Stone County 4-H Family Guide

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The Stone County 4-H Guide is an overview of the purpose of the 4-H program as well as a brief look at the many opportunities available to your family.

We find that behind most successful 4-H members stands a 4-H parent who encourages, guides, and supports his or her child. We hope you too will become interested in the 4-H program by helping your child. Make 4-H a family affair.

4-H offers an opportunity for young people to participate in projects that help them learn how to make decisions and do tasks in the home, school, or community. Members use their head, heart, hands, and health to learn by doing.

The adults working with your local 4-H club are volunteers. They share their time, talents and caring attitudes to help create a positive learning experience for the children.

It costs nothing to join 4-H. We receive no outside funding and we have various fundraisers throughout the year to support our organization. The Stone County 4-H Advisory Board approves the spending of funds and the making of policies.

Best wishes for an enjoyable 4-H learning experience! Read your monthly newsletter for dates and prices (if any) for upcoming events.

| 4-H members have the opportunity to: | * Attend camps  
* Get along with others  
* Make decisions  
* Exhibit their efforts  
* Be a part of a positive peer group  
* Receive scholarships |
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| * Be leaders and followers  
* Learn by doing  
* Accept responsibility  
* Practice citizenship  
* Earn recognition and awards  
* Build character  
* Maintain records |
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4-H EMBLEM AND SYMBOLS

EMBLEM: The national 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf.

THE 4-H'S: The 4-H's stand for *Head, Heart, Hand* and *Health*. These 4-H’s represent the four fold training and development in which members participate. This meaning is given in the pledge below.

PLEDGE:

All 4-H members should learn the 4-H pledge.

*I pledge:

My HEAD to clearer thinking,
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.*

MOTTO:

"To Make The Best Better”

SLOGAN:

"Learn By Doing"

COLORS:

Green and white are the 4-H colors. The white background of the flag symbolizes purity; the green 4-H emblem is nature's most common color in the great outdoors and is the color of springtime, life and youth.
WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is the official youth organization of the Cooperative Extension Service, a division of the University of Arkansas. It is an informal education program for boys and girls. 4-H is conducted locally by volunteer leaders in cooperation with County Extension personnel.

4-H is young people sharing, doing, and learning together in all kinds of projects, events and activities with guidance from their families, volunteer leaders and Extension personnel. Members choose projects that fit them and the places where they live, both urban and rural. Group activities such as meetings, workshops, tours, camps, and competitive activities provide additional learning experiences.

Volunteers serve as 4-H leaders to plan and carry out organized learning experiences with youth. Many of the learning experiences are at the local club level. The many County, District and State activities supplement and support those activities carried out at the local level.

During club meetings, members conduct business, share ideas, learn new skills, participate in decision making, and enjoy recreational activities.

WHY AND WHEN DID 4-H ORIGINATE?

4-H work, as we know it, began around 1900 as a means of reaching parents with improved farm and home practices. American farmers had experienced poor economic times for 30 years. It was risky business for them to try a new recommended farm practice. In 1902, a few school teachers developed some crop demonstrations with their students who, in turn, shared their successes with their parents.

These school projects developed into small groups covering a single topic such as beef, corn, gardening, and canning. By 1903 they were called 3-H clubs and in 1911 the name 4-H was finally adopted.

The first 4-H type club in Arkansas is reported to have been in White County in 1908. It was a corn club with 40 members. Corn clubs, cotton clubs, pig clubs and canning clubs were all in operation in Arkansas by 1914.

Have the 4-H objectives changed since the early days? Yes! Today, members are no longer limited to agriculture projects. 4-H offers the urban as well as the rural young person the opportunity to learn, develop leadership abilities and become informed, effective citizens.
WHO'S WHO IN STONE COUNTY 4-H?

4-H Member
Any youth between the ages of 5 and 19, who participates in a 4-H Community Club, a 4-H School or Special Interest Program, or a 4-H Project Group or Club.

4-H Cloverbuds
Any youth ages 5, 6, 7 or 8, who participates in any of the above clubs or groups. Cloverbud members are not eligible to compete in district competitive activities; however, they may participate in educational activities. All county activities have a Cloverbud Division.

Junior and Senior 4-H Members
4-H members are divided into two divisions for most competitive activities. Junior members must have reached their 9th birthday and have not passed their 14th birthday, as of January ONE of the current year. Senior members must be 14 on or before January ONE of the current year and must not have passed their 19th birthday by January ONE.

4-H Adult Volunteer Leader (Certified)
A parent or adult who has completed the 4HOnline registration process. An adult volunteer leader becomes a certified leader when he/she annually completes the required hours of training. 4-H Club Organization/Main Leaders should annually meet the Certified Adult Volunteer training requirements offered annually.

4-H Parent
A parent of a 4-H member who attends regular 4-H meetings with their youth and assists their child (ren) with project work at home.

Primary Club Leader
The Club Leader is the person responsible for the club program development process, the organization and guidance of club officers, communication of club meetings and activities, and delegation of responsibilities to other volunteer leaders, families, and adults. Organizational leaders communicate with and follow the guidance of the County Extension Staff and State 4-H program.

Project Leader
A volunteer who helps 4-H members as they learn, make or do something. This person can be a 4-H parent who agrees to help with a project. It may also be a teen leader or a person from the community who has knowledge in a particular subject matter or project area.

Teen Leader
A 4-H member who is 14 years of age or older is eligible to be a teen leader. They take an active part in helping the younger members in the club. By doing this, they grow, mature, and develop leadership skills.
4-H AWARDS AND REWARDS

4-H offers a variety of awards and rewards such as trophies, ribbons, certificates, pins, trips and cash scholarships. A special 4-H Recognition Banquet is held annually honoring our 4-H members and volunteer leaders. It recognizes 4-H'ers who excel in their projects and activities. Leaders are also recognized for their contributions to 4-H.

Special Year End Awards
Stone County 4-H offers SIX awards a year to outstanding 4-Hers, clubs and leaders. Jackets are awarded to the outstanding 4-Hers in each of the following age divisions: Cloverbud, Junior, and Senior. Recipients are chosen by reviewing their application. Then, they have the opportunity to be chosen as the Overall 4-Her of the Year and awarded a trophy buckle. Clubs have the opportunity to apply for Club of the Year and receive a plaque. Outstanding Leaders may be nominated by a 4-Her or Leader/Volunteer for 4-Hers for Leader of the Year recognition. Leaders must meet all requirements to be eligible for Leader of the Year. Additionally, the Overall 4-Her of the year is awarded the opportunity to attend a state 4-H camp of their choice free of charge.

Please Note: Applications and rubrics for these awards are made available in the appendix of this guide. Clubs who have been on probation in the past three years will not be eligible nor will be leader eligible. Any 4-Her, club or leader who has not fulfilled their requirements outlined in this Family guide and/or violate any of the policies located in the policy guide will not be eligible for a year end award. The Extension Offices role for the Year End Awards will be accepting and distributing the applications to the committee as well as assisting the Committee with any questions they may have regarding whether the 4-Her, Club or Leader has fulfilled the requirements outlined in this Family/Policy guide and Year End Award guide. Committee of 3 to 5 will be decided upon by the 4-H advisory board to make decisions on the year-end awards.

4-H PROJECTS
A 4-H project is what a 4-H'er learns, makes or does; example: learn to grow a garden, make a dress, or train a dog. 4-H members should choose at least one project each year and complete records for that project. Younger 4-H'ers should limit themselves to one or two projects per year. Older 4-H'ers may want to choose three or four. The family of a 4-H'er should take an active interest in his/her project. They should assist, encourage, offer advice, but remember, the 4-H'er learns by doing.

4-H Record Books
The Arkansas 4-H Record Book is one place to show others what a 4-Her has accomplished in their 4-H career. Completing the record book is much like completing a portfolio. Record books show accomplishments and 4-Hers develop responsibility by keeping records. Throughout a 4-H career, record books are useful in evaluating past achievements and in making improvements in future plans. The Arkansas 4-H Record Book has four levels of guidelines: Cloverbud (5-8), Beginner (9-12), Intermediate (13-15), and Advanced (16-19). Record book covers are available free at our office. There are workshops to explain more in-depth what a record book entails to assist families in putting together a record book.
4-H PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parent interest and encouragement are major influences on young 4-H'ers. If parents are involved from the beginning, chances are greater for a successful 4-H experience.

- **Assist** child in selecting a 4-H project they will enjoy.

- **Read** the project book your child receives. You'll find ways you can help your child with the project.

- **Attend** 4-H club meetings and activities with your child. This helps you understand the type of assistance your child needs.

- **Read the 4-H mail that comes to your home or inbox.** This keeps you up to date and you will be able to remind your child of upcoming events and due dates.

- **Offer to assist** the 4-H club leaders with specific tasks.

- **Volunteer** to be in charge of refreshments occasionally at club meetings.

- **Share** a hobby, skill, or interest of yours with 4-H club members during a meeting workshop.

* Assist your child in keeping records on his/her 4-H work. 4-H members keep a written record of what they do in 4-H which is turned in to the County Extension Office in January. This includes 4-H project work, demonstrations, awards received, leadership positions held, and community service involvement.
4-H MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Enroll in 4HOnline at ar.4honline.com each year. Re-enroll by October ONE of the current year.

- Select one or two 4-H projects with the help of your parents.

- Order and read 4-H project book(s) related to your project(s) and complete the activities in the book. (Members are not limited to activities in the book and may want to do other activities relating to the project.)

- Attend, participate and help plan 4-H club activities, community service, and fund-raising.

- Read 4-H mail that comes to your home or inbox. Share the information with your parents.

- Keep a current, up-to-date 4-H calendar of meetings and activities. Ask parents to remind you of upcoming events and due dates.

- Ask your parent, relative, or other adult to serve as a 4-H project helper.

- Serve as a club officer or on a committee when asked.

- Take an active part in the 4-H club meeting.

- Prepare a 4-H Record Book that records your 4-H project work and turn it in to the 4-H leader at the proper time.

- Share a hobby, skill, or interest of yours with other 4-H members at a meeting or a workshop.

- Keep parents informed about 4-H meetings, projects, and activities.

- Do at least one method demonstration or illustrated talk on your 4-H project.

- Conduct yourself at all times in a manner that would be a credit to you, your family, your 4-H club, and your county.

- Talk about 4-H to friends and invite them to become 4-H members.

- Develop an exhibit about your 4-H project. Take it to your club meeting to show what you have accomplished in your project.
4-H LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

All Volunteers and Leaders are required to receive training each 4-H year.

- Leader Training options:
  - **Adult Volunteer Training Shooting Sports Instructor Training** - Stone County 4-H considers this training to be counted as part of the 4 hours of required trainings for Shooting Sports volunteers and leaders in the County and will reimburse registration fees for new and active leaders provided necessary funds are available. If funds are not available, every effort will be made to pay half of registration fees. Reimbursements will be made upon receipt of instructor certificate. Leaders must conduct at least one county youth or adult workshop prior to receiving funding for additional instructor training workshops.
  - **District and State Adult Leaders Forum** - Stone County 4-H also considers this to be an alternative option for the 4 hours required and will reimburse cost for new and active leaders, provided the necessary funds are available. If the funds are not available, effort will be made to pay half of expenses. Leaders must conduct at least one county youth or adult workshop prior to receiving funding for additional forum participation.
  - **County 4-H trainings** - The County 4-H will provide Saturday trainings at least once a year, Day/Night trainings, and Zoom (web conferencing) sessions for Leader and volunteers to obtain all of their required hours by the end of the 4-H year. Notification of trainings will be posted on Facebook and in monthly 4-H newsletters.

- Also leaders and volunteers are required to take the overnight chaperone training, if they will be transporting children out of the county.
- Because leaders work with children they are considered mandated reporters. The state 4-H office requires each mandated reporter to complete the mandated reporter training available online.
- At least ONE leader or volunteer from every club will be required to attend all mandatory county meetings.
- Each club must have at least one main, organizational leader. All club leaders shall have specific responsibilities and are to work with or under the direction of the main leader. If a co-leadership team is in place, the leaders will determine their specific responsibilities.
- Main leaders are responsible for providing updates to members and maintaining compliance of the general policies.
4-H CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- A club must be composed of at least six 4-H members
- A club must elect officers annually
  - Must have at least a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Offices can be combined if needed with Extension approval.
- A club must have meetings regularly throughout the year
  - Minimum of SIX meetings per year
  - Meetings should follow “A Good 4-H Meeting Checklist” available in the Extension office.
- Has two non-related adults volunteering to guide the club. (Non-related means the leaders are not related)
- A successful 4-H has a mix of 4-H age divisions.
- A club should have at least ONE community service project
- A club should have involvement from a mix of parents/supporting adults
- A club should have at least ONE fundraiser per year
- A club should submit required paperwork to the Stone County Extension office including:
  - Meeting minutes
  - Financial Reports
  - Annual Reports (Clubs are notified about these)
  - Current officers
  - Active Members once a quarter
- A club should notify the Extension office of the following:
  - Fundraisers or donations prior to event
  - Club news (Events, Activities, or Workshops)
  - Club meeting dates and locations
  - Current contact information for leaders, members, and parents
  - Any issues or problems that are occurring that the club feels should be addressed by Extension personnel.

For more information on club responsibilities, resources, and charter information please go to [http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/about/clubs.aspx](http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/about/clubs.aspx)
Enrolling in 4-H

To join Arkansas 4-H or attend a 4-H event, you must register online using the Arkansas 4-H Online Management System. You will need a computer, internet access, and a web browser. If you do not have this available, please come by the Extension office. Open your internet browser

1. Go to https://arkansas.4honline.com
2. Click “I need to setup a profile”
3. Select your county from the drop down menu
4. Fill in the fields marked Email, Confirm Email, Last Name and create a password - you will need to remember your password
5. Select “Family” on the Role drop down menu
6. Click “Create Login”
7. Follow the on-screen prompts to register your family and all family members involved in 4-H as members or volunteers (including adults). Fields marked in bold are required.
8. After entering all family members, please log out of Arkansas 4-H Online.

Tip: Do not hit your browser’s “Back” button while within the 4-H Online System. 4-H online works better when ran with Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome instead of Internet Explorer

Register for Activities: 4-H Online is used to register for all district and state events and state camps.

1. When approved, you may log into your account by clicking “I have a profile” and providing your email address and password.
2. On the “Member List” page, scroll to the bottom of the page and select a member from the “Register a member for an event” drop down menu. Select the event you are registering for. Only events that a member is eligible for will show.
3. After you register, your county Extension agent will review your registration and approve.

Questions about Arkansas 4-H Online? Contact your county extension office at 870-269-3336 or email Mindy Sloan at msloan@uaex.edu or Rachel Chaney at rlchaney@uaex.edu.
4-H Clubs in Stone County

Arbanna 4-H Club
Leader: Christa Spickes
This is a community 4-H club that meets at Arbanna Church, typically after church Sundays or Wednesdays.

Big Flat 4-H Club
Leader: Kim Shelton
This is a community club that meets at the Big Flat Community Center, typically on Sunday afternoons monthly.

Bluff Springs 4-H Club
Leader: Shayleigh Turner and Kasey Morgan
This club is community service oriented. Bluff Springs 4-H Club is a general club that embraces the mission of 4-H by offering a variety of activities and projects. Members are encouraged to participate in all levels of 4-H from the club to the state level. The club takes a special interest in community service and supporting the county fair through entries of crafts, horticulture and all species of livestock. The club meets monthly, generally at the EHC building. Special meetings are held throughout the year to complete community service, fundraising and other special projects and activities.

Ag and Livestock 4-H Club
Leader: Amber Kennon
This project club focuses on all aspects of agriculture and livestock projects. This club is agriculture based with an emphasis on youth leadership skills and community service. They meet bi-monthly meetings, once for a formal business meeting with a program following, and once for a project activity or hands on educational program. Meetings are held in the Mountain View High School agriculture classroom or around the county for various hands on learning projects.

Herpel Hill Cooking Club
Leader: Telisha Tinkle
This is a project and community club that meets at the Stone County Extension office monthly. Members get the opportunity to learn about nutrition and food safety, creating recipes, and learn proper cooking skills. Member will also do arts, crafts, community service and other 4-H projects.

Robotics Club
Leader: Mindy Sloan
This project club focuses on building robots and explores the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics field. This club meets bi-monthly at the Extension office.
Horse Crazy 4-H Club
Leader: Lee Anne Simons
This project club focuses on horses, horse safety, and proper care. This club typically meets the last Monday of the month at the Extension office.

Shooting Sports / Archery 4-H Club
Leader: Wesly Morgan
This club focuses on learning shooting sports safety, proper technique and accuracy. This club meets bi-monthly during the school year.

Vet Science 4-H Club
Leader: Loretta Trammell
This club focuses on Vet Science curriculum provided by the U of A Division of Agriculture. This club typically meets bi-monthly at the Extension office. Members are junior and senior 4-Hers interested in pursuing a career in the Veterinary and Medical field.

4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

COUNTY AND STATE ACTIVITIES/ EVENTS:

Project Workshops
Educational workshops relating to various projects. Workshops may feature a variety of projects or may feature in depth training on one topic.

Shooting Sports/Archery Competitions
In addition to teaching concepts related to shooting safety and firearm responsibility, the curriculum offers opportunities for youth to develop important life skills such as citizenship, leadership, sportsmanship, ethics, critical thinking and an appreciation for natural resources. County, state and national competitions are available to test and improve those skills. Shooting Sports and Archery Competitions are for 4-Hers from ages 8 to 19.

Broiler BBQ & Dairy Foods Contest
4-H’ers entering the BBQ contest grills a chicken breast on a charcoal grill. The top five winners are eligible to compete at the district BBQ. Broiler BBQ contest is for juniors and seniors only. The Dairy Foods contest is sponsored by Farm Bureau. Contestants enter their favorite dairy dish in either the main dish and/or party idea category. Winners of both categories are eligible for a state contest.

County O’Rama
4-H’ers compete in Outdoor O’Rama which includes Forestry, BB Shooting, Bait Casting, and Bicycle. The other competition option for County O’Rama is Indoor O’Rama which is a choice of Illustrated Talks, Performing Arts (Vocal, Instrumental and Dance), and Fashion Revue. A complete list of the entire contest is available at the Extension office. The top junior and senior winners of each category are eligible to go to the district competition in June. Cloverbuds receive a participation ribbon for competing.
District O'Rama
This competition is for junior and senior 4-H'ers who qualified through numerous county competitive activities. Senior members then qualify to compete at State 4-H O'Rama.

State 4-H O'Rama
Held on the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville campus, State O’Rama is a multi-day event, involving 40+ competitive activities for senior members who qualify to attend at District O'Rama. Educational workshops, tours, "State only” team competitive activities and recognition programs are conducted throughout this event.

District & State Horse Show
4-H'ers owning horses and in the horse project are eligible to compete in a district horse show. State competition is for junior and senior 4-H'ers who have entered district 4-H shows. Winners may qualify for the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show.

Ross 4-H Photography Contest
4-H'ers enter color or black and white photographs in living and non-living categories. Photos must have been taken in Arkansas in the past year. Cash is awarded for winning county photos. Winners are eligible to go to state competition.

Arkansas State Fair
Special 4-H activities are conducted on 4-H Day (one day during the State Fair). 4-H’ers in animal projects may enter the junior livestock shows. The student must be a member of a local 4-H club in order to participate with the junior livestock shows. 4-H'ers may enter the Arts and Crafts competition that is open to the public (there is no separate competition for 4-H).

Teen Leader Conference
This conference is for senior 4-H'ers devoted to leadership training typically done in June. 4-H’ers discuss current societal issues and plan specific state wide initiatives for teen clubs within their county. This conference is held at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H center.

WHEP
Are you interested in learning about wildlife? The 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife management to Cloverbud, Junior and Senior level (ages 5-19) youth in Arkansas. Nationally, WHEP has earned a solid reputation for being a 4-H program that fosters relationships between youth, professional wildlife and fisheries’ biologists, agents, volunteers, parents, teachers and farmers. Participants learn essential life skills such as oral and written communication and decision-making. Youth strengthen their self-concept and character through interaction with peers and professionals from Arkansas and different parts of the country.
Poultry Chain
The 4-H Poultry Chain project is designed to teach 4-H members recommended management practices for the family laying flock. Chicks provided in the 4-H Poultry Chain program come from the commercial egg industry’s disease-free flocks and have the genetic potential for very high, efficient egg production. Chicks are vaccinated at the hatchery. Early sign-up for this project is at the beginning of the year. 4-Hers receive a flock of chickens in the Spring, and bring back a pen of three to five to the county fair depending on how many chicks they receive. Pullets are auctioned off at the annual 4-H Poultry Chain Auction which is a yearly fundraiser to help fund this program as well as various other programs held throughout the year.

Camps
For a complete list of County, District and State Camps contact the Extension Office.

County Day Camp
Each year Extension offers at least one County Camp program for each age division at a low cost for actively enrolled youth in Stone County. The theme for camps varies. Previous camps include: Science Camps at Blanchard Springs, Camp Fit and Fun which focuses (teaches 4-Hers fun activities that focus on health and nutrition) and Livestock Camps (focuses on showmanship and how to properly take care of livestock). Information is sent out in the May 4-H newsletter each year.

State Camp
Held at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. This is a 2 or 3 day camp opportunity where 4-H'ers, 9 - 19 participate in workshops, recreation and other learning activities.

Career Camp & Advanced Career Camp
This is a three day educational citizenship camp for 12 - 13 year olds. 4-H members have an opportunity to explore their rights and responsibilities as citizens. This camp is held at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.

Adventure and Challenge Camp
4-H'ers have the opportunity to enjoy four action-packed days of fun, adventure, education, and leadership for 13 - 19 year old 4-H'ers. This camp is held at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.

Forestry and Wildlife Camp
11 - 13 year old 4-H members participate in a camp at the Arkansas 4-H Center loaded with hands-on activities that apply to 4-H project work in forestry, fisheries, wildlife, etc.
NATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

Citizenship Washington Focus
CWF is a one week educational citizenship activity involving a bus trip to Washington, DC, and a stay at the National 4-H Center. It is designed for 4-H'ers 14 and older.

National 4-H Conference
Held in Washington, DC, five Arkansas delegates, 16 - 19 years old, are selected to participate in this conference.

National 4-H Congress
Held annually in Atlanta, this conference can only be attended by those 4-H'ers who are State Project Record book winners. All expenses are paid. 4-H'ers may only experience this once in their 4-H career.
**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COUNTY 4-H PAYMENTS ARE DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS WHICH CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME**

Requirements for Eligibility of County Funding for Special Events

The following guidelines are what County 4-H considers an Active Membership. Active Membership will be based on the current and previous 4-H year. This is what is expected of 4-Hers who would like to be eligible for ANY county 4-H events or 4-H State/National trip scholarships:

- Take part in ONE 4-H Community Service Projects each year (individual and/or group led)
- Attend at least FOUR monthly meetings and TWO County Activities (workshops, meetings, camps, or competitive events) within current 4-H year
- Helped with ONE County or Club Fundraiser

Application forms are submitted one month prior to event registration deadline and are available at the office. The County Extension office and 4-H Advisory Board review applications to determine funding eligibility and amount. 4-Hers may ask their 4-H club as well as other outside resources for funding options as long as it is approved by Extension office. Clubs that agree to pay fees must supply minutes from the meeting where it was approved.

County 4-H Scholarship Guidelines

A $500 dollar scholarship awarded to 4-Hers who are graduating from high school/homeschool pursuing a college degree. This scholarship is awarded during the 4-Hers second semester as long as the student maintains at least a 2.5 Cumulative GPA at the end of their first full semester. This scholarship is awarded to current, deserving 4-Hers who have been active for the at least 3 years in the County 4-H program. A maximum of three scholarships are awarded annually.

To be considered an active member a 4-Her must do the following for each of the 3 years:

- Participate in two 4-H Community Service Projects each year (individual and/or group led)
- Attend at least FOUR monthly meetings and THREE County Activities (workshops, meetings, camps, or competitive events) within current 4-H year
- Help with ONE County or Club Fundraiser

Scholarship applications are sent to high school counselors and are available at the Extension office. Scholarship applications are submitted to the Extension office no later than April 1st. More information and deadlines on how the scholarship is awarded is given to those who receive the scholarship. **If the 4-Her fails to meet requirements or misses deadlines for submitting proper enrollment information their scholarship will be revoked.**

Payment Policy for State O’Rama

Senior 4-H members have the opportunity to attend State O’Rama held each summer in Fayetteville at the University of Arkansas campus. Below are the payment policies for this event effective September 1, 2015:

- Attends County & District O’Rama → County Pays 100% of the registration fee
- Attends only County or only District→ County Pays 50% of the registration fee
- Doesn’t attend County or District O’Rama → 4-Her pays 100% of the registration fee
Events Cancellation Policy
4-Hers receiving funds from the County Extension office or other sources (Club and/or businesses) must refund full amount if the 4-Her does not attend the event. Depending on when the cancellation occurs prior to the event determines the amount or percentage that the 4-Her pays back. In this case, the 4-Her must pay the difference.

General Event Refund Policy
The Stone County 4-H REFUND POLICY applies to all 4-H events, except those which have specific refund guidelines listed in the information for that specific event:
- 100% refund – 15 workings days before the first day of the event
- 50% refund - 7-14 working days before the day of event
- No refund – 0-6 working days prior to the event

Exceptions to this refund policy will be based on personal or family illness or death in the immediate family. This refund policy is used by the county 4-H program when charging participants for registration cancellation, or when a participant merely does not show up for an event. Some state and national events have different refund policies for cancellation which the county will follow.

If a 4-Her does not pay the refund within 30 days of notification, the 4-Her will not be allowed to participate in any 4-H activities until they have either set up a payment plan or paid the full amount.

Chaperone Funding Requirements
Stone County 4-H requires adults transporting youth to pass all required background checks obtain overnight chaperone training and complete the mandated reporter certification. Chaperones must apply for funding to cover trip/camp fees. Amounts covered are determined based on availability of funds. A volunteer is considered a chaperone if he/she is responsible for children other than their own. Trips/ Camps that require parents to attend with their children are eligible to receive funds for the fees; however, due to limited funds only a percentage may be paid. Clubs and other organization may fund fees with County Extension approval. Clubs paying fees will need to supply minutes from the meeting where this was approved.

Poultry Chain Participation Requirements
4-Hers will pay ½ of the amount for their chicks and the Extension office will pay the remaining fee. 4-Hers will sign an agreement stating that if the 4-Her is unable to bring the chicks received to the County Fair in September, they will owe the remaining balance to the Extension office. 4-Hers or representative from the family are required to attend the Poultry Chain Workshop offered during the late winter or early spring months of the current year to sign up for the poultry chain. Those who do not attend the Poultry Chain Workshop will not be allowed to participate in the Poultry Chain that year.
Excused Absence by 4-H Guidelines
Some 4-H events may be conducted during school hours (County Fair, 4-H Competitions, workshops, etc.). Stone County 4-H is willing to write a letter to the school for an excused absence when necessary. The 4-Her or parent must notify the Extension office TEN days prior to the event to allow plenty of time for the Extension office to notify and get approval by the school for the absence. If the event is conducted by a 4-H club, the office must be notified for approval of the event by the club leader. In this case, both the club leader and Extension staff chair will sign the excused absence letter for each 4-Her.

County Fair Participation Policy
Stone County 4-H requires County Fair livestock participants (which includes all animals in the Livestock and Poultry/Rabbit barn excluding horses) representing Stone County 4-H to be an active member of 4-H for that year. Livestock participants must show as a 4-H member, FFA member, or in the open division in the County Fair. To show as a 4-H member, participants must have attended at least 4 monthly meetings of a 4-H club and attend at least TWO County events (O’RAMA, camps, workshops, meetings, other competitive events, and etc.) prior to the County Fair. The 4-H member showing livestock must have been a member by April 1st of the current year prior to the fair. The Extension office requires the 4-H leader to verify in writing the club meetings attended and the Extension office will verify in writing the County or State events attended. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Fundraising and Donation Guidelines
Fundraising activities by 4-H clubs may be held when authorized by a vote of the club and when the purpose is in agreement with the objectives of the 4-H program. The county Extension office should be notified of all club fundraising activities involving soliciting of monies or donations ONE week before the fundraising begins. This is to allow the Extension office to ensure that no clubs are competing against each other for potential funds. No part of the net earnings of the County or Club shall be to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the club shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for expenses and to make payments and distributions in furtherance with the objectives of the Stone County 4-H program hereof. Detailed receipts regarding all club financial transactions should be written and filed for future reference.

USE OF 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM
The official 4-H emblem consists of a green four-leaf clover with stem and the letter “H” in white on each leaf. The four-leaf clover with the stem and letter “H” in white on each leaf may also appear, if necessary, in other colors and still be considered the official 4-H emblem. For example, when it is not possible to use the color green for the emblem, as in printing on fabric, plaques and trophies, other colors may be used. When the 4-H emblem is used, the following wording (exactly as printed below) will be displayed to the right of the base of the stem and under the lower right leaf: 18 U.S.C. 707. The ONLY exception will be when the wording “18 U.S.C. 707” becomes too small to be legible. In computer-generated samples, it appears that as long as the 4-H emblem is at least three-fourths of an inch in size, the writing is legible.
USE OF 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM - Continued
When large versions of the 4-H emblem are used (e.g., T-shirts, poster and banners), the statement can be somewhat smaller in proportion to the emblem.
When used, the 4-H club name and emblem shall be given a position of prominence. It is not permissible to superimpose any letter, design or object on the 4-H emblem or to alter its shape in audiovisu als, on stationery over which a letter is written or typed, certificates, publications, etc.
For complete guidelines on use of the 4-H Clover, see the Arkansas 4-H Policy Guide located at www.uaex.edu.

Probation Policy
Stone County 4-H reserves the right to issue a probationary period to any 4-H club who is not fulfilling the responsibilities described on the club responsibilities page of the Stone County 4-H Family Guide. **Clubs can be put on probation if they do not meet the minimum times required in a year or if they do not submit required paperwork to the Extension office by deadlines.** If club leaders do not follow their requirements found on the 4-H leader responsibilities page of the Stone County 4-H Family Guide their club could be put on probation. At least one club leader must obtain the minimum hours of training per year and be present for mandatory County meetings.
Probation periods are proposed by the Stone County Extension office and ultimately decided by the 4-H advisory board. The period of probation will be set by the advisory board. Clubs will be put under review to decide if dissolution is needed if requirements are NOT met during the probation period. The Stone County Extension office will only propose clubs to be put on probation if the club has been notified TWO times (one oral and one written notification) during the current 4-H year and no action has been taken to resolve the issue. **Clubs who have been on probation period THREE times within a THREE year period are subject to dissolution.**

Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of a 4-H Club, after all liabilities and obligations of the club has been paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision made therefore, all remaining property and assets (including cash and equipment) of the 4-H club shall be distributed, conveyed, assigned or transferred to Stone County 4-H.
Stone County, District, and State 4-H Dress Code
The dress, grooming, and manners reflect the general climate of any organization; therefore, Stone County 4-Hers are expected to wear appropriate clothing and to present a neat appearance when representing 4-H. Moderation in type and style of clothing should be the basic standard. The following clothing items are **not** permitted at 4-H activities:

- Pants, shorts, skirts, and dresses which are shorter than the fingertips of hands held at sides (arm’s length).
- Clothing with slits and/or cutout areas which are above the fingertips of hands held at sides.
- Any backless dress, top, or cutoff shirts that expose any part of the midriff or back.
- Clothing with revealing necklines.
- Mesh type or see-through shirts.
- Visible undergarments.
- Clothing with inappropriate or unsuitable graphics or slogans (vulgarities or obscenities and/or drug, tobacco or alcohol advertisements).
- Any clothing item that an Extension faculty member deems inappropriate.

Appropriate clothing for events that specify casual attire includes fingertip length shorts, jeans or pants, and T-shirts or sweatshirts. Business casual attire includes shirts with slacks or pants including khakis and dress denims. Semi-formal and formal attire includes coat and tie and slacks for males and dressy dress or pantsuit or party dress for females. Semi-formal and formal attire should be age-appropriate for the youth and should be moderate in type and style. Extension staff and adult volunteers are responsible for enforcing this policy at all 4-H events.
4-H Glossary

4-H: 4-H is the youth development program conducted by the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, and Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H members can select from many activities in many project areas ranging from automotive to clothing to leadership. Adult leaders, trained by county Cooperative Extension Service faculty, teach projects to children using the "learn-by-doing" method during monthly club meetings. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship, and skills children will use throughout their lives. Each year Arkansas 4-H youth receive more than $80,000 in college scholarships at the state level for their 4-H work. Some scholarships are available at the county level.

4-H Member: A youth who has enrolled online and attended at least one meeting of an organized ongoing local 4-H club or group and is aware of their involvement in 4-H.

4-H Club/Group: A group of youth sanctioned by the University of Arkansas Extension, which has been organized to have similar learning experiences.

4-H Club Volunteer: An adult who provides support to a 4-H club to complete the annual program plans and goals of the club. Titles may include: 4-H Leader, Organizational Leader, Activity Leader, Project Leader or other needed volunteers to conduct the club program.

4-H Awards Banquet: An annual event in which 4-H youth, leaders, community partners, and alumni are recognized for their achievements. Awards are distributed for levels of 4-H participation and accomplishment.

Activity Leader: A volunteer who leads a club or county activity. For example, an activity leader might coach youth preparing for a county 4-H horticulture judging contest or help a group of youth coordinate a club fundraiser.

Adult Volunteer: Unpaid support for the 4-H program by an individual 21 years of age or older who has completed the certification process.

Camp: Usually an overnight outdoor experience that is offered to 4-H youth. Camp is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn more about the environment, themselves, and working together in a “community.”

Camp Counselor: An adult or older teen who volunteers to assist with the 4-H camp program for 4-H members. Counselors supervise campers throughout the daily 4-H camp activities.

Cloverbud: Youth that are 5-8 years of age that are enrolled in a 4-H group. Cloverbuds participate in 4-H projects that are age appropriate.
Community Service: This is a vital part of 4-H especially since it is a part of our 4-H pledge which states “I pledge...my hands to larger service...for my club, my community, my country and my world.” 4-H encourages kids to give back to their community in a voluntary action as an individual or group of individuals without pay or personal gain. 4-Hers will have the opportunity to make a change in their community in a positive way. Community Service in 4-H is also a learning experience. By doing community service in 4-H the 4-Hers will learn the importance of helping others, find out what type of service area is important to them as well as they will learn life skills like working as a team and leadership development.

County 4-H Advisory Board: A group of volunteers chartered to oversee Stone County 4-H finances and policies. The advisory board ensures that the County 4-H program is operating with the best interest of Stone County 4-H families in mind. The advisory board meets quarterly and each member has a term with a maximum of THREE years and a minimum of ONE year. Members are chosen based on their interest in 4-H, financial experience, and leadership skills.

County Extension Council – The County Extension Council assists University of Arkansas Extension staff to determine the direction of local programs. Members of this local advisory group reflect the diversity of the local constituents. They bring a variety of views and backgrounds to local decision making.

County Extension Agent- A professional with a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate in agriculture, family and consumer sciences or a related discipline who is responsible for program implementation at the county level. Their responsibility is to offer research based programs in their related field. In counties without a 4-H agent, 4-H responsibilities are divided between the agents and if possible a 4-H Program Assistant.

County Staff Chair: An Extension staff member responsible for program, staff and fiscal considerations within a specific local Extension office.

Demonstration: A method where a 4-H member shows and explains how to do something. Many counties have contests for the members to use public presentation skills while showcasing the knowledge they have learned in their project.

Depository Account: A bank account overseen by the Stone County Extension office and the State Extension Office. This account is where 4-H general funds and some club funds are held.

Experiential Learning: The process by which an individual or group participates in a learning experience, responds to the experience, discusses and processes the experience in terms of past and present, and generalizes & applies the experience in terms of future situations.

Extension Districts: Arkansas is divided into three geographical areas for administration of the University of Arkansas Extension programs. Each area has a district director who supervises and supports the local Extension staff. They are called the Ouachita, Delta & Ozark districts. Stone County is in the Ozark District.
**Hands-On:** Direct practical experience in the operation or function of something.

**Life Skills:** Life skills are abilities individuals learn that help them to be successful in living a productive life. The goal of youth programming is to provide developmentally appropriate opportunities for young people to experience life skills, to practice them until they are learned, and be able to use them as necessary throughout a lifetime. Through the experiential learning process, youth internalize the knowledge and gain the ability to apply the skills appropriately.

**Main Club Leader:** A volunteer who is identified as the key contact for the 4-H club. They are generally responsible for enrolling members, securing 4-H project resource books, maintaining communications with the local University of Arkansas Extension office, and ensuring 4-H meetings run smoothly. Some clubs have several adults to share this duty; others may have only one.

**National 4-H Week:** The first full week of October is identified as National 4-H Week. The event recognizes 4-H youth and leaders nationally. Frequently this week is used as an opportunity to promote 4-H in local communities and recruit new members and leaders for 4-H clubs.

**Program Assistant (PA)** - A professional who works for an assigned county Extension program under the supervision of a county agent in the area of 4-H youth development. The PA works with County Agents to plan educational activities, recruit, train volunteer leaders to work with youth in clubs & project groups. The PA also works with volunteers, public schools, & other organizations to deliver research-based, hands-on learning experiences that foster positive & healthy youth development.

**Project:** A developmentally appropriate series of planned hands-on educational experiences leading toward achievement of learning goals, as established by the 4-H member.

**Project Book:** A book that 4-Hers use as a guide for their 4-H project. These books are not required but strongly encouraged.

**Project Leader:** A volunteer that is familiar with a project area and helps 4-H members learn and master skills related to that project.

**Record Book:** The 4-H record book is one place for 4-Hers to show others what they have done in their 4-H career. Through their record book, a 4-Her shows accomplishments and how they have developed responsibility by keeping records. Throughout a 4-H career, 4-Hers finds record books useful in evaluating past achievements and making improvements in future plans.  

**University of Arkansas:** The land grant university in Arkansas designated by congress to receive the benefits of the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890, which provided for college education for the working classes. The University of Arkansas has land grant campuses at Fayetteville and Pine Bluff.
University of Arkansas Extension: Extension provides practical, research-based information and programs to help individuals, families, farms, businesses and communities in Arkansas. Its mission in short is to help the citizens of Arkansas put knowledge to work. U of A Extension offers educational programs in five broad areas: energy & environmental stewardship, food safety & security, economic development & workforce preparedness, family health, financial security & wellness, and youth development.

Volunteer Screening Process: A process adopted by the University of Arkansas Extension to prevent child abuse and neglect and to protect youth within the 4-H program. The volunteer must complete the Extension Volunteer Application online. All volunteers who have contact sufficient to build a personal relationship with young people in the Arkansas 4-H program must successfully complete the full process.

Youth Volunteer: Unpaid support for the 4-H program by a person under the age of 19.
Stone County 4-H Appendix

Stone County 4-H
Funding Request Form

Application forms are submitted ONE MONTH prior to event registration deadline. The County Extension office and 4-H Advisory Board review applications to determine funding eligibility and amount.

By Completing this Application you understand that in the event that you decide to not go on the trip being funded you will have to refund the money owed. The event cancelation policy and general event refund policy are located in the Stone County 4-H Family/Policy Guide.

Name: ____________________________________________

Club/Clubs Membership: ________________________________________________

Club Leader Signature (Approve Membership): ______________________________

Years in 4-H: __________ Age: ______

Check One: ______ Cloverbud _______ Junior _______ Senior

Have you received another 4-H scholarship this year? If so when and what was the funding for and how much did you receive?

Please be as detailed as possible when answering the questions. Feel free to use front and back of papers when answering the questions or type up the answers and attach to the application.

1. Please provide a brief description (300 words or less) as to why you should be considered for scholarship funding. (Attach to application)
2. Please provide one recommendation letter by a non-family member adult who can describe in a one page letter why you are deserving of this scholarship. For example 4-H leader, volunteer, teacher, coach, and etc.
3. List Competitive Event related to 4-H and be sure to include the place that you received in the event: (example: O’Ramas, County, District and State Fair, Horse Shows, and etc.)

4. List 4-H activities attended (includes club meeting, workshops, and etc.)
5. List any leadership or volunteering done in 4-H: (include offices held, special project you lead or volunteered for) Please include your role in each leadership or volunteering position/activity.

6. List Community Service projects that you have participated in both 4-H and other clubs: (include Day of Service) Please include your role in each community service project.

7. List 4-H camps participated in at both state and county level as well as what knowledge you gained from the camp.

I___________________ (NAME) plan to go to ____________________ (EVENT) and will pay back any money that is allotted to me in the event that I decline going. I understand the policy on cancelation and refund of events for County, State, and National.

___________________                            ___________________________
(Date)       (4-H Signature)

I__________________ (PARENT NAME) approve my child going to__________________ (EVENT) and will pay back any money that is allotted to my child in the event that he/she declines going. I understand the policy on cancelation and refund of events for County, State, and National.

___________________                            ___________________________
(Date)       (Parent Signature)
Year End Award Guide

The following guide can be used to see what is considered when applications are submitted. Overall the committee will go by what is on the application and in the record books. The committee will decide who they feel best represents their age group in Stone County 4-H. The committee will be made of 3 to 5 members decided on by the 4-H Advisory Board.

Clubs who have been on probation in the past three years will not be eligible nor will a leader be eligible. Any 4-Her, club or leader who has not fulfilled their requirements outlined in this Family guide and/or violate any of the policies located in the policy guide will not be eligible for a year end award. The Extension Offices role for the Year End Awards will be accepting and distributing the applications to the committee as well as assisting the Committee with any questions they may have regarding whether the 4-Her, Club or Leader has fulfilled the requirements outlined in this Family/Policy guide and Year End Award guide.

Club Award

- Record Books
  - The most Record Books submitted will be based on club member percentages
  - Record books that will be submitted in January of the upcoming year must be submitted for early viewing no later than November 1st
  - The record books will be returned with suggestions by December 16th.
- Meeting Structure
  - Clubs will be asked what type of meeting structure that they use and how well the 4-Hers are involved in planning and conducting the meetings. We recommend using the “A Good 4-H Meeting Checklist” fact sheet as well as parliamentary procedure.
  - Extension office may come by meetings to ensure that clubs are using a good meeting structure.
- Project Boards by 4-Hers
  - The most Project Boards submitted will be based on club member percentages
  - Project Boards have to be submitted no later than September 30th in order to be reviewed in enough time to be displayed at the Farm Bureau Meeting
  - Project Board should consist of pictures and information from each 4-H individual member’s project for that current year.
  - We will be judging them based on age division.
  - A workshop on how to properly construct a Project Board will be in conjunction with a Public Speaking workshop which will be announced at a later date.
Club Award Continued

- Club Project Board
  - Club will need to submit a project board to be showcased at the annual Farm Bureau Meeting.
  - This project board will highlight the club past 4-H year. Be sure to showcase any community service projects, workshops conducted, and 4-H club projects.

- Community Service Projects
  - Will be judged on the number of community service project done by the club
  - It will be judged on member participation for the National 4-H Day of Service in October.
  - This will be based on percentage of club members in attendance.

- Educational booth
  - Clubs must enter an Educational Booth at County Fair

** Club Member Percentages
- Club Member Percentages = How many submit or participate or attendance ÷ How many total members are in the Club × 100% = Percentage of members that submit or participate

Leader of the Year

- The leaders club cannot have been put on probation at any point during the past 3 years. A leader who has not fulfilled the requirement for their club or for being a leader will not be eligible which is outlined in the Family guide.
- Leaders who have been active for the prior program year from October 1st to September 30th are eligible.
- Must be nominated by either a 4-Her or Leader/ Volunteer
- Must meet the leader requirements from the 4-H family guide and from state guidelines.
  - Must have done their 4 hours of training for that year
  - Attend all mandatory meetings
  - Submit required forms by deadlines
- Extension office will give the committee insight as to whether the guidelines have been met.

4-Her of the Year Award

- Record Book
  - Record books that will be submitted in January of the upcoming year must be submitted for early viewing no later than November 1st
  - The record books will be returned with suggestions by December 16th.

- Camp Participation
  - Attend one county camp and one state camp (attending TLC or 4-H ambassador training can take the place of attending state camp).
4-Her of the Year Award- Continued

- Club and County 4-H Involvement
  - Must attend at least 4 monthly club meetings and at least 2 county activities (workshops, meetings, or competitive events) within the current year.

- Public Speaking
  - You can either have Extension staff decide where the public speaking event will take place or have it approved.

- Project Board
  - Project Boards have to be submitted no later than September 30th in order to be reviewed in enough time to be displayed at the Farm Bureau Meeting.
  - Project Board should consist of pictures and information from the 4-Hers project for that year.
  - We will be judging them based on age division.
  - A workshop on How to properly construct a Project Board will be in conjunction with a Public Speaking workshop which will be announced at a later date.

- O’RAMA or Horse Show
  - In order to qualify you must compete in the highest O’RAMA or Horse Show competition for your age division.

- Community Service Project
  - Must do at least one community service project and must participate in National Day of Service in October

Overall 4-Her of the Year (Buckle)

- Once the committee has reviewed over each age division they will decide who they feel has best represented 4-H in Stone County in the current year.
- The overall deciding factor will be based on 4-Hers going above and beyond the guidelines listed above.
Stone County 4-Her of the Year Award Application

This award recognizes the 4-Her in each age division who has made outstanding efforts in Stone County 4-H during the current year. This award exemplifies outstanding leadership, teamwork, and dedication to “Make the Best better” in 4-H and throughout the county and state. Applications must be submitted to the Stone County Extension Office by October 15th.

Name: _________________________________________________

Club/Clubs Membership: _________________________________________________

Club Leader Signature (Approve Membership): ________________________________

Years in 4-H: _________ Age: _______

Check One: ______ Cloverbud _______ Junior _______ Senior

4-H Record Book Submitted: ________________________________

Record Book Subject: ________________________________

Please be as detailed as possible when answering the questions. Feel free to use front and back of papers when answering the questions or type up the answers and attach to the application.

8. Please provide a brief description (200 words or less) as to why you should be the 4-Her of the year for your age division. (Attach to application)

9. Please provide one recommendation letter by a non-family member adult who can describe in a one page letter why you are deserving of this award. For example 4-H leader, volunteer, teacher, coach, and etc.

10. List Competitive Event related to 4-H and be sure to include the place that you received in the event: (example: O’Ramas, County, District and State Fair, Horse Shows, and etc.)

11. List 4-H activities attended (includes club meeting, workshops, and etc.):
12. List any leadership or volunteering done in 4-H: (include offices held, special project you lead or volunteered for) Please include your role in each leadership or volunteering position/activity.

13. List Community Service projects that you have participated or conducted in both 4-H and other clubs: (include Day of Service) Please include your role in each community service project.

14. List 4-H camps participated in at both state and county level as well as what knowledge you gained from the camp.

15. List any additional competitive activities that aren’t 4-H related:

16. List any other clubs or community activities/programs that you are involved in besides 4-H:
17. Add additional information that explains why you should be the 4-Her of the year for your age division.

18. List public speaking event that you did to help promote 4-H and as well as additional information in who you spoke to and what you spoke about. Indicate any knowledge that you gained from the public speaking event.
Stone County 4-H Leader of the Year
Award Nomination Form

Nomination Forms are due to the Stone County Extension office by October 15th.

4-H Leader Nominee: ________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________
Name of 4-H Club: ____________________________________________________
Number of years of leadership (if known): ________________________________

Nominated By: _______________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Briefly describe why you feel this person is an outstanding leader (Please do not use applicants name):

If known, list any honors and recognition this person has received (4-H, Church, Community, Etc.) (Please do not use applicants name):
Stone County 4-H Club of the Year Application

This award recognizes the Stone County 4-H Community or Project Club who has made outstanding efforts in 4-H during the current year. This award exemplifies outstanding leadership, community service, project work, and record keeping. Active participation to “Make the Best better” in a broad range of projects, activities, leadership skills, along with an enthusiastic, cooperative, and supportive attitude will be evaluated. Applications must be submitted to the Stone County Extension Office by October 15th.

4-H Club_____________________________________________________
Main Leader(s) of Club: _____________________________________________

Number of meetings conducted: ____________
Number of youth enrolled in club: _______
Name 3 of the educational programs conducted at the regular club meetings:
1. ___________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________
Number of 4-H Record Books Submitted: _________________________
Was financial information submitted by October 1 deadline?
Yes _____ No_______

Please be as detailed as possible when answering the questions. When answering the questions try to include date of activities, number in attendance, and any additional information to assist the judges in making a decision. Feel free to use front and back of papers when answering the questions or type up the answers and attach to the application.

1. Please provide a brief description (200 words or less) as to your club should be the Outstanding County 4-H Club. (Attach to application)

2. Please describe community service projects conducted by the club (include # of participants, # of people reached, etc.)

3. Please describe any workshops conducted by the club (Include # of participants, # of people educated, etc.).
4. What 4-H promotion activities did 4-H club assist/participate during the 4-H year?

5. Was an educational booth done at the County fair? Please provide information on the educational booth include participants, topic, placing, submitted at district or state, and any additional information.

6. Camp participation: How many members participated in camp and how the club assisted with the camp (volunteers, setup, clean up, and any additional information)

7. What structure is used for the meetings?

8. List additional activities conducted as well as the attendance and any additional information about the activities:

Name of contact person submitting this application: __________________________
Contact Information: Phone - ________________ E-Mail _________________________
Disclaimer
The Stone County 4-H Guide was created by the Stone County Extension office using sample family guides from Saline, Faulkner, and Izard Counties. The final guide was sent to the Arkansas 4-H department, Stone County 4-H leaders, and the Stone County 4-H Advisory Board for input. The board met and approved this guide. However, different 4-H situations may arise that we do not have policies for. Therefore, the Policy Guide, which starts on page 18, is subject to change as needed. Each year we update the family and policy guide as needed. Members and leaders are notified of any approved changes and amendments. The Family Guide is given to each new family that is enrolled and copies are provided to clubs to distribute at meetings when needed.

Due dates, published in the monthly newsletter and sent to all 4-H families, are enforced. The Stone County Cooperative Extension Service reserves the right to make changes, as necessary, to this “Family & Policy Guide” and the rules and guidelines in this guide supersede the Arkansas 4-H Policy Manual.

Adopted January, 2016

This family and policy guide was created to help 4-Hers, Parents, Volunteers, and Leaders better understand what all is involved in 4-H and the rules and guidelines that need to be followed. By creating this family guide and policy guide the Extension Personnel promises to adhere to the policies and enforce them as needed. Extension personnel promise to constantly look for new ways to improve in both operations and policies of Stone County 4-H.

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Please return the slip below with both 4-H member and Parent/Leader signature

I_________________, (4-H Member) on __________ (Date) have read and understand the Stone County 4-H Family and Policy Guide. I understand the policies that I must follow throughout the year and what my responsibilities are.

__________________________________________
(4-Her Signature)

I_________________, (4-H Parent/ Leader) on __________ (Date) have read and understand the Stone County 4-H Family and Policy Guide. I understand the policies that I must follow throughout the year and what my responsibilities are.

__________________________________________
(Parent/Leader Signature)