Welcome to the 2016-2017 Program Year!

October is not only officially 4-H Month, but it is also the start of our new program year. Don’t forget to go into 4-H Online and re-enroll for the new year.

I would also like to remind our 4-Hers about the new rule effective November 1st.

Arkansas 4-H has rolled out new requirements to be considered a bonafide 4-H member.

The official rule states: “To be considered a bonafide or active 4-H club member, one must attend a minimum of six sessions of a 4-H group such as a 4-H club, project club or SPIN group. This can be a combination of club meetings and/or project-focused training. The intent is for all 4-H members to participate in a series of educational programs conducted by the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service. A young person attending only one or two meetings per year or attending occasional 4-H events does not meet this standard and should not be considered a member for the purposes of receiving awards, participating in fairs, etc.”

Effective November 1st we will begin enforcing this policy here in the county. This will be important to remember for all competitive events requiring 4-H membership including fairs, O’Ramas, 4-H Horseshows, 4-H Shooting Competitions, etc.

It will be the member’s responsibility to track which 4-H activities they have attended. There is an attached sheet at the end of this newsletter to track those events. Club leaders will verify these sheets if there are questions. These track sheets will also be helpful for tracking record book info.

If you have any questions about reenrollment or the new membership requirements, feel free to give us a call.

2015-2016 Banquet

Our 2016 4-H Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 29th, at 6:00pm at the Malvern Community Center (also known as the Senior Center). If you plan on attending, please RSVP to the office or by using the QR code on the left by Friday, October 21st. Dinner will be catered by Keeneys. This will not only be an opportunity to spotlight the achievements of some of our 4-Hers, but to celebrate all the 4-H programs from throughout the year. If you have any photos from 4-H activities you would like to be included in presentations, please send these to Angela Berryhill. The banquet will be a dressy occasion. Church dress, show clothes, or even semi formal is highly preferred.
Rabies Clinic

4-Hers are welcome to come help with the annual 4-H Rabies Clinic Saturday, October 15th. 4-Hers will be helping log information and direct participants. We could also use help at the locations prior to our arrival. If you would like to meet us at the location in your community and begin organizing participants, call the office and let us know.

Please spread the word in your community about this event! See below for a schedule of stops.

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Meet the Leader—Michelle Riggan

Q: Why did you want to become a 4-H leader?
A: I love the program and all it has to offer. Children are the future. I wanted to be a part of the amazing journey in helping children learn by doing.

Q: What is your background experience with 4-H?
A: I have been a leader for several years. I never had the opportunity to be in 4-H. I was an FFA kid. I had always wanted my children to be involved with the 4-H program.

Q: What is your specialty area and what do you enjoy most about it?
A: I do not have a specialty area. I help in many different areas of 4-H. I enjoy seeing children achieve long term goals and overcoming obstacles in their journey of learning and growing to become future citizens and leaders of the world.

Q: What is your favorite 4-H activity? Why?
A: My favorite 4-H activity is the Hot Spring County Fair. I LOVE seeing the many different projects the kids have worked on. The children get to be with their friends while displaying the accomplishments that they have worked on all year, whether it is livestock, crafts, baking, sewing or gardening.

Q: What do you enjoy the most about working with 4-Hers?
A: I enjoy seeing them build character, helping others, accomplishing something they never thought they could do, learn while having fun, working together as a team, and making some lifelong friends.

Q: What is the best advice you have for a 4-Her?
A: The best advice I could give to a 4-Her is to follow your dreams and never give up.
October 1st we hosted the first annual Color Me Green 4-H 5K Color Run.

Thanks to our incredible 4-H leaders Tony and Tisha Jenkins for organizing this event, it was a great success.

Several 4-H leaders and members from several clubs, including Pleasant Hill, Young Guns, Rockin’ L, Ouachita, Golden Horseshoe, and Teen Leaders were some of the ones who made this event possible.

We had 45 entries in the race as a whole, including several of our own 4-H members. Here are a list of the winners: 12 and under Female Winner was Kyndal Morrison. 12 and under Male Winner was Christian Kratz. 13-15 Female Winner was Esther Filipale with a time of 24:56 resulting in the 13-15 Male Winner was Joseph Vantress with a time of 19:05 resulting in the Overall Female Winner! 13-15 Male Winner was Joseph Vantress with a time of 19:05 resulting in the Overall Male Winner! 16-19 Female Winner was Reagan Goodman. 16-19 Male Winner was Daniel Reyes. 30-39 Female Winner was Mackinsey Chaney. 30-39 Male Winner was Ray Chaney. 40-49 Female Winner was Lyn McDade. 40-49 Male Winner was Kevin Carr. 50-59 Female Winner was Cindy Robinson. 50-59 Male Winner was Charles Sellers. 60-65 Female Winner was Cathy Dingler. 70-79 Female Winner was Mary Ledbetter.

The race was made possible by several sponsors including Anytime Fitness, Farm Bureau Board, Farm Bureau Insurance, Arkansas GEO, We Run This Town and Jimmy’s Family Restaurant.

Above: Our 4-Hers at Color Me Green Below: Color Me Green Winners
Above: 4-H Kyndal M. after competing in Color Me Green
Above: The starting line kicking off at Color Me Green Below: Color Powder Fight following the race
Welcome to the new program year! I am so proud of the year we have had in 2016. Everyone has came together to make our program grow this year and become even better. I look forward to our banquet where we will celebrate all of this progress. I cannot to wait to see what new exciting changes come in 2017. If you have any suggestions for the upcoming year or new projects you want to take on, feel free to let me know.

Thank you,

Rachel Bearden
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