Dear Lonoke County 4-H'ers...

Do you have a 4-H project? Every 4-H'er is supposed to have a project to work on, learn about, and master. You can have more than one! There are so many to choose from - talk to your leader or me if you need help picking one out!

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February

2  Entrepreneur Camp Reg. Due
5  Judging Team Practice
6-7 BB Gun Championships
11 Judging Team Practice
13-14 Ambassador Workshop
18 Judging Team Practice
20-22 Entrepreneur Camp
23 Vet Science Meeting
24 4-H Day at the Capitol
25 Poultry Chain Orders Due
27 Beef Quiz Bowl/Judging Workshop
27-28 Volunteer Leader Forum
25 Teen Star & Ambassador Apps Due

March

4  Judging Team Practice
10 Farm to You - Lonoke Elementary
11 Judging Team Practice
14 County O'Rama and 4-H Cooks
16 Vet Science Meeting
18 Judging Team Meeting
25-26 Teen Leader Workshop
23-27 Spring Break

Judging Team Meeting

Are you interested in competing in Livestock Judging, Livestock Skills, Dairy Judging or Poultry Judging contests? Are you interested in learning more about Arkansas livestock? The Lonoke County 4-H Judging Team will meet for practices on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Extension Office. Melanie Fuhrman and Bailey Parker will be training the teams!

Vet Science Meeting

The Vet Science SPIN Club will meet Monday, February 23rd at 6pm. The lesson will be Chapter 4 Lesson 1 on Anatomy and Physiology of Animals. 4-H Volunteer Bailey Parker will be teaching the lesson. This is a detailed lesson so please make sure you read the chapter before the meeting!
County O’Rama & 4-H Cooks
County O’Rama and 4-H Cooks will be held on the same day this year: Saturday, March 14. 4-H Cooks dishes must be entered by 9:30 am and O’Rama contests will begin at 10 am.

4-H Cooks: Categories are Dairy: Main Dish & Desserts (recipes must contain at least 5 dairy products), Rice: Main Dish & Other, and Baked Goods: Cakes & Cookies. Bring two copies of the recipe form for each dish, one with the youth’s name, and one without.

County O’Rama: Competitions include illustrated talks, talent, fashion revue, wildlife and tree identification, bait casting, bicycle and BB gun shooting. For more information on any contest contact your club leader or the Extension office. Junior and Senior contestants will have the opportunity to compete at the District level.

Volunteer Opportunity
The Flower & Garden Show is February 20-22 at the State House Convention Center in Downtown Little Rock. Again this year, we are going to have a 4-H Zone that will have 4-H activities and program information for the public. We need volunteers to assist - volunteer groups should have 2 to 4 youth and at least one adult. Admission passes will be provided to the group. Let Miss Sara Beth know ASAP if you want to volunteer.

Teen Leader Announcements
Teen Leaders will be traveling to the 4-H Day at the Capitol on February 24th – this is an awesome opportunity for them to meet and visit with our state legislature!

If you have been a 4-H member for at least 3 years, consider applying for Teen Star and Ambassador. Sara Beth can help! They are due February 25th!

Teen Leaders will be assisting with the Farm To You program at Lonoke Elementary on March 10th. Let Sara Beth know if you want to help teach.

Spring Break Workshop will be March 25-26! The tentative plan is to have day one lessons at the Extension office and travel to Heifer Ranch for day two. More information will come soon!

Arkansas 4-H online re-set on August 31, you and your members should begin re-enrolling for the new year!

Read the newsletter and share all relevant information with your club members.

Encourage your members to participate in County O’Rama on March 14th!!

Remember, Sara Beth is available to help “Make the Best Better” when it comes to your club and your 4-H’ers!

4-H Video Film Team
We are searching for interested 4-H Senior members (ages 14-19 as of January 1st) who want to become part of a team trained in video equipment and usage and additional aspects of video production. This team will aid the 4-H state office staff at State O-Rama and other 4-H activities as needed. This will include 2-3 training sessions before State O-Rama. If you are interested please submit a 30-60 second long video via email to afreel@uaex.edu telling us why you want to become part of this team as well as any experience you already have (experience isn’t a requirement but helps). Contact information that includes full name, phone number & address must be included. In the subject line it should read: 4-H Video Team submission. Deadline for submissions is February 20, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Re-Enrollment Time!!
Arkansas 4-H Online will reset for the new year on August 31! This means ALL PROFILES will be set to “Inactive”. To remain a 4-H member, YOU MUST REENROLL as soon as possible!! You must be registered to be considered a 4-H member, to participate in county, district, or state activities, etc. If you need assistance, contact Miss Sara Beth. Visit: https://Arkansas.4honline.com
POULTRY CHAIN ORDERS DUE

There are some big changes to the poultry chain project this year that are out of our control. Due to a major shortage of brown layers in the commercial industry, participants will be receiving WHITE LEGHORNS. With the shortage, youth will only receive 15-18 birds for their project. White Leghorn roosters will also be available. Orders will be due to Sara Beth NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 25! Please email your order to swaller@uaex.edu – Remember only one order per youth, youth MUST BE enrolled on 4-H online, youth are required to bring 3 birds back to the county fair to be auctioned off to cover the cost of the program. Get your orders in as soon as possible!

ARKANSAS 4-H

The Arkansas Association for Extension 4-H Agents is excited to announce a statewide 4-H! These affordable, fashionable shirts are a great way to promote a united 4-H front across our state. The shirts will be Kelley Green. The words inside the state outline were provided by Extension Agents. Both short sleeve and long sleeve options are available. Cost ranges from $8-$15. I must receive your payment before I order your shirts. The deadline is March 11. If you miss the deadline, there is nothing I can do - the state is ordering the shirts. Order form can be found on the Facebook page, or can be picked up at the Extension Office. Drop your order forms and payments by the Extension Office, or mail them to Lonoke Co. CES, P.O. Box 357, Lonoke, AR 72086

ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT TODAY!

JOIN THE CLUB

Lonoke County 4-H Clubs
Lonoke Wild Rabbits 4-H Club
Hog Wild 4-H Club
South Bend Achievers 4-H Club
Rocking Horseshoe 4-H Club
Lonoke County 4-H/EHC Sewing Club
Lonoke County 4-H Shooting Sports Club
Lonoke County 4-H Teen Leaders Club
Special Interest (SPIN) 4-H Groups
Vet Science SPIN Group
Judging Team SPIN Group

Record Books

The following 4-H’ers turned in Record Books for the year:
Beginner: Abby Kurz-Dairy, Randy Smith-Shooting Sports
Intermediate: Lacy Smith-Shooting Sports, Mallory Perkins – Swine
Advanced: Mark Butler – Goats

Good Job 4-H’ers – and Good Luck at Judging!!!!

Remember to start now keeping track of your projects so you can turn in a Record Book next year!

Parent and Volunteer Leader Forum

There will be a Parent and Volunteer Leader Forum held at the Arkansas 4-H Center February 27-28. Workshops include “Fun Shops” which include fun and inexpensive crafts and ideas to take back to your county to use with your clubs, “Chopped” (Food Science activities), two youth gardening programs, True Colors leadership program, STEM programs, and a new leaders workshop. If you are interested in attending, let Sara Beth know.

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