



THE CLOVER NETWORK
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4-H Food Booth Schedule

Call Marquita Den Herder (839-3324) to sign up.

Day	Date	Shift	Club
Sat.	08/16	Clean Up	
Tues.	08/19	4pm-10pm	
Wed.	08/20	7am-10am	Farm Bureau
		10am-2pm	
		2 pm – 6 pm	West Fork 4-H
		6pm-10pm	
Thurs	08/21	7am-10am	
		10am-2pm	
		2pm-6pm	Best Buy
		6pm-10pm	Best Buy
Fri.	08/22	7am-10am	Best Buy
		10am-2pm	Winslow 4-H
		2pm-6pm	
		6pm-10pm	4-H Shooting Sports
		10pm-2am	
Sat.	08/23	10am-2pm	Lincoln 4-H
		2pm-6pm	
		6pm-10pm	
Sun.	08/24	Clean Up	

County Fair Clean Up

The county fair is just around the corner. One of the reasons for the good appearance is the exhibitors interest in keeping the grounds looking nice. The work day has been set for Saturday, August 9 with gates to open about 7:00 a.m.

There will be plenty to do. Bring your weed eaters, shovels, rakes, wheel barrow, brooms and water hoses and get in the mood for the best fair ever.

Clinic for 4-H and FFA Fair Animals

Dr. O’Neill will open the Country Vet Clinic in Farmington on Tuesday, August 5th, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. for health papers and vaccine. He was able to get vaccine donated, however, there will be a charge for wormer. Everything else they need will be free of charge including his services. Health papers should take them through State Fair and any other Arkansas show they want to attend.

For more information, contact the Country Vet Clinic at 267-2685.

Washington County 4-H Community Service Project

This Friday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. will be an evening work session to complete outside landscaping in front of the Youth Exhibit building. We will be planting planter, spreading bark in the area where shrubs were removed and trimming. Bring garden gloves, rakes, pruning shears and small planting tools.

If you can’t make it Friday evening, we will meet again Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. for the general cleaning of the buildings. The youth superintendent, Gail Dewey, will be very appreciative of all who are able to help with this project.

Washington County Fair Reminders

Livestock Exhibitors – Pre-register livestock by August 6. Check fair catalog for health requirements and arrival times.

Table Setting: Junior and Pee Wee exhibits may be placed by individuals or a group. Exhibits will be

set up Saturday, August 16. Space is limited—register at the Extension office.

Educational Club Exhibits: This division is open on a first come, first serve basis to 4-H Clubs, FFA and FHA groups (one per school). Booths will be set up Saturday, August 16. Reserve your space at the Extension office with a \$5.00 check, payable to: Washington County Fair Association.

Hobby and Collectibles - Entries to be set up Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Stop by the Extension office and reserve your spot for \$5.00.

Youth Talent Contest - The Washington County Fair sponsors a youth (ages 10 – 20) talent contest each year. The contest will be held on August 23, 6:00 p.m. at the outside stage. This contest awards cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 to the top overall winners. In addition, the top scoring act in each of the seven categories will be sanctioned as the official representatives of Washington County for participation in the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest.

Contestants must pre-register on the official entry form, available from the Washington County Extension Office or the Farm Bureau office. Rules, categories, and other details are attached to entry form. Return forms to the Extension Office. Contest is limited to the first 25 entries (or less) received by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 14.

Farm Bureau – Sew with Cotton: The Farm Bureau Sew with Cotton class is for 100% cotton fabric garments with thread and trim of cotton or cotton blend. Bring a swatch of fabric from the garment entered in the Sew with Cotton Contest at the Washington County Fair. Different winners may be selected in each contest category: Cotton Suit, Cotton Dress and Cotton Sportswear. If you win, Washington County Farm Bureau will sponsor your trip to the state competition at Little Rock in early December.

Broiler and Turkey Chain Participants: Please pick up your birds Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 p.m.

Celebrate - Arkansas 4-H Extravaganza – 100 Years in the Making

The Washington County 4-H Teen Leaders will host a reception to celebrate the *Arkansas 4-H Extravaganza – 100 Years in the Making* on Saturday, August 23 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. during the Washington County Fair in the Youth Exhibit Building.

Please join us in celebrating the Arkansas 4-H Centennial and visit with other former 4-H'ers.

Poultry Blood Testing

Once again, it's time to get ready for the upcoming fair. All poultry must be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid before they will be allowed on the fairgrounds. If the only poultry on your property are chain birds (and they received all vaccinations) they do not need to be tested. There is a charge of \$1.10 per bird to help cover expenses.

Clinics will be held:

August 1, West Fork School, 6:30 p.m.

August 8, Farmington School, 6:30 p.m.

August 15, Elkins Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Call Ashley Kyle at 643-3742, Barbara Lewis or Amanda Cox (between 5 – 7:00 p.m.) at 443-5510 or Nancy Hill, 841-7148, for more information.

State Broilers

State broilers will be available for the Arkansas State Fair. Each batch of 30 pullet chicks is \$15.00 and will arrive August 26.

Register by August 7 and make check payable to: Agriculture Development Council.

4-H Centennial Jamboree

Come join the fun! Thursday, August 14, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. at the Rogers Metroplex on 71 Business in Rogers next to the old Daisy Air Rifle Plant. Washington County and Benton County will be joining together to hold this Centennial Event. Bring friends, neighbors and former 4-H'ers to enjoy games, refreshments, and have their pictures made in a TROPICAL SCENE. There will be games such as Ring Toss, Bean Bag Toss, Checkers, Playing Cards and other cards such as

Skipbo and Uno along with Twister and Hula Hoop for everyone to enjoy.

There will be different areas, a conservation area, a picture area and a game area. There will be music and a chance to catch up on other 4-H's and for parents to catch up with other parents.

Fall Hiking Trek

Fall Hiking Trek introduces participants to the basics of low impact camping and backpacking. This trek will provide participants with the opportunity to hike at a location to be announced. The program will be guided by 4-H trained volunteer and/or staff.

Fall trekking programs are provided as a more economical backpacking experience within Arkansas. Trekking also provides an educational stepping stone for the more advanced "High Adventure Program".

Target age for this program is 13 – 19 years old as of January 1. The location for the fall trek on October 4 – 6 will be announced. Cost to 4-H member is \$25.00, if application is received by August 19.

REWARD YOURSELF and MEET YOUR '09 4-H OFFICER CANDIDATES

CONGRATULATIONS on a Successful Year. Put your hands together and clap for yourself and all other 4-H members who have successfully completed another 4-H year that include journals, O'Rama events, county district and state, judging team practices, workshops, camps and numerous leadership programs.

Let's now celebrate your success with a county-wide pizza and swimming party on Saturday, September 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Summerhill Racquet Club, 3480 Summerhill Drive, Fayetteville. Summerhill is off of Stubblefield. While you celebrate this year's 4-H Officers, candidates will present their campaign speeches. This is your opportunity, as 4-H members, to meet the candidates and hear why each wants your club's vote.

This is time for you to invite a friend and promote 4-H by showing your friends a part of what you do and how easy it is for them to be a part of the adventure in learning. Everyone attending will be able to renew his/her membership and prospective member will be able to take a card with them to fill out and return after meeting the 4-H county guideline on membership.

So, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 6 to attend the celebration party to hear campaign speeches and renew 4-H membership.

All 4-H main leaders will be able to pick-up club packets after September 6, if not attending the event.

County 4-H Council Officer Election

The annual 4-H Council election will be Monday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. for Officers for 2008-2009 year. The elections will be held in the Extension Office auditorium. Candidates will give one 2- to 3-minute speech. Voting for the office will follow each group of officer candidates running for a particular position.

According to the current 4-H Council Policies/Guidelines each club or project group with elected officers will have one voting delegate. **If the voting delegate is NOT the club President as listed on the 4-H Club Directory, the 4-H main leader will provide the Extension Office with the name of the designated voting delegate by Friday, prior to the scheduled election.**

Club voting delegates will need to be prepared to nominate delegates for the office of President. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. 4-H members who are nominated to Council positions must be present at the election. Candidate may or may not be voting delegates. Run-off ties will be broken by three tie-breaker clubs randomly selected after registration.

Remember, come meet the candidates at the 4-H Summer Blow Out and Rally, September 6, at Summerhill Raquet Club.

Washington County Scholarships Available

Each year, Washington County Extension Homemakers offer financial scholarships to students seeking degrees in higher education or technical training. Applicants must be a resident of Washington County, a high school graduate and enrolled in college or technical training. Scholarships are awarded in October during the Washington County Fall Council meeting on October 2 at the Washington County Extension Office.

Scholarship applications are available through the Extension Office. Applications are due in the Extension Office on September 15. Scholarships are funded by the annual EHC scholarship bazaar held in Thompson Hall during the county fair.

National 4-H Conference – 2009

National 4-H Conference is an opportunity for 4-H members from the fifty states plus Puerto Rico and Canada to participate in decision-making sessions and public relation forums. 4-H'ers are not only involved in working conferences but have an opportunity to sightsee in Washington, D.C. and share concerns on a one-to-one basis with the Arkansas congressional delegation. National 4-H Conference is held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. from March 28 – April 2, 2009. Delegates travel by air to participate in this conference.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and have application submitted by September 23. Most of the cost will be paid by Extension, the remaining cost must be paid by the delegate.

Washington County Horse Judging Teams Place First in State

Both the senior and junior 4-H horse judging teams placed first at the state contest in Benton, Arkansas at the State 4-H horse show.

Members of the senior team were Lucas S., Sarah M., Grace C. and Emily M.. Sarah M. was fourth high individual in the senior division and Emily M.

was fifth. The junior team members were Skye H., Starr H. and Maggie F. Skye H. was high point individual in the junior division. The senior judging team will travel to the regional contest in Virginia at the end of this month and represent Arkansas at the National contest Louisville, Kentucky in November.

In addition to the accomplishments of the judging team, Matthew F. was recognized as the state champion in Western Riding in the junior division and Starr H. and Skye H. placed in Halter and Showmanship.

Congratulations to these Washington County 4-H members.

Farm Credit Heifer Raffle

Farm Credit Services is once again sponsoring a heifer raffle for Washington County 4-H clubs. Tickets are available at the Farm Credit Services office in Fayetteville. Clubs may sell tickets for \$1 each with all proceeds being kept by the club.

The winner of the raffle will have the option of either receiving an actual heifer or the value of the animal which will be approximately \$600.

Ticket sales may begin immediately and continue until tickets are due to Farm Credit Services on Tuesday, September 30th. This is a great fundraising opportunity for our county clubs.

ATV Safety courses

Most likely everyone reading this newsletter knows of someone who has been severely injured or worse in an ATV accident. If your club would like to have an ATV safety class, please contact Johnny. This will be an official ATV Safety Institute training course. Participants must ride an age-appropriate ATV and wear safety gear. Loaner machines will hopefully be available for riders not owning an ATV. The class will last approximately four hours.

4-H Regional O-Rama Results

Washington County 4-H members receiving awards on June 18 in Atkins were: Justin B., Senior Agribusiness Public Speaking, 5th place; Sara H.,

Junior Bicycle, 1st place; Jacob H., Senior Bicycle, 1st place; Katy T., Junior Citizenship, 3rd place; Webb P., Senior Citizenship, 3rd place; Hannah R., Junior Horse, 5th place; Emily M., Senior Horse, 1st place; Shelby L., Junior Veterinary Science, 1st place; Ryan R., Junior Entomology – Collection, 2nd place; Caleigh Sue M., Junior Crop & Seed Identification, 2nd place; Cheyenne M., Senior Crop & Seed Identification, 4th place; Kelsey H., Senior Ornamental Horticulture, 1st place; Autumn G., Junior Fashion Revue – Constructed/Casual, 3rd place; Blayke R., Junior Health, 2nd Place; Austin H., Junior Performing Arts – Instrumental, 4th place; Erin A., Junior Performing Arts – Dance, 5th place; Grace C., Senior Performing Arts – Dance, 1st place; and Amanda R., Senior Forestry, 2nd place.

Also participating were: Amanda B., Anita G., James H., David H., Sammie H., Cabrina R., Kiera S., and Michael S.

4-H State O-Rama Results

At the banquet on July 23rd, Helen M. was awarded the Ada and Tyrrell Anderson State 4-H Scholarship. Kara M. and Justin B. were recognized as state Journal winners in the Beef project. Jacob H. won the bicycle competition, and Emily M. won the Horse talk. The poultry judging team, consisting of Curtis M., Sarah W., Kyle R. and Mike N., won first place and will represent Arkansas at the National 4-H Poultry Judging contest. Sarah W. was also the high individual in the contest. The pasture plant ID team also won the state contest. Members were Amanda R., Kara M., Justin B. and Matthew S. Amanda R. was the high individual in the contest. Washington County also won the state Dairy Judging contest. Team members were Kelsey H., Kallie S., Clint H., and Webb P. Webb P. was the high individual in the contest. This team will represent Arkansas at the National 4-H Dairy judging contest in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Livestock judging team placed third and was made up of Cheyenne M., Hattie A., Jimmy H., and Tandy K. Also competing were the Livestock Skills team. The members of this team were Amanda B., Morgan M. and Bethany P. Grace C. represented Washington County in the Dance competition.

Congratulations to Justin B. for being elected to a state officer position as Officer-At-Large. Berni

Kurz, Staff Chair, was recognized by the state Parent-Leader Association as the County Agent of the Year. Overall, it was an outstanding year for Washington County 4-H.

Membership Renewal & Records Update

It will soon be time to complete new 4-H forms for 2008-2009. They will be available at the 4-H Summer Blow Out & Rally on September 6 or after that date from your main leader.

Take time to make some notes on all the things you have done this summer in 4-H. This will help a lot when it comes time to complete a 4-H journal at the end of the year. You need to get credit for your accomplishments! Also, there are a lot of clubs that ought to be recognized as either county honor clubs or state honor clubs. Look over the requirements for these awards and see what your club needs to do to earn these honors!

County E-mail List

If you would like to be included on the county listserv to receive e-mails about upcoming events between newsletters, please e-mail Johnny at: jgunsaulis@uaex.edu.

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.