2015 4-H Activity Dates
New additions in bold type

September 16-19: Boone County Fair
September 17-19: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training
September 20-27: NW AR District Fair
September 28: 4-H Banquet RSVP

October: One Day of Community Service
October 3: 4-H Achievement Banquet
October 5-9: National 4-H Week
October 8: 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
October 10: 4-H Day at the State Fair
October 3: 4-H Achievement Banquet
October 9-18: Arkansas State Fair
October 20-21: Safety Days
November 30: 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

4-H Banquet

It is time for our annual 4-H Banquet! The banquet will be held Saturday, October 3, 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Harrison. Meat and drinks will be provided by the 4-H Foundation. Families are asked to bring a vegetable or dessert. Please contact the Extension Office by September 28 if you plan on attending. This will help with the meal count.

Congratulations, 4-H’ers!!

OOOpps! I goofed!! Acadia C. placed 3rd in Performing Arts – Instrumental at state 4-H O-Rama. This is a very tough category. Way to go, Acadia. I apologize for not getting it in last month’s newsletter.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training

It is time for the fall 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor training! The training will be held September 17-19 at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center. Registration is open in Arkansas 4-H Online until August 31! Participants must be a certified 4-H volunteer.

There will be a Hunting Skills Discipline short-course on Thursday evening. Please let us know if you have any questions. A complete training agenda is available at the Extension Office.

4-H Re-enrollment Time!!

4-H re-enrollment begins September 1!! On August 31, all 4-H members and volunteers will be moved to an inactive status. Please log onto 4-H Online to enroll for the upcoming year. Look for information at the end of the newsletter to help with the re-enrollment process.

The first 50 4-H members and 20 volunteers to re-enroll by September 3 will get a free 4-H t-shirt!

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Need Help With Fair Project?

Do you need help with your fair project? Call Mike at 741-6168 to schedule a time for him to look at your animal(s). Also, the 4-H blower and clippers are available for you to use. Call the Extension office to schedule a time for you to check them out.

Boone County Fair News

Fair time is here! There will be a few changes in the Boone County Fair Premium Sale. Here are the updated Livestock Premium Regulations:

1. The livestock premiums are open to any Boone County FFA or 4-H member who is enrolled in a Boone County school or a resident of Boone County prior to the fair.
2. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor. Market steers must be weighed in at the Boone County Spring weigh in held during the Spring Livestock Show.
3. Exhibitors may receive more than 1 premium with the exception that only 1 premium per animal and/or show will be paid. (For example: You may receive a premium for a steer and a hog, but not for 2 hogs.)
4. Premium fees will be deducted from the premium as follows: Steers - $50; Hogs - $10; Lambs - $10; Goats - $10; Poultry - $5; and Rabbits - $5.
5. Animals selected for livestock premium will be determined by the judges.

Arkansas State Fair News

The Arkansas State Fair will be held October 9-18. Exhibitors must be a member of 4-H or FFA. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old on or before the opening day of the fair, and cannot have had their 20th birthday on or after the opening day of the fair. Exhibitors cannot exhibit any later than the fall after graduating high school or receiving their GED regardless of age.

Arkansas State Fair livestock entry deadline for breeding animals is September 1. Go to www.arkansasstatefair.com to enter. Exhibitor Signature Form will be required this year.

One Day of Community Service

4-H’ers from across the state will be participating in One Day of Community Service in October. What are the needs in your community or our county? Could your club plant a flower bed at a community building? Is there an area that could use a good cleaning or a new coat of paint? What about collecting food or other items to be donated to others? Now is the time to plan for your club’s service project during National 4-H Month.
4-H Volunteer/Parent Meeting Changes

There will be some changes in the 4-H Volunteer/Parent meetings next year! We will be having monthly sessions for volunteers/parents that focus on topics such as method demonstrations, record books, 4-H projects, Keeping Kids Involved, etc. Our goal is to have hands-on sessions that give you information to help your 4-H’ers. The sessions will be held either at lunch time or early evening, and a light meal will be served. 4-H volunteers are asked to participate in 4 hours of training each year. You may decide which months you attend. The topic for October will be 4-H 101: Projects and Leadership Opportunities. It will be held October 8, 6:30 p.m. In November, we will focus on Record Books. It will be held November 30, 6:30 p.m.

Re-Enrolling Family Tip Sheet

Arkansas 4-H Online is available for 4-H family enrollment. Here are some helpful tips for enrolling your family in 4-H.

1. Open your internet browser.
2. Go to https://arkansas.4honline.com
3. Click “Edit Family” to update information or scroll down to a family member’s name. Click edit and update age, grade, school, project, club information, etc.
4. In the “Club” section of the profile, select at least one club for membership. You may add additional clubs as needed. For example; select your community club and project clubs to which you belong.
5. In the “Project” section, you must select at least one 4-H project. You may add additional projects as needed. You do not have to order a project book. Project books cannot be ordered on the Arkansas 4-H Online system.
6. After updating all family members, please log out of Arkansas 4-H Online.

Tip: Do not hit your browser’s “Back” button while within the 4-H Online system!

Useful information on completing profiles for your family:

1. When entering name, address, etc. for each family member, please pay close attention to the birth date, gender, and 4-H County fields. These fields are very important when registering for 4-H activities such as O-Rama and camps.
2. There is a “Volunteer” section in the profile. This is for youth and adults. For example; if a youth serves as a club officer, on the Expansion and Review committee, etc. then mark “yes” on the volunteer section. If an adult is a club volunteer with completed youth protection forms on file in the county Extension office, then mark “yes” on the volunteer section.

Sincerely,

Anita F. Cooper
County Extension Agent – Staff Chair
Alpena 4-H Club members will meet at the Boone County fair to setup the club display. Contact Kerry, 870-416-1921, for more information about this club meeting.

4-H Fitness Adventure Club will not meet in September. Contact Brittany Harris, 870-391-6396, for more information about this club.

Future 4-H Club will meet Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Farm Bureau meeting room. Contact Glenda Cantrell at 743-1996 for more information about this 4-H club.

Everton-Valley 4-H Club will meet Friday, September 4, at 6:00 p.m. at Everton City Hall to work on the fair display. Contact Tammy at tcooper@anstaffbank.com for more information.

Caprine Kids 4-H Club will see you at the fair. Contact Robert McMahen, 577-1759, for more information about this club meeting.

4-H Ridgeway Club will meet on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ridgeway community building. We will be working on a club display for the fair. Contact Marietta Martin, 870-577-2360, or Laura Roberts, 870-577-4179, about the Ridgeway club meeting.

Gaither 4-H Club members will need to contact Brittany Harris, 870-391-6396, for more information about this club.

Home School 4-H Club members will need to contact Nancy Chapey, 416-8989, for more information about this club.

4-H Horse Club will meet at the Boone County fair on September, Wednesday, 16, at 4:00 p.m. to setup the club display in the Educational Building. Contact Dottie Rubio, 870-577-0178, for more information about this club meeting.

4-H Lamb Club – if you are interested in participating in the 4-H Lamb club, please contact Cindy Kendrick for more information at 870-577-1096.

Lead Hill 4-H Club will meet Monday, September 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lead Hill Park. We will be fishing and the program will be on Fish ID. Bring a fishing pole and a friend! Please contact Andrea at 870-715-9934 for information about this club.

Poultry & Rabbit 4-H Club will meet Monday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the Boone County Extension office. The club will be putting the club display together for the fair. Contact Donita DeVito at 365-0717 for more information about this 4-H club.

Stateline 4-H Club will see you at the Boone County Fair. Call Heath Barnes, 870-754-1315, for more information.

Sharp Shooters 4-H Club will meet Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension office to work on the fair display. All members will need to re-enroll September 1, 2015. Don’t forget to work on the fundraiser at the County Fair. For more information, please contact Jim Creager, 365-6216.

4-H Teen Leader Club will meet Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. at the Boone County Extension Office. For more information about this club meeting call the Extension Office at 741-6168.