Calendar of Events

All 4-H Online registration is due by NOON on the specified due dates. County Events are noted in red

**February 2017**

10 Beekeeping Essay Contest Entries
10 Entrepreneur Camp – Basic & Advanced Registration due via 4-HOnline
13 Arkansas Leader’s Association Volunteer Forum Registration
16 4-H Day at the Capital
24 TLC/Camp Scholarship Applications Due
10-11 Ambassador Workshop, 4-H Center
24-25 SS Hunting Skills State Competition, 4-H Center
24-25 Arkansas Leader’s Association Volunteer Forum, 4-H Center

**March 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> The following applications are due to the County Extension office in Electronic Form:
  Ambassador Applications, Ambassador Re-Certifications, Governor’s Award Nominations,
  Hall of Fame Nominations, Officer Election Applications, Teen Star Applications
1 Livestock Leadership Academy Registration due via 4-HOnline
4 4-H Day with the Razorbacks Basketball
15 Vet Science Field Trip Registration CLOSES (will close earlier if filled)
20 Camp Leadership Workshop – Basic & Advanced Registration via 4-HOnline
27 Pumpkin & Watermelon Seed Requests
3-5 Entrepreneur Camp – Basic & Advanced, 4-H Center
11 4-H Advanced Record Book Interviews, LRSO
14 Garden Workshop
20-24 Spring Break
**TBA** County Spring Break Camp
23-25 4-H Livestock Leadership Academy, 4-H Center
27 Innovative Program Grant Applications

*For a schedule of upcoming state camps, visit [www.uaex.edu/camps](http://www.uaex.edu/camps) or visit the Izard County 4-H Facebook Group

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Teen Star Program
The Arkansas 4-H Teen Star Program is a recognition program for Arkansas 4-H members who have outstanding achievement in the areas of 4-H projects and activities, leadership, and community service.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
• Must be 15 years old as of January 1 of the current year and no more than 18 as of January 1 of the current year
• Should have completed two years of work as a 4-H member
• Should be an active 4-H member at the time of application

Ambassador Program
Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors are individuals who can be called on to assist with 4-H promotion at the state and county level.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
To apply, a 4-H member must be a 4-H Teen Star. 4-H’ers may apply for ambassador the same year they apply for Teen Star. They may interview for ambassador only if selected as a Teen Star. The applicant must not be 19 years of age before or during the calendar year in which the application is being submitted. Once named a 4-H Ambassador, a 4-H’er must re-certify annually (see Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Re-certification Policy) on or before May 1 or the first working day of May.

Izard County Teen Stars & Ambassadors:
Mary Alice C.
Kaylee Jo G.
Many of you qualify for this award! Be sure to get your applications in by March 1st!

2017 Beekeeping Essay Contest
The 2017 Beekeeping Essay contest is open to 4-H’ers ages 9-19 years. The topic for the 2017 essay is How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure? “Beekeeping has become difficult due to lack of native plants for forage, so discuss ways that habitats can be modified to become “bee friendly”. The length of the essay should be 750-1000 words. If you are interested and want more information about the essay contest contact the Extension Office or visit http://uaex.edu/farm-ranch/special-programs/beekeeping/4HBeekeepingEssay.aspx Essays are due electronically to the Extension Office by February 10th.

Save the Date!
The Boiler BBQ & Dairy Foods Contest is set for April 8th! Be sure to start practicing grilling your chicken ahead of time, we will have official sign-up closer to time. For rules and information contact the Extension Office

Fair Livestock Meeting
A new Livestock Farm Class has been added to the county fair. Michael will be holding an informational meeting on February 28th at 6:00p.m. at the County Fairgrounds for anyone interested. Please help us spread the word to anyone who might be interested.
Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarship are now up in 4-H online. These scholarships are for State Camps and TLC. If you think there’s a possibility that you will be attending, go ahead and sign up for the scholarships, you can always defer them to the next recipient if you change your mind about attending camp. Apply in 4-H Online, just like you would for any other event. For a complete list of upcoming camps, visit www.uaex.edu/camps Applications will be accepted until March 1st for summer camps and TLC.

Garden Project
Deadline to Enroll: March 6th
County Workshop March 14th

The Izard County Masters Gardeners will host a workshop on March 14th at 6pm at Ozarka College Student Center. You must RSVP for this workshop by **March 6th** to the County Extension Office. You will receive points for attending the workshop in February so it’s important for all project participants to attend. The Master Gardeners will be providing a meal that night as well, so come prepared to eat! You must be actively enrolled in 4-H Online to attend!

Dutch Oven Cooking Contest
March 11th, 2017
Izard County Fairgrounds
Registration Deadline: March 3rd, 2017
We are having a Dutch Oven Cooking Contest this spring! Contest guidelines will be e-mailed out to everybody, or you can come by the Extension Office to pick up a set of rules and regulations. For more information about this contest, or to register, contact the extension office at (870)368-4323. All teams MUST pre-register & turn in their recipes by the deadline.

The e-mail list for 4-H Families has been updated for just active families. If you have an e-mail address you’d like us to add that’s not the primary family address, e-mail kdement@uaex.edu and we’ll be happy to add you! If you know of any families who have not re-enrolled please encourage them to do so.
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