2015 4-H Activity Dates
New additions in bold type

July 14-17: State 4-H Horse Show
July 20: Tag Heifers and Goats for County Fair
July 21-24: State 4-H O-Rama
July 30: 4-H Volunteer Meeting, 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

August 4-5: Boone County 4-H Adventure, 4-H Center, Little Rock
August 22: Showmanship Clinic

September 16-19: Boone County Fair
September 20-27: NW AR District Fair

October 3: 4-H Achievement Banquet
October 9-18: Arkansas State Fair
October 20-21: Safety Days

November 30: 4-H Volunteer Meeting, 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

Congratulations, 4-H’ers!!

Congratulations to all the 4-H’ers that participated in the Ozark District 4-H O-Rama held at Greenbrier. Boone County 4-H members participating in O-Rama were: Tate B. – 3rd Senior Wildlife; Kylee B. – Junior Animal Science; Carter C. – Junior Performing Arts – Instrumental; Acadia C. – 5th Senior Performing Arts – Instrumental; Caiden C. – Junior Gun Safety and BB Marksmanship; Jace C. – 3rd Junior Bicycle; Danielle D. – 2nd Senior Veterinary Science; Taylor H. – 4th Senior Health; Nellie J. – 4th Junior Food Fair; Caleb M. – 4th Senior Bait Casting and Game Fish ID; and Hannah M. – Senior Gun Safety and BB Marksmanship. Senior 4-H members who placed first – seventh in their activity will represent Boone County at the State 4-H O-Rama to be held at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in July.

Nellie J. was recognized for being a 4-H Record Book district winner in the Food Science area.

4-H Volunteer Meetings

The 2015 4-H Volunteer meetings will be held on the following dates: July 30, and November 30. We will have 2 sessions at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A light meal will be provided at each meeting. All 4-H Volunteers are asked to participate in 4 hours of training each year. The 4-H meetings will meet that requirement.

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4-H O-Rama Photography Contest

Here is another photography project opportunity for senior 4-H’ers!! The 2015 4-H O-Rama Photography Contest theme is “My Town!” Photographs submitted to the contest should be of the 4-H’ers town, city, or local area and reflect the character of the area. This can be landscapes, people, activities, festivals, and industry. Cash awards will be given to the top five places. This is a state-only event during 4-H O-Rama in July. Please let us know if you would like to participate. Photographs must be submitted by Monday, July 13.

Boone County Fair News

Fair time will be here before we know it! 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. Market Lambs, Market Goats, and Market Hogs ownership deadline is July 1. Animal ID Kits must be ordered before July 15, and online nomination deadline is July 31. DNA submission must be postmarked on or before July 31.

Livestock Project News

Would you be interested in participating in a summer Livestock Project series? We have had a few 4-H’ers express an interest in meeting at the fairgrounds during the summer to work with their animals and prepare for the upcoming fairs. Please let us know if you would like to be notified of the sessions. Don’t forget. . . There is a Showmanship Clinic scheduled for Saturday, August 22. Be watching for more details!

We will be tagging born and bred commercial heifers and goats Monday, July 20, 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Animals must be tagged to be eligible for the born and bred premiums during the county fair. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.
Arkansas State Fair Youth Market Broiler Show

It is time to plan for the Youth Market Broiler Show! 30 pullet chicks will be provided to exhibitors for the exhibition at the 2015 Arkansas State Fair. The cost is $15.00. Participants will enter a pen of 3 birds for fair competition. Chicks must be ordered by July 28. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to order your chicks.

Sincerely,

Anita F. Cooper
County Extension Agent – Staff Chair
Alpena 4-H Club members will be contacted about July’s club meeting. Contact Kerry, 870-416-1921, for more information about this club meeting.

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

Future 4-H Club will meet Sunday, July 12, 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 Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 p.m. at Everton City Hall. We will be working on fair booth ideas. Contact Tammy at tcooper@anstaffbank.com for more information.

Caprine Kids 4-H Club will meet at the Boone County Extension office Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. We will be working on showmanship questions. Contact Robert McMahen, 577-1759, for more information about this club meeting.

4-H Ridgeway Club will not meet in July. 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 Moore, 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 Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your horse to the Harrison Round-Up Club Arena. 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, July 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lead Hill School cafeteria. We will be working on an educational board for the Boone County Fair. Bring a friend! Please contact Andrea at 870-715-9934 for information about this club.

Poultry & Rabbit 4-H Club will not be meeting in July. Contact Donita DeVito at 365-0717 for more information about this 4-H club.

Stateline 4-H Club will meet Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Omaha City Hall. Call Heath Barnes, 870-754-1315, for more information.

Sharp Shooters 4-H Club will meet Tuesday, July 14 and 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office unless it is raining, then the club will meet at the Winkler Center. For more information, please contact Jim Creager, 365-6216.

4-H Teen Leader Club will meet Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. at the Boone County Extension Office. Bring your favorite ice and toppings for an ice cream social. For more information about this club meeting call the Extension Office at 741-6168.