Hello 4-H Families,

We would like to thank everyone that took part in the recent county 4-H Christmas activities! The Christmas caroling and fruit baskets were greatly appreciated by the residents of the Mini Rise. Thank you, to all the 4-H Leaders and parents that helped out. We would also like to thank everyone that brought clothes for the “school closets” and to those that delivered them!

To all the new 4-H families, we say “Welcome Aboard!” 4-H is the nation’s largest youth development organization with more than 6 million youth. The program is administered through County Extension Offices nation-wide. 4-H is a “learn by doing” program that helps youth gain skills that will be used their entire life.

Please be patient and lean on your new 4-H family to “learn the ropes”. Your County Extension agents, community club leaders, and 4-H parents are your best resources and are here to help guide you through this 4-H adventure. If you need additional assistance, you can always contact our office at (870) 236-6921.

There are many 4-H activities and events for Greene County 4-H’ers to get involved in the upcoming year. The “4-H Calendar of Events” is below. Please take a few moments and highlight those activities and deadlines that are of interest to you. Please pay special attention to the items that are due in the County Office and those registrations that are due via 4-H Online.

If you would like additional information related to anything in this newsletter or would like a paper copy of this information sent to you, please contact us in the County Extension Office at 870-236-6921. We wish all of you a Blessed New Year!

Sincerely,

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4-H ACTIVITIES & EVENTS, 2015-2016

Please NOTE: Activities, events, and programs in the Calendar of Events below are subject to change. Please contact the Extension office or event coordinator prior to event for specific details.

December

Dec. 24-31 CHRISTMAS Holiday Season- Greene County Cooperative Extension Office- CLOSED
Dec. 18 High Adventure Program- Registration Opens- via 4-H Online
Dec. 29 Shooting Sports BB Team “First Practice”- 6:00 p.m. Greene County Fairgrounds

County-Wide Community Club Focus- Christmas Events & Activities, 4-H Record Book Completion, Scholarship Applications, Community Service Activities, Club/Group program planning- next year’s activities and events

January

Jan. 1 New Year’s Day- National Holiday- Extension Office- CLOSED
Jan. 5-24 National Western Stock Show- Denver, CO

Jan. 5 County 4-H Volunteer Leaders Training/Meeting- 6:00 p.m.- Greene County Library

Jan. 8 Camp Leadership Basic Workshop- Registration Due via 4-H Online

Jan. 12 Competitive 4-H Record Books are due in the County Office
   • Beginner, Intermediate, & Advanced Books

Jan. 15 Citizenship Washington Focus- Final Payments Due
Jan. 15 High Adventure Backpacking Trip- Registration Due- Via 4-H Online
Jan. 15 State BB Gun Match Registration Due
Jan. 16 AYSSP state-wide coaches meeting- Searcy High School- 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day- National Holiday- Extension Office- CLOSED
Jan. 22-23 Camp Leadership Basic at Arkansas 4-H Center

January 25th The following items are due in the County Extension Office:
   • State 4-H Scholarship Applications
   • Governor’s Award Nomination/Applications

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, scholarship applications, and club program planning, Shooting Sports BB Gun Practices, AYSSP Trap Team sign-up

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**February**

Feb. 1  Ambassador Workshop Registration due via 4-H Online
Feb. 1  AYSSP registration deadline for team packages
Feb. 1  Career Camp Registration Due- via 4-H Online
Feb. 1  Adult Volunteer Leader- Record Book Judging Applications- via 4-H Online
Feb. 1  WHEP Practice Session registration due via 4-H Online
Feb. 5  Teen Leader Conference Scholarship Applications due via 4-H Online
Feb. 5-6  AYSSP Team supply pick-up- Jacksonville, AR
Feb. 5-6  State BB Gun Championship Match- Arkansas 4-H Center

**Feb. 12-13  Ambassador Workshop- 4-H Center- All current 4-H Ambassadors must attend**

Feb. 15  President’s Day- National Holiday
Feb. 16  Beekeeping Essay Contest Entries due in County Extension Office
Feb. 19-21  Career Camp at the Arkansas 4-H Center
Feb. 20  Arkansas 4-H WHEP Practice Session- ASU Beebe
Feb. 23-25  4-H Record Book Judging- 4-H Center
Feb. 26  Arkansas Beef Quiz Bowl- UA Fayetteville
Feb. 26-27  (Tentative) Spring Volunteer Leaders Forum, Arkansas 4-H Center

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, Teen Star & Ambassador applications, Beef Quiz Bowl practices

**March**

**March 1st**

**The following items are due in the County Extension Office:**

- State Teen Star Applications
- State 4-H Ambassador Applications (for new applicants)
- State 4-H Ambassador Recertification Applications
- State Officer Election Applications
- Arkansas 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination/Applications
- Spring Shooting Sports Instructor Training Applications
- Shooting Sports Pistol Match Registration
- State 4-H Officer Election Applications

Mar. 1  Application requests for Greene County Friends of 4-H Scholarship- Contact Extension Office
**Applicants must be: 4-H’ers that are High School Juniors/Seniors OR College Freshman**

Mar. 1  Camp Counselor Applications due via 4-H Online
Mar. 1  National 4-H Congress Adult Chaperone applications due in State 4-H Office
Mar. 1  Shooting Sports PPP Pistol Match Registration due via 4-H Online
Mar. 1  Equine Camp registrations due via 4-H Online
Mar. 1  Spring Break Camp registrations due via 4-H Online
Mar. 1  Summer 4-H Camp registration due registrations due via 4-H Online
Mar. 1  AYSSP team registration- final deadline
Mar. 5  High Adventure Backpacking Trip- Parent-Camper Rally- 4-H Center
Mar. 5  4-H Day with the Razorbacks- Basketball Game

**Mar. 8  County 4-H Leaders Training/Meeting- 6:00 p.m.- Paragould Community Center**

Mar. 9  Tentative- - FFA CDE Contest- ASU Jonesboro
Mar. 11-12  Shooting Sports PPP Pistol Match- Arkansas 4-H Center
Mar. 11-13  Crowley's Ridge Classic Youth Livestock Show- Greene County Fairgrounds
Mar. 11-13  AYSSP Collegiate Tournament- Delta Resort
Mar. 12  4-H Advanced Record Book Interviews- State Extension Office- Little Rock, AR

**Mar. 13  Daylight Savings Time Begins..."spring" forward an hour**

Mar. 17-19  State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training- Arkansas 4-H Center
Mar. 18-20  Arkansas Junior Olympic Shotgun Qualifier- Delta Resort
Mar. 21-24  Spring Break Camp at Arkansas 4-H Center
Mar. 21-24  Equine Camp at Arkansas 4-H Center

**Mar. 21-25  SPRING BREAK- Arkansas Schools**
March 25th

The following items are due in the County Extension Office:

- **County Only (non-competitive) 4-H Record Books**
  - Cloverbuds, Beginner, Intermediate, & Advanced
- **Craighead Electric- County Electricity Award Applications**
  - Applications are in Extension Office or can be e-mailed to you
- **County 4-H Champion Award Application (same as 4-H Teen Star Application)**
  - Can get in Extension Office, on-line or can be e-mailed to you
- 4-H Pumpkin & Watermelon Seed Request Due
- Registration for County 4-H Broiler Barbeque Contest

Mar. 27  Easter Sunday
Mar. TBD  4-H Day at the Capitol

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, O’Rama Preparations, prepare for spring break events and activities, broiler BBQ contest practices, dairy recipe contest practices

April

Apr. 1  Friends of 4-H Scholarship applications due in County Extension Office by 4:00 p.m.
Apr. 1  Camp Leadership Workshop Advanced- Registration due via 4-H online
Apr. 1  Arkansas 4-H W.H.E.P. Contest applications due via 4-H Online
Apr. 1  AYSSP squad placement deadline
Apr. 4  Shooting Sports Hunting Skills State Training Registration due via 4-H Online
**Apr. 5  County Poultry Barbeque Contest- Greene County Fairgrounds**
Apr. 6-8  Buffalo Island Junior Livestock Show- NEA District Fairgrounds- Jonesboro, AR
Apr. 9-14  National 4-H Conference- Washington, D.C.
Apr. 15-17  4-H High Adventure Backpacking Trip Shakedown- 4-H Center
Apr. 16  4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Skills State Training- Arkansas 4-H Center

**Apr. 18  County 4-H banquet decoration & practice- 4:00 p.m.- Red Goose**

Apr. 19  County 4-H Awards Banquet- 6:00 p.m.- Red Goose Banquet Hall
Apr. 20  Batesville Poultry BBQ Contest registration due via 4-H Online
Apr. 22-23  Camp Leadership Workshop Advanced- Arkansas 4-H Center

April 24th

The following items are due in the County Extension Office:

- **State 4-H Ambassador Recertification Applications**
- **State 4-H Poster Art Applications**

Apr. 27  State 4-H Grassland Evaluation Contest- Location TBD
Apr. 28  District Poultry BBQ Contest- Batesville, AR- 4:30 p.m.
April 28-30  Spring Livestock Show- Arkansas State Fairgrounds
Apr. 29  Arkansas 4-H W.H.E.P. Contest- Location TBD- Central, AR
Apr. 29-30  AYSSP East Region Tournament- Jacksonville, AR

**Apr. TBD  County Dairy Recipe Contest**
Apr. TBD  Spring 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum- Arkansas 4-H Center
Apr. TBD  Arkansas 4-H 5K Run/Walk- Arkansas 4-H Center
Apr. TBD  Livestock & Forestry Field Day- Batesville Experiment Station
Apr. TBD  National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training
Apr. TBD  State Forestry Contest- UofA- Monticello, AR
Apr. TBD  National 4-H Land Judging Contest

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, O’Rama Preparations
May

May 2  Arkansas 4-H Teen Leader Conference Registration due via 4-H online
May 2  Teen Star/ Hall of Fame Banquet- Server Applications due via 4-H Online
May 2  Teen Star/ Hall of Fame Banquet- Guest reservations due

May 3  County 4-H Leaders Training/Meeting- 6:00 p.m.- Greene County Library

May 12 County 4-H Indoor O’Rama- Talks & Talents Night- 5:00 p.m.- Paragould Comm. Center
   - 5:30 p.m. Fashion Revue & Ross Photography
   - 6:00 p.m. Junior Talks - followed by Performing Arts, Senior Talks and Awards

May 15 Marmaduke Schools Graduation
May 16 Paragould Schools Graduation
May 20 Greene County Tech Schools Graduation

May 24 County 4-H Outdoor O’Rama- 5:30 p.m.- Greene County Fairgrounds
   - 5:30 4-H Contests include- BB gun & safety, horticulture I.D., bait casting, bicycle, game fish I.D.,
     crop seed I.D, entomology I.D.

May 30 Memorial Day- National Holiday- Extension Office- CLOSED

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, O’Rama Preparations,

June

June 1  Delta District 4-H O’Rama registration due
June 1  Non-refundable Deposits ($100) due for National 4-H Congress Trip- State 4-H Office
June 3  Ross Photography Entries due- State Extension Office
June 3-4  AYSSP State Tournament- Jacksonville, AR
June 3-4  State 4-H Counselor Training- Arkansas 4-H Center
June 4  State 4-H Roping Competition- Saline County Fairgrounds
June 6  TLC Pre-Conference meeting with Ambassadors- 4-H Center
June 6-8  Mid-America Grasslands Evaluation Contest- Springfield, MO
June 6-9  State Summer Equine Camp at Arkansas 4-H Center
June 6-11  World Pork Exposition- Des Moines, IA
June 7  State 4-H Ambassador Interviews- 4-H Center
June 7  State 4-H Teen Star / Hall of Fame Banquet- 4-H Center

June 7-9  State 4-H Teen Leader Conference- 4-H Center
June 9-11  NRA YHEC
June 14  Delta District Horse Show- Searcy, AR- White County Fairgrounds

June 15  STATE 4-H CAMPS REGISTRATIONS DUE- via 4-H Online
   - Cloverbud Camp, Junior Camps, and Adventure & Challenge Camps

June 16  Delta District O’Rama- East Arkansas Community College- Forrest City, AR
June 19-26  State 4-H High Adventure Trip- to be held in Arkansas this year
June 26-July 1  National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational- Grand Island, NE
June 27-29  Arkansas Veterinary Science Camp- Location TDB
June 30  Tentative- - NEA Livestock Judging Workshop- ASU Farm- Jonesboro, AR

June TBD  NEA Livestock Judging Workshop pre-registration due- Randolph County Extension Office
June TBD  4-H Shooting Sports Range Events registration due via 4-H Online
June TBD  4-H Dairy Camp- Bentonville, AR
June TBD  Dairy Days- Bentonville, AR
June TBD  UofA Livestock Judging Camp
June TBD  State 4-H Poultry BBQ Contest- Rogers, AR

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, O’Rama Preparations
July

July 1  State 4-H O’Rama registration due
July 1  Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon participation forms due
July 2-9 Citizenship Washington Focus- National 4-H Trip- Washington, D.C.
July 4  Independence Day- National Holiday- Extension Office- CLOSED
July 4-9 Summer Spectacular Junior Swine Show- Louisville, KY
July 8-9 Arkansas 4-H Cloverbud Camp- Arkansas 4-H Center
July 11-13 Arkansas 4-H Junior & Adventure Challenge Camps- Session I- Arkansas 4-H Center
July 12-15 State 4-H Horse Show- White County Fairgrounds- Searcy, AR
July 13-16 4-H Shooting Sports Range Events Competition- Arkansas 4-H Center
July 18-20 Arkansas 4-H Junior & Adventure Challenge Camps- Session II- Arkansas 4-H Center
July 25-30 Southern Region 4-H Horse Championships- Perry, GA
July 31 Southern Region 4-H Public speaking & Horse Judging- Perry, GA
July 31-Aug. 4 National 4-H Forestry Invitational- Jackson’s Mill, WV

July TBA Youth Poultry Conference- U of A Poultry Science- Fayetteville, AR
July TBA Daisy National BB Gun Match- Bentonville, AR
July TBA Daisy National Air Rifle Match- Bentonville, AR

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, O’Rama Preparations

August

Aug. 1  Arkansas 4-H Alumni Day- Arkansas 4-H Center
Aug. 2-5  State 4-H O’Rama- University of Arkansas Campus- Fayetteville, AR
Aug. 3  State 4-H Awards of Excellence Banquet- Northwest Arkansas Convention Center- Fayetteville, AR
Aug. 10-12 State 4-H Officer Orientation- Arkansas 4-H Center

Aug. TBD  County 4-H Leader Planning Meeting- 6:00 p.m.
Aug. TBD Delta District Fall Volunteer Leaders Forum- ASU Beebe
Aug. TBD Delta District Horse Show Meeting- Searcy, AR

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, Fall club activity planning, Prepare for upcoming Fairs

September

Sept. 1  NEW 4-H ENROLLMENT / REENROLLMENT FOR 2016-2017 YEAR BEGINS TODAY
Sept. 1  Forestry & Wildlife Camp registration due via 4-H Online
Sept. 5  Labor Day- National Holiday- Extension Office- CLOSED
Sept. 5-10 Greene County Fair
Sept. 6  Shooting Sports Instructor Training registration via 4-H Online
Sept. 14 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest registration due
Sept. 15-17 Shooting Sports Fall Instructor Training- Arkansas 4-H Center
Sept. 16 National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl registration due
Sept. 19-24 Northeast Arkansas District Fair
Sept. 23-25 State 4-H Forestry & Wildlife Camp- 4-H Center
Sept. 30 4-H Day at the State Fair Contests registrations due via 4-H Online

Sept. TBD  County 4-H Club’s Financial Workshop- 6:00 p.m.- Paragould Community Center
Sept. TBD  County 4-H Leaders Training- 6:00 p.m. at the Greene County Library
Sept. TBD  4-H Club’s “Report to the Foundation”- 6:00 p.m. - location TBD

Additional:
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- 4-H Membership Reenrollment, Project area focused programs, community service activities, Club Officer Elections, End-of-Year Club/Group Financial Reports, “Report to the Foundation”
During the month of October County 4-H Clubs and Groups are asked to plan, conduct, and report on a community service project. This will be taking place all over state during the “Arkansas 4-H Month of Service”

Oct. 3 National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest & Judging registrations due

**Oct. 3-7 National 4-H Week....4-H Promotion!!!! 4-H Promotion!!! 4-H Promotion!! 4-H Promotion!**

Oct. 4-8 National 4-H Dairy Conference- Madison, WI
Oct. 5 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest
Oct. 8-22 American Royal Junior Livestock Show- Kansas City, MO
Oct. 10 Columbus Day- National Holiday
Oct. 14-23 Arkansas State Fair
Oct. 15 4-H Day at the Arkansas State Fair
Oct. 15 Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon weigh-in at Arkansas State Fair

**Oct. 31 County 4-H Trunk-or-Treat- Halloween day- Location TBD**
October 31 Arkansas 4-H- Junior Olympic Pistol Championship registration via 4-H Online

Oct. TBD County 4-H Officer Training- 6:00 p.m.
Oct. TBD County 4-H Record Book Workshop- 6:00 p.m.
Oct. TBD 4-H Wildlife Field Day
Oct. TBD National 4-H Youth Science Day
Oct. TBD Southern Region Volunteer Leaders Forum
Oct. TBD Livestock & Forestry Field Day- Batesville Experiment Station
Oct. TBD AG&FC - AYSSP coaches training

**Additional:**
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**November**

Nov. 1 National 4-H Conference 2017 applications due
Nov. 1-18 North American Livestock Exposition- Louisville, KY- Swine Shows
Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends...“fall back”….turn your clocks back one hour
Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY- National Holiday
Nov. 11-12 4-H Shooting Sports Junior Olympic Pistol Championships- Arkansas 4-H Center
Nov. 11-12 Volunteer “U” Multi-State Conference- Location TBA
Nov. 21 4-H Shooting Sports Junior Olympic Rifle Championship registration due via 4-H Online
Nov. 24-25 THANKSGIVING DAY (24th)- National Holiday- Extension Office- CLOSED(24th & 25th)
Nov. 24-29 National 4-H Congress- Atlanta- GA- Trip for state 4-H Record Book Winners

**Nov. TBD County 4-H Leaders Appreciation Dinner- 6:00 p.m.**
**Nov. TBD County 4-H Leader Training- 6:00 p.m.**
Nov. TBD National Dairy Quiz Bowl- Louisville, KY
Nov. TBD National 4-H Livestock Skills Contest & Livestock Judging- Louisville, KY
Nov. TBD National Poultry & Egg Conference- Louisville, KY

**Additional:**
4-H Club Program/Activity Ideas- Project area focused programs, community service activities, Club Officer Elections, Club Officer Trainings, Plan club Christmas events and activities, start working on those 4-H Record Books!
December

Dec. 2-3  Shooting Sports 4-H/ Junior Olympic Rifle Championships- Arkansas 4-H Center
Dec. 14  Citizenship Washington Focus- Applications due via 4-H online
Dec.22-Jan.1  Greene County Cooperative Extension Office- CLOSED
Dec. 25  CHRISTMAS DAY

Dec. TBD  County 4-H Christmas Activity- Paragould Mini Rise & Paragould First Baptist Church
  • 5:30 p.m. Meet at Mini Rise to make and deliver food baskets and caroling to residents
  • 6:30 Collect clothes for school closets, potluck dinner, music, games and fellowship at First Baptist Church

Dec. TBD  County 4-H Leader Training- 6:00 p.m. at the Greene County Library
Dec. TBD  Paragould Christmas Parade
Dec. TBD  County 4-H Christmas Caroling

Additional:
County-Wide Community Club Focus- Christmas Events & Activities, 4-H Record Book Completion, Scholarship Applications, Community Service, Shooting Sports BB Gun Practices, all clubs planning next years activities and events

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