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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 Thursday 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—6:00 p.m.

**Westside 4-H Club**—Westside School—El Dorado—Meets 4th Monday of each month—6:00 p.m. November meeting—November 30th.
Dates to Remember

**NOVEMBER 2015**

1-30 4-H Club Meetings as scheduled
2 AR 4-H/Junior Olympic Pistol Championships via 4H Online
3 CWF 2016 Delegate Registration
4 National 4-H Conference 2016 Applications
13-14 4-H/Junior Olympic Pistol Championships, 4-H Center
21 Arkansas 4-H/Junior Olympic Rifle Championships via 4H online
23 Thanksgiving Holidays—Extension Office Closed
26-27 Officer Training Workshop, Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

**DECEMBER 2015**

1-4 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA Continues
4-5 4-H Shooting Sports Olympic Rifle Championships, 4-H Center
19 4-H Record Book Workshop—Ext. Office—10:00 am—12:00 noon
24-1/3 Extension Office Closed for Holidays

**RECORD BOOKS**

It’s time to start gathering pictures and calendars of what you have accomplished during the past year. Your 4-H record book is proof of all you have done. 4-H records are the doorway to:

- **TROPHIES**
- **TRIPS**
- **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Start working on your records over the holidays. Don’t wait until the last minute. Records Workshop Dec. 19th 10:00 Noon—Extension Office.

**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.

**4-H RECORDS PAY BIG DIVIDENDS**

John D. receiving State Winning Record Book award at State O’Rama from Mr. Ralph Shoaptaw and Dr. Anne Sortor—Director of Arkansas 4-H Program. John D.’s winning record book focused on “Protecting the Environment”. He will attend National 4-H Club Congress in November. He will also receive a scholarship for college.

“CONGRATULATIONS JOHN D.”
4-H MEMBERS AT THE STATE FAIR

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNION COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS WHO COMPETED AT THE 2015 ARKANSAS STATE FAIR.

John D. - Ambassador—Beef and Swine
Kalin K.—Swine
Kendall K.—Swine
Braden D.—Swine
Lucas K.—Swine
Trey D.—Swine
Kaylee A.—Swine
Ciara P.—Swine

Austin F. - Sheep
Anna F. - Sheep
Aubrey H.—Goat
April T.—Goat
Emma T.—Goat
Cambry T.—Goat
Alexis D.—Goat
Lacey R.—Rabbit
Brooke M.—Rabbit

THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING UNION COUNTY!!!

4-H MEMBERS PREPARE FOR STATE “SEW WITH COTTON”

4-H Members Hannah C. and Sally S. took the time and used their talent to create garments of 100% cotton. They will represent Union County in the Farm Bureau Sponsored “Sew with Cotton” contest in December, 2015.

GOOD LUCK LADIES !!!!
4-H T-shirt Contest

Have you ever thought about seeing your artwork all over Union County? If so, this could be your time! Calling all talented, motivated, and imaginative 4-Hers to enter the Union County 4-H T-Shirt design contest sponsored by the 4-H Teen Leader club. The t-shirt design can only include one color due to cost. It should cover a variety of 4-H activities as it will be worn by all Union County 4-Hers. A large design will be placed on the back of the shirt and a small logo design on the front where a pocket would be. Your design may be adapted to meet copy right restrictions. The winner will receive a free t-shirt.

Submit your design to the Extension Office no later than November 16, 2015.
On-Line Training Available for 4-H Volunteers

Each year to become a certified 4-H Volunteer Leader you must complete 4 hours of In-Service Training. This training is now available on-line by accessing https://arkansas.4honline.com, select edit beside your name, go to the top and click trainings and select the training you wish to complete.

Union County leaders will still have an opportunity for group training throughout the year. This is just another opportunity for you to complete your 4 hours.
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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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