Dear 4-H’ers:

4-H RECORD BOOKS

Record keeping and completing a record book describing work in a member's project is an important part of 4-H. Completing a record book each year is much like a portfolio and is the conclusion of project work for the year. 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. While it is not an easy process, the benefits are many. 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. Record books are due in the County Extension Office on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. More information is available at the County Extension Office or on our website at: http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/project-books.aspx.

4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT

All 4-H members and leaders should complete the annual 4-H membership re-enrollment for the 2016-2017 4-H year at: https://arkansas.4honline.com. 4-H online enrollment is required to participate in county activities. Computer access is available at the Extension Office. For more information, call the Extension Office at (870)946-3231 or (870)673-2346.

4-H CHOIR

If you are a 4-H member that likes to sing and have fun, this is your chance to participate in the 4-H Choir. 4-H members will meet on Thursday afternoon, December 1 at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in DeWitt. Following refreshments and practice, plans are to sing Christmas Carols for Crestpark Nursing Home at 4:30 p.m. Please call the Extension Office to pre-register by Monday, November 28.

4-H HEALTHY MEETING CHALLENGE

Looking for a way to pledge your health to better living and make your 4-H Club healthier? Join the 4-H Healthy Meeting Challenge! Clubs will be able to earn points for healthy behaviors at meetings, like doing at least 15 minutes of physical activity or offering water and fruits and vegetables as snacks! The top three clubs in each district will be recognized at the District O’Rama. Follow the link below to fill out the entry form by November 30, 2016! http://bit.ly/HMCEntry. Once completed, the contact person will receive instructions and rules for the participating in the challenge by December 1, 2016.

Visit our website at: http://www.uaex.edu/counties/arkansas.
4-H METHOD DEMONSTRATION

The 4-H Method Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Activity is scheduled for Monday, January 23 at the Rice Research & Extension Center. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the competition beginning at 6:00 p.m. Presentations for juniors will be 2-5 minutes in length, and for seniors the time limit is 5-8 minutes. The following are categories for competition: Animal Science, Citizenship, Consumer Education, Entomology, Environmental Stewardship, Food Fair, Health, Horse, Human Development, Public Speaking, Safety, Innovative Technology and Veterinary Science. More information is available at: http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/applications.aspx#districtevents

If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H HAMBURGER SUPPER

Arkansas County celebrated the 4-H community of young people who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills on October 20. 4-H members and leaders held a drive-by Hamburger Supper promoting 4-H at the Arkansas County fairgrounds. Special thanks to everyone who assisted with this event!

4-H EVENTS

The following is a quick reference for upcoming 4-H state camps and events. For more information contact the Arkansas County Extension Office.

- Arkansas 4-H Foundation scholarships may be available in 4-H online to assist 4-H members who have financial need to attend camp at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. For more information call the Extension Office.

- Remember Arkansas County 4-H Camp Scholarships are available for those qualifying whereby the County 4-H Foundation will pay 75% of the expenses for one camp per year. Call the Extension Office for more information.

November Due Dates:
21 Arkansas 4-H/Junior Olympic Rifle Championships via 4HOnline

November Activity Dates:
13-16 National 4-H Livestock Skillathon, Louisville, KY
Arkansas 4-H Camps -- offers camping and training opportunities for 4-H youth 5-19 years old and adults. For more information contact the Extension Office or visit our website at: http://www.uaex.edu/4-h-youth/activities-programs/camps/camp%20flyer%2016.pdf.

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus: Arkansas 4-H will once again send a delegation to Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF). The dates for the 2017 CWF program in Washington, DC are July 8-15. Delegates will learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation’s capital. They will get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers. In addition, they will participate in bill writing workshops, a national issues forum, mock elections, and congressional sessions. Applicants must be 14 years of age by January 1, 2017. Two Extension Staff and two adult volunteers will serve as chaperones. All applications are due in the County Extension Office by December 23, 2016. Complete payment is due by January 16, 2017. This is a great program for 4-H’er to learn & experience Washington DC! For more information, contact the Extension Office.

4-H Coding Camp 2017: This camp is open to all junior 4-H’ers (age 9-14) and will focus on computer science and engineering skills. Participants will explore coding and engineering through completing hands on activities. This is a 1 day camp to be held on June 24 at the 4-H Center. Registration will be available soon via 4-H Online and is tentatively set at $75 per youth (lunch and dinner included). Maximum of 25 participants.

Visit the Arkansas County 4-H Facebook Page at: www.facebook.com/Arkansas4H.arkansas.

Livestock 4-H Club met on October 3. Plans were made to complete a Christmas Shoebox for a girl and boy and participate in Paper Clover Days at Tractor Supply in Stuttgart. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 7 at 5 p.m. at the Extension Office, 1009 Liberty Drive, DeWitt.

Clover Kids 4-H Club met on October 3 at the radio station to record 4-H promotion ads. The monthly club meeting was held October 10 and club members made thank you notes for the soldiers. Clover Kids 4-H Club met with Judge Best and Mayor Green on October 24. The next meeting will be held November 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

Prairie Angels 4-H Club met on September 26 at Faith Baptist Fellowship Hall with 7 members, 3 leaders and 7 others present. The Arkansas County Fair booth won sweepstakes and 1st place at Southeast District Fair. Officers were elected: Autumn, President; Ellie, Vice President; Cole, Secretary; Lizzy, Treasurer; and Jaxson, Reporter. Club members welcomed new members Reba and Lily. Everyone was reminded to sell 4-H Hamburger Supper tickets and attend 4-H County Convention. 4-H promotion month posters were made and hung in three local businesses. Thanks a million checks were filled out and mailed to 4-H donors. Submitted by Jaxson, Reporter.

Shooting Sports 4-H Club will be reorganizing soon. Watch the 4-H Notes & Quotes for more information.

Spirit of ’76 4-H Club met on October 19 with 17 present, along with special guest Officer Jonathan Powell with the DeWitt Police Dept. Officer Powell showed all his gear and explained some of his duties as an officer. In response to some questions, he reminded members that police officers are not responsible for making the laws – their job is only to enforce the laws. Members especially enjoyed getting to check out his car. Afterwards they helped make preparations for the 4-H Hamburger Supper by putting labels and inserts on the sacks. The next meeting is November 16 at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.
Arkansas County Extension Service Holiday Schedule

The Extension Office will be closed so employees can enjoy the holidays with their families.
November 24-25, 2016
December 23, 2016 – January 2, 2017

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture 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 Arkansas County Extension Office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

Sincerely,

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