Record Book Time!

It’s almost record book time again! This is a great way to organize your 4-H career. Remember, turning in a record book is your ticket to the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Your record book also may help you with college scholarships! Record Books will be due January 20. Cloverbud record books are due February 1. If you would like assistance call the office for an appointment. We will be happy to help you! 870-845-7517.

Scholarship Applications Due

If you are a graduating senior, former state record book winner, and/or submitting your journal in the advanced category, you will want to apply for scholarships. Applications are available on the 4-H website or through our office. Scholarship applications are due in our office January 20.

BBQ Bowl

The BBQ Bowl will be held Saturday, Feb. 4. This is our big 4-H Foundation fundraiser of the year. 4-H members are needed to assist with the orders, help season meat on Friday, and work a shift that Saturday. The money raised is used to conduct educational county programs and to provide partial scholarships to send our 4-Hers to state and national 4-H activities and camps. Call the office and volunteer today! 870-845-7517.
Livestock Judging Workshop and Contest

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK JUDGING AND SHOW CLUBS: The University of Arkansas Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team is having a Livestock Judging and Placing Workshop and Contest on February 24, at 4pm. Registration begins at 3:30pm. It is a fundraiser event for the collegiate team’s traveling expenses, thus the cost per student is $5. There is no limit to number of students each county may bring. This year’s competition will be held at the Pauline Whitaker Arena in Fayetteville. Miss Kaycee would like as many of those who participated at the Howard County Fair contest to participate in this event. She will provide transportation for up to 4 individuals. If you are interested in attending this livestock judging workshop and contest, **please contact the Extension Office by Thursday, February 16, 2017**. Entry fees may be paid upon arrival to the event; however, we must preregister as a county. We will have a practice on January 26 at 3:30pm and another one sometime the week before the event to ensure we are ready.

Book Sale

The 4-H STEM Club will be having a book sale at the EH Center on Friday, January 20 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, January 21 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. They are currently accepting book donations. You may drop books off at the Extension Office or at the Howard County Public Library. For more information call Kim Rodgers or Joshua Rodgers at 870-845-5036.

4-H Wildlife Field Day

There will be a 4-H Wildlife Field Day on January 21 (Saturday), 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Adults and youth will learn about wildlife species and management practices present at the Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge. There will be a presentation at the nature center before beginning the field tour and caravanning to different areas of the refuge. Participants are encouraged to drive pickups or other high-clearance vehicles which can navigate gravel and dirt back roads, or a van will be available. This activity is free, but you must register through 4-H Online by January 16.
**Quad County Camp**

Plans are currently underway for the 2017 Quad County Camp. The camp will be held at the Timber Ridge Lodge in Amity on June 21-23. Due to rising costs, the camp registration fee will be $75 this year. More information to come! Mark your calendar!

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Record Book Appointments- now!
Record Books Due- Jan. 20, 4:00 pm
Cloverbud Record Books Due- Feb. 1
BBQ Bowl- Feb. 4 (season meat Feb. 3, 3:15 pm)
Food Explorers/ Bread Workshop- Feb. 7, 3:30 pm
Breads Contest- Feb. 13, 6:30 pm
4-H Day at the Capitol- Feb. 16
Talks, Talent, and Fashion Contest- March 27, 6:00 pm
Dairy Contest- April 17, 6:30 pm
B-Day- May 9, 3:30 pm
District O’Rama- June 20
Quad County Camp- June 21-23 January 28-February 19 - Dixie Nationals, Jackson, Mississippi
State O’Rama- July 25-28

**Opportunity Spotlight**

Each month, we will be spotlighting a 4-H State or National event available to qualified members. This month’s spotlight: Camp Leadership.

If you love camp and feel ready to move into a leadership position, this camp is for you! This training will provide you with skills you need to become a valued member of any camp staff. The skills you learn in this workshop will help you in any leadership role you wish to pursue. You will learn how to deal with youth at a variety of ages, how to lead activities, and how to establish traditions at your event. This is a two day camp at the beautiful 4-H Center in Ferndale. You must be at least 14 years old. This year’s date is April 7-8. You must register on 4-H Online by March 20. The registration fee is $95. Scholarships may be available to first time campers.
*All dates and/or times for events may be changed.*

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