

Marion County Clover Notes

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COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

The Marion County 4-H Council is an opportunity for learning leadership skills. All clubs should be represented at each meeting by at least two members and one adult leader. However, any 4-H member and leader may attend. We need you. Please, see that your club has a voice in the activities for the rest of the year by being present at this very important meeting.

The next County 4-H Council meeting will be held **Monday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m.** in the conference room of the county Extension office. At this meeting, we will be discussing fall activities, an opportunity to do volunteer work with the Tobacco Free Marion County Coalition and other important topics.

County 4-H Fund Raiser at Music on the Square

Join in the fun and help us raise much-needed money for Marion County 4-H. On Saturday, **September 6, at 6:00 p.m.**, we will have a bake sale and silent auction at the Music on the Square in Yellville. We may also offer face painting and other activities to raise money for the 4-H Foundation Fund.

All of the money raised will be used to fund the Honor Member program, pay for County, Regional and State O-Rama expenses and support county 4-H activities. We need everyone's support. We need each club to bake cookies, cakes, snacks or whatever to sell. We will also need donations of items for the silent auction. Receipts can be provided for those who wish for tax purposes.

Congratulations, Meggan: First Place at State 4-H O-Rama

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Meggan W. not only won first place in Photography at the 2008 Arkansas 4-H O-Rama, but three of her photos were good enough to place in the top FIVE. However, due to only being able to award her one of the top five prizes, the judges named two of her photographs as "honorable mention." Congratulations for all of your hard work, creativity, enthusiasm and talent.

Also attending the 2008 State 4-H O-Rama were Teddy B., Curtis E. and Silvia S. They competed in the Livestock Skills competition. They were new to this competition, but they did well. They now know what to work on to compete in next year's activity.



"It is County Fair Time"

The Marion County Fair will begin on Tuesday, September 16. Entries in Creative Arts, Horticulture and Field Crops may be entered from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., then again on Wednesday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. At that time, the building will be closed for judging.

Be sure to bring all your creative projects to enter for ribbons prizes. Pick-up time on Saturday, September 20, has been changed to 6:00 p.m. For more information, pick up a fair catalog. Volunteers are needed to help with the entry of exhibits. If you are interested, please call Renee.

County Fair Opportunity for Clubs

Unfortunately, there will not be a carnival at the 2008 Marion County Fair. To fill in the gap, the fair board is looking for interested clubs to conduct games and activities for fair goers. If your club is in need of operating funds, you may want to have a booth at the county fair to sell something or offer a game to play for

prizes or a game to play just for fun. If your club is interested in offering some type of entertainment, please call Vickie Seftar at 870.449.6407.

Northwest District Fair

As the Marion County Fair closes, pack up your creative projects and take them over to the Northwest District Fair in Harrison on September 21 between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. You will have another chance to win ribbons and prizes. Each person who enters something in the district fair helps to earn points for more premium money for the next Marion County Fair.

State Fair Notice

If you are a 4-H or FFA member planning on exhibiting livestock at the Arkansas State Fair, you are required to have a Livestock Exhibitor Signature Form on file with the Arkansas Livestock Show Association in Little Rock before you will be allowed to exhibit your animals at the State Fair. You will need the signature of your county agent on this form if you are a 4-H member. Contact Terry Davis for more information.


Shooting Sports Instructor Training Offered

4-H Shooting Sports is one of the fastest growing programs in 4-H today. In addition to teaching youth concepts related to shooting safety and firearm responsibility, the curriculum offers opportunities for youth to develop important life skills such as citizenship, leadership, sportsmanship, ethics, critical thinking and an appreciation for nature. 4-H Shooting Sports is a community-based, volunteer-directed, family-oriented activity that emphasizes hands-on learning. The program also ties in well with a variety of outdoor-related educational programming.

State 4-H Shooting Sports instructor training and certification is scheduled for September 26–27, 2008, at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center. Volunteers will be offered National 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum training at the state level. From both a liability and safety standpoint, it is absolutely essential that all persons working with 4-H shooting sports youth be trained and certified by the state program.

State certification will be offered in the shotgun, rifle, pistol (including .29 rimfire), muzzleloader and archery disciplines—unless enrollment in a discipline is so low as to make it impractical to offer that particular discipline's instructor training course. **A Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor must complete both days of training and will be certified to teach youth.** Registration is due in the County Extension office by September 12. For more information, go to the website: http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/Shooting_Sports/default.htm, or contact the county Extension office.

4-H Cell Phone & Ink Jet Fundraiser Continues

Being green, like the clovers  we are, means doing all we can to help keep the environment healthy. By recycling no-longer-used cell phones and empty ink jet cartridges, we remove them from the waste stream. If you have any unused cell phones or empty ink jet cartridges, please drop them by the county Extension office. This is a continuing 4-H fundraiser project.



The Gala of the Century

The Arkansas 4-H Centennial Gala will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. It will be a “green tie” and gown affair that will provide much-needed funding for the 4-H program and its scholarships. This gala is the culmination of the yearlong Arkansas 4-H Centennial Celebration. It will provide 4-H supporters an opportunity for an elegant evening while contributing to a program that has touched generations of Arkansas youth. For information, check out the website: <http://www.kidsarus.org/centennial/>, or call Sarah Harrison at 501. 671.2352.

Fall Hiking Trek

A new school year is underway, and fall is in the air. Fall is an excellent time to go backpacking! Applications are now being taken for the **Fall Hiking Trek**. This is a great opportunity for any 4-H'er interested in learning about backpacking. This activity is open to all 13- to 19-year-olds and adults who want to attend with their child. It will be held at Mt. Magazine State Park. The cost is \$50/person to be sent with application. The hike will be held **October 3–5, 2008**. (Arrive between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Friday, then depart around 1:00 p.m. Sunday.) Only the first 10 applicants will be accepted.

This will be an introduction to backpacking experience. We will tent camp at a campground on Friday night, backpack into our camping area Saturday and come off the trail Sunday morning. Provided will be a tent, stove and food. Backpack, sleeping bag and sleeping pad may be rented from Shannon Caldwell, if needed. For more information, contact Shannon at scaldwell@uaex.edu or 501.821.6884.

In Closing...

With summer on its way out and fall soon to blow its way in, 4-H members and leaders are sure to find many opportunities to learn and serve. Don't forget to promote 4-H to your friends.

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, marital or veteran status or any other legally-protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information (large print, audio tapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

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