A Note from Samantha

We are almost to 2017! I wish each of you a Happy New Year!!! I hope your Christmas is going great and are looking forward to a new year of 4-H service, learning, and activities.

We have a wonderful group of 4-Hers. These clubs have participated in very successful service events/projects scheduled in December to benefit their communities.

We have a community service opportunity available to us to benefit 4-H victims of the fires in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Gather gift cards to be donated to them, hopefully in person, at the end of January. I am challenging each club to raise $250 in gift cards to be donated.

Also, on New Year’s Eve, we have an opportunity available to us to be a part of a 4-H fundraiser in downtown Texarkana. I hope you will be able to attend. If you can attend, please let me know.

With the office closed for the holidays, be sure to keep a watch on the 4-H Facebook page for updates on the following two service events – gift cards to TN & New Year’s Eve.

Sincerely,

Samantha Kroll, County Extension Agent-4H

Community Service Opportunity

We have an opportunity to assist 4-H wildfire victims in Sevier County, Tennessee. As you have probably already heard, fires have destroyed thousands of acres of forests, burned hundreds of buildings and businesses, and claimed several lives. The schools were completely destroyed in Gatlinburg, along with 17,000 acres of parks.

At the present time there are 30 4-H families that have lost everything in the fire.

We are asking each Miller County 4-H Club to raise at least $250 in gift cards.

Gift cards in any amount to nationally recognized retailers are appreciated. 100% of the gift cards will be presented to the Sevier County 4-H in Gatlinburg in January 2017. We are hoping to present these gift cards to them personally at the end of January.

So the challenge is for each club to raise $250 in gift cards by mid-to-late January.

New Year’s Eve 4-H Fundraiser

ESPN Radio has a great opportunity for 4-H to raise some money for future activities and workshops. They would like to lower a 4-Her dressed as a pig at the event, held at Verona restaurant on Broad Street in Downtown Texarkana on New Year’s Eve from 10:00 p.m. to midnight.

10% of the food sales will then be presented to the Miller Co. 4-H program.

Please RSVP by emailing skroll@uaex.edu if you can attend this event.

The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact your County Extension office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.
BB Gun Shooting Discipline Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports 4-H Club had a very productive meeting in December and has challenged me to a “SHOOT OUT!” It will be the Shooting Sports youth versus Samantha to see who the better aim is. This will take place January 7th at 5:45 p.m. at Abernathy.

This date is also when the Shooting Sports Club will begin back practicing for the BB competition coming in February.

Torch 4-H Club

The Torch 4-H Club exceeded the expected amount of canned goods they raised to donate to Harvest Texarkana for Christmas. They had over 600 lbs. of canned goods. They also went caroling in December from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., visiting numerous nursing homes & retirement centers as well as singing for shoppers in the mall.

School of Faith 4-H Club

SOF had a very successful fundraiser to benefit local homeless. They also discovered artistic talent at their party.

Two Rivers 4-H Club

Two Rivers Club’s gift-wrapping event was lots of fun. They wrapped 50-70 gifts as a service to the community and are now focusing on getting gift cards donated to serve those affected by the fires in Tennessee.