

4-H Clover Digests

Happy New Year!

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No, that's not a misprint. Our new year in 4-H began on October 1. I hope everyone has renewed their membership and turned in all the necessary paperwork for the year. Remember, you will not receive another newsletter until you have renewed your membership.

I will need a list of your club members and officers along with their email addresses, or a number where they can be reached, for 2009 as soon as possible. 4-H officers should be at every club meeting (unless there is an unavoidable reason). In the event that an officer cannot make it, they should accept the responsibility of making sure there is a replacement for their duties. Officers should be selected *before* November.

Officer Training

We will be providing L. O. T. S. (Local Officer Training School) for all club officers on **Thursday, October 23** from 6 – 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Club and County officers should attend the meeting to learn how to properly do their jobs.



2008 Awards and Achievement Banquet



4-H Families and Friends

You Are *Cordially* Invited to Attend

4-H Achievement Night

Celebrating *100 Years* of Arkansas 4-H

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 - 6:00 p.m. - Perry County Fairgrounds

This annual event is held to honor and celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of our 4-H members during the past year. The theme is “*4-H Is Having a Birthday Party.*” The Teen Leaders are working hard to make this a very special and very fun banquet that you’ll always remember! Each family is once again asked to bring a vegetable or casserole dish and/or drinks for the banquet. Please call and let us know how many from your family will be attending and what you will be bringing.

Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 25.

It is the nation's largest day of doing good. Americans are asked to devote the day to helping others. It is a day where organizations join together to clean up their communities, mentor children, help the elderly and touch many lives. This would be a good time for any of our local 4-H clubs to do a community service project.

Halloween Carnival

Woodmen of the World will have their annual Halloween Carnival on **Halloween night – October 31** from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Perry gym. 4-H Clubs have been invited to participate in the carnival again this year. If your club wants to set up a booth at the carnival, call Vernell Middleton at 662-4742.

Poster Contest

The Great Arkansas Cleanup (GAC) is kicked off on September 6 and will run through November. This year's GAC is bringing back the Youth Poster Contest for students in grades K-5. Keep Arkansas Beautiful and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service are sponsoring the poster contest to involve students, increase awareness and to educate the public that litter and using illegal dumping sites have a harmful effect on the environment and Arkansas' quality of life. The poster contest can also emphasize the positive effects of recycling and beautification (tree planting, butterfly gardening and flower gardening). Prizes will be awarded in two divisions: Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5. All entries are due on **November 1**.

2009 Kansas City Global Conference

The dates for the 2009 Kansas City Global Conference in Kansas City, Missouri are **March 18 – 21**. Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1 of 2009. Speakers, workshops and tours vary from year to year, so youth who have attended before may apply again. The cost is \$385 per delegate. All applications are due in the state 4-H office **November 3, 2008**.

We are offering to pay ½ the cost of the trip for one lucky 4-Her this coming year. If you are interested in attending and participating in the Kansas City Global Conference, please come by the Extension office and pick up an application as soon as possible. One lucky 4-Her will be picked!

Great Arkansas Clean Up

Each year, Arkansans improve the environmental quality of their communities by volunteering in the Great Arkansas Clean Up. Many of our 4-H clubs already participate in "Keep Arkansas Beautiful" and have a part of highway mileage they are responsible for maintaining. This year's fall cleanup campaign will run from **September 6 – November 29**.

All communities across Arkansas are encouraged to become involved in this annual litter pick-up event. To learn more about organizing a cleanup event in your community, or to volunteer in a local event, please visit KeepArkansasBeautiful.com; call toll free at 888-742-8701; or email pickuparktreresa@sbcglobal.net.

Livestock Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Junior Livestock Committee will be held on **Thursday, November 20** at the Perry County Fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 p.m. All clubs should decide who their representative(s) will be for the 2009 show year. Please mark your calendars now to attend the meeting.

Military Mail

Boost the morale of our young service men and women serving around the world at bases and hospitals. They will appreciate it and so will we. Christmas deadline is November 21, 2008
<http://www.troopfanmail.net/mailfortroops.htm>

4-H Projects

What is a 4-H Project?

A 4-H project is:

- Planned work in an area of interest
- Guided by a volunteer or 4-H staff
- Aimed at planned objectives that can be attained and measured
- Summarized by some form of record keeping

A 4-H project consists of meetings, field trips and related activities with the guidance of a volunteer and with the support of the member's parents; but is it very important that the 4-H member does the work themselves.

How much time does a project need?

Most project work occurs over a period of several weeks or months during the 4-H year. A minimum of six hours of instruction is required in order to be considered a complete 4-H project. We recommend more than six hours – or completing a 4-H project book. Project topics have included lego building, ATV riding, skateboarding, paper-making, fishing, soccer, outdoor adventures, web design, child care and gardening to name a few.

How much do 4-H projects cost?

Many 4-H projects do not require a big investment. Obviously, it would be expensive to buy a horse and/or beef project and all the equipment required for it. However, there are many other 4-H projects that may be affordable and do not require a lot of maintenance. Always discuss the project costs with parents at the beginning of the program year.

Where can I get resources for a project?

The 4-H office has a Resource Library with an on-line ordering system for all 4-H project books. You will be charged the price of the project book (which is usually \$3) plus the price of shipping (\$1 for one book; \$2 for two books on up to \$5 for 10 or more books).

Club News

St. Boniface – Fellowship Hall. Contact person is Juanita Nutt at 759-2399.

Perryville – The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Contact is Terri Tolley at 889-5670.

Toad Suck – the next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11 at the Bigelow Community Center. Contact is Tara Rappold at 759-3051.

Lucky Livestock – Contact person is Tammy Wright at 889-4001.

Rose Creek – the next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Creek community building. Contact person is Susan M^cGehee at 662-4880.

Horse – the next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 10 at First Electric. Contact person is Vickie Hawkins at 889-2845.

Wildlife – The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4 at First Electric at 6:30 p.m. Contact person is Cindy Brown at 889-2661.

Bigelow School – Contact person is Clyde West at 759-2176. This club meets during regular school hours as part of the Bigelow FFA program.

Teen Leaders – the next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28 after school to decorate the fairgrounds building for banquet. Contact person is Susan M^cGehee at 662-4880.

Houston – Contact person is Kevin Lawson at 889-4575.

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Calendar of Events

October Activities/Events

23 Officer Training
26 Leader Training
30 Awards Banquet
31 Halloween Carnival

November Due Dates

1 Poster Contest Entries
3 Kansas City Entries

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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, 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. All meeting places meet ADA requirements.

*“Character may be manifested in the great moments,
but it is made in the small ones.”*

Birthdays for November . . . Happy Birthday!

D. Hubbard	9	November 3	Rose Creek
C. Blackmon	18	November 13	Lucky Livestock
J. Tipton	16	November 20	Wye Explorers
C. Williams	8	November 20	Perryville
D. King	9	November 23	Perryville
A. Parker	14	November 23	Perryville
W. Stane	17	November 26	Bigelow School

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