

4-H Notes & Quotes

Arkansas County 4-H Newsletter

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

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Dear 4-H Families:

Public health recommendations may limit in-person contact, but we are always here to help you. You can reach our office by phone at (870)946-3231 or (870)673-2346. All county 4-H events are still postponed until further notice.

COUNTY FAIR CANCELLED

We appreciate the help of our many valued volunteers who have devoted their time to help make the Arkansas County Fair a success. However, public health recommendations are limiting in-person contacts and some events are being cancelled.

The County Fair Executive Board met and has determined that due to the restrictions in place by the State that they expect to continue into September, it will be impossible to have the 2020 County Fair. Sadly, it has been cancelled and the carnival company has likewise been cancelled for 2020. This was a very difficult decision to make, but we simply would not have the manpower needed and the carnival company would not be able to operate under these restrictions as well. So, we look forward and plan for 2021!!!!

For now, stay safe and let us know if we can help you.

4-H LEADERS/ OFFICERS MEETING CANCELLED

The 4-H Adult Leaders and Officers will not meet on August 3.

4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE

Arkansas County 4-H members (ages 5-19) can participate in the Virtual 4-H Project Showcase. It's easy! Just send us a report of how your project is going. Bonus: Upload photos of you and your project work. Here's the link:

<https://uaex.app.box.com/f/83b21ff3b54e45ec91dd46f9755dffad>

Please call the Extension Office, if you have questions

Look us up on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/Arkansas4H.arkansas

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

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.



4-H ENROLLMENT

All 4-H members and leaders should enroll in 4-H RegPack so that we have updated contact information. Please take a few minutes to enroll. Visit

<https://4h.uaex.edu> to see the new website & click on the JOIN tab to see the new 4-H Enrollment & Events System. For assistance in enrolling, call the 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>



2020 CENSUS

Arkansas ranks 41st in the national response to the 2020 Census with a response rate of 57% and Arkansas County has a response rate of 50.2%. Even in uncertain times, you can help guarantee a bright future for Arkansas. Complete your census at my2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020. We can make a difference in our community and state by being counted in the census! Helpful information about the census can be found at our University of Arkansas Extension website:

<https://www.uaex.edu/business-communities/census/default.aspx>

WHY IS SOCIAL DISTANCING SO IMPORTANT?

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person in respiratory droplets from someone who is infected. People who are infected often have symptoms of illness. However, recent studies suggest that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms (CDC). For these reasons, the best ways to protect yourself include:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home as much as possible
- Put distance between yourself and other people
- Wash your hands with soap and water often

On July 16, Gov. Asa Hutchinson issued an executive order making face masks mandatory. The order went into effect July 20. This campaign has assets to encourage people to wear their masks in accordance to this order. The order can be found at: https://governor.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/executiveOrders/EO_20-43.pdf.

Take part in the fight against COVID-19 by practicing good personal hygiene and social distancing. You can visit the Cooperative Extension website at: www.uaex.edu/COVID19 or contact the Arkansas County Extension Office at (870)946-3231 or (870)673-2346 for more information.



Visit our website at:

<https://www.uaex.edu/counties/arkansas/>

4-H FACE MASKS AND WATER BOTTLES

The first day of school is scheduled for August 24. To promote 4-H as well as health and safety, 4-H members can call the Extension Office to request a 4-H cloth face mask or a clear 4-H water bottle. Please call the Extension Office by August 10, if you are interested.



4-H T-SHIRTS

The 2020 AAE4-HA T-Shirt Fund Raiser was postponed due to COVID-19. T-Shirts are Bella Canvas Athletic Heather (Grey) and are now available to order. T-shirts are \$15 and Long Sleeve are \$20. There is an extra \$2 charge for 2X or larger sizes. All orders must be made and prepaid through the Arkansas County Extension Office. Please submit your order and payment no later than Monday, August 10.

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.

Sincerely,

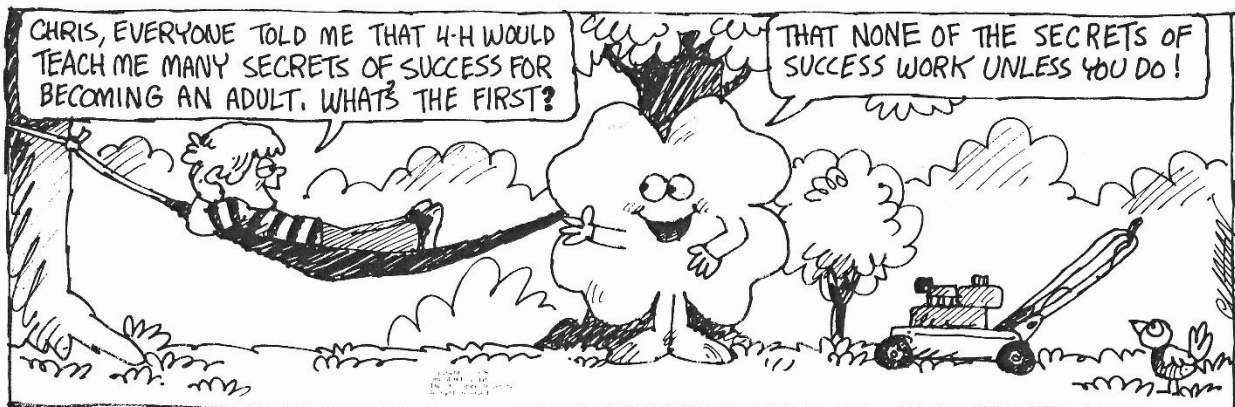
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Four-H helps members learn many "secrets of success" in becoming responsible adults. The approach used in teaching these "secrets" is "learning by doing." Members carry projects and participate in 4-H activities which help them become successful youths, and later, successful adults.