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Happy fall, y'all! Finally, the weather feels like fall. I am so relieved to have some cooler weather. It's a great time of the year to try to relax a little and snuggle up with some cocoa and a great book or movie. Try to go to your 4-H meetings this fall.

The holiday season is a good time to work on your 4-H journals. We have an extra computer set up at the office now if you don't have a computer. Please come and use ours and we can answer questions.



Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration and Fellowship - November 12

Dutch ovens have been around for hundreds of years. If you have a Dutch oven and love to cook with it, please come out and teach others your technique. If you don't have a Dutch oven, but have always wanted to learn how to use one, please come out and learn! The date is November 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the county fairgrounds. We will eat together after cooking the goodies.

Christmas Parade Float
work nights at the
fairgrounds –

November 10 - 6:00

November 17 - 6:00

December 5 is the
parade. “Cowboy
Christmas” is the
theme. You must work
to ride, but everyone
can walk!



Kansas City Conference – The dates for the 2012 Kansas City 4-H Global Summit in Kansas City, Mo., are **March 14-17, 2012**. Applicants must be **15** years of age by **January 1, 2012**. Because speakers, workshops and tours vary from year to year, youth who have attended in the past may apply for the conference. However, preference will be given to those who have never attended. The cost for youth and adults is **\$420**.

Registration this year will be utilizing 4-H-Online, <https://arkansas.4honline.com>. The closing date for registering for this event will be **December 10, 2011**.

There will not be a Teen Leaders meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. But, for December we will have a Christmas party that will be announced at a later date.

All aged-out and grown up! Some of our older TEEN LEADERS are gone! Our first official meeting of the new 4-H year, we had four people there, so we named our group “The Core Four”. So... will it stay that way, or will it grow? Hopefully it will grow! Hope to see you at the Christmas party, and bring a friend! ~ Olivia McClure – Teen Leader Reporter

If you haven't done so, please go online and register as a 4-H member in Saline County. This is adults and kids! This will allow you to register for state activities online as well as pay online by e-check or credit card. Let me know if you have any questions about this process. Go to <https://arkansas.4honline.com> to begin! This is how we will enroll in 2011/2012. If you have a computer with Internet service – no paper applications! If you need a computer to use, please come to the office.

Please vote for this Arkansas 4-H'er! Send to others you know that will vote. She is the only contestant that we know of that is a 4-H member. Her name is Kaylin Cripps. Let's send her to Orlando with your vote.

Kaylin is a Benton County 4-H'er and one of 22 finalists (out of 20,000 entries) in the voice of McDonald's vocal contest. Voting is open from November 1 -30. Help a 4-H'er get to the top three and make it to the global semifinals in Orlando! The website to vote is <http://www.voiceofmcdonalds.com/voting/KaylinCripps>.



Calendar of Events

- November 3 – 4-H Banquet - Bauxite Community Center
- November 10 & 17 – Float work nights - Fairgrounds 6:00 p.m.
- November 12 – Dutch Oven Cooking - Fairgrounds - 10:00 a.m.
- November 24 – Happy Thanksgiving
- December 5 – Christmas Parade - Downtown Benton
- December 6 – PALS Christmas Party
- December 10 – Kansas City Summit deadline

The Extension Homemakers of Saline County are hosting a reception to welcome our new Family and Consumer Science agent. We are pleased to announce that Kris Elliott has accepted the position. Please join us on Tuesday, November 29 from 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. at the Office of Emergency Management at 102 South Main Street in Benton to greet her.

Meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to 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.

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