



CLOVER CREWS NEWS

December 2020

Virtual Camps

Creenna Bocksnick will be hosting Session XXVI of the Virtual Camp Series on **December 17 at 4pm**. These sessions are open to anyone who would like to join. You will need to be logged into a Zoom account.

<https://uaex.zoom.us/j/94246993101?pwd=dzFjOG9aRHQzSW56d2gvLytFRTJudz09> Password: 103428

The supplies you will need for this session are

- Clear ornaments, plastic or glass, round or oval – you will need several
- Several small paper or plastic cups
- For Activity 1:
 - Acrylic paint – 3 colors
- For Activity 2:
 - Liquid polyurethane/polyacrylic (other liquid, clear drying adhesive will work)
 - Glitter (fine works best but chunky will work, number of colors is optional)
 - Syringe (larger size, no needle, for adding liquid to ornament)



Other sessions will start back January 12, 2021 and will continue to be held on the 2nd Tuesday at 4pm for the Spring 2021. The dates planned are February 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11. More information about each session will be given about a week before the session. These dates are subject to change. Creenna will provide the zoom login information closer to time for each session.

Healthy Cooking Classes

Do you like to cook? Want to learn more? We will be starting the Healthy Cooking Classes in January. For Umpire members, I am setting a tentative date of **Monday, January 11** at the school. For Nashville members, we will meet on **Tuesday, January 12 at 3:30** at the EH Center. At this first meeting we will be doing a hands-on cooking activity and making plans for future meetings. We will be having lots of fun learning new skills, tasting what we make and learning to make our bodies healthier! **Please call the office by January 7**, if you plan to participate in these workshops. The workshops are open to all members ages 9-19. There will be opportunities at later dates for Cloverbuds to participate in some cooking activities designed just for them. Call the office at 870-845-7517 for more information!

Camp/TLC Scholarship Applications

The Camp/TLC Scholarship Application is now available. There will be two deadlines again this year. One on **January 4** at noon for events that have a registration deadline of March 1 or sooner. The second will be on **March 1** at noon. Applications can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2021AR4HCampScholarship>.

If you are planning on attending a state summer camp or TLC, this is a great way to help cover some of the cost. If you need help filling out the form, let us know in the office and we will be happy to help.

4-H Record Books

It is everyone's favorite time of year!!!! Record books are due to the office by **January 22**. That date will be here before we know it. Materials for completing 2021 Record Books can be found at: <https://4h.uaex.edu/youth/projects/default.aspx>.



Due to the crazy year, it may seem like you have nothing to put in your record book; but I bet if you think hard enough, you will find a lot of really great things to put in there. From time spent in your garden to time spent learning to sew, learning new video games, working with your animal to get it ready for the fair, learning to play an instrument, cooking, making crafts - they all count! If you need help, call the office and we will be happy to help. If you need to schedule a time to come by the office to get some help, you will need to call soon to get on Mrs. Jean's or Mrs. Samantha's calendar. We will be glad to help you, especially if this is your first year for completing a book.

Ages for books are:

Cloverbuds – 5-8 years old (reports only 1 year work)

Beginner – 9-12 years old

Intermediate – 12-15 years old

Advanced – 16-19 years old

Age is determined by January 1, 2021

4-H Scholarships

If you have graduated or will graduate this year and are still in 4-H (up to age 19 by December 31, 2021), you need to apply for scholarships to help fund your future post high school education plans. 4-H members will complete one [online scholarship application form](#) but must check all the boxes of the scholarships for which they may qualify. On the first page at the top left of the online application make sure to check the "Yes, I would like to find out more" box and the 4-H State College Scholarship fact



sheet will appear. The fact sheet provides many details about the specific scholarship requirements and the process. Deadline for our office is **January 22, 2021**. They are due at the state office on February 1, 2021. The 4-H scholarship website page:

<https://4h.uaex.edu/youth/awards/scholarships.aspx>.

Start now by working on your application. Many require letters of recommendation and some essays. Let us know how we can help!

Money Matters

I'm sad to say we did not have anyone complete the challenge last month regarding what states are found on the back of a \$5. You might still want to check it out because it is a fun fact! There are 26 states listed on the back in the Lincoln Memorial. "Arkansas" is one of them! In fact, it is the first one listed at the top! Can you find it?



This month let's look at credit. Credit is used when you don't have the cash money to purchase something you need or want. Using credit, you can buy now and pay it back later. Most people use credit to buy large items such as a car or a home. People also use credit cards to purchase airline tickets, buy online, or make other purchases. To use credit, you must use it wisely. Anytime you make a purchase, you must pay it back!

In January, your parents will probably receive a lot of "credit card" offers in the mail. This is an opportunity for you to learn their feelings about using credit.

Your assignment: Count the number of credit card applications your parents receive in the mail during January. Let's see who receives the most! Send me your answer by January 25! Just text me at 870-200-0301 with your answer or email me at jince@uaex.edu. All I need is your name and the number of offers.

To start a family discussion about credit, you might ask your parents, "Do you use credit? Why or why not?"

New Year's Wish Pillow

2020 has been a year to remember with many highs and lows. What better way to start 2021 than with a Wish Pillow to remind you of your wishes and dreams for the New Year! 4-H offers something for everyone that can help when making your dreams come true. Be sure and send pictures of your wish pillows so we can see them.



Supplies

- Piece of Fabric (about 12"x12")
- Paper and Pen to write with
- Glue Gun (ask adult for help)
- Markers or Paint (to decorate)
- Buttons, Beads, Sequins, or anything else you want to decorate your pillow with!

1. Fold your fabric in half so that there is an opening at the top. Using a glue gun, glue the side and bottom into place.
2. With your pen and paper, write out all your dreams and wishes for the new year! Want to learn a new sport? Do better in school? Help friends more? Write it all down on the strips of paper. As many as you can think of.
3. Use the strips of paper to stuff your pillow. The more wishes and dreams, the better! When finished, use the glue gun to seal up the remaining seam.
4. Personalize! Decorate your wish pillow with paint, gems, glitter, whatever your creativity desires!



We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!



Our office will be closed December 24-January 3.

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

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