extension office by Wednesday, February 13. This contest is sponsored by the American Beekeeping Federation and includes cash prizes at the state and national levels. The topic for the 2008 essay is "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community." Essayists are encouraged to become familiar with honey bees' pollination activities and then survey their communities to see what examples they can find. Sources are important. For example, participants could use school and public libraries, local beekeepers, and local or state beekeepers associations just to name a few. The ABJ website is [www.abfnet.org](http://www.abfnet.org), which also has links to other sites. Essays should be between 750 and 1000 words in length. Contact the Extension office for further guidelines.





## Teen Leaders to Meet February 21

The 4-H Teen Leaders will meet Thursday, February 21. Active 4-H members who are at least 13 years old and capable of taking on more responsibility and leadership roles are encouraged to attend. On this month's agenda: preparation plans for the 4-H Banquet, Teen Star applications, and officer elections.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Don't forget to attend our club meeting...the success of your club depends on YOU!!!</b></p> </div>					1	2
3	4	5 L'eau Frais Club 7 p.m.  Wild Hog Club 6:15 p.m.	6 Gurdon Afterschool Club 4 p.m.	7	8 Deadline to register for Babysitter Certification	9
10	11	12	13 Gurdon Afterschool Club 4 p.m.	14 <i>Valentines Day</i>	15 Babysitter Certification	16
17	18 Double A Club 6:30 p.m.  Shining Stars Club 6 p.m.	19	20 Gurdon Afterschool Club 4 p.m.	21 Teen Leader Club 6:30 p.m.	22	23
24 Deadline for Banquet sign-up and Poultry Chain orders (on the 25 <sup>th</sup> )	25 Gurdon 4-H Stars 6 p.m.  Silver Spurs Club 6 p.m.	26	27 Gurdon Afterschool Club 4 p.m.	28	29 Fair Board Chili Supper	