New for 2015!  
Arkansas 4-H Shirt

You have the opportunity to purchase an Arkansas 4-H shirt from now till March 11, 2015. The shirts will be kelly green with white print. An order form is enclosed with this newsletter. If you would like to place an order, please complete the enclosed form and return it with payment to either Extension office by March 11th.

4-H Poultry Chain
Major (unexpected) changes this year

As you know, we have ordered brown egg layers (sex links) for the past several years. We will not be able to get them this year due to a major shortage across the commercial industry. As a result, we will be getting a white layer (white leghorns) this year. White Leghorns are extremely good layers and have been known to lay throughout the entire year if provided with a healthy environment. Due to the industry shortage the number of birds each 4-H member receives will also decrease. The goal is to provide between 15-18 birds per project. White Leghorn males will be available for order. Target delivery dates are April 11th or April 24th. Deadline to sign up for the poultry chain project is Thursday, February 26th.

4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The topic for the 2015 Essay contest is “Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up”. The contest is open to 4-H members only. For a complete list of contest rules, please contact the Extension office. Entries must be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word compatible document to the Extension office no later than Friday, February 13th.
4-H Volunteers/Leaders:

“Planting the Seed of 4-H”
What is Planting the Seed of 4-H all about? Come and find out!

2015 Arkansas 4-H Parent and Volunteer Spring Conference
Friday and Saturday February 27-28, 2015
C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center
Registration begins at 5:00pm on Friday Evening

There will be a Silent Auction on Friday Night. (Be sure to bring at least one item for the silent auction from each county, a few door prizes would be great too.)
The silent auction helps fund our Youth Scholarships.

Friday Night there will be several great Fun Shops offered to close out the evening.

Saturday Morning will be filled with Great Workshops to choose from.

We will say our Good-Bye about 2:00 Saturday afternoon.
Make your plans now to attend.
A Registration Form is attached.
Hurry & Sign up now – Registrations must be in to Mary Crumley by February 13!!
(This is a paper form; we will not be using #HOnline for this event)

Registration forms and payments must be received by February 13, 2015.
$60.00 Full-time registration (youth or adult)
$70.00 Full-time single room registration
$35.00 Part-time registration Friday night
$35.00 Part-time registration Saturday

Note: Returned checks will be assessed a $25 fee and must be repaid via cashier’s check

Refund Policy If you determine you will be unable to attend the forum and have paid your registration in full, you may receive one-half of your total registration fees. You must contact the treasurer at least seven days prior to the forum, and mail your refund request to the same address your payment is sent to with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

4-H Teen Stars Program

The Arkansas 4-H Teen Stars Program is a recognition program for 4-H members who have outstanding achievement in the areas of 4-H projects and activities, leadership and community service. Statewide 4-H scholarships are a part of the Arkansas 4-H Teen Stars Program. Each year Teen Stars who are graduating high school seniors will be eligible to apply for scholarships. To apply for the Teen Stars program, you must be 15 years old by January 1, 2015. Applications are available on the Extension website. Applications must be submitted to the Extension office on or before Thursday, February 26th.

4-H Ambassador Program

Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors are individuals who assist with 4-H Promotion at the State and County level, promoting Arkansas 4-H at every opportunity. Ambassadors assist with statewide 4-H programs such as the Teen Leader Conference, serve as banquet or workshop speakers, and represent 4-H at various activities such as fairs, donor events, awards programs, community and statewide organizations’ annual meetings. To apply, a 4-H member must be a 4-H Teen Star. 4-H members may apply for ambassador the same year as they apply for Teen Star. Applications are available on the Extension website. Applications must be submitted to the Extension office on or before Thursday, February 26th.

Attention Swine Exhibitors:

If you plan to show pigs at the fair this year, please stop by the Ozark Extension office to pick up a copy of the new rules regarding premise ID tags for swine. The Extension office will no longer be providing premise ID tags for your pigs.

Upcoming Spring Events: (Start planning and practicing now)
Broiler BBQ – Dairy Foods Contest – Bake Event – O-Ramas
2015 Arkansas 4-H Shirt

Prices for Short-Sleeved T-Shirts
$8 sizes Youth Small - Youth Large
$10 sizes Adult Small – Adult XLarge
$12 sizes Adult XXLarge – XXXLARGE

Prices for Long-Sleeved T-Shirts
$12 sizes Youth Small – Youth Large
$12 sizes Adult Small – Adult XLarge
$15 sizes Adult XXLARGE – XXXLARGE

**All shirts will be Kelly Green with White print**

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID

Submit Payment to:
Your local County Extension Office
Make checks payable to: UACES
Deadline for orders and payment is March 11.

Sponsored by the Arkansas Association for Extension 4-H Agents.

Name: __________________________________________________________

4-H Club: ______________________________________________________

Phone: _________________________________________________________

Short Sleeve Shirt Size(s): ________________________________

Total Payment Amount: _________________________________________

Long Sleeve Shirt Size(s): ________________________________