Dear Lonoke County 4-Hers:

Spring is here and the weather is warming up! Finally! Use the pretty weather as an excuse to get outside and work on your 4-H project – whatever it is!

April 12-18 is National Volunteer Week – make sure you say THANKS to all of the 4-H Volunteers in your life!

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April Calendar

April
1 - Judging Team Practice
7 - Keo 4-H Informational Meeting
8 - Judging Team Practice
11 - 4-H 5K @ Ferndale
12-18 - Volunteer Appreciation Week
13 - Teen Leader Meeting
15 - Judging Team Practice
20 - Vet Science Meeting
22 - Judging Team Practice
24-25 - Camp Leadership Workshop - State
30 - Teen Leader Conf. Registration

May
2 - Miss Sara Beth’s Wedding ♥
15 - Farm Safety Day @ LES
18 - Vet Science Meeting

June
8-9 - Shooting Sports Basic Camp
10 - Shooting Sports Advanced Camp
9-10 - Beginning Sewing Day Camp
10-12 - Teen Leader Conference
16 - District Horseshow
18 - District O’Rama
22 - Vet Science Meeting

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
Stitching Sew Simple 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
**Vet Science Meeting**

The Vet Science SPIN Club will meet Monday, April 20 at 6pm. The lesson will be Chapter 5 Lessons 1, 2, and 3 on Food Nutrients and Nutrition of Animals. 4-H Volunteer Bailey Parker will be teaching the lesson. There are several lessons so please make sure you read the chapter before the meeting!

**Judging Team Practice**

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!

**4-H Poster Contest**

The 4-H Poster contest is open to all 4-H members ages 9-19. Posters should be 14" x 22" and may be horizontal or vertical, but cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot have any three dimensional items on them. The 4-H members name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of art work must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner. The top ten winners will be recognized at District 4-H O-Rama. The theme for 2015 is “It’s Your Time” or you can create a theme and poster to go with it. The deadline for this year’s poster art contest will be Friday, April 24, 2015.

**Ross Photography Contest**

Ross Photography is open to 4-H members 9-19. Each 4-H member may enter one photo in each category: Color Living, Color non-living, Black & White Living, Black & White Non-Living. Remember plant photos are non-living. All photos must have been taken in Arkansas during the 2015 year. Name, age, date, location, and negative/CD must accompany photograph. Deadline to turn photos in is May 8th.

**4-H Science Kits**

The Arkansas 4-H Office has Science Kits available for check out for club meetings. Kits can be reserved for two weeks at a time, but the county agent must reserve them. Below is the list of kits, if you are interested in any kit for your next 4-H meeting, let Sara Beth know!

Kits: GPS, Windmills, Dry Ice Bubble Machine, Flip Video Recorders, Cameras, Hydrogels, Binoculars, Robotics, Rockets, Ecobots, Circuit Kit.

**I Love 4-H**

**4-H Project Tip Sheets**

Are you wondering what else you can do in your project area? What activities can you do, are there community service projects, how can I gain leadership? Take a look at the 4-H project Tip Sheets available on the Arkansas 4-H website: http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/project-books.aspx

Scroll to the bottom, click on “Project Tip Sheets”, and select your project. If your project isn’t on there yet – don’t worry, there are more to come!

**National Volunteer Week**

April 12-18

Thanks to all of our 4-H Volunteers!
Teen Leader Announcements

🌟 Teen Leader Meeting – April 13 at 6:30pm
🌟 The 4-H 5K coordinators are looking for race day volunteers for Saturday, April 11 at the 4-H Center. All volunteers will receive an official 4-H 5K t-shirt. If you are at least 14 years old and would like to volunteer, please email Eric DeVries at edevries@uaex.edu or call him at 821-6884 by April 7th.
🌟 May 15th is Farm Safety Day with 5th grade at Lonoke Elementary. Teens will be needed to teach lessons.
🌟 Teen Leader Conference will be held June 10-12, deadline to sign up is April 30th. Half of the cost will be covered by the 4-H Foundation.

Lonoke County 4-H
Summer Day Camps

Shooting Sports Day Camps
Basic: June 8-9
Advanced: June 10

Sewing Day Camps
Basic: June 9-10
Intermediate: June 30-July 1
Advanced: July 9-10

Cooking Day Camps
June 23-24
July 7-8
These are the same camp.

Babysitting Basics:
July 14-15

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp
August 4 - 5-8 years old

4-H Junior Day Camp
August 11 - 9-13 years old

Volunteer Corner

🌟 Always read your newsletter and keep your members up to day on activities, meetings, and upcoming deadlines
🌟 Make sure your members are all enrolled and active online. Contact Sara Beth if you need a list!
🌟 Follow us on Facebook! This is the best way to keep up with new information between newsletters.
🌟 Encourage your youths to get involved! Summer Day Camps are coming up, and there are several State Camps for them to attend!
🌟 Happy National Volunteer Week this month- Thank you for all that you do to help make our program awesome, and for always Making the Best, Better!

Members - Please Read Announcements

4-H YOUTH & FAMILY
5K TRAIL RUN/WALK

The 4-H 5K will be held Saturday, April 11 at the Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale. Registration begins at 7:30am, Run/Walk begins at 9am, and awards are at 11am. Cost is In Advance: Youth $5 or Adults $15 or Day of Race: Youth $10 or Adults $20. For more information contact Priscella Thomas-Scott at 501-671-2271.

Service Learning Project

The Wild Rabbits 4-H Club will be doing a community service project at Lonoke Primary School on Saturday, April 11th beginning at 9 am. Due to changes in regulations of playground areas, some equipment will need to be relocated or removed completely, mulch areas enlarged, etc. in the coming months. Our club is going to help out by scraping and repainting the equipment. If you or your club would like to help, come join in!! The more the merrier!