Upcoming County O-Rama Events

Outdoor O-Rama Event
Monday, May 18th 4:00 p.m.
Ozark Extension Office

Talks & Talent O-Rama Event
Tuesday, May 19th 6:30 p.m.
Ozark Extension Office

** Activities Listed in back of newsletter for both O-Rama Events

4-H Leader Meeting/Training
Monday, May 11, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
Ozark Extension Office

This training will go toward your 4 volunteer training hours. Please make plans to attend. Finger foods will be served.

Ross Photography Contest
Contest Deadline: May 29, 2015

Note: Pictures will not be returned this year. Social Security numbers are required.

4-H Photography Contest
--Seniors Only--
Contest Deadline: July 11, 2015

** Contest Rules attached to the back of this newsletter for contests

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2015 4-H County Record Book Winners:

Payton S. - Goats
Gabby S. - Animal Science
Tylor G. - Fabrics & Fashion
Heather W. - Foods & Nutrition ** (District Record Book Winner)

2015 Bake Event Winners:

Sr. Division 1st Place: Heather W.
Jr. Division 1st Place: Zarah D.
2nd Place: Zach D.
3rd Place: Meredith H.
4th Place: Jessica W.
5th Place: Ashlyn B.

Cloverbuds:
Eli H.
Gabe N.
Gigi W.
Zaynah D.

2015 Dairy Foods Contest Winners:
Party Idea 1st Place: Gracie K.
2nd Place: Meredith H.
3rd Place: Payton S.
4th Place: Joseph W.

Main Dish
1st Place: Meredith H.
2nd Place: Payton S.
3rd Place: Joseph W.

2015 Broiler BBQ Winners:
Senior Division 1st Place: Payton S.
Jr. Division 1st Place: Gracie K.
2nd Place: Payton S.
3rd Place: Payton S.
4th Place: Payton S.
5th Place: Payton S.
6th Place: Payton S.
7th Place: Payton S.
The 2015 4-H Photography Contest Is Underway!

“MY TOWN!” is the theme for this year’s contest.

Photographs submitted to the contest should be of the 4-Her’s town, city or local area. Participants should capture images that reflect the character of the area in which they live, this can include landscapes, architecture, people, activities, etc. Many towns have distinctive architecture or skylines, many communities have unique activities, festivals, industry or people. If your entrant is away from home during the contest time frame they can submit images that reflect the character of the area they are visiting. Only current images taken by the entrant will be accepted. Images taken prior to the announcement of the contest will not be accepted. Encourage your 4-Her to be creative, unconventional and experimental. Suggest to your entrant that they may have to take hundreds of shots in order to capture a definitive image that will garner a top prize. Encourage them to shoot in different conditions, for instance at twilight (A.M. or P.M.), at night with existing light or with a flash; and at different angles (above, below and through).

If your entrant is away from home during the contest time frame they can submit images that reflect the character of the area they are visiting. Post-processing with image editing software is permitted, however, photos that exhibit noticeable manipulation rarely score well. Judges typically appreciate photos with solid composition, correct exposure, accurate colors, and with unique perspective.

Monday, July 6th is the entry deadline. All images must be received by the end of the work day.

STATE PRIZES: The awards are $100 for first place, $75 for second place, $50 for third place, $45 for fourth place and $30 for fifth place.

ELIGIBILITY: This is a senior’s only event.
ROSS FOUNDATION 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST

The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest provides an opportunity for Arkansas 4-H'ers to demonstrate, compete, and exhibit their photography skills. All 4-H members ages 9—19 are eligible.

The contest consists of four (4) categories:
Color Living · Color Non-Living · Black & White Living · Black & White Non-Living

Photographs entered in the Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest must meet these guidelines:
- All photos that are exclusively plant-life (bushes, flowers, trees, etc...) should be entered in the "non-living" category. The "living" category is intended for people and animals.
- All scenes or subjects must be in Arkansas.
- Must have been taken during the current contest year. (July 2014 – June 2015)
- An 8X10 print is required for judging. (Negative or computer disk containing image MUST accompany photograph)
- Only one version of each photo can be entered.
- Use of photo editing is limited to “darkroom techniques”. (cropping, dodging and burning, saturation, exposure)

At the county level – each 4-H member may enter a unique, original photo into each category. Four county winners are selected – one in each category.

At the state level – County winners are submitted for consideration at the state level. First, second, and third place winners are selected in each category by judges. From those, a Best of Exhibit will be chosen. State Winners will be framed and exhibited at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center and other locations.

Cash awards are presented to winners.
- Winning photos in each of the four categories at the county level receive $10.
- State winners in each of the four categories receive:
  o $200 – First Place
  o $100 – Second Place
  o $50 – Third Place
- Best of Exhibit wins an additional $100

Tips for entries:
- Be sure the date stamp isn’t printed on the photo
- Shoot in a high resolution digital file (for digital cameras)
- Find a “focus” for each photo, something that draws your eye
- Explore your community, get away from the beaten path
- Keep your images sharp by using a tripod, two hands or leaning on something
- Be creative, find original and interesting angles

Images remain the property of the Photographer. The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest reserves certain rights to use the images for all their purposes, including, but not limited to, promotion of future contests, public relations, production of brochures, advertising, education and a photo exhibit within the realm of the contest.