Greetings 4-H’rs,

It seems like just yesterday I was meeting the young man pictured below. Now going on two years, Hunter M. is working toward his college degree at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He was spotted at this year’s State O-Rama held last week. Hunter stopped by to say hello to all of Desha County 4-H! It was a pleasant surprise.

Over the summer we have been doing many activities focused on conservation education, cooking and archeology. After holding our annual expansion and review last week, I am excited about the great ideas that were shared by our parents, youth and community members. Watch for more service projects, potential field trips and even a campout at Cane Creek State Park! It is going to be a great 4-H year, with lots of new and exciting programs in store!

Hope Bragg

4-H Joke of the Month:

**Why did the children eat their homework?**
- The teacher said it was a piece of cake

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR

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All events and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiocassettes, etc.) should contact the county Extension office (or other appropriate office) as soon as possible prior to the activity.

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Results of Expansion and Review

The sticky wall was put to use this week as local 4-H youth, parents and community members were asked to provide input on our extension programs, including 4H, Extension Homemakers Clubs and Family and Consumer sciences. The top 5 interest in 4-H were:

- Service Projects with Nursing Home, Veterans, etc.
- Campout/Fishing
- Exercise Classes
- “Survival” Skills
- Crafts and Games

As a result of this meeting and feedback, we at the extension office have been working on planning our coming years activities. Contacts have been made, and our calendar is starting to fill in. If you have any other suggestions on how to make our 4-H program continue to grow, please contact Hope Bragg or the County Extension office.

Spread the word and Join 4-H? Please take a few minutes to update your child’s records for the 2014-2015 year!

Every year we ask you as parents to register on-line so that we have up to date contact information. If you have not done so by now, please take a few moment to register your child and yourself as a volunteer at:

https://arkansas.4honline.com/
Machines of McGehee

This year our Machines of McGehee Club will be looking at Aeronautics. Do you remember Bernoulli’s Principle? I know that I don’t. We will be working together to figure out how things fly, move and otherwise launch.

Our organizational meeting will be Thursday, August 27th after school.

Bend Workshop in McGehee

Bend - Japanese American Culture Workshop

♦ Saturday, August 29  World War II Japanese American Internment Museum, McGehee
♦ Students in grades 6-12
♦ 10:00 AM -5:00 PM     Free!

Students can see Bend, a live multi-media performance by Kimi Maeda, learn some words in Japanese, eat a meal inspired by menus recovered from the Japanese American internment camps, and explore the World War II Japanese American Internment Museum! They will also get to practice the tricks and techniques used in sand drawing to tell their own stories that we’ll share in a slide-show presentation at the end of the day.

Watch for coming information on:
♦ Nature Nights at UAM School of Technology in McGehee
♦ Digging 4-H Field Trips
♦ 4-H National Day of Science
♦ 4-H National Day of Service
♦ Chicken Cook-off at Owlfest
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