2016 4-H Activity Dates

New additions in bold type

March 3: 4-H Volunteer/Parent Training, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
March 18: Arkansas 4-H Roping Championship, Benton, AR
March 21-24: Spring Equine Camp
March 31: County 4-H O-Rama, 6:00 p.m.
April 16: 4-H Outdoor O-Rama and BBQ Contest, 9:00 a.m., Extension Office
June 3-4: Cloverbud Camp

4-H Volunteer/Parent Training

Please mark your calendar!! Our next 4-H Parent/Volunteer Training will be Thursday, March 3, 6:30 p.m. The topic will be Keeping Kids Involved. We will also talk about using the Google Calendar and upcoming summer activities. We will meet at the Extension Office. Please contact the Extension office at 741-6168 to let us know that you would like to attend. We will have a meal, and this will help us with meal planning.

4-H volunteers are asked to participate in at least 4 hours of training each year. This will count toward your 4 hours. Parents are encouraged to attend, too! Please let us know if you have any training request or questions.

County 4-H O-Rama

County 4-H Talent, Fashion Revue, and Method Demonstration/Illustrated Talks will be held Thursday, March 31, 6:00 p.m. at the Little Theater on the NAC South Campus. Please contact the Extension Office to register.

Upcoming Opportunities!!

- State Officer Team – March 15 deadline
- Teen Star – ages 15-18, March 15 deadline
- Teen Leader Conference – June 6-9, ages 14-19
- District 4-H O-Rama – June 15

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4-H Poultry Chain

4-H members will have the opportunity to participate in the 4-H Poultry Chain again this year. This year’s bird will be the Amberlink. Amberlinks are a big bodied, docile bird. The fee for the project is $25.00, and participants will receive up to 25 birds. Males will be available for purchase (maximum of 5 per participant). The cost will be 40 cents each.

Please contact the Extension office by March 10 to register for the Poultry Chain project. All youth participants and an adult parent/guardian will need to attend an educational session on poultry husbandry and biosecurity. You will have 2 opportunities to attend a session: Tuesday, March 29 or Monday, April 25. The programs will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please put one of these dates on your calendar if you plan on participating in the poultry chain project. It is a requirement for everyone (even past participants) due to the recent Avian Influenza outbreaks.

Target delivery dates will be Saturday, May 7th and Saturday, May 14th. Please contact the Boone County Extension office at 870-741-6168 if you have any questions.

Arkansas 4-H Roping Championship

The Arkansas 4-H Roping Championship will be held March 18, 6:00 p.m. at the Saline County Fairgrounds in Benton, AR. Entry fee is $30 per event. Events will be Goat Tying: junior girls, junior boys and senior girls; Tie Down: senior boys; Breakaway: junior girls, junior boys, senior girls, senior boys; and Team Roping: junior girls, junior boys, senior girls, and senior boys. Juniors ages 9-13, and senior ages 14-19.

Call in entries only will be accepted March 14, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at 501-282-1036. Four (4) saddles will be awarded along with event pay out. For more information, contact the Extension Office or Jimmy Driggers at 501-623-6841.

Arkansas 4-H Livestock Leadership Academy

The Arkansas 4-H Livestock Leadership Academy is a great opportunity for youth interested in the livestock industry. The program will be held March 24-26 at the 4-H Center in Ferndale. Activities will focus on careers, leadership development and advocacy. Guest speakers will include Wes Ward, Arkansas Agriculture Department Secretary as well as various college representatives. There will also be industry or farm tours and lots of FUN!! Let us know if you are interested.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training will be held March 17-19 at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center. All volunteers working with the 4-H shooting sports youth must be trained and certified. Certification will be offered in shotgun, rifle, pistol, muzzleloader, and archery. Registration is due March 7. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Grubb Springs Extension Homemakers Club will be awarding scholarships to high school seniors who plan to major in agriculture or family and consumer science. Applications are due April 1, and are available at the Extension Office.

4-H Team Practice Sessions

Here are some upcoming Boone County 4-H team practice sessions. If you would like to participate, plan on attending! Sessions will be held at the Extension Office.

March 2 & 16: Grassland Evaluation, 4:00 p.m.
March 8: Parliamentary Procedure, 4:00 p.m.
March 14: Livestock Skills Team, 5:30 p.m.
2016 4-H O-Rama Activities

**County and District**
Animal Science  
Baitcasting & Game Fish ID  
Bicycle  
Citizenship  
Consumer Economics  
Crop & Weeds  
Entomology: Collection  
Entomology: Talk  
Environmental Stewardship  
Fashion Revue: Purchased and Constructed  
Food Fair  
Forestry  
Gun Safety & BB Gun Marksmanship  
Health  
Horse  
Human Development  
Ornamental Horticulture  
Performing Arts: Dance, Instrumental, Vocal  
Pet Care  
Public Speaking  
Safety  
Reel Into Sports Fishing  
Innovative Technology  
Veterinary Science  
Wildlife  

**State Only**
ATV Safety (2 individuals)  
Consumer Judging- Team  
Food Bowl – Team  
FCS Skill-a-Thon – Team  
Grassland Plant ID (2 individuals)  
Interior Design – Team  
Livestock Judging – Team  
Livestock Skills – Team  
Parliamentary Procedure – Team  
Photography  
Poultry Judging – Team  
Reporting  
Tractor Driving  
Welding (2 individuals)  

Sincerely,

Anita F. Cooper  
County Extension Agent – Staff Chair
Alpena 4-H Club members will meet Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Alpena Preschool. The program will be “Robotics”. Contact Kerry, 870-416-1921, for more information about this club meeting.

4-H Outdoor Adventure Club will meet Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Contact Brittany Harris, 870-391-6396, for more information about this club.

Future 4-H Club will meet Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the 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 March 21, 6:00 p.m. at Everton City Hall. Contact Tammy Cooper at tcooper@anstaffbank.com for more information about the March club meeting.

Caprine Kids 4-H Club will need to contact Robert McMahan, 577-1759, for more information about this club’s March meeting.

4-H Ridgeway Club will meet on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ridgeway community building. Contact Marietta Martin, 870-577-2360 or Laura Roberts, 870-577-4179 about the Ridgeway club meeting.

Home School 4-H Club members will meet Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church. Contact Nancy Chapey, 416-8989, for more information about this club.

4-H Horse Club will meet Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau meeting room. Contact Dottie Rubio, 870-577-0178, for more information about this club’s meeting.

4-H Lamb Club will meet Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. The program will be on sheep breeds. Contact Cindy Kendrick for more information at 870-577-1096.

Lead Hill 4-H Club will meet Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lead Hill School. Please contact Andrea at 870-715-9934 for information about this club.

Poultry & Rabbit 4-H Club will meet Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boone County Extension office. Contact Donita DeVito at 365-0717 for more information about this 4-H club.

Stateline 4-H Club members will meet Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Omaha City Hall. Contact Heath Barnes, 870-754-1334, for more information about this club’s meeting.

Sharp Shooters 4-H Club will meet Friday, March 11 and 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Winkler Center. All members will need to re-enroll for 2015-2016. For more information, please contact Jim Creager, 365-6216.

4-H Teen Leader Club will meet Monday, March 14, 2016 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.