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SALINE COUNTY 4-H GREEN & WHITE NEWS

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We wish you all the best new year ever! Happy 2012!

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Iron Chef – 4-H style practice

This year there will be a series of *Iron Chef*-type challenges. Teams of three will work together to create recipes from food that is presented to you when you arrive. Each team will bring a supply box (list of items for box will be mailed upon request). This will include things like bowls, peelers, can openers, etc. If you need help getting your boxes together, please contact me and I'll arrange to get you set up. We don't want finances to keep anyone out of this opportunity. Entry fee is $15 per team per competition to pay for the pantry items. Again, if this is a problem, let me know. Participants will need to have clean, neat clothing (long pants required), with neat hair pulled back or covered. A complete packet will be sent you upon request. The first challenge which will be more of a practice for everyone is set for **Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Paron Community Center**. Please call Candy Webb at 501-909-2695 for more information.

New type of poultry chain

We will still have the traditional poultry chain this year. The poultry chain is where we give some 1-day old baby chicks to 4-H'ers with the agreement to bring three back to the county fair to sell in the auction. We usually get the Cinnamon Queen breed for that chain. Be thinking about whether you want to partake in that or not. BUT – we will also have a new poultry chain this year with a new breed. We will try to introduce at least one new breed each year to the chain. This year it is the Delaware breed, and birds will be around $2.50 each. We will have a meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Extension office to answer questions and to sign up for both options.

4-H Livestock Club

The Livestock Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. This month is Jan. 10.

Dairy Recipe Contest – January 28th Extension office

Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. You will bring a prepared dish in either party idea or main dish; that being something that you would serve at a party like an appetizer or dip, or something that you would serve as a main dish, like lasagna. The more dairy products in the recipe, the BETTER! Bring the dish and your recipe and set it up in an attractive way with placemat, plate and silverware and put one serving of your prepared dish on it. You will need to tell the judges individually what you made and might answer a few quick questions one-on-one with the judges who will taste it and judge on presentation and taste. Last year we had a 2nd-place winner at the state level who won quite a bit of cash, so this is worth the effort! Go to www.uaex.edu/saline/4h for the Dairy Recipe score sheet.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

"The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community" is the theme for this year's beekeeping essay contest. Go to:

http://honeybeepreservation.org/2011/06/2012-essay-contest-topic/ for a complete description and rules. Deadline to email to Extension office is Feb. 13, 2012.

Journals Due

Journals (record books) are due in our office on January 20, 2012. Please call us if you have any questions or if you need the use of a computer. There is great information at the following site:

http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/4Hprojects/Journal/Default.htm

Entrepreneur Camp and Advanced Entrepreneur Camp

Who: 9-13 year olds (Advanced is 14-19 year olds)

Cost: $120

When: Feb. 10-12, 2012
7:00 p.m. Friday through 1:00 p.m. Sunday

Where: C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center
Ferndale (west Little Rock), Ark.
http://www.arkansas4hcenter.org/

What: Learn about starting and running a business
Using the Entre-WHAT? curriculum

Why: To help students learn about business, money, financial management
To meet new friends/have fun
To educate non-4-H'ers about what 4-H can offer them
To bring in new campers

Go to 4-H Online to register – https://arkansas.4honline.com to apply. If you don't have a 4-H Online account, you can create one. Deadline is Jan. 30, 2012.

4-H Horse Club in East End – Saddles & Spirits

The 4-H Horse Club in Saline County meets in East End on the second Thursday of each month at East End Elementary. The meetings start at 6:30 p.m., and the leader is Melinda Steele. Please make a point to go to the meetings if you love horses, and especially if you live in that area. They are doing a lot of great community activities as well.

Calendar

Jan. 19 – Poultry Chain Meeting – Extension office – 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 20 – Deadline – Journals due
Jan. 21 – *Iron Chef* 4-H style "practice" – Paron Community Center
Jan. 28 – Dairy Recipe Contest – 10:00 a.m. – Extension office
Jan. 30 – Deadline – Entrepreneur Camps (online)
Feb. 13 – Deadline – Beekeeping Essay Contest
Feb. 10-12 – Entrepreneur Camps – 4-H Center

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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, 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.