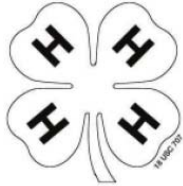


Yell County 4-H Newsletter

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County Achievement Banquet

This year's 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the WYC High School Cafeteria in Havana at 6:30 p.m. The theme is "Leap Into 4-H." Please RSVP (495-2216) if you plan to attend by Monday, March 21, 2011. This will allow us to properly plan the meal.

Garden Project

Spring is quickly approaching, and this means time to start planning your gardens. Sign up to participate in the Yell County Garden Project. This project is designed to help 4-H members learn about gardening. Points are awarded for attendance to the garden workshop, for taking a soil sample (if you do a regular or raised bed garden), a home garden visit (where the Yell County Master Gardeners visit your garden and judge you on its care and upkeep), and finally points are awarded at the annual 4-H Garden Fair. You can do either a regular, raised bed, or container garden or a combination of them (ex: a regular and container garden). The participants in each category who have the most cumulative points receive the honor of the Golden Hoe for a regular Garden, the Golden Spade for a raised bed garden, and the Golden Trowel for container Gardens. Participants will be given seeds and tomato plants for their regular and raised bed gardens. The plants and produce grown from these seeds and the tomato plants will be what is judged. Participants in the container garden will get three six packs of flowers. The container garden participants can add additional plants to their containers and are especially encouraged to be creative in the selection of their container and their plant arrangements. You do not have to attend the garden workshop to participate in the garden project; however it does get you extra points and helps you better understand how the garden project works. If you wish to sign up for the garden project, or if you have questions, call 495-2216. **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: Friday, March 25, 2011.**

Garden Workshop

The 4-H garden workshop will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Yell county Extension office in Danville. Come and learn about the 4-H Garden Project, general gardening information, and earn an extra 10 points for the Garden Project contest. If you plan to attend please call the Danville (495-2216) extension office by Friday, March 4, 2011.

4-H District Horse Show

There will no longer be a 4-H Upper River Valley Horse Show (our district show). We will now be part of the North Arkansas 4-H Horse Show in Harrison on June 16th at the Harrison Roundup Club Arena on the Northwest District Fairgrounds. All entries must be postmarked to the Boone county Extension office by June 1, 2011. No refunds will be given after June 8. The cost is \$3 per class with a \$5 charge in addition to class fee for goat tynig. For class list and entry form, contact the extension office 495-2216.

Broiler BBQ Workshop & Contest

We will be having a Broiler BBQ Workshop on Tuesday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Danville Extension office. Every year 4-H has a broiler BBQ contest and this workshop is in preparation for it. You will learn how to BBQ poultry. Each participant must bring with them the following items.

| | | |
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| Grill | Aluminum Foil | Charcoal-Not Match Light |
| Lighter Fluid | Matches | Stick for raking coals down |
| Small Table | Chair or bucket to sit on | Water Spray Bottle |
| White Cotton Gloves | 3 or 4 paper plates | Paper Towels Basting Brush |
| Wet Wash Cloth | Sharp Knife | Sauce |
| Salt | Spices of Choice | Sunscreen |
| Apron (if desired) | Cap to keep the sun off | Plastic gloves |
| Watch | Small Bowl or container | |
| Camera (pictures for record journal) | | |
| Snacks (this will take a couple of hours) | | |
| Coal Chimney and newspapers if preferred over lighter fluid | | |



If you are interested in competing in the district competition, but cannot make it to the workshop; contact the extension office. Please call either the Danville Extension office at 495-2216 or the Dardanelle Extension office at 229-4441 and sign up by March 18 to attend the workshop. If no one signs up, the workshop will be cancelled! Our county can send five 4-H participants (junior 4-Hers and/or senior 4-Hers) to the District Contest. If we have more than this interested we will hold a county contest. If you are unable to provide some of the materials needed contact Casey at the extension office 495-2216.

Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest

It is time to order your seeds for the 4-H Giant Pumpkin and Giant Watermelon contest. Seeds cost \$1.50 per package. Those wishing to participate need to order their seed by March 25, by contacting the Yell County Extension office and paying the \$1.50 per package fee when you order. After the seeds come in contestants will be informed of the scheduled planting dates. Participants will bring one giant pumpkin and one giant watermelon to the county fair. The top two county junior or senior 4-H winners in giant pumpkin and giant watermelon at the county fair will be eligible to take a Giant Pumpkin to the State Fair. If you have questions, please contact the county extension office.



Arkansas State Fair Livestock Scholarship

Applications for the 2011 Arkansas State Fair Livestock Scholarship are available on their website at www.arkansasstatefair.com or come by the extension office and we can provide one for you. They are due before June 1.

Deadlines for Yell County Fair Livestock



| <u>Animal</u> | <u>Ownership Deadline</u> | <u>Entry Deadline</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Cattle | 1st Monday in May | 1st Monday in August | \$5/head |
| Hogs | 1st Monday in July | 1st Monday in August | \$5/head |
| Sheep | 1st Monday in July | 1st Monday in August | \$5/head |
| Goats | 1st Monday in July | 1st Monday in August | \$5/head |
| Poultry | 1st Monday in August | 1st Monday in August | \$1/entry (youth) |
| Rabbits | 1st Monday in August | 1st Monday in August | \$1/entry (youth) |

County O'Rama

It is time to start thinking about what you would like to do at County O'Rama. County O-Rama is currently scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011; starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Danville United Methodist Church. There are many events that you can compete in. I would strongly encourage all members to select at least one activity. All listed subject areas will be available at the County O'Rama. Remember all age groups may participate at a county level. The first place Junior and Senior 4-H winner in each event will be eligible to compete at the District O-Rama. The only exceptions are the first and second place in Forestry and anyone who wishes to compete in the Grassland Plant ID contest. If one person places first in more than one activity, that person must choose which activity they want to compete in at District O-Rama, which will be held this year in Ozark on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The event that they do not select will then be eligible for the second place winner and so on. The following is a list of the available subject areas in which you can compete. If you need information about these events, you can go to our website: www.uaex.edu/yell/4h and click on the "4-H Events Packet." Scroll down to the list of District O'Rama activities. You can also receive rules and assistance with study materials from the extension office by contacting Casey.

Talks and Method Demonstrations

Agribusiness Public Speaking
 Public Speaking
 Safety Activity
 Citizenship
 Animal Science
 Horse Activity
 Health
 Veterinary Science
 Pet Care & Training
 Entomology-"Let's Talk About Bugs"
 Consumer Economics
 Human Development
 Technology Showcase
 Food Fair

Other Activities

Fashion Revue-Purchased Garment Division
 Fashion Revue-Constructed Garment Divisions
 Bicycle Activity
 Performing Arts-Vocal Division
 Performing Arts-Instrumental Division
 Performing Arts-Dance Division
 Entomology-"The Collection" Bait
 Casting & Game Fish ID
 Reel into Sport Fishing
 Crop & Seed ID
 Grassland Plant ID
 Forestry-Timber Estimating
 Gun Safety & BB Gun Marksmanship*
 Ornamental Horticulture
 Wildlife**
 Livestock Skills (A State only activity that will be available for all to participate in at county O'Rama)

If you are interested in competing in any of these activities at county O'Rama, please fill out the enclosed form. If you lost your form, contact your club leader or the county Extension office for a new form. You can also find one on the web-site that you can print www.uaex.edu/yell/4h. The completed forms need to be turned in by Friday, March 18.

For members who are unable to attend the county O-Rama; or for any of those who did attend the county O-Rama, but did not qualify in one of the events that they competed in and would like to try to compete in another event, contact the county Extension office. If an event does not already have a competitor from our county, you may compete in that event on a scheduled makeup date to try to qualify for district O-Rama.

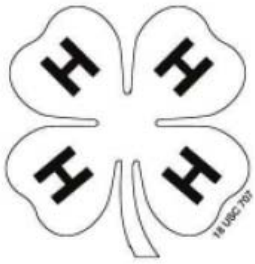
*Only 9 years old and older can participate; **New event this year!

Arkansas State Fair Website

www.arkansasstatefair.com

Arkansas/Oklahoma State Fair Website

www.kayroddgerspark.com



March 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---|-----|---|--|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Garden Workshop 6:30 p.m. Danville Extension Office | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 County O'Rama 9:00 a.m. Danville United Methodist Church |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Broiler BBQ Workshop 1:30 p.m. | 23 | 24 | 25 Garden Project Sign Up DEADLINE | 26 County Banquet 6:30 p.m. WYCHigh School, Havana |
| 27 | 28 Teen Leader Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

Dates to Remember

Please remember that many of these due dates are when they are due into the STATE office. We need them sooner at the county office.

March Due Dates:

- 1 Alumni Recognition Program State Application
- 1 Ambassador Applications
- 1 Camp Leadership Workshop – Advanced (formerly Advanced Camp Counselor Training) via 4-H Online, 4-H Center
- 1 Community Service Club Awards Applications
- 1 National 4-H Congress Adult Chaperone Applications
- 1 Promotion Awards Submissions
- 1 Teen Leader Club Awards
- 1 Teen Star Applications
- 7 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Registration

March Activity Dates:

- 1 Beekeeping Essay Contest Winners Announced
- 5 High Adventure Backpacking Parent-Camper Rally, 4-H Center
- 11-12 Camp Leadership Workshop – Advanced (formerly Advanced Camp Counselor Training), 4-H Center
- 12 4-H Advanced Journal Interviews, 4-H Center
- 15 Kansas City Conference Leadership Team Leaves
- 16-19 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference, Kansas City, MO
- 17-19 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, 4-H Center
- 21-23 State Camp – Spring Break Camp, 4-H Center
- 21-24 State Camp – Equine Camp, 4-H Center
- 29-31 Spring Break Day Camp, 4-H Center

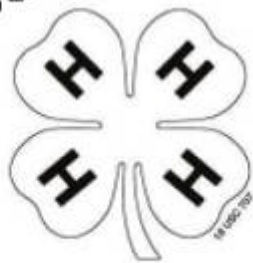
April Due Dates:

- 1 Adult Vol Ldrs Assoc-Agent, Leader, Program Asst., Specialist of the Year Applications
- 1 Forestry Contest Applications
- 1 Hall of Fame Nominations
- 1 Innovative Program Grant Applications
- 1 Northwest Arkansas District Junior Spring Livestock & Poultry Show Registration Due to Washington County Extension Office
- 1 Pumpkin & Watermelon Seed Requests to 4-H Office Teen
- 1 Leader Conference Applications via 4-H Online
- 1 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest Registration via 4-H Online
- 15 Counselor Applications for Forestry & Wildlife, OMK & State Camps

April Activity Dates:

- TBA District Broiler BBQ, Fayetteville, Poultry Center of Excellence
- TBA District Broiler BBQ, Batesville (Independence County Fairgrounds)
- 1-3 4-H High Adventure Backpacking Shakedown, 4-H Center
- 2-7 National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 8-9 Horse Festival, UA Pauline Whitaker Arena, Fayetteville
- 8-9 Northwest Arkansas District Junior Spring Livestock & Poultry Show, Fayetteville
- 10-16 National Volunteer Week (www.pointsoflight.org)
- 15-16 Spring 4-H Volunteer Forum, 4-H Center
- 15-16 Tech Team Workshop #2: Yarnell's Tour (Tentative)
- 16 4-H 5K Run/Walk, 4-H Center
- 16 Practice Horse Show/District Warm-Up, Fayetteville
- 27 State Grassland Evaluation Judging Contest, Location TBA
- 29 State Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest, Central Arkansas

4-H Newsletter!



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, natural 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Casey Scarborough".

Casey Scarborough
County Extension Agent, 4-H

ATTENTION!!! If this is your first issue of the Yell County 4-H Newsletter, we hope that you enjoy. Each month the newsletter will contain upcoming activities and dates that you need to be aware of, so that you can participate.

We are so glad that you are involved in the 4-H program! We hope you enjoy all of the activities that we provide for your education and enjoyment. Please remember to spread the word to your family and friends about everything you have learned and how much fun 4-H is.



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