The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, November 13, 2015 at First United Methodist in Benton (200 N Market Street) from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. You must RSVP to the Extension Office by November 4th by 4:30 p.m. to give us a headcount. An invite will be sent soon.

Important!!!: We are doing potluck style dinner this year, so if your family last name begins with A-G you will need to bring a side dish, H-M will need to bring a dessert, and N-Z will need to bring a type of salad. When you RSVP, please give us what dish so we can have a count. Protein will be provided.

This year’s theme will be a 4-H Family Fun Night! There will be games to play for all ages!

Don’t forget a dessert or item for the silent auction! All of the money from the auction goes back to the county for programming.

The Teen Leaders are also doing a book drive and canned food, so bring a gently used book or two or a canned food item to donate!
The dates for the CWF program are July 2-9, 2016. Delegates will learn about the democratic process and their roles as citizens while they experience our nation’s capital. They will get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers. In addition, they will participate in bill writing workshops, a national issues form, mock elections, and congressional sessions that prepare you for leadership now and in the future.

Applicants must be 14 years of age by January 1, 2016. The cost for youth is $1,075. Two Extension Staff members and two adult volunteers will serve as chaperones. The cost for adult volunteer chaperones is $540. All applications via 4-H Online are due by December 18, 2015. Complete payment is due by January 15, 2016.

The registration fee will cover program costs at the National 4-H Center, transportation, dinner, theatre ticket, group picture taken on Capitol Hill, CWF polo and snack break during delegation orientation. Transportation will be chartered bus to and from Washington, D.C. departing from the State Extension Office, Little Rock.

Delegates will need at least $150 in spending money for additional meals, snacks and souvenirs. This is a great program for 4-H’ers to learn and experience Washington, D.C.! If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Priscella at pthomas-scott@uaex.edu.

Teen Leaders will meet Tuesday, October 27 at Mills Park for Monster Madness at 6 p.m. to hand out candy.
4-H Day with the UALR Trojans

The State Office wanted to extend this special opportunity to 4-H members, volunteers, friends and family of 4-H to attend the upcoming UALR Trojans basketball game against CBC at Jack Stephens Center on Saturday, November 14 at 3 p.m.

With this special offer, tickets are only $10 which includes a hot dog and soda. Purchase tickets online at LRTrojans.com, click Tickets and then Buy Tickets, there you will enter promo code “4H2015”. It’s going to be great fun for everyone! Show your 4-H pride by wearing a 4-H shirt or green shirt to the game. These tickets will be available until October 15.

Teen Leaders will be having a yard sale on Saturday, November 7 at the Saline County Fairgrounds.

Veteran’s Day Quilt of Valor Ceremony

On Saturday, November 7, we will be awarding two veterans Quilts of Valor made by 4-H’ers. This will be held at the Ralph Bunche Community Center in Benton with a ceremony to place flags on Veterans’ grave sites beforehand. Please sign up at the Extension Office if you would like to be a part of the ceremony or help place flags.

Congratulations go out to Lily W for placing 2nd at the Arkansas State Fair BBQ Contest!
4-H Volunteer U Multi-State Conference

November 13-15, 2015 – C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center
Registration is available (http://forms.uaex.edu/MultiState) and the deadline is October 26.

Information is available at the Extension Office for application if you would like to conduct an evening Fun Shop. There are $150 scholarships available. Scholarship applications are due October 15. Contact srogers@uaex.edu to receive the scholarship form.

BOOT Camp

This is a state camp designed for new members and leaders/adults, but anyone is welcome to attend. Topics that will be covered: what is 4-H, projects, opportunities, contests/events, camps, etc. The instructors will be camp champions, state officers, state ambassadors and 4-H staff who can give you an insight to the program from a member perspective. Everyone will be broken into age groups and cover topics in an age appropriate manner. This camp takes place at the Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale. Cloverbuds (5-8) must attend with an adult. Dates are November 6-7. Registration Deadline is October 16 on 4-H Online. Cost to attend is $85 per person.