



March/April
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Jackson Co 4-H



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Dates to Remember:

March

15 – Teen Star and Ambassador application due
17 – St. Patrick's day
20 – Ross Photography entries due to agents emails

April

TBA – Deadline to register for Dist. Broiler BBQ, LR
TBA – Dishes/Recipes due for Dairy Food Contest
6 – Register for County Poultry BBQ Contest
12 – Easter
13 – Co Broiler BBQ cook-off
15 – Deadline to enter ASF Spring Show
19 – Deadline to register for Dist. Broiler BBQ, Jonesboro
20 – 4-H Award Dinner
22 – Earth Day
24 – Reg due for Equine camp
28 – 4-H Poster entries turned in at the Extension Office
30-May 2 – Spring Livestock Show State Fairground

May

8 – Pre-register for County O-Rama

Citizenship Lessons at Club Meetings

This spring you will continue to have short citizenship lessons at your club meetings. This lessons will give you a deeper understanding and appreciation for being a US citizen. We will be taking a fieldtrip to Little Rock this summer to explore your roll as citizens and leaders. You will be able to see how citizens shaped our state and nation.

Wildlife Updates

Wildlife Habitat Education Program State Contest will be held Friday, April 24 at 9:00am in the Arkadelphia area. Register by April 1 through 4-H online. Cost is \$20 per contestant & \$10 per non-contestant, which includes lunch. Educational opportunities are available to non-contestants and juniors. Cloverbuds must have an adult present and will be able to participate in practices and displays. Details and study materials available at WHEP site: <https://4h.uaex.edu/programs/plant-animal/wildlife-programs/whep.aspx>

Remember to Register for the Current 4-H Year

4-H is now using Regpack for registration. Go to the new website at <https://4h.uaex.edu> and click on the "Join 4-H" button in the upper right corner of the page. Click on the "Create Account" button. Create a family profile first then add members to your family account. Enter your information and then click "Sign me Up!" Fill in family info then click "Go to Next Step". Click "Add Family Member Profile" button to add all 4-H members. Work through the pages, when it asks about camps don't click any of them just click at bottom to continue to the next screen until you get to more registration info. A red circle indicates a mandatory field. Be sure to complete each page or we will not be able to accept you as a member.

Ross Photography Contest Photos Due March 20th

The Ross Photography contest is earlier this year. Members 9-19 years old can enter at the county level one photo in each of the four classes—Living: B&W, Color and Non-Living: B&W, Color. Non-Living is plant-life and scenic (NO people or animals in shot). Living is intended for people and animals. Co level winners receive \$10 for each category. State level winners receive \$200-1st, \$100-2nd, \$50-3rd. Electronic entries only will be accepted. Email entries to jwest@uaex.edu or mjdavis@uaex.edu. All scenes/subjects must be in Arkansas.

Exhibiting animals at the Fair? You must have ownership 30 days before the Three County Fair to participate. State Fair ownership for Market: May 15 for steers & July 1 for lambs, goat and hogs. Registered & Commercial: July 15 for cattle & TBA for lambs, goats and hogs

4-H Teen Star & Ambassador Applications Due March 15

Application deadline will soon be approaching for Teen Star and the 2020 Ambassador program. Any active 4-H member 14 or older as of Jan. 1, 2020 is eligible to apply for Teen Star. Teen Stars remain Teen Stars for their time in 4-H. Ambassadors must be a Teen Star and need to reapply every year. Information is on our 4-H website at: <https://4h.uaex.edu/youth/leadership/teen-star.aspx> . Application available at: https://uaex.formstack.com/forms/4h_star . Contact the Extension office for more details.

Arkansas State Fair Spring Show April 30-May 2

Deadline to enter is April 15th. Information for the 2020 ASF Spring Show can be found on their website <https://www.arkansasstatefair.com/fair/entertainment/livestock/>. All entries will be accepted online except poultry & rabbits, which will submit a paper entry mailed by April 15th. Contact us for more details.

Dairy Foods Contest Sponsored by Farm Bureau (Date TBA)

Do you have a good recipe that includes dairy products? Enter it in the Farm Bureau's Dairy Foods Contest! There are two categories: Main Dish & Party Ideas. Open to Junior (9 -13 yr. old) and Senior (14-19 yr. old) 4-H members and students in 4th to 12th grade. County winners' recipes will be submitted to the state contest. Gift card prizes for local winners. The top four winners in each category at the state level will prepare and serve their recipes at the state cook-off. State level prizes: 1st \$150; 2nd \$125; 3rd \$100; 4th \$75. Entry forms & complete contest rules/information are available from the extension office. Bring your prepared dish and original recipe to Newport HS FACS room for judging by 5:00pm, may come earlier to arrange dish. **Watch our Facebook page for the date.**

Poultry BBQ Contest

This District 4-H Poultry BBQ contests will be held on Thurs, May 28 at Jonesboro & Sat, May 2 at the State Fairground in Little Rock. We can send 5 4-H members who were 9-18 years old as of January 1, 2020. We will hold a **County Broiler cook-off on Mon., April 13th at 4:30** behind the Extension office for those wanting to compete at the district level. For competition information and a supply list contact Joy West. You will need to supply everything but the broiler. All clean up and preparation will be the responsibility of the 4-H member. Call the office by April 6th to participate in the county cook-off. Registration deadline for District: Jonesboro April 20 and Little Rock April TBA.

4-H Poster Contest

The contest is open to 4-H members ages 9-19. Posters should be 14"x22" (horizontal or vertical). Posters may be any medium – watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal or collage. ***NO** copyrighted material such as cartoon characters. ***NO** three dimensional items on them. ***Only 1 poster per 4-H member.** ***Theme: G.R.I.T.-Growth, Resilience, Innovation, Tenacity** or create your own theme. The 4-H members name, age, club, county, full address and brief interpretation of art work must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner (can use 3"x5" index card). Posters should be submitted flat to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, April 28th.** Top ten winners presented at district.

Jackson County 4-H Award Dinner April 20th

Time to Celebrate You! The Awards Dinner will be on **Monday, April 20th** at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. This will be a chance to celebrate our members for all they have done this year. A wonderful time is being planned with awards, dinner and door prizes. Dinner will be provided. You can be part of the program—we are looking for presenters. Call/email us if want to be part of the program. **Please register to attend by April 10th** by calling the Extension office. Join in the fun! Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Jackson County 4-H O-Rama on May 18

What would you like to do at the County O-Rama? Fill out your Jackson County O-Rama Pre-registration form and turn it into the Extension Offices by May 8th. O-Rama will be held at the Jackson Co Extension Office on Monday, May 18th, (alternate date for rain will be the 19th).

There are many activities that you can compete in. Members can compete in all activities at the county level (cloverbuds cannot compete in Gun Safety/BB Gun Marksmanship). All members are to select top 3 events to compete (others may be available on the day). The first place Junior and Senior 4-H winner in each event will be eligible to compete at the District O-Rama (exception for Forestry with 2 competing and Wildlife with 4 competing). Information about competition events, rules and assistance with study materials are available from the Extension office. See Pre-registration form for events and more information. You can still participate even without pre-registration but the activity may not be set up. Bring your bikes/helmets if you want to do bike event. Go to: <https://4h.uaex.edu/youth/opportunities/orama.aspx> then click on District O-Rama to see what the competitions consist of. ***This year's District O-Rama will be held on **Thursday, June 18th** at East AR Community College, Forrest City***

Summer Activities for Jackson County being planned

Do you have any ideas or suggestions of summer workshops and activities? We would love to hear them! Call the Extension office with your suggestions or let your club leaders know ASAP!

4-H Camps Coming Up

4-H Camps are a wonderful way to meet new people and have new experiences. Camps (with the exception of High Adventure) are held at the AR 4-H Center in Ferndale (outside of LR). .
Want to be a camp counselor this year? Applications are due April 1st.

May 26-29 Equine-Summer (Ages 12-18) and Beginner Equine Camp (Ages 9-12): Cost is \$400. Registration due April 24. Bring your own horse.

May 29-30 Camp Counselor Training Dates (Ages 14-19): Application due March 15.

June 9-11 Teen Leader Conf. (Ages 14-19): Cost \$200 Registration due May 1. Theme: G.R.I.T.

July 13-15 Junior 3 day Camp (Ages 9-12): Join 4-H members from around the state in this 3-day camp. The cost is \$190. Registration due June 1st. Swimming, campfire and other camp activities are included.

July 13-15 Adventure & Challenge Camp (Ages 13-15): Team up with 4-H teens, from around the state, to conquer challenges. Complete our award winning ExCEL Leadership program, which includes a ropes course. Swimming, campfire and other camp activities also included. The cost is \$190. Registration due June 1st.

July 13-15 Craft Camp (Ages 9-19): Learn how to create a variety of crafts. Cost is \$225. Reg. due June 1st.


July 16-19 Boat Building (Ages 9-19): Must attend with parent/guardian, each pay the registration fee. Cost TBA. Registration due May 1st.

July 17-8 Cloverbud Camp (Ages 5-9 with adult parent/guardian): Parents, are you looking for a great way to introduce your child to overnight camp? Miss being a camper yourself? Come join other 4-H families for this 2-day camp. The cost is \$190 per child and per adult. Registrations due June 1st.

Oct 9-11 Fall Teen Camp (Ages 14-19): It's all about the teens! Activities designed just your our older members. Cost is \$175. Registration due August 31.

Remember to invite your friends to join in the 4-H fun! Invite them to a meeting or event!

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Camp Scholarships Appl. Due	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 DEADLINE: Apply for Teen Star and Ambassador	16	17 	18	19 First Day of Spring	20 Ross Photography Due in Office	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
← Spring Break for Public Schools →						
29	30	31				

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dairy Food Contest date will be announced later. Bring item & recipe before 5:00 for judging.			1	2	3	4
5	6 DEADLINE to signup for Co Broiler BBQ Contest	7	8	9	10 Sign up deadline for Award Dinner	11
12 	13 Broiler BBQ County Cook-off 4:30 pm	14	15 Deadline: to enter ASF spring show	16	17	18
19 DEADLINE to register for BBQ contest Jonesboro	20 4-H Award Dinner 7:00pm Extension Office	21	22 	23 DEADLINE to register for BBQ contest Little Rock	24 DEADLINE to register for Equine Camps	25
26	27	28 DEADLINE: Turn in 4-H posters for contest	29	30	O-Rama pre-registration is due May 8 th .	

State Dates to Remember!

Remember that these due dates are when they are due into the STATE office. Due sooner at the county office.

March Due Dates:

- 1 – Wildlife Food Plot Book & Video
- 1 – Camp Scholarship Applications due
- 6 – High Adventure Horsepacking Training Session 1 Registration Due
- 15 – Teen Star & Ambassador Applications
- 15 – Hall of Fame, State Officer & Governor's Award Nominations Due
- 15 – Camp Counselor Application Due

March Activity Dates:

- 6 – AR SeaPerch Challenge
- 7-8 – Camp Leadership Workshop-Advanced
- 7 – 4-H Advanced Record Book Interviews
- 23-27 - Spring Break
- 24-25 – AR Shooting Sports Championship
- 28-April 2 – National 4-H Conference in DC

April Due Dates:

- TBA – Little Rock Poultry BBQ Reg.
- 1 – WHEP State Contest Registration due
- 1 – State Grassland Evaluation Reg. due
- 1 – Livestock Leadership Class Reg. due
- 3 – Ross Photo Contest Entries to state
- 15 – ASF Spring Livestock show Reg. due
- 19 – Jonesboro Poultry BBQ Reg. due
- 23 – State Livestock Judging Reg. due
- 24 – AR 4-H Food Challenge Reg. due

April Activity Dates:

- 4-5 – High Adventure Shakedown Training
- 16 – Poultry Chain Distribution
- 19-23 – National Volunteer Week
- 24 – WHEP State contest Arkadelphia
- 24 – State 4-H Officer Candidate Review

May Due Dates:

- 1 – Mid-America Grassland Eval reg due
- 1 – 4-H Forestry Contest Reg. \$25 (can register until May 10 but cost is \$30)
- 1 – Boat Building Camp Reg Due
- 1 – 4-H Poster Art Contest due at state
- 15 – Ambassador Re-Certification due
- 15 – 4-H Day of Archology Reg. due
- 22 – Vet Science Camp Reg. due

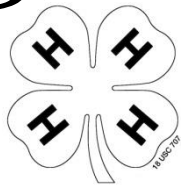
May Activity Dates:

- 1 – Little Rock Poultry BBQ Contest
- 6 – State Grassland Eval Contest
- 2 – State Livestock Judging Contest
- 2-4 – Spring Livestock Show
- 15-16 – Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- 17 – 4-H Forestry Contest
- 26-29 – Summer Equine Camps
- 29 – Southwest State Qualifying Horse Show Registration Due
- 29-30 – Camp Counselors training
- 29 – AR 4-H Food Challenge Team event



Get reminders of 4-H Deadlines and Information by requesting to join the "Jackson Co 4-H Official Page" Facebook Group. This is a closed group for the safety of our members; only open to members and parents/guardians.

4-H Newsletter!



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See State Info at:

www.uaex.edu/4h-youth

About 4-H...

4-H is the youth development program conducted by the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service.

ATTENTION!!!

If this is your first issue of the Jackson County 4-H Newsletter, we hope that you enjoy. Each month the newsletter will contain upcoming activities and dates that you need to be aware of, so that you can participate.

We are so glad that you are involved in the 4-H program! We hope you enjoy all of the activities that we provide for your education.

The mission of 4-H is to provide opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, form attitudes, and practice behavior that will enable them to become

Please remember to spread the word to your family and friends about everything you have learned and how much fun 4-H is.

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or

self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

Our Motto:

To Make the Best Better!

veteran status, genetic information, or other legally protected status

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension Office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

Sincerely,

Jackson Co Staff