

Marion County Clover Notes

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4-H Presentation to Quorum Court

The annual 4-H presentation to the Marion County Quorum Court will be held on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. All 4-H members and leaders and their families are encouraged to help us show the people of Marion County that we are proud of our 4-H program and what we have accomplished in 2008.

This is also our opportunity to say "THANKS" to the Quorum Court for continuing to provide an annual donation to Marion County 4-H in support of our programs. Each 4-H family is asked to bring refreshments to be served to the Quorum Court and all those in attendance after the meeting is concluded.

4-H Journals and Incentive Forms due December 1, 2008

Since we decided to have a 4-H Journal workshop on November 8, the due date for turning in 2008 4-H Journals was extended until **December 1**. This should give those of you who attend the workshop and others time to complete your journals and turn them in to earn your two stars in the Honor 4-H Member program. Incentive forms **MUST** be turned in at the same time. If you still need individual help, please call the county Extension office and make an appointment with me for working on your 4-H Journal.



4-H Promotion Contests

Each year, we ask Marion County 4-H members to tell others about 4-H and then report on what activities they held. This past year was the 100th anniversary of 4-H clubs in Arkansas, and we especially wanted everyone to tell about that. So, there are two promotion contests. One will tell us what your club did in October 2008 to promote 4-H, and the other one will tell us what your club did during the whole year (October of 2007 through October 2008) to tell others about the 4-H Centennial. Now is the time to report what your club has done to get the 4-H Centennial story out to the people in Marion County and beyond. A prize of \$25 will go to the winning club in each contest. Reports are due in the county Extension office by 4:00 p.m. on November 24. For more information, contact the county Extension office.



Re-Enrollment Time

Each year, in order to continue as a Marion County 4-H member or leader, a re-enrollment form is required. If you have not turned in your re-enrollment form, please do so by **November 24**. Forms are available from the county Extension office.

Congratulations, Forrest Bebout, Second in Ross Photography



A big high five to Marion County 4-H member Forrest Bebout. He won second place in the 2008 4-H Ross Photography Contest for his Color Non-living photograph. This was his first time to enter the county and state competition. His photograph was of a rake in a field with a barn in the background. Forrest is a member of the Leaders for Tomorrow 4-H Club.

Entries for the 2009 4-H Ross Photography Contest will be due in the county Extension office on Friday, May 1, 2009. Photos entered must be taken somewhere in Arkansas between May 1, 2008 and May 1, 2009. Each 4-H member may enter one in each of four categories. The categories are: Color, living; Color, non-living; Black and White, living; and Black and White, non-living.

Does Your Club Rate as a 2008 Honor 4-H Club?

In order to determine if your club is an Honor 4-H club for 2008, it is required that your club secretary complete your 4-H Secretary's Book and turn it in to the county Extension office no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2008. There is a form in the back of the book. The form tells what is required to be an Honor

4-H club. For more information, contact the county Extension office.



2009 County 4-H Council Officers

It's time to elect new officers for the 2009 County 4-H Council. Elected officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Reporter/Photographer. These officers will be planning and leading the county 4-H program through the year. This is a great way to learn leadership skills. Learn by doing. Serving as a county officer will look great on college applications and job applications. Besides, it is just plain fun to take part in leading and working with other 4-H members from around the county.

We will elect officers at the County 4-H Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2008. If you want to run for an office, prepare a one- to two-minute talk about why you want to be a County Council officer and a little about you and your 4-H experience.

Last County 4-H Council Meeting of 2008

Monday, November 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., you are invited to participate in the last County 4-H Council for this calendar year. We will be, as stated above, electing new officers for the 2009 4-H year. We will also begin planning the 2008 4-H Awards Banquet and working on the 4-H Centennial report to be entered in the state Promotion Contest. All 4-H members and leaders are invited to attend.





Local Scholarship Opportunity

Could you use some extra money at college next year? Thinking about studying agriculture, environmental science or conservation?

This may be for you. Crooked Creek Conservation District is offering a \$250 scholarship for a local high school student and a chance to compete at both the area and state level, which can be \$500 to \$1,000, based on an essay and oral presentation. The rules are simple. For more information, pick up entry forms and rules at the Extension office, at your high school, the Marion County Library, or by calling the Crooked Creek Conservation office at 870 449-6356.

Teens Invited to Join the Y.E.S Team

What is the Y.E.S. Team? Y.E.S. stands for Youth Extinguishing Smoking. The Y.E.S. Team is a Youth-Led Movement composed of youth from across the state of Arkansas and beyond with the hopes of reducing and ultimately eliminating the use of tobacco by their peers. 1,800 teens under age 18 become new smokers daily.

In their memos, one of the tobacco companies called teens "replacement smokers," replacements for the customers that die.

The Y.E.S. Team is a statewide youth-led anti-tobacco movement organized by the Tobacco Control Youth Board with statewide teams, including schools, community groups and anti-tobacco coalitions. Each team works with the state program coordinator to develop activities and helps locate resources to carry out the group's plans. Read online for more information about the Youth Leadership Summit in Mountain View, www.yesteam.org/regionalsummits.html. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Marion County Y.E.S. Team, contact: Julie Andersen at tfmc@marioncounty.com or by phone (870) 427-2620.



2009 High Adventure

Arkansas 4-H and Kansas 4-H will be teaming together again to conduct a joint **4-H High Adventure Program and Trip**.

Interested in a challenge...one that requires outdoor skills in fire making, compass reading, outdoor cookery, safety, and working with other people? A challenge demanding physical conditioning to take on mountain hikes of 4-5 miles a day carrying a 35-45 pound pack? The 2009 4-H High Adventure Backpacking Program can offer you those challenges. The 4-H High Adventure Program is an outdoor leadership program for teens. Required one-day training will be held in March for participants and parents along with a weekend training for all participants in April. The climax is a 9-day trip to the Pecos Wilderness area in New Mexico, July 28 - August 5, 2009. The 4-H High Adventure Program provides participants with a unique, challenging, rewarding experience that is unsurpassed for building self-confidence, leadership, and teamwork. For more information, contact the county Extension office.

2008 County Fair Trophy

Congratulations to Tessa Peterson of the Leaders for Tomorrow 4-H club for winning the Overall High Point trophy in Creative Arts for junior (ages 13 to 19) exhibitors at the Marion County Fair. She and her sister Becky were in a very close race to win the trophy. Points are earned by winning blue, red and white ribbons on Creative Arts exhibits at the county fair.

Trophies are awarded the high-point winner in the adult, junior and child divisions. Sam Peterson, Tessa and Becky's little brother, won the Overall High Point trophy in the child (under age 13) division.



2008 Marion County Sew with Cotton Contest

Congratulations to Tessa Peterson and Becky Peterson for winning in the Arkansas Farm Bureau-sponsored 2008 Sew with Cotton Contest at the Marion County Fair. Participants in the contest must construct all garments worn in the competition, and the fabric used must be 100 percent cotton. First place winners at the county level are eligible for entry in the state competition. The state judging will be December 4 during Farm Bureau's state convention at the Hot Springs Convention Center. For more information about the Sew with Cotton Contest, contact the county Extension office. The youth competition is held each year at the county fair. The adult competition is usually held in October.

2009 CIPE Youth Essay Competition

Young people can be a powerful force for change! As future reformers, young people (18-30) have innovative ideas on how to solve the political, economic and social problems facing their countries. However, they often lack the voice to bring these ideas to policymakers. Simply, young people are often regarded as recipients of reforms, not active participants in the reform process.



CIPE's (Center for International Private Enterprise) essay contest gives you the opportunity to share your ideas about citizenship, democratic and market-oriented reform, youth leadership and the ways that your country can create avenues for youth to participate in the political and economic spheres. Get thinking, get involved, and use your own experiences to develop concrete solutions to these development issues.

The essay competition is an opportunity for youth around the world to get involved in a global civic discussion on issues that concern them. The contest is open to young people ages 18-30 and has three general topics: Citizenship in a Democratic Society, Educational Reform and Employment Opportunities, and Entrepreneurship & Leadership. Essays should be 2,000-4,000 words in length. There is a \$1,000 honorarium for the winners, and the center will publish the top three winning essays via its Economic Reform Feature Service, which is distributed to more than 3,000 subscribers. Deadline: March 1, 2009. Please visit www.cipe.org/essay for more information. Questions? Contact essay@cipe.org.

In Closing.....

The year 2008 has been GREAT!! We have had some wonderful 4-H experiences. Let's all plan to work together to make 2009 even better.

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. We are an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for 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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