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Fall 4-H Parent and Volunteer Forum

As you are aware, the 2008 Fall 4-H Parent and Volunteer Forum scheduled for November 7–8 at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center is just around the corner. Registration form is due to Lynn Wight by October 17. Full-time registration fee (youth or adult) is \$50/person. The Forum is sponsored by the Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders' Association.

The theme for the forum is “Continuing the Tradition in the New Century.” The theme will allow you to enhance your involvement in 4-H. There will be educational workshops, fun shops, updates from the state office, and networking with other parents and volunteers from across the state. This will be a great opportunity to expand your knowledge and learn new ideas to take back to your local and county clubs. Youth are also invited to participate in the Fall Forum, as specific youth workshops have been planned. The Forum will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th and conclude on Saturday, November 8th at 2:00 p.m.

2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference

The dates for the 2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, are March 18–21, 2009. Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1, 2009. 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 is \$192.50 for those who qualify; and adults' cost is \$385. Two county Extension agents and two adult volunteers will serve as chaperones. We encourage 4-H volunteers to apply for this opportunity. Volunteers can apply for a \$100 scholarship if they are a

Lifetime member of the Arkansas Adult Leaders' Association and have been a county 4-H leader for at least two years.

All applications are due in the Extension office by October 21. Please use form CES-655 (Youth) and form CES-656 (Adult), which is in the Events Packet. Immediately after applications are received, delegate selections will be made and those selected will be told how to sign up electronically for workshops and tours. Transportation will be by chartered bus.

1st Annual Animal & Fiber Festival

The 1st Annual Fayetteville Animal and Fiber Festival is October 25, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center. There will be exhibits of alpacas, llamas, sheep and bunnies, plus demonstrations.

For information call: Janice Neighbor, 846-1798; Marilyn Miles, 848-3060 or go to: www.argoatsheepfiber.com

4-H Journal Workshop

Get a head start on 4-H Journals on Thursday, October 30, 2008, 6:00 p.m. The Journal Workshop will be held at the Cooperative Extension Office. We will break into age groups to work on the journals. Please bring a list of all the things you have done this past year and last year's journal if you turned one in. A CD on 4-H Journals will be furnished for each family attending the workshop.

Club Financial Reports Due

All 4-H clubs are required to submit three financial reports each year to the Extension office. Your club's Annual Financial Report (refer to club treasurer book pages 6 & 13), your club's Peer Review Audit Report (refer to pages 12 & 31) and the Annual Inventory Report (refer to page 33) are all due to the Extension office by November 10.

These reports can not be completed in one night. Club president, treasurer, and leader need to start planning now in order to meet your club's deadline.

Goin' Showin' 4-H Club

I would like to invite everyone to a new 4-H club that is being formed to help all kids in the show world. Some of the things we hope to learn will be proper animal nutrition, fitting & grooming, showmanship techniques, etc. This will be open to anyone who is interested in livestock, or simply wanting to improve on their livestock projects. This is open to all varieties of livestock – not just cattle.

I realize most of you already have 4-H clubs you are involved in, and that is fine. You don't *need* to make a choice. This can either be an additional club for you or a club if you don't have one. Our first meeting will be held on November 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Pauline Whitaker Arena. This will be an 'ice-breaker' meeting to get things started. The goal of this club will be to benefit all members with their livestock projects. But most of all....we want to have FUN while learning!!!

For more information, you may contact:
Darrell Tunstill (479) 643-3209 * (479) 466-3305
or email blkangusar@aol.com.

4-H and Mounted Search and Rescue Trail Ride

The Washington County Mounted Search and Rescue Team will be joining up with the Washington County 4-H Young Riders Club for a trail ride on Saturday, November 15th at Lake

Wedington. There will be a morning ride starting at 9:30 a.m. and another ride after lunch. Lunch will be potluck with WCSAR supplying the meat. Come out for a day of fun. Please call Angela Colly at 957-5042 if you plan to attend to let her know how many horses you will be bringing. All horses must have a current Coggins paper.

4-H Officers Training

Officers Training will be Monday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. at Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center. This training, conducted by 4-H Council officers, is for all 4-H club officers and those wanting to become club leaders. Each current officer will receive a packet of information that will help in carrying out the duties of their office.

ATV Safety Training

There will be ATV safety training sessions in NW Arkansas in November. These will be for those who have never ridden a four wheeler as well as those who ride one regularly. To register and for times and locations, contact Johnny. This would be an outstanding club activity.

Change in 4-H Journal Recordkeeping

Next year, Washington County will match its 4-H Journal year with the state 4-H year. So, journals this year will be done on what 4-H activities happened from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. But, next year 4-H work will be reported on the actual 4-H year from October 1 to September 30. There will be a few things to work out in the transition; this is just to let you know.

2008/2009 4-H County Council Officers

President – Kelsey H.
Vice President – Cheyenne M.
Secretary – Shelby L.
Treasurer – Tandy K.
Reporter – Will P.
Photographer – Lauren C.
Recreation Leader – Autumn G.

4-H Centennial Gala



On September 27, 2008, the 4-H Centennial Gala was held in the Grand Ballroom at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. Prior to the meal and ceremony was a silent auction that concluded after dinner. Washington County was represented by the 2008-09 County Council officers Cheyenne M., Shelby L., Tandy K., Will P., Autumn G. and Lauren C. Kelsey H., County Council President, was representing Washington County at the National Dairy Judging Contest in Madison, Wisconsin. Chaperones attending the ceremony were: Joyce C., Shelly L., Tracy G. and Dr. Fred P., and at the Tyson table were seated Dr. Craig B., Debbie B., Justin B. and Amanda B.

At 7:00 p.m. the ceremony was opened with a speech by Dr. Ivory W. Lyles. Immediately following, the pledges were given. Dinner was served with entertainment provided by Arkansas 4-H'ers: Bethany W., Kelsey K., and John W. They were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended this spectacular event.

A video of the history of Arkansas 4-H was shown. The video discussed important events and what happened during those times as well as those who have contributed to 4-H over the century. Washington County has two Centennial Clubs listed in the evening's program: Elkins 4-H Club and Prairie Grove 4-H Club.

Following the video were the inductions of the Emerald Clover Society. First to be inducted was C.A. Vines. The speech about Mr. Vines illustrated his long and dedicated service to 4-H, resulting in a standing ovation. Next was Dr. Joel Anderson. Dr. Anderson received a speech of the same quality and the same standing ovation. LaVerne Feaster also was inducted with a beautiful speech about her accomplishments within the 4-H community. Walter Lorea (Holback) Jones was also inducted into the prestigious society. Finally, Senator Stanley Russ was inducted into the Emerald Clover Society. There was a surprise induction at the Centennial. Dr. Darlene Z. Millard was inducted without notice or warning. She was truly surprised and truly deserving of the induction she received.

Dr. B. Alan Sugg, President, University of Arkansas System, introduced the keynote speaker, the Honorable Mike Beebe. Governor Beebe gave a truly moving speech over leadership and how 4-H has progressed over the years.

The Centennial Gala was a once-in-a-life-time opportunity for the Washington County 4-H Council officers. All of the officers would like to thank the Washington County 4-H Foundation for giving us the opportunity to attend this marvelous event. The Centennial Gala was something to behold and wonder, and we can only hope that the next time it is celebrated, it will be even better.

Respectively Submitted,
Will P., County Council Reporter

Washington County 4-H Club Reminders

Please get your club's 2008/2009 4-H enrollment forms and paperwork turned in as soon as possible. We would like to thank all 4-H club members and leaders for the effort they have made to bring all our county 4-H clubs in line with the new county 4-H club policies. Several of our clubs have even set guidelines for their members, which are stricter than our county policies.

Here are a few reminders for all our clubs. Clubs must hold at least eight regular meetings during the year. Members must attend at least half of the club meetings. New members must attend two meetings before becoming official members. Anyone representing Washington County at state, regional, or national events must attend at least three county activities. Plan now to look for county opportunities.

To help make sure all our clubs are following county policies, we ask all clubs to either mail in your club meeting reports or send us an e-mail letting the Extension office know when meetings were held. The county 4-H club policies can be found on-line at www.uaex.edu/Washington. Select 4-H Youth Development on the bottom of the page.

Genealogy Club

Would you like to be able to trace your family tree? If you are interested in being in a genealogy club, please call Annette Coor at 444-1755.

County E-mail List

If you would like to be included on the county list serve 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.
