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**CONGRATULATIONS 2014 RECORD BOOK WINNERS**

**Beginner Division**—Animal Science—Goats—Elizabeth D.  Rabbits—Lacey R., Sheep—Hailey T.

**Intermediate Division**—Foods & Nutrition—Amber S., Photography—Hunter H., Plant & Soil Science—Austin F., Gardening & Horticulture—Sally S., Protecting the Environment—John D.,

**Advanced Division**—Gardening & Horticulture—Webster S., Technology & Engineering—Taylor I.

**MARCH—APRIL 2014**

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!!!** Hatch Act signed in 1914. Founded National Cooperative Extension Service. The State is our campus.

**Clover Connections**

**4-H CHICKEN –QUE— Thursday, March 13th 4 - 7 at the Fairgrounds**

4-H members are reminded to bring their own grill, charcoal, lighter and grilling equipment. Chicken will be provided. All contestants will begin at the same time once coals are hot and have one hour to cook two halves of chicken. Practice! Practice! Practice! Remember your food and fire safety rules. Plan to eat after the contest.
**Dates to Remember**

### March 2014
- **March 3**: Teen Star Applications Due—LRSO
- **March 11**: Volunteer Leader Training—Fairgrounds 6:00—8:00 p.m.
- **March 13**: County Chicken Que—Fairgrounds 4:00 p.m.
- **March 24-28**: Spring Break
- **March 28-29**: 4-H Spring Shooting Sports Instructor Training—4-H Center

### April 2014
- **April 1**: Dairy Foods Contest—Extension Office—6:00 p.m.
- **April 11-12**: 4-H Volunteers Spring Leaders Forum—4-H Center
- **April 12**: 4-H 5K Run/Walk—4-H Center
- **April 16**: Teen Leader Conference Registration Due—LRSO
- **April 17**: B-Day—Fairgrounds—4:00 p.m.
- **April 22-23**: Farm Fair—Fairgrounds 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- **April 26**: District 4-H Broiler, BBQ—Arkadelphia
- **April 28**: 4-H Poster Art Contest—Due Extension Office
- **April 29**: 4-H Awards Banquet—TAC House—6:00 p.m.

### May 2014
- **May 12**: County Horse Queen Contest—Extension Office—5:00 p.m.
- **May 13**: County O’Rama—Fairgrounds—6:00 p.m.
- **May 14-15**: 4-H Shooting Sports YHEC Registration
- **May 30**: Ouachita District Horse Show—Benton

### June 2014
- **June 2**: District O’Rama Registration Due
- **June 5-7**: YHEC State Shooting Sports Competition
- **June TBD**: Registration Deadline for District Horse Show
- **June 12**: Shifting Financial Attitudes Day Camp—SWREC, Hope
- **June 10-13**: Teen Leader Conference
- **June 17**: Ouachita District O’Rama—Malvern

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**4-H Leader Training**

**March 11, 2014**

Next Training opportunity for the 4-H Leader Training is Tuesday, March 18th at the Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. Come join the fun. This particular meeting will focus on Overnight Chaperone and Mandated Reporting. All Union County 4-H adult volunteers are encouraged to attend. Please call the office at 870-864-1916 if you plan to attend. Pizza will be served.

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**HOW TO BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

Due to recent concerns over liability, the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture State 4-H administrators have encouraged all county Extension staff to remind everyone what it means to be a 4-H Member in Good Standing.

To maintain your 4-H membership in 2014 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).

The goal of 4-H has always been to provide a meaningful, positive, educational experience for eligible youth ages 5 to 19 without regard to race, gender, religion, disability, or any other status protected by law. In an effort to ensure that any eligible child in Union County 4-H has these opportunities we will be strictly following this policy in 2014. A great number of adult volunteers are sacrificing their time and money to provide you with a great 4-H experience. If you have not done so, please contact an Adult volunteer 4-H Leader near you and become a member in good standing in 2014. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (870) 864-1916.

**REMINDER**: All 4-H members and Adult Volunteers must sign up at [https://arkansas.4honline.com](https://arkansas.4honline.com) and become a member in good standing to continue receiving this newsletter.
2014 4-H Ambassador Workshop

Thanks to Kaitlin F. and Joy S. For representing Union County 4-H at 2014 State 4-H Ambassador Workshop.

4-H CLUB MEETING HIGHLIGHTS IN FEBRUARY 2014

Union County 4-H Clubs are open to all eligible 4-H members ages 5-19 and meet once a month at designated sites throughout the county. Here are a few highlights.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!
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.