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HOWARD COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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IT’S THAT TIME!!

It’s time to re-enroll in 4-H! This is for youth and volunteer leaders. You must re-enroll every year! If not, after October 31 you will no longer receive newsletters or meeting notices. 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. Call the office if you need help.

District Fair Entries

If you have anything to enter in the District Fair, it must be entered online by September 22, excluding livestock. The website is www.southwestarkansasdistrictlivestockshow.com. If you need help entering your items, call the office. We will help you with entering on September 20 at our office. 870-845-7517.

ATTENTION TEENS!

Do you want to learn about the business world and robot development? "Best Robotics" is a team competition where participants develop a company. You will build a robot. In the process the team will need a graphic designer, marketing team, computer programmers, entrepreneurs, etc. This is a great opportunity to use your creative skills! This competition needs 10-12 youth (ages 13-19) that can commit to this 8 week program in October. You do not have to be currently in 4-H. Call Kim Rodgers at 870-845-5036 for more information ASAP! Tell your friends!
**NATIONAL 4-H MONTH / ONE DAY OF SERVICE**

October is National 4-H Month. 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! This is a great opportunity for you or your club!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Servers are needed for catering events at the EH Center on October 8 and October 15. This is a great community service opportunity for your record book! Call the office, if you would like to volunteer! 870-845-7517.

**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.

**FAIR DATES**

Howard County Fair: Sept. 5-10
Four States Fair: Sept. 9-18
District Fair: Sept. 27-Oct. 1
Arkansas State Fair: Oct. 14-23

**PHOTO CONTEST**

Attention photographers! Do you like to head outdoors to snap a few photos? We have a photography contest for you! The theme of the contest is ‘Fall on the Farm.’ The deadline to enter is October 31. Call the office for more information! 870-845-7517.
**Record Book Information**

There will be a Record Book Basics training on November 7 at the EH Center. For your convenience we will offer this training at 3:30 PM and again at 6:00 PM. 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. You must register for this event. Call the office at 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- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF).

The registration for Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) will be up and ready soon. The dates for the CWF program are usually the first week of July. 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. In addition, they will participate in bill writing workshops, a national issues forum, mock elections, and congressional sessions that prepare you for leadership now and in the future. 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. Applications are due in December. 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’ers to learn and experience Washington DC!

Mae L., Howard County’s newest 4-H State Ambassador, attended CWF this past summer. Mae says, “It was very exciting to get to see all the famous sites and learn how to become better citizens and leaders while we were in our nation’s capital.” She will be happy to tell you more about her trip and answer any questions you may have. This is a great opportunity!
4-H Volunteer Leader Training

A volunteer leader training is scheduled on November 28 at 6:00 PM 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.

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

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