

Clover Crews News



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State O-Rama

Three senior 4-H'ers attended the State O-Rama activities at the U of A Fayetteville. **Daniel I.** placed 2nd with his Entomology Talk about Africanized Bees. **Christopher P.** (Purchased Fashion Revue) and **Jonathon L.** (Reporting) received participation ribbons.



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Honors for 4-Hers

Congratulations to **Daniel I.** and **Cori M.** They have been selected as 4-H Teen Stars and were recognized as Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors at the State O-Rama. They each started in 4-H as Cloverbuds in the Shooting Stars 4-H Club.

Cori's main project is Arts & Humanities and her interests are singing and playing the French horn. She recently won 1st Place in the talent competition at the Howard County Fair.

Daniel's main project was Entomology but has changed it to Environmental Stewardship. His insect collection won 1st place at the 2007 State O-Rama, and he received 2nd place with his entomology talk at 2008 State O-Rama.

Both are also interested in Wildlife Conservation, Foods & Nutrition and Pet Care. Cori and Daniel are also honor students and play in the Scrapper band. They would like to come to one of your club meetings to talk about how to be a more successful 4-H'er and assist your club as needed.



Congratulations to 4-H members and families who helped make the 2008 Howard County Fair a huge success. If you showed an animal, sewed a quilt or apron, entered an insect collection, art, photographs, craft items, garden produce or food preservation items, entered a delicious item in baked goods or participated in the talent show or pageants, **you are a winner because you participated!** Fair time gives us the opportunity to share our talents with others, have fun, and create good memories.



4-H Day at the Arkansas State Fair is **Oct. 18** beginning at 10:00 a.m. All teams & individuals must pre-register through the county office by September 26 unless otherwise stated. Activities are open to 4-H'ers 9 years of age by January 1, 2008, and include Entomology Collection Exhibits (received by State Entomology Dept. by 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 1), Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest (must be entered at fair by 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 11), Poultry BBQ, Livestock Skills contest, 4-H STEM Hands-On activities (each team of 3 will work a 2 hour shift and will receive \$25.00 for their county program, a gate pass and one parking pass per team), Consumer Judging (individual or team of 3 to 4), iRobot Contest— robot building contest built and submitted to State by Sept. 1. Only the 4-H members registered for an event on 4-H Day will receive a pass. County Agents and volunteers chaperoning the county group will also receive a gate pass. One parking pass for every four 4-H'ers registered will be given to the county. Social Security numbers will be needed prior to checks being sent out. Call the office for further details about these activities.

Skill-a-Thons at State Fair

At the 2008 Arkansas State Fair there will be four Skill-A-Thons held in Market Animal Shows. These Skill-A-Thons are the equivalent of a Livestock Skills Contest focused on a specific species. Competitions will be held for: Market Steers, Market Hogs, Market Lambs and Market Goats. No preregistration is required and there is no entry fee for the contests. Check the State Fair Livestock Schedule for dates and times of each contest. This schedule is located on the State Fair website at www.asfg.net If you or someone you know is interested in competing in these Skill-A-Thons, and would like to begin studying, the following is information for acquiring resource materials. Questions for the Skill-A-Thons will be taken directly from the following information. Call 614-292-1607 to obtain these resource handbooks:



Ohio State University Beef Resource Handbook
Ohio State University Goat Resource Handbook

Ohio State University Sheep Resource Handbook
Ohio State University Swine Resource Handbook

4-H Tech Team



The Arkansas 4-H Tech Team consists of 30 4-H members (13 – 19 years old) who are interested in developing leadership skills through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) knowledge. They attend workshops to train the team members to learn skills in order to teach STEM workshops in their respective counties and regions. The team can learn about many topics including GPS, robotics, filmmaking, astronomy, digital photography or even forensic science with hands-on training at the workshops. Trainings dates are: September 26 – 27, November 14 – 15, February 2009, and April 2009. **Application deadline is September 2 (via e-mail or hard copy to the state office).** For more information, call the Extension office at 870-845-7517.

Fall Hiking Trek

ONLY 10 OPENINGS!!! The 4-H Fall Hiking Trek, open to ages 13 – 19 years old, will be held at Mt. Magazine State Park **October 3 – 5** (arrive between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Friday, depart 1:00 p.m. Sunday). The Trek will introduce you to camping and backpacking. You will need—or you may rent—a backpack, sleeping bag and pad. A tent, stove and food will be provided. The cost is \$50.00 per person. If funds are available, the 4-H Foundation will pay 50% of these costs. Application, schedule and map are available at the office.

Deadline – ASAP – Space limited to 10 statewide.



High Adventure Program



Daniel I., a member of the Shooting Stars 4-H Club, participated in a nine-day summer adventure program in the Pecos Wilderness Area in New Mexico. Daniel joined a group of 40 4-H members from across the state in a five-day backpacking trip in the outback. The group joined up with another 4-H group from Kansas in Santa Fe, New Mexico. While there, they hiked anywhere from 5 to 10 miles each day, set up camp, learned new skills and made lots of new friends. On their return home, the group spent the night in Amarillo, Texas and visited the Palo Doro Canyon, the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, and attended the outdoor drama play in Texas. The 4-H High Adventure Program is offered each year around the end of July and the first of August. Applications for the program are due in February. If you are interested in participating in the High Adventure Program, let us know. We will be glad to provide you with the necessary forms and information.

Daniel learned how to pack a backpack in order to carry 40 pounds, outdoor cooking skills, no trace camping skills, pitching a tent, water purification, choosing the right backpacking equipment, plus he got to see lots of beautiful scenery. He is already looking forward to making the trip again.

Daniel is willing to come to your club meeting and share what he learned and encourage other members to apply for the program. Contact the office to set up a date.

Horse Conference

The 2008 4-H Horse Leaders Conference is scheduled for **September 13** at the Arkansas 4-H Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Cost is \$30.00**, which includes lunch and training materials. The purpose of this conference is to educate 4-H leaders, parents, and other interested adults techniques to teach youth about horses. An agenda and registration form is available at the Extension office. Deadline is September 3.



Lost & Found – Boys gray camouflage swim suit from Quad County Camp.



Contest Time!!!

Our 2008 summer 4-H activities were well attended. The office staff would like your suggestions for 2009 summer programs and for Quad County Camp. We want to offer creative, fun and educational activities that you are interested in participating in or teaching. Bring or call your program suggestions in. Each idea will be entered in the contest. Get creative—let's do some new and interesting activities. Drawing will be held **March 27**.

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, disability or any other legally-protected status. 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 Newsletter prepared with the assistance of Sherry Wentz, 4-H Program Assistant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Jean A. Ince".

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