

# 4-H Notes & Quotes

## Arkansas County 4-H Newsletter

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**4-H MOTTO:**  
"To make the best better"

Dear 4-H Families:

We hope that you have been thinking about 4-H Record Books and we look forward to seeing what you have been doing in 2020. Public health recommendations may limit in-person contact, but we are always here to help you!

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4-H is a **community**  
of **young**  
**people**  
**across America**  
who are learning  
**leadership,**  
**citizenship** and  
**life skills.**

### 4-H RECORD BOOKS



The State 4-H Office has revised the way that 4-H Record Books will be judged and rewarded. This change is based on trends in record book submissions, communication with an advisory panel and research into record book programs throughout the Nation.

1. Record Books will be submitted in one of three categories:
  - a. Healthy Living – Food, Safety, Family Life, etc.
  - b. Civic Engagement – Communications, Leadership, Arts, Photography, etc.
  - c. STEM & Agriculture – Animal Science, Agriculture, Environmental Science, Technology, etc.
2. 10 Books per category will be allowed at both the Intermediate and Advanced levels per county.
3. Intermediate and Advanced Record Books will be judged at the state level.
4. Beginner Record Books will be judged at the local level.
  - a. Three winning beginner record books per county will receive district recognition. (The top book from each category.)

This change is designed so that youth from across the state completing record books are encouraged to continue reporting the amazing work they are doing! More information is available at the County Extension Office or on our website at:

<https://4h.uaex.edu/youth/projects/default.aspx>.

All 4-H members are encouraged to complete a 4-H Record Book. Record books are due in the County Extension Office on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

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Record keeping and completing a record book describing work in a member's project is an important part of 4-H and completing a record book each year is much like a portfolio. The purpose of 4-H record keeping is to report project goals and how they are completed; report what is learned and life skills developed; and report participation, community service and leadership. Numerous awards are available for just turning in a completed record book. These awards include attending the 4-H Achievement Banquet, jackets, t-shirts, pins, camp scholarships and other awards. For individual help in submitting a record book, please call the Extension Office.

#### **4-H ENROLLMENT**

It's time to re-enroll in 4-H! Visit <https://4h.uaex.edu> & click on the JOIN tab. For assistance in enrolling, call the Extension Office at (870)946-3231 or (870)673-2346.

#### **ROSS FOUNDATION 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Exhibit provides an opportunity for Arkansas 4-H'ers to demonstrate, compete, and exhibit their photography skills. All 4-H members age 9-19 are eligible. Each 4-H member may enter two color photographs (one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category if two are entered) and two black-and-white photographs (one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category if two are entered). Four county winners are selected – one in each category. Photographs entered in the Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Exhibit **MUST** be of scenes or subjects in Arkansas. The pictures must have been taken during the current contest year. Digital file is required for judging. Photos are due in the County Extension Office by March 31. For more information contact the county Extension office.

#### **THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD**

The Congressional Award is the highest honor the United States Congress presents to America's civilian youth. It is an individual challenge open to all youth between the ages of 13.5 to 24 – regardless of background, ability, or grade point average. For more information about the program visit:

<https://4h.uaex.edu/youth/awards/congressional-award.aspx>

#### **SCOTT TRACTOR COMPANY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scott Tractor Company awards a local 4-H scholarship each year for a graduating senior. Recipient selection is based on the student's interest and desire to be a part of the 4-H program as well as other community and school activities. Applications are available from the County Extension Office and are due by April 1.



#### **REDUCE YOUR RISK OF GETTING SICK**

Follow CDC and Arkansas Department of Health recommendations:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask.
- Use social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others).
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information on COVID-19 related issues visit our website at:

[www.uaex.edu/COVID19](http://www.uaex.edu/COVID19).

Look us up on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/Arkansas4H.arkansas](https://www.facebook.com/Arkansas4H.arkansas)

**Arkansas County Extension Service**  
**Holiday Schedule**


The Extension Office will be closed so employees can enjoy the holidays with their families  
 December 24, 2020 – January 1, 2021.



Visit our website at:  
<https://www.uaex.edu/counties/arkansas>



**Community Conservation Project**  
 Remember to continue saving aluminum cans, cell phones, and printer cartridges so, you can bring them to the Extension Office for recycling. This has been a great 4-H community conservation project! Proceeds go to the Arkansas County 4-H Council.



The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact your County Extension office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

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