



CLOVER CREWS NEWS

January 2021

4-H Re-Enrollment!

Don't forget that you must re-enroll in 4-H in January. Go to <https://4h.uaex.edu/> and then click on "Join 4-H". Use the same login you had last year. Update your information, especially if you have had an address change, phone number change, any medical information changes, code of conduct, media release, clubs, any information that did not transfer and your T-shirt size. The family information should have transferred. Just make sure everything looks right and complete the process to get signed up!

Re-enroll
today!

4-H Healthy Habits Cooking Class

There have been some changes to the way we will be doing the first Healthy Habits Cooking Class. We will be demonstrating the recipe on 4-H Facebook Live on **January 12 at 4:00 p.m.** If you are interested in what is going on, tune in and watch; then call the office to get signed up for future classes!



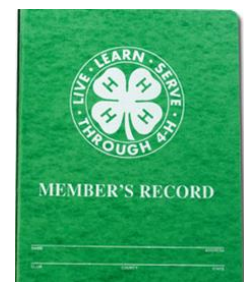
BBQ Bowl

The annual BBQ Bowl that is held every year during Super Bowl weekend has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19 concerns. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in February 2022, because we plan on scheduling it for next year!



4-H Record Books

Last year's 4-H record books are at our office and can be picked up at your convenience. 2021 record books are **due January 22**. Remember record books are a little different this year, so be sure you check out all the updated information on the [Arkansas 4-H webpage](#). You can also find the Cloverbud record book template there. Cloverbud record books are due March 1. If you need help with anything pertaining to your record book, please call 870-845-7517 or come by the office.



At Home Family 4-H Kits

Due to Covid-19, we are limited once again on the number of youth we can have at a meeting. We are going to try something a little different because we like to stay in touch with all our 4-Her's!!! Starting in February, we will have grab and go kits ready once or twice a month for your family. You will need to call the office to reserve your kit. The newsletter will tell what each month is going to be and what day is pick up or drop off day. We do ask that if you get a kit that you get pictures and/or videos and share with us of you using it. Our kits will also include some community service opportunities for the youth. We know community service has been a little more difficult for our youth to get since Covid has been around, but we are going to make it a little easier for you this year!!!



February At Home Family 4-H Kit

Since February is all hugs and kisses and well wishes, our first At Home Family 4-H Kit is making Valentine's Day cards for Arkansas Children's Hospital. This will count as a statewide community service project if you participate, so remember to write it down so you can put it in your record book next year. Kits will include materials needed to create homemade cards that will be sent to children at Arkansas Children's Hospital. We will also include some examples of how to write a card. Remember these are going to children so keep it short and sweet!!!



Kit pick up date is **February 2, 2021** at the Extension office. We will also drop them off at Dierks and Umpire, if needed. You must call the office by January 25 to reserve your kit. There are a limited number of kits, so it is first come, first serve! Call asap! All cards must be back to office by February 8, 2021 no later than 4:30. Samantha will pick cards up from Dierks and Umpire on February 8, 2021, if needed as well. If you have any questions, call the office at 870-845-7517.

Monthly Community Service Projects

During this time, it is nice to feel like you are part of something positive or doing something nice for someone and still keep your 6 feet distance. Each month we are going to have a different community service listed for our youth to participate in. January challenge is a can food drive. Many people push can food drives before the holiday season; however, it is something that is needed year-round. We ask all can goods or non-perishable food items be to our office by **February 2, 2021**. I will pick up can goods from Dierks and Umpire on February 2, 2021, if need be. There will be a flyer and more information soon about what the rest of the year is going to look like. Remember all these projects will be things that can be put in your record book. Take pictures, have fun, get your family, friends, and neighbors involved. Be creative with how you collect your items while following Covid restrictions.



A Dollar's Potential – Part 1

Did you receive money this year for Christmas? Do you get money for your birthday? Do you make money babysitting, mowing lawns, selling items you make? If so, what do you do with that money? Do you “dream” about spending it? Do you save that money? What you do with the money you make is a personal decision. But did you know, you can make your money work for you?



When you open a savings account, the bank will pay you money for letting them use the money you put in savings. As the money grows, you are actually earning interest on both the principle (the amount of money you originally put in) plus the interest!

Each bank pays a different interest rate. Shop around! Consider putting your money where you will earn the most interest, especially if you plan to leave it there for a long period of time.

The first step to saving money is to set a long-term goal. What do you want to save for in the future? It may be a college education, a car, your first house, or startup money for a business. Then decide how much time you have to save for that goal. In other words...

- Decide how much money you need.
- How much time you have to save that money.
- What interest rate you can earn on your money.

Opening a savings account is easy. You will need a certain amount of money to open the account. Each bank will differ, but most have great options for young savers. Shop around to find the best option for you.

Your activity for this month is to text me at 870-200-0301 or email me at jince@uaex.edu and let me know:

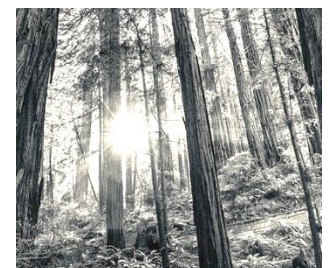
- ✓ YES - I have a savings account
- ✓ MAYBE - I plan to open a savings account this year
- ✓ NO - I do not have a savings account

I just need your name and the answer, YES, MAYBE or NO! The first person to respond will receive a 4-H t-shirt. Any 4-Her who responds will be put in a drawing at the end of the program for the registration fee of your choice to be covered to attend a county workshop! Any 4-H member can participate!

Ross Photography Contest

The date has been set for the deadline for the Ross Photography Contest Deadline. It is April 9, but we would like to have your photos into us at the office by **April 1, 2021**. The contest is open to all current 4-Hers ages 9-19. Photo categories are: Color Living, Color Non-Living, Black & White Living, and Black & White Non-Living. All scenes/subjects must be in Arkansas.

These should be digital photos. A county winner will be picked for each category and submitted to the state level. Monetary prizes will be given at the state level for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places plus an additional \$100 will be awarded, if you are chosen as Best of Exhibit.



*2020 Ross Photography
Winner*

Photo credit: uaex.edu

4-H Facebook

Do not forget to check out the 4-H Facebook page. We try hard to post all important information here. Facebook live videos will be used a lot until Covid is gone and it is also a great opportunity for us to see what all each one of you is doing around the county as well. The 4-H Healthy Habits Cooking Class and At Home Family 4-H Kits will be demonstrated on Facebook live. Join our Facebook page by clicking [here](#).



4-H Scholarships

If you are interested in applying for 4-H State College Scholarships, applications are due in our office on **January 22, 2021**. Information about the scholarship are located at [here](#).



Southern-Regionwide 4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversation

Arkansas 4-H will be hosting a 4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversation on **January 19 at 6:00 p.m.** Topics include conducting service learning in a socially distant environment and tips on reaching diverse audiences. This is open to all 4-H volunteers and professionals. Please take advantage of learning what is working in surrounding areas. Register at the Volunteer Training Website or [here](#).



Arkansas Volunteer Leader Training

Registration is now open for the 4-H Volunteer Forum to be held virtually on **Saturday, January 30, 9am-2pm**. There is no charge for this training. Please check out the website under Volunteer Training for more information and to [register](#).

Share your GRIT by being a presenter at this year's 4-H Volunteer Forum! We are taking submissions from 4-H volunteers. Submit your proposal [here](#).



4-H Essay Contest

What does the 4-H Center mean to you? We encourage you to submit an essay celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the 4-H Center. 4-H youth will have the chance to win \$125 by submitting either a written or video essay. You simply need to tell us what your visits to the 4-H Center have meant to you. The first-place winners in each category for juniors and seniors will win \$125!

If you are interested in participating, contact the office for the essay contest rules and guidelines.

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

This 4-H newsletter was prepared with the assistance of Deb Kreul, 4-H Program Assistant.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact Howard County Extension Office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Horn".

Samantha Horn
County Extension Agent-Agriculture

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean A. Ince".

Jean A. Ince
County Extension Agent-Staff Chair

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