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RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

When your friends ask you about all of the things you do in 4-H, tell them to come join the fun by enrolling online at https://arkansas.4honline.com or tell them to call 870-864-1916. Remember 4-H club is for all youth age 5-19. If they need club information, it is listed below.

Clubs available and meeting schedules:

All members are encouraged to meet at least 6 club meetings per year.

Centerpoint 4-H Club—Centerpoint Office Bldg. Griffith Street—El Dorado, Mtg. Time—2nd Monday of each month—6:30 p.m.

Faircrest 4-H Club—Mt. Union Baptist Church—Mt. Union Rd. Mtg. time—1st Monday of each month—6:30 p.m.

Norphlet 4-H Club—Norphlet Elementary School – Norphlet. Meets 1st Monday of each month—3:45 p.m.

Saddle Club—St. Paul’s Methodist Church—8th Street, El Dorado—Meets 1st Thursday of each month—6:00 p.m.

SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB—Boys Scout Camp-Caledonia Rd. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month—6:00 p.m.

Smackover 4-H Club—Smackover Elementary School—Ms. Morgan’s Room—Smackover—Meets 4th Wednesday of each month—3:20 p.m.

Washington Middle School 4-H Club—MLK Blvd. Washington Middle School—Meets 3rd Thursday of each month—3:15 p.m.

4-H Teen Leader Club—(All eligible members 13 years of age and up) County Extension Office—American Rd.—El Dorado—Meets 3rd Monday of each month—6:00 p.m.

Teen Leader Club donates gifts to Salvation Army angels at Christmas time.
Dates to Remember

JANUARY 2015
10  4-H Record Book Workshop—Extension Office—9-12
11  Teen Leader Club Recruiting Social—Fairgrounds—6-9 p.m.
19  MLK Holiday—Office Closed
23  Record Books Due into County Extension Office
26  Teen Leader Club Mtg.-Extension Office 5:30 p.m.
27  4-H Volunteer Leader Training—Fairgrounds—6-8

FEBRUARY 2015
20  4-H Poultry Chain Orders Deadline
23  4-H Day at State Capital—Little Rock
26  Volunteer Leader Training—Fairgrounds-6:00 p.m.
27-28  State 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum at 4-H Center—Little Rock

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE
Congratulations and a big “THANK-YOU”
To All Union County 4-H Clubs who brought joy to other people’s holiday through your community service efforts.

- Coats for Kids
- Bell Ringing at Walmart
- Cookies for Firemen
- Operation Christmas Child
- Christmas Caroling at Hudson
- El Dorado and Calion Christmas Parade
- Angel Tree for Salvation Army
- Club Cookie Baking Contest

HOW TO BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

To maintain your 4-H membership in 2015 you must:

1. Enroll in Arkansas 4-H On-Line (if you need help call (870) 864-1916 or ask a certified 4-H Volunteer Leader.
2. Attend a minimum of 6 organized club meetings per year with a recognized club in your County.
3. OR attend and participate in a minimum of 6 educational workshops or clinics conducted by Extension Staff and Volunteer Leaders.
   (Dates to be announced)
4. Follow all rules and regulations set forth in the 4-H Code of Conduct (Members sign when enrolling)

A Certified or chartered 4-H Club must:

1. Be organized and supervised by a minimum of 2 unrelated certified 4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders. (Leaders are required to attend 4 hours of youth development training each year).
2. A club must have at least 6 members not of the same immediate family.
3. Have a duly elected set of functioning officers and conduct meetings monthly (as possible) using Roberts Rules of Order and operate under a set of approved By-Laws (Union County has a set in place).

PLANNING AND PIZZA—UC VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Tuesday, January 27th, 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.
All Union County adult volunteer leaders are encouraged to attend this first meeting of 2015.
Bring your calendars, ideas and appetites. Those who attend will receive 2 hours of volunteer leader certification. Email or call the office if you plan to attend.
4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Union County 4-H Teen Leaders will join 4-H teens from counties across the state to represent 4-H clubs in Arkansas, by attending “4-H Day at the Capitol” in Little Rock on Tuesday, February 24th. This will be an opportunity to educate our youth about the government workplace and those elected officials who serve our communities. Any Union county 4-H teen leader wishing to attend needs to notify County Agent Robin Bridges at 870-864-1916 before January 27th. Any certified leader who can provide transportation, please let the office know.

4-H APPRECIATION DAY WITH THE RAZORBACKS

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 2015 at 3:00 pm.

This game is our “4-H Recognition Day!”

With this special offer tickets are only $10.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 870-864-1916.
The Union County 4-H Teen Leader Club invites all 4-H members 13—19 to the 2015 4-H Recruiting Social at the Fairgrounds 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, January 10th. Bring one non-perishable food item to donate as your ticket. Dress is dressy casual. Parents are welcome to attend.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

4-H RECORD BOOKS!!

To be eligible for County Awards
All completed records are due in the County Office before close of business on Friday, January 23rd. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Record Book Workshop—Extension Office—9-12 on Saturday, January 10th. Start gathering pictures, calendars, newspaper articles, awards, community service, and leadership that you have completed over the past year. We will cover the ABC’s of 4-H Record construction.
TWAS THE SEASON FOR LEADERSHIP/CITIZENSHIP
IT MUST BE LEARNED!!!
To make the best Better

UC4H ROCKS!

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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, 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 as soon as possible prior to the activity.

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