

Garland County Clover Circular





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

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2014 National 4-H Conference Applications

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's *premier* youth Conference. 4-Her's have the opportunity to engage in workshops, roundtable discussions, and development recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The conference will be April 5-10, 2014, at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C. You must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 of the current calendar year and not have had your 19th birthday by January 1 of next year. Our county may nominate **one** 4-H member. Any county 4-H member may apply. A committee will review the applications and make the selection. Up to five Arkansas 4-H members will be selected to represent our state. If you are interested in filling out an application, please call the county extension office by Dec 2.

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4-H

2013-2014

4-H Re-enrollment!

On August 31st of every year, every 4-H member's status is set to "inactive". If you have not re-enrolled since September 1st of 2013, your current 4-H membership status is considered inactive. Re-enrollment is easy. Just 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 page and click on "Enroll for 2013-2014". As you are taken to other screens, continue to follow directions until you have the option to "Submit enrollment." Your clubs and projects are already prefilled from last year. If you have problems or questions, please call the office and ask for Linda Bates. I will be happy to help.

Get signed up for 2013-14!!

Garland County 4-H Clubs

Clever Clovers	Meetings in Royal/Hot Springs Stacy Dodd – 617-6505
Cool Clovers	Meetings at Centerfork Baptist Church. Lake Hamilton Area Lisa Driggers – 767-4232
Creative Clovers	Meeting at Goff Home/Ext. Office – Home School Group Leslie Goff – 282-0136
Crimson Clovers	Meeting in the Lakeside Area Lisa Caple – 282-2937
Fountain Lake 4-H	Meetings at Ftn Lake School Ftn Lake/Jessieville Area Mandy Ault – 620-9569
Garland Gunners	Meetings at Christian Ministries Church near Walnut Valley Shooting Sports Paul Kern—655-9339
Master's Hands	Meeting at Hillcrest Children's Home Shelly Breshears – 844-1918
Rockin' Clovers	Meeting at HS Baptist Church Jamie Walters – 282-0529
Teen Leaders	Meeting at Extension Office Linda Bates 617-2603

CALLING ALL TEEN LEADERS!!!

If you are age 13-19, you are a teen leader! Teen Leaders are a very important part of the 4-H organization because they are the voice of their clubs and very vital in making those individual clubs, as well as Garland County 4-H as a whole, a success. Be a part of a very important group that helps to plan activities for Garland County 4-H'ers. Join us and become involved with the leadership of our county. Teen Leader Meetings are the last Monday of each month at the Extension Office at 6 pm.

WANTED: CLUB NEWS!!

Hey 4-H'ers!! Put your club reporters to work and have them send me articles about the cool things that your clubs are doing. Club news should be submitted by the 5th of the month to be included in that month's Clover Circular. Please submit your news (with pictures if possible) to me by e-mail, by mail, or bring it to the office in person. I can't wait to share what fun things your clubs are doing each month.

~4-H Record Books~

The 4-H Record Books (Journal) is one place to 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. Throughout your 4-H career, you will find your record books useful in evaluating past achievements and in making improvements in future plans. Record Books are due after the first of the year, but the best time to begin work on them is NOW! The website below is a great place to start!

<http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/recordbook/Default.htm>

The age divisions are Cloverbud 5-8, Beginners 9-12, Intermediates 13-15, and Advanced 16-19.

Do you want to show livestock...?



Are you planning on showing 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.

Club and Member Awards

On the County Level:

County Honor Club – This award is not competitive between clubs. Any club that completes the requirements is eligible to receive the award. 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 or the other 13 qualities listed. Go through this checklist, then submit it to the Extension Office by March 1. Honor Club is awarded at the Achievement Banquet.

County Champion Club – This award is presented to a club that has turned in a Secretary's Book and a Scrapbook of club activities and involvement in the community. These items need to be submitted to the Extension Office by March 1. The winner is chosen by the Garland County 4-H Foundation Board.

Merit Star Award – This award is a \$50.00 check given by the Garland County 4-H Foundation based on a statement of your club's community service activities for the past year. All that is required is a list of the 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.

Teen Star – The Arkansas 4-H Teen Stars Program is a recognition program for Arkansas 4-H members who have outstanding achievement in the areas of 4-H projects and activities, leadership, and community service. The teen must be 15-18 and must have been a 4-H'er for at least 2 years. Applications will be reviewed by a State committee, and youth must score at least an 80.

Ambassador – Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors are individuals who can be called on to assist with 4-H promotion at the state and county level. 4-H'er must be a Teen Star. Ambassadors will be interviewed and selected on the first day of Teen Leader Conference at the Arkansas 4-H Center. Applicants must make a promotional speech of approximately 500 words and respond to questions asked by a panel of judges.

Record Book Workshop



Lisa Driggers has agreed to present a workshop for us with tips on how to prepare your Record Books. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to get some ideas about what to include in their 2012-13 Record Books. The workshop will be November 21 starting at 6:00. Please let me know by Nov. 15 if you plan to come. We need an idea of how many will be present so we will know whether to have this workshop at the office or at the fairgrounds.

Youth Council Officer Elections

It is time once again to elect Youth Council Officers. Each year the Youth Council is responsible for the 4-H Achievement Banquet. They also help with other activities. There are several positions you can run for. Senior 4-H'ers can run for President, Vice-President and Secretary as well as Photographer, Reporter, Historian, and Officers-at Large. Junior 4-H'ers can only run for Photographer, Reporter, Historian, and Officers-at-Large. Be prepared to tell why you want to be elected for one of the offices. If you are interested in running for an office let us know so your name can get put on the ballot. The next Youth Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the Record Book Workshop on November 21.



Holiday Workshop



Mark your calendars for December 7th. That is the day to come to the fairgrounds and learn how to make some new and exciting crafts to give as gifts. We are still in the planning stage but watch your mail for information on the classes and how to register!! Make plans to attend this fun activity!!

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4-H Important Dates

October

- 1 New 4-H Year Started.
(Enroll for 2013-14 if you
haven't already done so!)

November

- 22-26 National 4-H Congress,
Atlanta, GA
- 21 County Wide Workshop--
Record Books and
Youth Council Meeting
- 28 Extension Office Closed

December

- 2 2014 National 4-H
Conference Applications
Due
- 7 4-H Holiday Craft Workshop



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*... to my club, my community,
my country, and the world.*

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