October is for 4-H!

Greetings 4-H’rs,

The air is cooling off in Desha county, and we are about to enter 4-H month. October is a month devoted to 4-H nationwide, and we are going to do our part to keep up with lots of great activities this month. With field trips, service projects, special clubs, and lots of great in-school trips, you should be seeing a lot of me, Mr. Wes and Mrs. Heather in the coming weeks.

Last month we started the 4-H year off, with the distribution of Desha County 4-H yearbooks. These are designed to help the youth plan their meetings. It was nice to hear Lori talk about Citizenship camp, and I am looking forward to elections this month as we elect leaders to the Pride of McGehee club.

If you had fun at Rocket camp this summer, be sure to join us at the extension office on October 8th as we do a 4-H day of science. We will be designing rockets and trying to launch them into a hoop across the field. We are also going to go on a road trip October 15th to Arkansas Post. This trip is during the school day, but the schools will allow youth to be excused for this leadership activity with the rangers at the Post!

Sincerely Yours!

Hope Bragg

4-H Joke of the Month

Why was the Broom Late?

It over-swept

The mission of the Family, Youth and 4-H Education program is to help children, youth, and families realize their full potential and to improve the quality of life for Arkansas children, youth and families. The 4-H youth development program provides opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge, develop skills, form attitudes, and practice behavior that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

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, audiotapes, etc.) should contact the county Extension office (or other appropriate office) as soon as possible prior to the activity.
Rockets to the Rescue

4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is an exciting, interactive learning experience that engages thousands of youth across the country in conducting the National Science Experiment. Desha County is going to be part of this activity on **October 8th at 3:30 PM in the County Extension office**.

This year, youth will be tasked with the same mission: in light of the recent natural disasters such as Typhoon Haiyan, National 4-H Council is asking youth to design and build an aerodynamic food transportation device that can deliver a payload of nutritious food to disaster victims. Youth will learn engineering concepts, develop math skills, learn about nutrition and help solve a relevant, global issue.

Just like at Rocket camp this summer, we will be building and launching paper rockets. The trick is this time they have to land at a specific target!!! Get ready for a great day of science in 4-H.

Quorum Court Visit

On September 18th Logan and Aiden joined Mrs. Hope in attending the County Quorum Court. While there, they received a tour of the court room, meet the County Justices, lead the Court’s Pledge of Allegiance and learned about due process.

Quorum Court meets the third Thursday of the month, so please watch for more opportunities for our youth to see how government works.

It is Time to Register!

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/
4-H Day of Service

Desha County 4-H youth are going to partner up with the Delta Master Gardeners for a day of Service on October 20th from Noon until 3:30. (Yes, there is no school this day!) We will be tending to flower beds across the county as part of 4-H month. Youth will be receiving T-Shirts for this activity (free) and will be fed by the county office!

We will meet at the County Extension office and then spread out throughout the area as needed. (It may be that we just tend to the county lands around the immediate area. I am planning on working on our Wildlife Garden at this time as well, so we may get to plant a few things that day!!)

Also, gear up for another Service Project on November 11th. We will be doing a planting at the McGehee Veterans Memorial. This event will take place immediately following Foodology Club (5 PM).

Let us show the good 4-H can do for our Community, one service project at a time.

Arkansas Post Field Trip

On October 15th from 12:30 until 4:30, 4-H youth have been invited to attend a special program at the Arkansas Post National Memorial. The planned program is on leadership changes in Arkansas throughout history. Youth will be touring the original capital city of Arkansas with national park rangers as they learn about the different countries that once controlled this part of Arkansas. Youth will get to participate in the Junior Ranger Program while attending the event. Snacks will be provided.

This program is during the school day, so you will need to get a 4-H letter from Mrs. Hope to excuse your child for this educational trip.

Did You Know!

- In 1783 one of only two Revolutionary War battles west of the Mississippi River was fought at Arkansas Post when British partisans and their Chickasaw allies attacked the Spanish fort.
- During the 18th century, Bear's Oil was a valuable trade commodity at Arkansas Post. A French trader claimed that "one sometimes draws more than 240 litres of oil from one bear".
- John James Audubon, the famous American Ornithologist, described, painted and named the Traill's flycatcher while at Arkansas Post in the spring of 1822. The Traill's Flycatcher is now thought to be nearly extinct due to habitat loss caused by agricultural development.
- The Civil War Battle of Arkansas Post accounts for only 48 hours of Arkansas Post's 350 years of history, yet it generates the largest number of questions from park visitors.
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