Hello from the Extension Office!

I hope your 2017 has been great so far. There are several county and state 4-H opportunities happening in the coming weeks and we hope your family will be a part. Please read the enclosed information to find out more details.

We are excited to announce the addition of the “Tyronza Elementary 4-H Club” which meets every other Friday afternoon. The club has elected officers and has hit the ground running with their first service project – making Valentine’s Day cards for the residents at Three Rivers Nursing and Rehabilitation in Marked Tree.

A new Harrisburg community 4-H Club is also planning their first meeting for March 9. This club will focus on a variety of project areas and is open to any youth ages 5-19 years of age.

Sincerely,
Leigh
Poinsett County CEA – 4-H / FCS

County 4-H Survey

The Poinsett County Extension would like your input and your ideas about county workshops, camps, judging teams and activities that you would like to be offered in the future.

Please visit the following link to complete the very brief survey.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Y76VDY

The survey will close at 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 24.

Keeping Up with Poinsett County 4-H...

Poinsett County 4-H Facebook Group
The 4-H Facebook Group is a private group, only allowing group members to see or post comments. This is a great way for members to promote their project if they have something to sell or are looking for additional pieces to enhance their project.

4-H Email Group
If you aren’t currently receiving 4-H correspondence from lhelms@uaex.edu, send a request to the email address and ask to be added. This is the MAIN source of 4-H information communication.
4-H Poultry Chain Project...The Chicks Are A'Comin!

Each year, 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in the Arkansas 4-H Poultry Chain Project. This program is designed to introduce 4-Hers to small scale, livestock projects.

Hyline Brown pullets are being offered as the official project bird. These chicks will grow to be docile, hearty egg layers. This year’s project cost is $25.00 per 4-H participant for up to 20 pullet chicks. 4-Her’s may also purchase up to 5 Hyline males for $.50 each.

As required by the University of Arkansas Department of Poultry Science, ALL youth participating (along with a parent/guardian) in this project must attend a mandatory educational workshop regarding care, welfare, and bio-security. A date for this will be announced once the ordering process has closed.

Project enrollment fees may be paid at the County Extension Office. Deadline to enroll is 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1. Chicks will tentatively arrive on April 11. Participants will be notified with specific delivery details. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

4-H Vet Science Tour to University of Missouri

Interested in Veterinary Science? Think you may want to be a veterinarian one day? The AR 4-H Veterinary Science Tour is a great opportunity to see first-hand what a Veterinary School is like, talk to current students and professors, and participate in some hands-on, vet science related activities.

This year’s field trip will be to the University of Missouri Center for Veterinary Health Sciences on April 21st and 22nd. Participants will from the state Extension Office in Little Rock and will travel as a group by charter bus. While there, 4-H members will participate in games, activities, and a tour of the Vet School.

Registration is open at 4-H Online for members age 11-19 and adult chaperones. Cost for the trip is $100. **County 4-H scholarships are available for this activity. Contact the Extension Office for more information. Deadline to register is March 15 (or when registration is full).

Arkansas 4-H Livestock Leadership Academy

March 23-25, 2017
C.A. Vines 4-H Center
Senior 4-H members (ages 14-19)
$85/person
Register at 4Honline.com by March 2

Topics to include:
• Leadership Development
• Agvocacy • Etiquette
• Animal Science Career Panel
• Politics and Livestock
• And much more!

4-H Equine Camp
March 20-23, 2017
Arkansas 4-H Center – Ferndale, AR

Participants will learn basic horsemanship, equine health, general care, and more!
(Campers must provide their own horse and equipment)

Ages: 12-18 years old
Cost: $385
Registration Due: March 1

Contact the county Extension Office for more details.
Put you creative skills to work and earn recognition by entering the 2017 4-H Poster Art Contest. The state contest is open to 4-H members ages 9-19 years old. There is also a “Poinsett County-Only” Cloverbud category for 4-H members ages 5-8 as of January 1, 2017.

The theme for this year’s contest is “Masquerade, Unmask your Potential.” You may use this theme or create your own theme. All posters must be 14” x 22” in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. They can be made using any art medium such as watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or a mixed-collage. Use of copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and three dimensional items is not allowed. The 4-H members name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of art work must be written on the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner.

State finalists will be recognized at the District 4-H O’Rama in June. Deadline to submit entries to the County Extension Office is Friday, April 21 at 4:00pm.

4-H Spring Break STEM Camp

March 18-21, 2017 at the Arkansas 4-H Center
For ages 9-14 (as of January 1, 2017)
- Robots
- Mobile App Development
- Mad Science
- Tinkering

Register at Arkansas 4-H Online
(www.arkansas.4honline.com)
Deadline to register is March 1.

Camp Leadership Workshop

Love camp? Love leadership?

The 2017 Camp Leadership Workshop, set for April 7-8, is an opportunity for 4-H members, 14-19 years old, to develop the basic (but very important) skills needed to be a camp counselor. This workshop is also a great opportunity for current and future 4-H club officers to increase their leadership skills. Registration is $95 and is due by March 20.

**Poinsett County Friends will pay a portion of the workshop costs for qualified 4-H members.

### 4-H DATES TO NOTE:

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All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender or disability. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity.
4-H Broiler BBQ Contest – March 28

The smell of BBQ. The taste of lighter fluid...Wait—the taste of chicken! One of the highlights of being a 4-H member is learning the important skills of safety (and tastefully) BBQ’ing. The county BBQ contest provides 4-H’ers the chance to perfect and share their grilling ability. This year’s contest will be in Harrisburg (location TBA) on Tuesday, March 28 with sign-in at 4:30 p.m. The contest will start at 5:00 p.m. and awards will be given immediately following judging.

4-H’ers will BBQ 1 or 2 broiler halves and turn in the one of the halves for judging. Contestants are allowed 1 ½ hours cooking time. Participants must bring their own grill, sauce, charcoal and lighter fluid to the activity, along with other necessary barbecuing items. Broiler halves (approximately 1 ½ lbs. each) will be provided.

Participants must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2017. The top 5 county winners will be eligible to compete in the District 4-H Broiler BBQ on April 27 in Jonesboro. Ribbons and prize money are provided to each contestant participating in District competition. District winners are invited to attend the state contest, held at the Poultry Federation Conference in June. State contestants also receive a BBQ grill and other cool other prizes.

Contact the County Extension Office for a registration form or for more information. Registration is due to the Extension Office by March 21.

Dairy Recipe Challenge: Calling all Creative Cooks

Are you 5-19 years old as of January 1, 2016 and love to create unique and tasty recipes? Your creative cooking skills could win you some cool prizes, the title of “Best Dairy Foods Cook in Poinsett County,” and state recognition!

Contestants may submit an original recipe in each of the two contest categories: Main Dish and Party Idea. Recipes will be judged on availability of ingredients, the clarity and accuracy of their recipes, serving ideas, preparation techniques, following the recipe, the taste and appearance of the end product, use of real milk and dairy products and originality.

County winners in each of the two categories will receive local recognition, awards from the Poinsett County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee (i.e. baking supplies, cooking gadgets, money, etc.), and the opportunity to represent Poinsett County in the state competition.

State winners in each category will receive $150 for 1st place, $125 for 2nd place, $100 for 3rd place and $75 for 4th place.

Registration is free. Entry forms and recipes must be submitted to the County Extension Office in Harrisburg OR to the Poinsett County Farm Bureau Office in Trumann by 4:00 pm on March 21. Contestants then prepare their dish and bring to the contest location (TBA) between 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on March 28 for judging. Winners will be announced and awards will be presented immediately following the judging (approximately 6:30 p.m.)

Contact lhelms@uaex.edu or call 870-578-4490 for complete details, rules, and a copy of the registration form.