March 4-H Clover News

Izard County 4-H
Calendar of Events 2016
*County Events & State Events are noted in Red
All 4-H Online Registration is due by 8a.m. the day the registration is due.
For a complete list of the calendar of events, visit you 4-H online family page or contact the County Extension Office.

March 2016

8  Garden Workshop at Ozarka College
12 4-H Advanced Record Book Interviews, LRSO
15  Poultry Chain Workshop
17-19 Spring Shooting Sports Instructor Training
24-26 4-H Livestock Leadership Academy, 4-H Center
24-25 Spring District Livestock Show, Izard County Fairgrounds
25  Deadline to Sign up for County Broiler BBQ Contest
28  Pumpkin & Watermelon Seed Requests due to County Office

APRIL 2016

1  Agent, Leader, Program Asst., Specialist of the Year Applications
1  Camp Leadership Workshop – Advanced Registration
1  Innovative Program Grant Applications
1  Teen Counselor Applications for State Camps Due
1  Deadline to register for the County Dairy Foods Contest
1-2 Vet Science Field Trip, Oklahoma State
2  Arkansas 4-H Sea Perch Challenge, 4-H Center
8  Poster Art entries are due County Extension Office
9  Izard County Broiler BBQ & Dairy Foods Contest
9-14 National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.
15  Poster Art Entries due to the Extension office
15-16 4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Skills State Training (register by April 4th 4-H online)
22-23 Camp Leadership Workshop – Advanced, 4-H Center
28  Batesville Poultry BBQ Contest, Location TBD, 4:30 p.m.
28-30 Spring Livestock Show, State Fairgrounds
**Poster Art Contest**

It’s time again for the Poster Art Contest! The contest is open to all 4-H members, the Junior and Senior entries will be sent on to the state contest as well.

Posters should be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium art - watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot have any three dimensional items on them. One poster entry per 4-H member will be accepted.

The themes for 2016 are as follows:

I Am...4-H

Open theme (create a theme and poster to go with it)

The deadline for this year’s poster art contest will be Monday, April 4th, 2016 to the County Extension Office. All posters will be displayed at the County Dairy Foods Contest on April 9th.

**Community Service Opportunities**

If you are interested in doing the pop-a-top pull tab community service project contact Karla at the Extension Office. Also if you are interested in manning a eye-glasses drop-off site from the Lyons Community Service Project let Karla know by the end of March.

**State Camp Deadlines & Dates**

Camp Leadership Advanced (14-19)

Dates: April 22-23
Registration Due: April 1st
Registration Fee: $95.00

Camp Counselors (14-19)

Training dates: June 3-4
Registration Due: April 1

**Spring District Livestock Show**

The Spring District Livestock Show will be March 24 & 25 at the Izard County Fairgrounds. Izard County 4-H is doing the concession stand again this year. If you are willing to work at the Concession Stand, contact Karla at the Extension Office asap.

**Pumpkin & Watermelon Seeds**

We are taking seed requests for the Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest at the State Fair. Seed packets are $2.00 a piece and need to be placed and paid for by March 28th to the County Extension Office.
Dairy Foods Contest
Activity Date: April 9th
Registration Deadline: April 1st

4-H’ers entering this contest prepare their favorite dairy food dishes! Recipes can be gathered from an Extension Resource, recipe books, or anywhere you can find them. Winners are eligible to compete at the state competition and also receive cash prizes. You can enter dishes in the Main Dishes and/or Party Ideas category. You will present your dish to the judges at the contest.

There isn’t a minimum number of dairy ingredients, although we highly recommend at least three. **Judging will start at 11:00am, you must be there with your dish and signed in BY 11:00am. ALL RECIPES MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 1st TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE. Drop them by or e-mail them to kdement@uaex.edu**

Cloverbuds will be in a separate, county only category this year. The first place winner from the JR/SR divisions will be eligible for the state dairy foods contest.

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Broiler BBQ Contest
Activity Date: April 9th
Registration Deadline: March 25th

8:30am: Arrive at the park to set-up your spot.
9:00am: Be ready to light your grills
11:00am: Judging of the chickens *(or when the reach the safe internal temperature)*

*Open to Junior & Senior 4-H’ers only because of safety reasons*

Contestants will receive two chicken halves to BBQ on a charcoal grill. You will be provided the chicken and paper plates to put them on, but you must bring everything else needed. I’ve included a checklist of recommended items. You will need to have a recipe card ready that day to turn in with any rubs or sauce that was put on your chicken to turn into the judges. All constants must come by the Extension Office to pick up a complete set of the rules or you can email kdement@uaex.edu and I will send them to you. 5 contestants will be able to compete at the District BBQ in Batesville in April.

### BBQ Checklist
- Grill
- Aluminum Foil
- Charcoal
- Lighter—Charcoal Starter
- Matches
- Stick for raking coals down
- Table (small)
- Chair or buckets to sit on
- Water Spray Bottle (control fire)
- Tongs
- White Cotton Gloves
- 3 or 4 paper plates
- Paper towels
- Wet wash cloth
- Sharp Knife
- Basting brush
- Sale
- Spices
- Apron
- Cap
- Watch
- Small bowl or Container
- Cameras (photos for recordbooks)
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