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DISTRICT 4-H O’Rama Information

- Participants must be a junior or senior 4-H member as of January 1 of O’Rama year.
- Must compete & qualify at county level to compete at District O’Rama.
- Qualifying means placing 1st in an activity. 2nd place participants may compete in the category IF the 1st place county winner qualifies & chooses to compete in another category or is unable to attend District O’Rama.
- Each county may have one junior and one senior entry in each category.
- Each 4-H member may compete in 1 activity at District O’Rama.
- Clay County competes as part of the Delta District
- 2015 Delta District O’Rama will be June 18th at Forrest City, AR.

O’Rama County & District Competitive Talk Topics

- Animal Science
- Citizenship
- Consumer Economics
- Entomology: Talk
- Environmental Stewardship
- Food Fair
- Health
- Horse
- Human Development
- Pet Care
- Public Speaking
- Safety
- Innovative Technology
- Veterinary Science

Other County & District O’Rama Activities

- Bait Casting
- Bicycle
- Crop Weeds
- Entomology Collection
- Fashion Revue Constructed
- Fashion Revue Purchased
- Forestry
- Forestry Contest *
- Grasslands Evaluation *
- Gun Safety-BB
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Performing Arts-Dance, Instrumental, Vocal
- Sportsfishing
- Vet Science *
- Wildlife *

*Please let CEA know 2 weeks in advance in order to have activities set up.
Instrumental please provide your own instrument. Vocals provide your own cd player.

County O’Rama is coming up next month on April 18th @ Clay County Fairgrounds. If anyone needs assistance preparing let us know ASAP. All 4-h'ers are welcome to participate in any contest that day.

To access the 4-H Regional & State O’Rama info go to:
www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/applications.aspx

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4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP)

The state contest for the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) will be Friday, April 24 at the UA Rice and Research Center just outside Stuttgart. Registration is now open in 4-H Online. Parents and guardians who are not enrolled in 4-H Online have the option to register when registering their contestant.

The contest is open to Junior and Senior individuals and teams. Those who attend as individuals will be assigned a team the day of the contest. The winning Senior team is eligible to represent Arkansas at the WHEP national invitational, which will be in Alabama this summer. Details about the state contest and study materials can be found on our website at: http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/whep.aspx.

What is WHEP?

The state contest recognizes those youth who excel in their understanding of wildlife and habitat management. This one-day event typically starts at 9:30am and concludes with the awards ceremony at approximately 3:00pm for juniors and 4:00pm for seniors. Educational and/or recreational opportunities are available to non-contestants (e.g., parents, coaches, siblings) and Juniors who complete the contest after lunch. A different contest location is selected each year to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the different habitats in our state.

The winning team of 14 - 19 year-olds (i.e., 4-H Seniors) is eligible to represent Arkansas at the national WHEP Invitational in which winning state teams compete for recognition and awards.

4-H Poster Contest

Posters should be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium art - watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot have any three-dimensional items on them. One poster entry per 4-H member will be accepted.

The 4-H members name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of art work must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner. (You may use a 3" x 5" index card.) Posters should be submitted (flat, not rolled) to the State Communications Office, Attn: Chris Meux.

The top ten winners will receive certificates, which will be presented at the District 4-H O-Ramas. The themes for 2015 are as follows:

- **It's Your Time Open theme (create a theme and poster to go with it)**

4-H Science Kits

4-H leaders & parents:

The 4-H office has several science kits that can be checked out for use at your club or other event.

Please contact Debbie Baker at djbaker@uaex.edu if you are interested in checking out one of these kits.

- GPS Unit
- Windmill Kits
- Dry Ice Bubble Machine
- Flip Video HD Camcorders
- Cameras
- Hydrogels
- Binoculars
- Robots
- Ecobots
- Circuit Kit
4-H BBQ Broiler

Each year four District Broiler BBQ Activities are held prior to the State contest which is held in June at the Annual Poultry Festival. Our District activities are held at Batesville.

Each county may pre-register and send five 4-H participants (Any combination of juniors or seniors) to District competitions. Two Senior Turkey Winners and Two Senior Broiler Winners from each District competition will be selected to compete at the State contest held at the Annual Poultry Festival.

These activities are sponsored by The Poultry Federation, among other members of the allied industry. Ribbons and/or prizes will be provided to contestants participating in District competition. If funding is available, each District winner and a chaperon are provided lodging and a festival ticket to participate in The Poultry Federation activities at the Annual Poultry Festival. State contestants also receive a BBQ grill.

We plan to hold a county contest the 2nd week in April to determine who can go to the District competition. 4-H'ers should bring their own grills, sauce, charcoal and starter along with any necessary barbecue items.

Check out more info at:
http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/docs/Broiler%20BBQ%20Contests%202014.pdf

2015 Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Growing Contest

It is time once again to begin preparing for the Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest. Seed request will be due by April 1, 2015. There is a $2.00 charge for pumpkin seeds and a $2.00 charge for watermelon seeds for each participant.

The top 2 county winners in pumpkins and watermelons will be eligible to enter the “STATE WEIGH-IN”. The state weigh in will be held October 10th at the State Fair.

4-H participants can also enter their pumpkin or watermelon in the Arkansas State Fair Creative Arts Exhibitors Competition. Participants must be present at the official weigh in with their pumpkin or watermelon.

Check out more information at www.arkansasstatefair.com.

Nearly $1,900 in prizes was awarded to the top pumpkin & watermelon winners last year. We hope to have a similar amount for this year.