

## **Marion County Clover Notes**

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### **It is County O-Rama Time**

This year, we will meet on **April 5** at the Summit Sovereign Grace Baptist church in Summit at **9:30 a.m.** for speeches, fashion revue, and talent pre-registration for all activities is due in the county office no later than **4:00 p.m. on April 3** so that appropriate judges can be scheduled. The outside activities (bicycle, B B shooting and baitcasting ) will still be held at the Fred Berry Conservation Education Center. Details will be available when you pre register. Earn your first star in the Honor 4-H Member program by giving a talk.

### **4-H Fundraiser**

We are still asking people to bring any old cell phones and ink jet cartridges for our 4-H fundraiser. Any that we turn in before the end of March will get a bonus of 15% more money. We made almost \$100 last time. Please, help Marion County 4-H keep their programs going and at the same time, protect the environment.

### **County 4-H Council Meets**

The next County 4-H Council Meeting will be held **March 31, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.** in the conference room of the county Extension office. 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.

### **Earn a Star at Regional O'Rama!**

Regional O-Rama to be held **June 18, 2008** in Atkins, AR. Here is where you can earn another star in the Honor 4-H member program.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H 5K Trail Run/Walk**

Mark your calendar for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H 5K Trail Run/Walk. This event will be held on Saturday April 19, 2008, at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center. **Registration:** Entry form available online at [www.arkansasrunner.com](http://www.arkansasrunner.com) **In Advance:** Youth \$5.00 & Adults \$15.00 **Race Day:** Youth \$10.00 & Adults \$20.00. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Baker at (501) 821-4444 or Priscella Thomas at 501-671-2271.

## **Adventures in FCS**

Discover the innovative field of Family and Consumer Science. *Adventures in FCS* is a week-long summer camp for senior 4-H members ages 15–18 at the School of Human Environmental Science at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

**Dates** – Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11; applications are **due May 1**.

**Activities** – Each day will be filled with activities designed to help students experience Family and Consumer Sciences in a college and career environment. 4-H'ers will engage in activities planned by faculty in the School of Human Environmental Science. Sessions highlighting career opportunities will provide engagement with alumni and local FCS professionals. Field trips and tours will provide a look into the business and professional settings of FCS careers.

**Fees** – \$350 covers lodging, all activities, and meals. Deposit of \$100 due with application on May 1. Remainder of fee will be due June 1.

For more information, please contact the county office in Yellville.

## **Butterfly Garden Needs You!**

The Marion County 4-H Butterfly Club is reorganizing! Spring is just around the corner and it's time for planting and sprucing up the gardens. We faced a little "slump" last year with the hot weather and lack of rain. This year we are anxious to start off with a bang and we hope you will join us for this fun filled hands- on project. We feel so fortunate to have Miss Karla as our volunteer leader for the butterfly garden project. As most of you know, Miss Karla's expertise is sought throughout the Twin Lakes area for her knowledge of butterfly habitat. She has given us several years of service and provided endless hours of time in preparing and presenting programs to our youth. If you wish to be a part of this ever growing trend in eco friendly gardening, we encourage you to sign up now. We are requiring pre-registration for this project club this year, so you will need to send by email, mail in, or stop by the office and sign up for 2008 butterfly garden project club. We will need your mailing address, phone number, and email address. By signing up, you will be committing to participating in the majority of the "gardening sessions" throughout the spring and summer and early fall. The meetings during the summer are generally held in the mornings to avoid the heat of the day. Pre-registration is due **March 28, 2008**.

## **Poultry Chain Chicks Coming Soon!**

We have NOT received word as to the date or dates of delivery of our Poultry Chain Chicks. It is generally in late March or first part of April. As soon as we receive word, those who have signed up and paid their deposit will receive a letter giving the pick up dates and what to expect. This year, we have TWENTY 4-H'ers participating in this great project!

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

**NOW!—Make sure your 4-H Registration is Current!**

**March 28, 2008** – Butterfly Club Registration Due!

**March 31, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. County 4-H Council at Extension Office**

**April 3, 2008** – Pre-registration due for County O'Rama

**April 5, 2008** – County O'Rama

**April 19, 2008** – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H 5K Trail Run/Walk – C.A. Vines 4-H Center

**April 25-26, 2008** – Northern Arkansas District Spring Livestock Show \* All leaders received packets!

**June 5, 6, & 7, 2008-** “Kids Camp” – Northwest Ark District Fairgrounds, Harrison

**June 18, 2008** – Regional O'Rama – Atkins, Arkansas

**June 21, 2008** – Saturday – Beef Cattle Grooming & Showmanship Clinic - Marion County Fairgrounds

**L**ooking to form a 4-H Team for the State O'Rama either livestock skills Team or a Plant Identification Contest – If interested in details, contact Terry Davis, County Extension Agent – Staff Chair, at 870 449-6349 or email [tdavis@uaex.edu](mailto:tdavis@uaex.edu)

### **IN CLOSING...**

So much to do, so little time, so as in life, we must set priorities. By signing up for 4-H, we know 4-H is a priority in your life. Please make the commitment and come to the activities AND get a friend to join with you! We want to share our fun and experiences with others!

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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