Record books will be due into the county office by Tuesday, January 20th by 4:30 pm. We will evaluate and offer suggestions with anything that may need help. Cloverbud books are in the office and the file can be emailed to you, please contact Stephany for that file. Green record book covers are in the office for the junior and senior record books. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Stephany or Kris.

It’s time to place orders. The Foundation is paying half and 4-H members pay half of the $25 per pen of 25 pullets. A contract is at the Extension office and must be signed when orders are placed and payment is made. The contract states a fair entry of 3 birds must be shown in the 2015 Fair or $12.50 must be paid back to the Foundation. Roosters are available upon request. Place order by Feb. 13
Dairy Recipe & Poultry BBQ Practice - Feb. 7

Dairy Recipe & Poultry BBQ are two of our biggest contests in the county. Team Cuisine is hosting a practice session, **Saturday, February 7th at 9:30 am at the EHC Kitchen** on the fairgrounds. RSVP & pay $5 to cover the cost of poultry by **Friday, January 30th**. Bring a copy of a recipe filled with dairy to evaluate.

4-H Day with the Razorbacks - Feb. 7

4-H Day with the Arkansas Razorbacks Basketball - We wanted to extend this special opportunity to 4-H members, volunteers, friends and family of 4-H to attend the upcoming Arkansas Razorback Basketball game against Mississippi State at Bud Walton Arena on Saturday, February 7th, at 3:00 pm. This game is our “4-H Recognition Day!” With this special offer tickets are only $10.00 by going here: [http://ev12.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList...](http://ev12.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList...) and entering promo code: 4HClover14

The **deadline to order** tickets is **February 5th**.

Go to 4-H Online to Re-enroll!

It is simple, just go to [https://arkansas.4honline.com](https://arkansas.4honline.com) and sign into your existing account. If you have forgotten your password, you can have a temporary one sent to your email that you used when you created the account. Then hit the re-enroll button for 2014-2015 and update your information. Thank you!

“Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up” is the 2015 theme

Beekeeping has become difficult due to a lack of native plants for forage. In this Beekeeping essay contest, you will be required to discuss ways that habitats can be modified to become “bee friendly.” The essay should be 750 to 1,000 words and interviews with Bee Keepers are encouraged.

Contact Stephany for complete rules and regulations. Deadline to email essay to the Extension office is **February 9th**. State winners receive: 1st $750, 2nd $500 and 3rd $250. The First place winner goes onto the national contest.
We're looking for volunteers to work with our 4-H activities at the 25th annual Big Buck Classic. We welcome your county 4-H members and volunteers to sign up for a time slot. Thanks for helping us with this event.

Volunteers needed in 4-hour time slots:

**Friday, Jan. 23, 2015**
1:00-5:00 pm & 5:00-9:00 pm

**Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015**
9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015**
9:00 am-1:00 pm
1:00-5:00 pm

Volunteers will receive a day pass* to Big Buck Classic (www.bigbuckclassic.com).
*individual MUST commit to full 4-hour time slot to qualify for pass

To sign up go to:
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948AAA729A1FA7-bigbuck

Check the COUNTY VOLUNTEERS "sign up" box for the time slot you would like to work. Click "Submit and Sign up" at the bottom of the page.

You will be asked to enter your county, first and last name, and email (email is for reminder purposes only). Then click "Sign up Now" at the bottom of the page.

CJCOHN Canned Soup Drive in Jan.

Anastasia Mills, along with Team Cuisine and Teen Leaders, will host a canned and packaged soup drive for CJCOHN. The drop location will be at the Extension office from now until January 27th. All soup collected will go to CJCOHN for their pantry.

County O-Rama: Big B Day & Talks and Talents

**Saturday, April 25 from 10 am- 2 pm • Please RSVP by April 17th**

Baitcasting, BB Gun Safety, Bicycle & Reel into Sport fishing in the morning, lunch provided, Talks & Talents in the afternoon.
School is out and we are trying something new - **Monday, February 16**, will be the **Foods Contest day**. Contests include Dairy Foods and Poultry BBQ (Chicken & Turkey) at the Extension office. The schedule will be:

- 12:30 pm -1 pm - deliver and set up your dairy entries (Main dish and/or party idea; ages 5-19)
- 1 pm, Dairy Judging begins and BBQ set up
- 1:30 pm Start Fires, Chicken or Turkey pickup will be 30 minutes later
- 90 minutes to grill

Saline County Farm Bureau is sponsoring cash prizes for juniors and senior winners in Dairy Recipe, BBQ Chicken & BBQ Turkey: **1st**- $25, **2nd** - $15, **3rd** - $10 (BBQ, **1st-5th** are still eligible for district competition.)

**RSVP for both contests by Monday, February 9th.**

**Congratulations Camp Champions**

We have 4 Saline County kids that have been selected as Camp Champions for Arkansas! Olivia McClure, Zane Pitman, Zoe Pitman & Lily Webb. They will be Ouachita District Camp Champions and will be instrumental in getting the word about State Camps out. Great job!

**Calendar of Events**

| January 12-27: | CJCOHN Canned Soup Drive • Drop off @ Extension Office |
| January 15: | Veterinary Science Meeting • Ext Office • 6:30 pm |
| January 20: | Record Books due to Extension Office • 4:30 pm |
| January 23-25: | Big Buck Classic • State Fairgrounds |
| January 30: | RSVP for Dairy Recipe & Poultry BBQ Practice |
| February 2: | Last day to register for WHEP Practice • $12 |
| February 7: | Dairy Recipe & BBQ Practice • EHC Kitchen • 9 am |
| February 9: | RSVP for Foods Contest Day |
| February 13: | Poultry Chain Orders due to Extension Office |
| February 16: | Foods Contest Day • Extension office • 12:30 – 4:30 pm |
| February 21: | WHEP Practice • ASU Beebe |
| February 26: | Ambassador & Teen Star apps due to office |
| April 17: | RSVP for County O-Rama |
| April 25: | County O-Rama • 10 am -2 pm |

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to youth, between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. 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.