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Any 4-H member or family that has not taken the time to re-enroll for 2016 will be removed from the 4-H mailing list. If you wish to continue your 4-H participation please go online and re-enroll before April 1st.

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 during school year—3:45 p.m.

**Saddle Club**—St. Paul’s Methodist Church—8th Street, El Dorado—Meets 2nd Thursday of each month—6:00 p.m.

**SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB**—Oak Manor Club House Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month—6:00 p.m.

**Smackover 4-H Club**—Smackover High School—Mr. Jackson’s Room in Ag Building—Meets 2nd Thursday of each month during school year—3:45 p.m.

**Washington Middle School 4-H Club**—MLK Blvd. Washington Middle School—Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month during school year—3:15 p.m.

**4-H Teen Leader Club**—(All eligible members 13 years of age and up) - The Creamery on the Square—El Dorado—Meets 3rd Monday of each month—5:30 p.m.

**Westside 4-H Club**—Westside School—El Dorado—Meets 4th Monday of each month—6:00 p.m.
Dates to Remember

MARCH 2016
9  Deadline for Ordering Poultry Chain
10  Chicken Que—Fairgrounds—4:00 p.m.
10  Teen Star Applications Due into Ext. Office
11  Ambassador Applications Due into LRSO
18  Planning Mtg. Multi-County 4-H Volunteer—Ext. Office 10-Noon
21-25  Spring Break
28  Pumpkin/Watermelon Seed Order Due to County Office
31  Volunteer Leader Training—Fairgrounds 6-8

APRIL 2016
7  B-Day—UC Fairgrounds—4:30 p.m.
9-14  National 4-H Conference—Washington DC
10-16  National 4-H Volunteer Week
14  County O’Rama—UC Fairgrounds—6:00 p.m.
21  Ouachita Region 4-H Poultry BBQ Contest—Clark Co. Fair
26  4-H Banquet—UC Fairgrounds
26  Deadline for 4-H Posters

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS!!!

Turn your clocks forward 1 hour on Sunday, March 12, 2016 at 2:00 a.m.

Enjoy Spring Break!!!

HOW TO BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

To maintain your 4-H membership in 2015-2016 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).

UNION COUNTY RECORD BOOK WINNERS

Congratulations to all Union County 4-H members who completed project records for 2016.

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“YOU ARE ALL WINNERS TO US!”
Union County 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Leaders “Rocked the 80’s” at the Teen Leader Social held in February. The addition of Teen Leaders from Strong helped to liven the party.

“THANK-YOU TEEN LEADERS”

Union County 4-H members competed in County Dairy Foods Contest February 25th. Members prepared Party and Main Dish recipes using Dairy Food ingredients. Congratulations to all participants and to Hailey and Christen T. for preparing the top dishes in each category.

Thanks to Union County Farm Bureau for sponsoring the awards for this event.

Front Row Left to Right: Ty J., Zack W., Marie R., Hailey T., Shaeli B., Anna F.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Emma M. and Kindal C. demonstrate how to make Peanut Butter Oatmeal Cookies for Westside 4-H club members in February.

Marie R., Ty J. and Zach W. of Norphlet 4-H promote 4-H at “Meet Me at the Court” community group meeting at Cordell Street Baptist Church.

Officers representing seven Union County 4-H Clubs participated and were recognized in 2016 Officer Training Workshop at the Fairgrounds on January 25th. Thanks to all Teen Leader Club and Adult Volunteer Leaders for teaching and encouraging these young officers in their duties.
COMING EVENTS

Spring is an exciting time for Union County 4-H members. Mark your calendars and prepare to participate in these fun County qualifying activities. Members must participate in these activities to represent Union County in Regional and State competition.

Chicken Que—MARCH 10
4:30—Union County Fairgrounds
Members must cook two halves of chicken (provided) on an open grill. Food and grilling safety are judged. Information can be acquired at County Extension Office.

Planning Meeting—MARCH 18
10:00—Noon—Extension Office
Union County 4-H Adult Volunteers are needed to plan a multi-county Volunteer Training Workshop. If you can attend, please call the Extension office at 870-864-1916.

County Volunteer Training—MARCH 31
6:00—8:00—Union County Fairgrounds
Union County 4-H Adult Volunteers are required to complete 4 hours of training each year. This is the 2nd opportunity. Call Extension Office for more information.

B-DAY—APRIL 7
4:30 p.m.—Union County Fairgrounds
4-H members of all ages are encouraged to participate in Bicycle, Baitcasting and BB Shooting competition provided by 4-H Adult Volunteers and Extension Staff. Qualifying event for District and State O’Rama.

O’RAMA—APRIL 14
6:00 p.m.—Union County Fairgrounds
4-H members present talent speeches, demonstrations, illustrated talks, Cloverbuds—age 13—3-5 minutes, Ages 14-18—5-8 minutes. Qualifying event for all but Cloverbuds.

AWARDS BANQUET—APRIL 26
6:00 p.m.—Union County Fairgrounds
4-H members and Volunteers recognized for their efforts in 2015-2016. Make plans to attend!!!
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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