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No one claimed their \$5 last month! Look carefully for your birthday.

Another reminder about our newsletter - we are sending your newsletter hard copies to your 4-H leaders and they will pass them out at your meetings. The newsletters are posted on our website at <http://www.uaex.edu/saline/newsletters> by the fifth of every month. So, you can always go to our website to see what is going on during the month. If you truly love getting your newsletter via snail mail, we will be glad to send you a hard copy; simply call us and let us know. We will also be emailing everyone a copy at the first of the month, so if we do not have your email, please call us with it or email it to me at afreel@uaex.edu. This will save us lots of paper, postage and time! Thank you for your support!

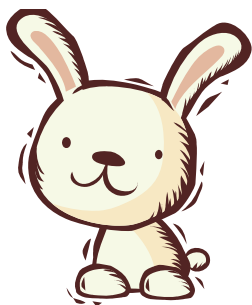
New 4-H Club Formed

SOAR-Seeking Outdoor Adventure and Recreation - This club will meet the second Thursday of the month at the armory building at the fairgrounds. That is the second building on the right as you drive into the fairgrounds. The next meeting is March 13 at 6:30 p.m. You will be sure to have a lot of fun as you learn about the great outdoors and such activities as camping, hiking, biking, ATV safety, etc. For more information, contact Sharon Sloan at (501) 594-5257.



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, or disability. 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 Livestock Club



The livestock club has new leaders who will concentrate on giving fun educational meetings on March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. They will include how to take care of lots of different livestock, from rabbits to chickens to grooming clinics on steers.

If you would like to learn how to shoot a gun, learn archery compass and orienteering, then compete in competitions; join the Saline County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. For more information, please call Ron here at the office. Practice begins very soon, so call today if you're interested.



Horse Show by Freedom Reins

On March 29, the Freedom Reins 4-H Horse Club will be having an open horse show at the fairgrounds starting at 1:00 p.m. They will have many different events that will be hilarious to watch. Events include: the egg 'n spoon race, underwear race, costume class, through the barrel, etc. There are 17 total events. It is \$2 per event or \$25 to participate in all events. Call Mike Jordan at 425-1097. There will be no club meeting in March.

Teen Leader Meeting

We will be having a Teen Leader Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. If you are 12-19 and would like to come have a fun time with good friends while learning and serving your community, please come! *5-29-95*

PALs

There is a Parent and Leader Meeting (PALs) at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. Any parent or leader involved in our 4-H program is urged to attend.



Big "B" Day

Big "B" Day is coming up on Saturday, **March 29** at the Saline County Fairgrounds **beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

This includes: BBQ Chicken cooking contest, Bicycle, Bait casting, Reel into Sport fishing, as well as BB shooting. Kids can do any or all of the contests. Call us to let us know, if you will be competing in the BBQ cooking contest so that we can get the chickens. The top five winners in the BBQ contest go on to district at Ferndale on May 10.



New members don't be afraid to give this a try. Bring your bikes and go through the obstacle course (bring your helmet). There is no need to bring fishing poles; we will provide those for the bait casting contest as well as the BB gun. If you need specific information to prepare for the contest, please call me—I'll be glad to send you the information. See the activities at http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/event_packet/default.htm. Scroll down to O'Rama Competitive Regional Activities.

State 4-H Camps – deposit due date March 10

It is time again to start signing up for 4-H camps!! The following camps are state camps at the 4-H Center. We always have lots of kids go and they love it!! Each of the following camps has a \$25 non-refundable fee that is due on March 10. The remainder is due later. Please bring your \$25 deposit along with your desire to go by March 10.

Adventure & Challenge Camp I
July 7 – 9, Ages 13 – 15, \$125 fee

Junior Camp II
July 14 – 16, Ages 9 – 12, \$115 fee

Adventure & Challenge Camp II
July 14 – 16, Ages 13 – 15, \$125 fee

Cloverbud Camp
July 17 – 18, Ages 5 – 9, \$75 fee

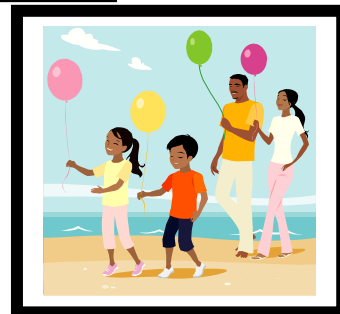
Equine Camp
July 14 – 17, Ages 12 – 18, \$300 fee

Teen Leader Conference Applications Due

The 2008 Teen Leader Conference is scheduled for June 11-13 at the 4-H Center. The theme for this year's conference is "4-H Driven." The workshops will focus on the Science Technology Engineering and Math programs (S.T.E.M.). Highlights for the conference will include the Teen Star and Hall of Fame Banquet, six excellent workshops taught by the Ambassadors, the TLC talent show and the closing dance. The application form is FY4-H-655 and is due to our office by Friday, March 28.

Adventures in Family & Consumer Sciences

This is a jam-packed camp scheduled for July 7-11, 2008 at the Fayetteville Campus. If you are thinking of being an FCS agent or 4-H Agent of an FCS teacher, you should definitely attend this camp. Each day will be filled with activities designed to help the 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.



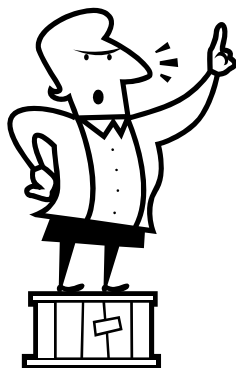
You will be housed and fed at Carnall Hall, a very nice lodging site. The cost is \$350. A \$100 deposit is due by May 1. We might be able to find a sponsor for this camp, if you are very interested and cannot afford the tuition.

What: Project Fun Day

When: Friday, March 21, 2008

Where: Fair grounds

Time: 9:30 till noon



Project Fun Day

We will explore different project areas and help you prepare to give speeches for the Talks & Talent Contest. Call us at 303-5672 to sign up.

Club News

Magic Clovers 4-H Club has committed to a new community service project.



Grace Nursing Home on Alcoa Road needs sponsors for bird feeders to be placed outside the senior citizens room window so that they can enjoy watching the birds. Connie & Mary Lewis are working to get bird feeders and feed donated. Club members will then hang, fill and clean the feeders outside of an adopted grandparent's room. You may hang seed or humming bird feeders. Bird Baths are also welcome. All 4-H'ers in the county are invited to help. Call or email Nanette at 303-5672 or nwebb@uaex.edu.

Countywide Community Service Projects

Connie Lewis has graciously volunteered to be our Community Service Coordinator to allow all 4-H members access to worthy projects! Thank you Connie! Below are some projects that Connie has found:

1. The Royal Theater - They need help to clean up after the shows. You get to watch the show free. Working on any play is also counted as a community service project. You can work one night or more in the clean up area. For more information, call Shannon Moss at 315-live (5483).



2. Grace Meadows - Horse Ranch that provides lessons to kids with disabilities. They welcome anyone to come out the first and third Saturday of each month. You may be working with other kids that are doing community service as well. This is a great opportunity to introduce others to 4-H! You will be helping Grace Meadow clean out the water troughs, feed animals, condition, tack etc.... Mothers, Fathers or sponsors must stay with your children. (NO DROP-OFFS!) Call Mr. Flowers at 920-1901, for more details.

3. Little Rock Zoo (April 26, 2008) - How would you like to see what the Horticulturist at the Little Rock Zoo does, as well as to do some plant landscaping? Mr. Tom Frothingham is offering the opportunity to participate in beautifying the zoo. You will also get to see the real story behind all of those aquatic plants...yes they are doing a job too. Parents must sign a release.



L.R. Zoo community service

- *Time: 9:00a.m. - ?,
- *Limited to (15) 4-H kids,
- *Age Limit: 12 and up,
- *Contact by April 1
- *Wear old clothes, gloves and shoes with closed toes.

- *Bring a shovel and trowel if you can.
- *Bring your lunch.
- *After the work is done (about 3 hours max.), you may go and see the rest of the zoo.
- *Call Connie Lewis 501-315-04194 for details or email jalewis@up-link.net

Club Grants Available

4-H Innovative Grants sponsored by the Arkansas 4-H Alumni Association and the Arkansas 4-H Foundation

4-H Innovative Program Grants are awarded to counties for the purpose of providing financial support for projects (educational or community service). Counties or clubs can receive up to \$200 per year. Priority is given to educational programs and community service projects that teach youth skills and/or provide a service to the community.

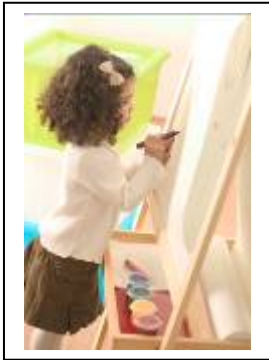
1. Statement of Need, Problem or Concern (What needs are to be met and why.)
2. Objectives/Goals (Describe what the planned outcome of the program will be, number of people to be reached, etc.)
3. Methods (Describe how your group will accomplish the goals, objectives, including: time schedule, resources needed, and involvement of local people.)
4. Evaluation (Describe how you will determine to what degree your objectives/goals have been met.)
5. Additional Information Regarding Proposed Program. (Why do you think your proposal should be approved, other details, etc.)
6. Should mail the proposal form (email me to get one) to the County 4-H Office by **March 28.**

Parent/Leader Conference

The 2008 Spring 4-H Parent and Volunteer Forum-Centennial 4-H Reunion Celebration is scheduled for April 18-19, 2008 at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. Contact me to get the form that I can email, fax or mail to you. They are due back to our office by Monday, March 24, 2008. Full-time registration fee (youth or adult) is \$49/person. The fee for the Friday evening celebration is \$18.95/person. The Forum is sponsored by the Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders' Association, National 4-H Council, and Monsanto.

Poster Art Contest

The 2008 poster art contest is open to all 4-H members, ages 9-19.



Posters should be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium of art: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot contain any three-dimensional items.

The 4-H member's name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of their art work must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left-hand corner. (You may use a 3" x 5" index card.) Posters should be submitted (flat, not rolled) to the County office by April 25.

The theme is: *4-H: Wired for Success*

National Leadership Forum

Students from across the country will gather at Harding University in Searcy to share experiences and information. The Farm Bureau will sponsor 2 students, which is a \$120 value. One of the speakers will be: Deena Burnett, wife of Tom Burnett, a passenger on United Airlines Flight 93 who helped fight back against terrorists on September 11, 2001. Another speaker will be John Froppe, who was born without arms, but has a great perspective on life. Learn what empowers him to solve problems creatively. Call Angie at the Extension office at 303-5672 if you're in the 9-12th grade.

March 4 – Livestock Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.
March 13 – S.O.A.R. Club Meeting
March 21 – Project FUN Day - Fairgrounds
March 24 – Parent/Leader Conference App due
March 25 – Teen Leader Club/PAL Meeting 6:30 p.m.
March 28 – Teen Leader Camp apps due
March 28 – Innovative Grant proposals due
March 29 – Big "B" Day
March 29 – Freedom Reins Horse Show
April 18/19 – Parent/Leader Conference
April 26 – Little Rock Zoo community service

If you have Cloverbuds (4-H'ers ages 5-8) make sure to jot down July 1 & 2 on your calendar. This is our third annual Cloverbud Camp at Tyndall Park. It is always loads of fun and they learn a lot too!



Angela Freel
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