

Garland County Clover Circular



All the news that is news in Garland County 4-H

DON'T FORGET ABOUT RE-ENROLLMENT!!

On August 31 of each year, every 4-H member and volunteer leader's status is reset to "inactive". The new 4-H year started on October 1. **If you have not re-enrolled since September 1, you are currently inactive!!** Go to your family page in 4-H online and click "edit" by your name. A screen will come up that already has information filled in about you. Scroll to the **BOTTOM** of that screen and click on "Enroll for 2015-2016". You will have to update the health portion of the enrollment process, sign the publication and video consent agreement, and sign the code of conduct. On the participation screen, your club will not be in the drop down list because it is already listed below as your club. Be sure you add any additional club or clubs in which you participate. If you have problems or questions, please call the office and ask for Linda Bates. I will be happy to help you. **Get signed up for 2015-2016!!!**

2015 Holiday Workshop

The Holiday Workshop held in December was a blast for everyone who came! 4-H members and the Extension Homemakers Council worked together to make about a dozen crafts! If you missed out, be sure to put this fun event on your calendar for December 2016!



 *Making the Best Better!* 

December 2015



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Leader's Corner:

The next volunteer leader meeting will be held **Monday, February 8**, at the Extension Office starting at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will include information about volunteer leader training, getting your members involved in club meetings, information about college scholarship opportunities for seniors, and many other important items a club leader or adult volunteer should know. Please make plans to attend this meeting.

THANK YOU to those who have already completed your Mandated Reporter training! This is a one-time training and can be done online, on your own. If you have trouble with your internet connection, you can come by the office to complete the training. It takes about 30-45 minutes. Once you have completed the training, send a copy of the certificate to me by mail or e-mail (or bring a copy by the office). The Mandated Reporter Training can be found at the following address:

<https://ar.mandatedreporter.org>

If you were a volunteer adult signed up in 4-H online last year or this year, whether you are the actual club leader or not, it is very important for you to complete this training. This training is for anyone who is working with the youth of our county as a 4-H volunteer.

GARLAND COUNTY 4-H APPRECIATES OUR AWESOME ADULT VOLUNTEERS!!!

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Youth council is made up of members representing all of the clubs in our county. At a Youth Council Meeting, there should be two representatives of each County Club in attendance. If any voting is necessary, each County Club will be allowed two voting delegates. The next Youth Council Meeting will be held January 25 at 5:00 at the Extension Office. We will discuss nominations for new officers. We will also be discussing the 4-H Achievement Banquet theme.

Additional meetings for 2016:

February 29: Elect Officers, Plan Banquet

April (date TBA): Decorate and practice for Banquet

July 25: Leadership in Garland County

November 24: Plans for 2017. Officer Nominations

4-H Record Books



The 4-H Record Book is where you show others what you have done in your 4-H career. Through your record book, you show your accomplishments and how you have developed responsibility by keeping records. You will find your record books useful for evaluating your past achievements and in making improvements in future plans. Many past 4-H members have used the information in their Record Books to help in filling out scholarship applications as well as resumes when applying for jobs. Record Book winners on the state level are granted scholarships, too! Record Books are due after the first of the year (Jan 20, 2016), The age divisions are Cloverbuds 5-8, Beginners 9-12, Intermediates 13-15, and Advanced 16-19.

Don't let the deadline slip up on you! Turn in your Record Books!!!



Don't Forget About the Facebook Page!!!

The correct group has a tiny gavel in front of "*Garland County 4-H*". I encourage all 4-H members and parents to join the group because we will be posting more and more information about county activities. I hope to "see" you on the "closed group" Garland County 4-H Facebook page very soon! Call if you have questions!!

Garland County 4-H Clubs

Clever Clovers	Meetings in Royal/Hot Springs Area 2 nd Thursday Stacy Dodd – 617-6505
Cool Clovers	Meetings at Centerfork Baptist Church. Lake Hamilton Area 3 rd Monday Lisa Driggers – 767-4232
Country Clovers	Meetings at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. 3 rd Tuesday Amber Wheeler- 282-9862
Creative Clovers	Home School Group Tonya Reck – 282-2755
Crimson Clovers	Meeting in the Lakeside Area Gabrielle Dickson – 627-5185
Fountain Lake 4-H	Meetings at Fountain Lake School Fountain Lake/Jessieville Area Mandy Ault – 620-9569
Garland Gunners	Meetings at Christian Ministries Church near Walnut Valley Shooting Sports David Taylor—282-4430
Vet Science Club	Meeting at Extension Office Last Thursday of each month Linda Bates 617-2603
Teen Leaders	Meeting at Extension Office Last Monday of each month Linda Bates 617-2603

Do you want to show livestock...?

Are you planning to show livestock at the fair next year? Do you want to show an animal but don't have the startup money to purchase one? Then the Farm Credit Youth Loan Program may be for you!

Farm Credit Services of Western Arkansas offers a Youth Loan Program for 4-H members. Loans range from \$500-\$2500 to assist with 4-H projects involving cattle, swine, sheep and goats. For more information contact Mr. Jimmy at the Extension Office.

Scholarship Opportunities

With the rising cost of higher education these days, every extra dollar helps. We will try to keep you updated on any scholarship opportunities that we hear or know about. Here are a few:

The I. L. "Ish" Stivers 4-H Scholarship and the Sitton/Sanders/Neepner EHC Scholarship is awarded to a former Garland County 4-H'er each year. A Jim Tucker Memorial Scholarship will also be awarded this year. Requirements and applications are in the Extension Office and are due **March 1st, 2016**.

State 4-H Scholarships are open to all 4-H members with certain restrictions on some. They must be used within one year of the date awarded. All state scholarship applications are due in the county office no later than **January 20th**. A separate application must be submitted for each scholarship. For a complete list of all state 4-H scholarships call the Extension Office.

Club Awards – Due February 26th

County Honor Club—In each Club Secretary's Book, there is a page titled County Honor Club Report. The first two items listed are required, and then the club must have at least 10 of the other 13 qualities listed. Go through this checklist; then submit it to the Extension Office by the deadline. Honor Club is awarded at the Achievement Banquet.

County Champion Club—Presented to one club that has turned in a Secretary's Book and a Scrapbook of clubs activities and involvement in the community. These items need to be submitted to the Extension Office by the deadline. The winner is chosen by the Garland County 4-H Foundation Board.

Merit Star Award—\$50 check given by the Garland County 4-H Foundation to two clubs, based on a statement of your club's community service activities for the past year. All that is required is a list of what activities your club has participated in within the past year.

On the State Level:

State Honor Club – This has all the requirements of the County Honor Club, but also requires a Scrapbook with a picture of the Club Officers and Leaders, a summary of work done, plans for the following year, as well as a page devoted to each member of the club. Multiple clubs can win this award!!

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4-H Important Dates

December

The Extension Office will be closed
December 24 through January 3

January

6-10 Western National Round-up
Consumer Judging Team
Competition in Denver,
Colorado
20 Record Books Due
20 State Scholarship
Applications Due
25 Youth Council Meeting 5:00
25 Teen Leader Meeting 6:00
28 Vet Science Meeting

February

8 Adult Volunteer Leaders'
Meeting
13 Vet Science Activity
15 Beekeeping Essay due
22 Ambassador Applications due
22 Teen Star Applications due
25 Vet Science Meeting
29 Teen Leader Meeting

March

TBA Big T O'Rama Competition
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