

What's happening
in Monroe 4-H?



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Club Meeting Dates

Circuit Board Club meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Brinkley at the Argus Sun newspaper office. The SR Project group meets every Monday @ 6:30 (High School East Lab) and JR Project group meets every Friday @ 3:30 (Argus).

Monroe Clovers Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6pm in Clarendon at the Mid-Delta meeting room.

BB Practices

Tuesday, 6pm Brinkley
Thursday, 6:30 Clarendon

January 18

Extension Office Closed

January 23

Record Book Work Day
9am-5pm at Argus Office

January 22-23

Camp Leadership Workshop, 4-H Center

January 25

Record Book Due at the
County Office

The informational newsletter of the Monroe County 4-H Program

January 25

Little Shooters Meet, 6pm
Brinkley Chamber

February 1

Ambassador Workshop Registration
Due Career Camp Registration Due
LRSO

State 4-H Scholarship Applications
Due, LRSO

February 5&6

State BB Match, 4-H Center

**Air Rifle and Air Pistol
will start Feb 9. Contact
the office if interested.**

February 5

TLC/Camp Scholarship Applications
Due, LRSO

February 19

Poultry Chain Orders Due,
LRSO

February 19-21

Career Camp, 4-H Center

February 26-27

Spring Volunteer Leader Forum,
4-H Center

Monroe County Due Dates & Activities

March 1

Teen Star/Ambassador Applications
Due, LRSO

State Camp Counselor Applications
Due, LRSO

State Officer Election/Hall of Fame
Apps Due, LRSO

Equine Camp Registration Due,
LRSO

March 2

Deadline to order tickets for 4-H Day
w/AR Razorbacks Basketball Team

March 2

4-H Day w/Razorbacks

High Adventure Parent/Camper Rally,
4-H Center

March 11-12

State Air Pistol Match,
4-H Center

March 12

State Air Rifle Match, LR
Advanced Record Book
Interviews, 4-H Center

March 17-19

State Shooting Sports
Instructor Training, 4-H Center

March 21-24

Equine Camp, 4-H Center

4-H Pledge

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MY HEART TO GREATER
LOYALTY,
MY HANDS TO LARGER
SERVICE, AND
MY HEALTH TO BETTER
LIVING,
FOR MY CLUB,
MY COMMUNITY,
MY COUNTRY, AND MY
WORLD.

4-Motto

To Make the Best
Better.

4-H Mission

The mission of 4-H
is to provide oppor-
tunities for youth to
acquire knowledge,
develop life skills,
form attitudes, and
practice behavior
that will enable them
to become self di-
recting, productive,
and contributing
members of society.

All meetings and activities
announced in this newsletter
are open to all youth between
the ages of 5 and 19.

Happy New 4-H Year!

Happy New Year! A new year means new 4-H opportunities. Check out this newsletter to find out how you can get more involved in 4-H in 2016. To be an active 4-Her, you need to try to attend most of

your club meetings. Attending club meetings are important. You receive information on upcoming events, have the opportunity to share what you're learning through your project work, and participate in

service projects as well as other fun activities. I encourage all 4-H members to get actively involved this year. Remember, the more effort you put into something the more you will get out of it!

4-H Record Books

It's Record Book Time! We realize record books can be challenging and time consuming but they are worth it! Record books are the best way to earn 4-H Scholarships and Awards and are part of the overall 4-H experience. You will also find your record book useful in evaluating past achievements and in making improvements in future plans.

Remember, you can include things that you have accomplished up until December 31, 2015. 4-H Record

Book Forms, Tips, and Guidelines are available online. Completed Record Books in the cover with dividers are **due in the County Extension Office January 25, 2016**. If any of you need assistance with your record book, contact the office and we would be glad to help. There will be a Record Book Work Day Jan. 23 at the Argus. I will also be available

Jan. 18. Just don't wait till the last minute! We are looking forward to reading your books this year.



Record Book Resources Online <http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/project-books.aspx>

Tips for a Successful 4-H Club Year

Successful 4-H Clubs:

- Meet regularly (Often once a month)
- Run by youth officers, supervised and instructed by caring adults
- Educational
- Fun and enjoyable for members and families
- Provide recognition and peer support
- Well organized

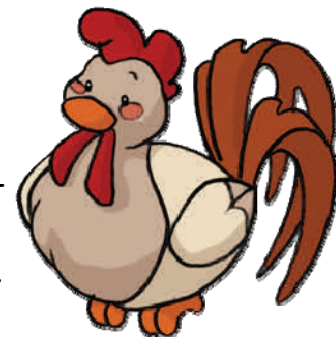
3 Parts of a Successful Club Meeting:

- Business
 - 4-H Ritual and Pledge Business Meeting
- Educational Program
 - Speeches and Demonstrations presented by members
 - Lesson or program (guest speaker, group activity, field trip)
- Recreation and Refreshments
 - Games, Songs Snacks or meal

4-H clubs are the foundation of every successful 4-H program. Let's all work together to have a great new year in Monroe County 4-H!

It is almost time for the 2016 4-H Poultry Chain Program. Poultry Chain is open to all registered

Poultry Chain



4-H members and is a great "starter" animal science project. Participants are required to exhibit 3 of the Poultry Chain birds at the 2016 Tri-County Fair. More info should be available soon. Orders are due February 19.



We have a special opportunity for 4-H members, volunteers, friends and family of 4-H to attend an upcoming Arkansas Razorback Basketball game! Arkansas will play against South Carolina at Bud Walton

4-H Day With the Razorbacks



Arena on Saturday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. This game day is also "4-H Recognition Day!" Tickets are only \$12.00 with the promotional code: **4HClover16**. The link to order tickets is posted on our 4-H Facebook page. The deadline is March 2.

Go Hogs Go!

4-H Clubs Meet for Training and Service

By Zainab Shah, Circuit Board 4-H

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the Monroe County 4-H Clubs came together for an officer training and for community service. Members of the Monroe County Clovers and the Circuit Board 4-H Clubs met at 9 a.m. at the Farm Bureau building in Clarendon.

They had a two-part training from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The first part was officers training. This provided the guidelines for each office and described the duties of the of-

ficers. After the officers training they went into record book training. This explained exactly how the record books should be laid out and what they should talk about.

After the training they went and did community service in Pine City. They volunteered to remove trash from the natural area for the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. They did one and one half hours of community service. The ANHC donated t-shirts and thermoses to the

4-H volunteers. There were 11 4-Hers, one county extension agent, and two 4-H leaders in attendance at both the training and community service. The 4-H training day and community service day was a success.

Thank you Zainab for writing this article that appeared in the Central Delta Argus-Sun about our training and service. I encourage all of you to write about what you or your club is doing. You can send me pictures and articles to the office. You never know who's article or picture will appear in the next issue of the Monroe 4-H Minders.



Teen Leadership Opportunities

4-H Teen Stars—4-H members ages 15-18 who have outstanding achievement in the areas of 4-H projects and activities, leadership, and community service can be named an Arkansas 4-H Teen Star.

Statewide 4-H scholarships are a part of the Teen Star program. Only the top 4-H members are selected each year to receive this honor.

Teen Stars are recognized at the 4-H Teen Star Banquet during the Teen Leader Conference in June.

Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors—Ambassadors are called upon to promote the 4-H program throughout the county and state and assist with statewide programs such as Teen Leader Conference, O-Rama, and other events. To be selected as an ambassador, the 4-H member must first be named a 4-H Teen Star. Applicants must make a 4-H promotional speech and complete an interview. Those selected to become Ambassadors will be recognized at the 2016 State O-Rama in Fayetteville. Teens can apply for teen star and ambassador in the same year. The state deadline to apply for these recognition programs is March 1.

Ambassador Workshop - The purpose of the mandatory workshop is for ambassadors to utilize their leadership abilities in planning, then conducting the three-day statewide 4-H Teen Leader Conference held at the Arkansas 4-H Center in June. Some training is also provided to help teens better serve in their role as ambassador. Cost is \$70 and the date is February 12-13. Registration is due February 1.

State Officer Program - State 4-H officers are selected by their peers and are required to perform on a vigorous and continuous basis. A total of seven state 4-H officers ages 16-19 are elected. Positions are three district vice presidents, and four at-large state officers. At-large elections are held at the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama. Interested teens must apply by March 15.

Scholarships - Arkansas 4-H teens are eligible to receive only one college 4-H scholarship from each category of state 4-H scholarships. All attachments must be included with the scholarship applications and received in the state 4-H Youth Development office by Feb. 1

for the application to be considered. Visit the website below for details:

<http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/about/awards/scholarships.aspx>.

For more information about any of these leadership opportunities, visit the website at: <http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/citizenship-leadership/activities.aspx>.

I am willing to assist teens in completing these applications. Hint: a concise 4-H record book will make this process a piece of cake! For those 4-H members not quite old enough to apply, it is a good idea to look over these activities and applications. Reading about these activities will give you a good idea of what you are working toward and things you will want to do in the future.



Service Projects & Fundraisers

Need ideas for a winter service project or fundraiser? How about organizing a soup drive for the food bank? There's nothing better on a cold day than a bowl of warm soup. It's also a great time of year to try a soup or chili fundraiser to raise money for your club. If you're planning to attend state camp or other trips this summer, this would be a great money maker for your members.



Don't forget to save and collect old pairs of eye glasses to be donated to the local Lion's Club Eye Glasses Collection. Eye glasses collected can be turned into Miss Valerie and she will see they get donated.



Spring Parent and Volunteer Forum

The Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders' Association will be hosting the 2016 4-H Parent and Volunteer Spring Conference at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center February 26-27. This year's theme will be "4-Hers At The Fair". The Conference is open to leaders, parents and 4-H

youth. Workshops will focus on food preservation and preparation, quilting and needlework, sewing, arts and crafts, photography, horses and livestock, educational displays, vegetables, field crops, and cut flowers and flower arrangements. Come learn what you need to do to

improve your fair entries. A full agenda will be mailed to club leaders. Please let us know if you are interested. Fulltime registration is \$50 for youth and \$70 for adults. Leaders, we will pay your way. Registration is due February 15!



4-H is a volunteer led organization! A 4-H volunteer is defined as any adult that works directly with 4-H youth. These volunteers are caring and committed people that understand the value of selfless service. They have a willingness to serve both youth and families in our community, and are the "backbone" of the 4-H program. These wonderful individuals all have a unique set of skills and experiences they truly enjoy sharing with 4-H youth! If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer

Leaders always needed.

Leader, please contact the Monroe County Cooperative Extension Office for more information at 870-747-3397.



4-H Events Packet

For information regarding upcoming 4-H state camps and events check out the 2014 Events Packet online. You will find a calendar of events including important deadlines, leadership opportunities and trips for youth, award information, scholarship applications, O-Rama guidelines, etc. http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/default.htm

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