Poultry Chain – Orders Due in March
Poultry chain orders are due by Thursday, March 10th this year.

What is the Poultry Chain? It’s a program for 4-Hers that teaches responsibility, management skills, and much more through a poultry project. 4-Hers who sign up will receive up to 25 one day old chicks for free. They raise them all summer and bring 3 to the fair in the fall to be judged and then auctioned to the public. Money from the auction is used to buy more chicks the next year, and so the “chain” is completed. The really neat part about it is that everyone starts with an equal chance of success because the birds are all nearly identical, and it’s up to the 4-Hers to take great care of them and bring back champions to the fair. This is a great way to get into your first livestock project in 4-H!

What type of chicks will we get? This year, we will have Amberlinks. These are large bodied, docile birds and are fantastic brown egg layers. All chicks will be female unless you order roosters. Amberlink males will be available with a maximum of five males per one set of hens. The males will be $.40 cents each.

What happens when the project is over? Once you’ve brought your 3 pullets to the fair, the rest is your decision. Lots of people will want to buy your extra pullets if you would like to sell them, or you can keep them all and have fresh eggs all year. It’s up to you – the birds are yours.

I’m interested, but don’t know how to raise chicks, can you help me? Yes! We provide lots of help through the Extension office and will have a training for everyone who signs up. We will teach you everything you need to know about housing, feeding, and caring for your chicks before they arrive.

When will we get them? There was a delay with the hatchery so this year they will be coming in around mid-May.

E-mail or call either Extension office to sign up.

Cookies for Contributors – February 8-14

Cookies for Contributors – At your February meetings, be prepared for your leaders to ask for volunteers to make and deliver cookies. A large part of the funds we use to conduct our county 4-H programs come from these contributors and it is very important that we say “Thank You” to them in a special way for all that they have helped us accomplish.

Thank you to everyone who completed a Record Book this year – we had 21 turned in! Judging will take place later this month and you will be notified of your placings.
A new Tractor Supply Store will open in Booneville in mid-March and they have reached out to Logan County 4-H to partner with us. Twice a year, TSC holds a Paper Clover fundraiser in all stores around the country asking customers to purchase a Paper Clover in support of 4-H; 100% of the money raised from each clover goes directly to 4-H. The Spring promotion will happen in April and we will be asking individuals as well as clubs to help in promoting our Paper Clover campaign in the store. More information will be coming out in the March newsletter.

Ambassador and Teen Star
The Ambassador and Teen Star applications are due March 15.

- State Officer Candidates
- Ambassador Applications
- Teen Star Applications (may apply for Ambassador same year)
- Ambassador Re-certification
- Hall of Fame Nominations

Members may start working on these now on 4HOnline and continue to work on them through the deadline without their work being lost. The 4-H Teen Star award is recognition for Arkansas 4-H members who have outstanding accomplishments in their 4-H projects and activities, leadership, and service learning experiences.

Eligibility
A 4-H member:
- 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.
- Must display the following qualities:
  - Leadership ability
  - Integrity of character, demonstrating high moral standards and high goals.
  - Outstanding achievement in both project and service activities, ability to work with others, positive attitude, interest in the 4-H program, and a general interest in organizations and activities for youth development.

Much of the information needed for completing the Teen Star application can be found in the applicant's 4-H Record Book (if records have been kept). Applications are due in the state 4-H office by March 15 or the first working day thereafter.

A recognition event for new Teen Stars is conducted at the Teen Leader Conference in June. Teen Stars may apply for the Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Program the same year they apply for Teen Star. Teen Stars who are graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for the $1,000 Zack O. and Jennie D. Jennings scholarship. Scholarship applications should be submitted on the Arkansas 4-H Scholarship Application Form through the local Extension office (FY4H-635). Scholarship applications are due in the state 4-H office by February 1 or the first working day thereafter.

Teen Council Meeting
4-H Teen Council will meet on Monday, February 15, at 6 p.m. in the Paris Courthouse. If your club doesn’t have two representatives on the Council, make sure you have elections to appoint new ones. We need to set dates for our yearly events. Please bring your school calendars so we can work around any major event conflicts. Please call or email me that you will be able to attend or not so we have enough food for
4-H Day with the Razorbacks!

February 19 is the deadline to sign up for tickets to attend the Arkansas Razorback Basketball game against South Carolina at Bud Walton Arena on Saturday, March 5, at 4:00 pm. This game is our “4-H Recognition Day!” Tickets are only $12.00. The county 4-H members and staff will sit together at the game. Go to 4-Honline to sign up for the Fan Tunnel! See you at the Bud Walton Arena!

Go Hogs Go!

Upcoming Livestock Judging Contests

► Colt’s Classic – DeQueen – February 19
  ● Open to the first 10 4-H teams (9-12 graders) that register. They agreed to use this as a trial year and if all goes well will open it up to more next year.
  ● Early registration deadline – Feb. 8 – $8/person
  ● Late registration deadline – Feb. 12 – $15/person
  ● Be sure to include T-shirt information.
  ● Contest Kick-Off – 9:30 a.m. Judging should begin by 10 a.m.

► Wild Hog – Fayetteville – February 27
  ● Early registration deadline – Feb. 9 – $10/person
  ● Late registration deadline – Feb. 16 – $15/person
  ● Contest starts at 9 a.m.

► Logan County FFA Field Day – Paris – March 3
  ● Registration Deadline – Feb. 25 – $4/person

► Tiger Classic – Taylor – February 15
  ● Registration deadline is Feb. 9 – $10/person
  ● Contest starts at 9 a.m.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Tri-county Forage Meeting – March 3 - First National Bank Community Center, Paris
Tri-county Beef Conference – April 8 - Franklin County Extension Office, Ozark
River Valley Beef Cattle Conference - February 16 - 1-40 Livestock Auction, Ozark

Youth are welcome to attend each of these meetings. It looks good on your Record Book and is helpful for anyone with a Beef Project.

Arkansas 4-H Livestock Leadership Academy

March 24-26, 2016
C.A. Vines 4-H Center

■Senior 4-H members (ages 14-19)
  $85/per person
  ■Register at 4-Honline.com by March 3

Topics to include:
■Leadership Development
■Agvocacy
■College Fair
■Animal Science Career Panel
■And much more!

*County Scholarships*

The County Scholarships for Seniors are due to the Extension office by Monday, February 29. Please ask Sarah for a copy of the application. You could receive up to $500 from the 4-H Foundation!

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| Registration Due: Approx. 3 weeks prior (NO REFUNDS)                      |                           |                           |

**Refund Policy:**
- 75% Refund 15 Working Days or more before the event
- 50% Refund 11-14 Working days before the day of the event
- No Refund 10 Working days or less before the day of the event
- No Refund for High Adventure (Traditional or Horse Packing)
- Contact your County Extension office if you must cancel.

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