Do you like wildlife? Enjoy target practice? Like to shop or cook? Go fishing?
Are you interested in healthcare and the medical field?
Enjoy technology or video games? Have a talent for music or dance?

These are just a few of the MANY areas 4-H members can participate in at the 4-H O’Rama. We are out to break records this year for attendance at the District O’Rama and bring home a lot of trophies!! There is truly an event for everyone and we want everyone to pick an event early so we can help you be the most prepared! So let’s get started!!

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!

County O’Rama Dates:
Outdoor O’Rama (the 4 outdoor events listed): May 28th at 5:30 at the fairgrounds

Here is a list of events, if you see one you like contact the Extension office for more information. Those wishing to do an illustrated talk/demonstration or public speaking please contact the Extension office to arrange a time for Extension staff to work with you.

Illustrated Talks/Demonstrations (We would LOVE to see a lot of these and will help you prepare an awesome talk)!!

Animal Science, Citizenship, Consumer Economics, Entomology, Environmental Stewardship, Food Fair, Forestry, Horse, Human Development, Health, Pet Care, Safety, Innovative Technology Vet Science

Identification Events:
Ornamental Horticulture, Wildlife, Crop Weeds

Performing Arts:
Dance, Vocal, Instrumental

Outdoor Events:
Sportfishing, Bait Casting, Bicycle, BB Gun Marksmanship and Safety

Other:
Entomology Collection, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue
4-H Gardening Contest:

This year we have squash, cucumbers, okra, and sunflower seeds. Along with bell peppers plants for you to pick up and grow in your home gardens. Bring back your garden contest product to the fair (we have special categories for 4-H garden items) for a chance to win cash prizes!!

Sharp County Mobile Rabies Clinic

Mark your calendars for May 16th we will be traveling throughout the county for the rabies vaccination clinic. This is a great fundraiser for our 4-H program! A flyer is attached with your newsletter, please help us spread the word!

Ross Photography Contest

Grab those cameras, get outside, and be creative!!

The Ross Photography Contest has 4 categories, you can enter one photo in each category.

Black/White Living
Black/White Non-living
Color Living
Color Non-living

The living categories are limited to only people and animals.

Winners county level will have their photos submitted to the state contest where winners will receive cash prizes!

Photos should be standard print size and must be submitted to the Extension office by May 15th!

Master Gardener/4-H Project:

The Master Gardeners have a fun project planned for us this year. Come out and enjoy the evening making a fun garden themed project.

When: June 18th @ 6:00
Where: Fairgrounds
RSVP by June 8th!!!
Community Service Opportunity:
Servers are needed for the Kiwanis’ Pancake Breakfast on May 23rd at Town Center (Cherokee Village).
4-H members assist in carrying plates, filling drinks, cleaning tables, etc.
The following shifts need filled by 3-4 kids:
9:00-10:30 and 10:30-12:00

Fair Information:
Sharp County Fair: July 20th-27th
Pre-registration is required for livestock and all other departments (horticulture, field crops, creative arts, etc.). Exhibitor numbers and entry tags may be picked up at the Extension office June 15th- July15th. Exhibitors will be responsible for completing their own entry tags, we will provide an example for you.

Livestock Exhibitors: Blue Ribbon Packets are available by email or can be picked up at the Extension Office. **Deadline for Blue Ribbon forms is June 9th! This deadline must be met in order for exhibitor to receive Blue Ribbon funds.**

Dates to mark on your calendar:
More details on these events will be coming out soon so watch your newsletters!

Camp Fit and Fun: June 8th-12th
Fulton County Fairgrounds
Lots of fun!! Awesome lessons!! Meet new friends!!
Please contact the Extension office for more information.

District O’Rama: June 17th @ Greenbrier
County winners will be competing!

Kids Cooking Camp: June 30th
Back by popular demand! We will offer two sessions teaching kids 5-12 about healthy snacks, kitchen safety, and more!

Tye-Dye Night: July 7th
Everyone is invited to come and make an awesome tye-dyed t-shirt for the fair!!
IMPORTANT NEW POLICY:

ATTENTION SWINE EXHIBITORS:

Special change on exhibiting hogs at fairs:
If a 4-H’er purchases a pig from an Arkansas swine breeder, the Arkansas swine breeder is to tag the pig with the breeders individual premise tag. This tag enables you to show your pig at fairs. County Extension Agents are no longer allowed to tag pigs. This is a premise I.D. trace back issue.
If your family is breeding and raising pigs then it is the breeders responsibility to obtain a premise I.D. and I.D. tags from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission.
If a 4-H’er purchases an out of state pig, the pig must enter the state (AR) with the required health papers. The health papers are sent to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and then they will send the 4-H’er their premise I.D. tag.
All pigs will still have to be tested within 90 days of exhibition for brucellosis (barrows exempt) and also pseudorabies diseases. All pigs must also be free of other contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases before showing.

This is what a premise I.D. tag looks like (numbers will vary as each breeder has their own number). When purchasing pig be sure to check for this tag. All swine entering fairs will be checked for this tag and correct health papers by an Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission technician.

More information on obtaining a premise ID, ordering tags, or other related questions you can contact the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission at 501-907-2400 or by visiting their website at www.alpc.arkansas.gov

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, disability, or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office (or other appropriate office) as soon as possible prior to the activity.

Sincerely,

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