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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—Oak Manor Club House 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.

UNION COUNTY 4-H AWARDS BANQUET

DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 28
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: UNION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ACTIVITY BLDG.
Dates to Remember

MARCH 2015
9    AR 4-H T-Shirt Orders Due into County Extension Office
14   4-H Advanced Record Book Interviews
19   Chicken Q—Mt. Union Baptist Church on Mt. Union Rd.—4:30
23-26 Equine Camp—4-H Center
23-27 Spring Break
24   Volunteer Leader Training—6:00—UC Fairgrounds
30   Pumpkin & Watermelon Seeds Request Due into County Office

APRIL 2015
1    Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest Registration Due On-Line
2    Union County 4-H B-Day—Fairgrounds—4:30 p.m.
21   Union County 4-H O’Rama—Fairgrounds—6:00 p.m.
24   District Poultry BBQ Registration Due
28   UC 4-H Achievement Banquet—Fairgrounds—6:00 p.m.
30   Teen Leader Conference Registration Due

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, March 24th, 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. All Union County adult volunteer leaders are encouraged to attend this second 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.
All Union County 4-H members are invited to show off their outdoor cooking skills by entering 2015 4-H Chicken-Que contest.

**DATE:** Thursday, March 19th,
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.,
**PLACE:** Mt. Union Baptist Church, Mt. Union Road.

Those entering should plan to bring their own grill, charcoal, lighter, and cooking utensils. Rules for contest can be picked up at the Union County Extension office, 307 American Road, Suite 101, El Dorado, AR. Mr. Bridges will bring a copy of the rules to the March club meetings. Participants will be judged on food safety, fire safety, taste, appearance, and presentation.

**PRACTICE!!! PRACTICE!!! PRACTICE!!!**

Chickens, drinks and awards will be sponsored by Union County Farm Bureau.

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“4-H DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL” was postponed due to inclement weather. 4-H Members participating will be notified of the new date as soon as we have it.

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B-DAY

BAITCASTING—BB—BICYCLE

**DATE:** Thursday, April 2nd
**TIME:** 4:30 P.M.
**PLACE:** Union County Fairgrounds

Junior & Seniors who place 1st in any contest will have 1st option of competing in District O’Rama—June 16th.
ALL ELIGIBLE 4-H MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRESENT:

1. A speech, illustrated talk, demonstration, talent program or create a clothing item to model.

2. Speeches and illustrated talks should be a minimum 2 minutes for cloverbuds, 3-5 minutes for Juniors (age 9-13), and 5-8 minutes for Seniors (14-19).

3. Talent can be vocal, instrumental or dance.

4. Clothing items—Constructed or purchased (ready to wear) Sport wear, Casual Dress or Formal Dress

For more information contact UC Extension office at 870-864-1916.
4-H CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

FOOD DRIVE CONTEST
During the month of March, the Farm Bureau Women’s Committee will award $50 to the club with the most canned goods for Farm Bureau Check-Out. Deadline for food donations is: March 20th.

Dairy Foods Contest Winners:
Left to Right: M. Reynolds, H. Talley, E. Thurmon, E. Dison, C. Thurmon, A. Hargett, and A. Thurmon

CONGRATULATIONS LADIES

Union County 4-H Shooting Sports Community Service
Left to Right: Front Row—G. Floss, C. Mock, L. Langston
2nd Row—T. Crawford, B. Brady, G. Reed, S. Speers, T. Seabolt
Back Row—B. McKnight, H. Crawford, T. Seabolt, H. Wilson, G. Reed

Thank you for making Union County a better place to live.!!!

AS ALWAYS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 880-864-1916.
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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