Welcome Umpire 4-H Club!

We would like to welcome the Umpire 4-H Club to Howard County! It’s exciting to have you on board and we look forward to working with you and your leaders!

Remember!

It’s time to re-enroll in 4-H! This is for youth and volunteer leaders. Update your current profile, including the clubs that you would like to participate in. Members that are age 13 and up are eligible to join the Teen Leaders Club. Don’t miss out on future newsletters and other information! Call the office if you need assistance.

National 4-H Month / One Day of Service

October is National 4-H Month. This is a great opportunity to promote 4-H in Howard County! Promotional ideas include wearing green or your 4-H t-shirts, inviting friends to a meeting, or posting 4-H information on social media. Come up with your own ideas and share with your club members.

Also, October is One Day of Service month. Serving others is an excellent way to promote 4-H! If your club would like to participate and organize a community service project let the office know.
NATIONAL STEM AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Howard County 4-H member Joshua R. recently had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. for the second time as a National STEM Ambassador. This event and program was sponsored by Lockheed Martin to inspire the next generation of innovators, explorers, inventors and pioneers to pursue STEM careers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Looking for a great community service for your record book? The Teen Leaders 4-H Club is collecting donations for the Layers of Love Closet in Nashville. This is a closet of supplies that helps Howard County foster children and their foster parents. The club is accepting donations of diapers, sippy cups, and bottles. You may leave your donations at drop-off locations in the area. The locations include the Howard County Extension Office, all 4 campuses of Nashville Schools, the Mineral Springs Library, Diamond Bank at Nashville and Mineral Springs, and the Southwest Arkansas Radio Station.

RECORD BOOK INFORMATION

There will be a Record Book Basics training on November 7 at the E.H. Center. For your convenience we will offer this training at 3:30pm and again at 6:00pm. If you are new to 4-H or if you would like to begin a record book, we will answer your questions and get you started! Several examples will be available to review. This is a great way to organize your 4-H career! Other benefits include: record books are your ticket to the Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet and they may help you achieve college scholarships!

Attention volunteer leaders-this is also a volunteer training meeting. One hour of training will be available at this meeting. Members and leaders must register for this event. Call the office at 870-845-7517.

4-H VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING

A volunteer leader training is scheduled on November 28 at 6:00pm at the EH Center. This will be the end of year financial report meeting. One hour of training will be available at this meeting. Please bring club financial information and records. A meal will be provided.
**SEW WITH COTTON**

The annual Sew With Cotton contest is scheduled for December 1. The purpose of the contest is to promote the use of cotton fabric in sewing a variety of garments. You must be 14 by August 1 to enter. If you are interested in participating, please call Mrs. Jean 870-845-7517. Entry deadline is October 24.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR - HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP**

The annual Holiday Craft Workshop is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 10am-noon, at the EH Center. Mark your calendar! The cost of the workshop will be $5 per child. You must register and reserve your space by Nov. 14.

**CHRISTMAS STOCKING WORKSHOP**

There will be a Christmas Stocking Workshop on November 21, 1pm-4pm, at the EH Center for ages 9 and up. This is a sewing craft. You will need a basic sewing kit, 2 (22”x18”) pieces of fabric for outside, 2 (22”x18”) pieces fabric for the lining, and 1 (22”x18”) piece of fabric for the cuff. Make sure your fabric is 100% cotton. We will have limited fabric remnants you may use. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. You must call in to register for this workshop! 870-845-7517.

**OPPORTUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

Each month, we will be spotlighting a 4-H State or National event available to qualified members. This month’s spotlight- 4-H Record Books. Recordkeeping and completing a record book describing work in a member’s project is an important part of 4-H. Completing a record book each year is the conclusion of project work for the year. While it is not an easy process, the benefits are many! Just ask Kennedy B., a member of the Teen Leaders 4-H Club. Kennedy was awarded State Record Book winner this past spring! With this award, Kennedy has the opportunity to attend National 4-H Congress held in November each year in Atlanta, GA. State Record Book winners also have the opportunity to apply for many more 4-H scholarships. If you have questions about completing a record book, please attend the Record Book Basics Workshop on Nov. 7. We will be happy to assist you!
**Citizenship Washington Focus**

The registration for Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is due December 18 on 4-H Online. The date for the CWF program is July 9-15, 2017. Delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation’s capital. They will get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers. The group will tour most of the sites in and around our nation’s capital. Applicants must be 14 years of age by January 1, 2017. Transportation will be by chartered bus to and from Washington, D.C. departing from the State Extension Office in Little Rock. Scholarships may be available. This is a great program for 4-H’er to learn and experience Washington DC!

*All dates and/or times for events may be changed.*

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