

Arkansas 4-H Outlook

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The Arkansas 4-H Outlook is a way to advise county Extension agents about youth and 4-H opportunities. The 4-H Outlook is sent electronically each month. The information is collected from Extension specialists and national publications. The newsletter is e-mailed to the Associate Vice President of Agriculture-Extension, the State 4-H Leader, district teams, county Extension agents, volunteers and 4-H members. On the county level, agents are encouraged to forward this information to volunteers and to 4-H members without e-mail addresses. It is posted on the Extension web site: <http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/newsletters/Outlook/default.asp>.

State Leader's "On the Desk"

Darlene Z. Baker, Assistant Director 4-H Youth Development

The **4-H Centennial Club Circle** project is making great headway. I am pleased to report that we have over 40 clubs as members. Our goal is to have 100 clubs in the circle by October 1, 2008. How does a club join—it's easy, just send the club name, volunteer's name, number of members and a check for \$100 to the state 4-H office. The checks should be made payable to the Arkansas 4-H Foundation. The county will receive \$50 back for each club that joins, and each club member will receive a 4-H Centennial lapel pin. Make sure your county has clubs represented in this historical project.

Many exciting things are happening in the world of 4-H programming, especially in the area of **S.T.E.M.**—Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. A group of 42 talented and energetic agents were trained and provided with curriculum to implement programs in the county, including iRobot Create and the introduction of the Arkansas 4-H iRobot Create Contest – (cutting edge stuff); Embryology, Acres of Adventures, Bicycle Engineering and the NEW Bicycle contest for O-Ramas, and Science Discovery. A state S.T.E.M. task force is working to develop additional programs and collaborations that will enhance county youth development programs. As a preview, be looking for things such as STEM Kids; STEM Net and STEM Partnership Pilot. As non-formal educators, we can make a difference in increasing math and science scores and especially in creating an excitement for learning among the youth of Arkansas. Keep up the good work.

4-H News

National 4-H Conference Delegates Announced Priscella Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Associate

Four 4-H'ers will represent Arkansas at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., March 29 through April 3, 2008, at the National 4-H Center. The conference theme is **GREEN AID—Acquire* Inform* Deliver***.

National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's *premier* youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

It is also a working conference in which youth and adults—at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture—assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

The Arkansas delegates are Justin B., Washington County; Cali R., Faulkner County; Rebecca S., Benton County; and Marianne S. of Jefferson County.

Let's congratulate these outstanding 4-H'ers!

Arkansas 4-H Centennial Club Circle Members Priscella Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Associate

4-H clubs around the state are honoring 4-H's 100 years by joining the Centennial Circle Club. With a \$100 gift (\$50 of which is returned to the county) clubs are helping to fund Centennial celebration activities. Member clubs include:

Garland Co. Teen Leader Club	Pope Co. Busy Beavers 4-H Club
Washington Co. Elkins 4-H Club	Yell Co. Galloping Clovers
Columbia Co. Fusion 4-H Club	Benton Co. Town & Country 4-H Club
Crawford Co. Rocky Top 4-H Club	Grant Co. Yellowjackets 4-H Club
White Co. Bear Pride 4-H Club	Cross Co. 4-H Soaring Eagles Group
Perry Co. Teen Leaders	Faulkner Co. Vilonia 4-H Club
Benton Co. Centerton 4-H Club	Jefferson Co. Pastoria 4-H Club
Boone Co. Alpena 4-H	Sevier Co. Lakeside 4-H Club
Boone Co. Gaither-Valley 4-H Club	Boone Co. Olvey 4-H Club
Benton Co. Decatur 4-H Club	Benton Co. Gravette Gleamers 4-H Club
Crawford Co. Chambers 4-H Club	Pope Co. Hilltop Kids 4-H Club
Sebastian Co. Carnall 4-H Club	Franklin Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Club
Franklin Co. Hurricane Creek 4-H Club	Franklin Co. Teen Leaders Club
Lawrence Co. Western Wranglers 4-H Horse & Pony Club	

Craighead Co. Monette Buffalo Island 4-H Club
Pulaski County 4-H Teen Leaders Club
Clark Co. Shining Stars 4-H Club
Sevier Co. Chapel Hill 4-H Club
Independence Co. Batesville Pioneer 4-H Club
White Co. El Paso 4-H Club
Saline Co. Magic Clovers 4-H Club

Carroll Co. Berryville 4-H Club
Pope Co. Atkins 4-H Club
Saline Co. Salem Superstars 4-H Club
Arkansas Co. Spirit of 76 4-H Club
Pope Co. Hector 4-H Club
Union Co. Towers 4-H Club
White Co. Lion's Pride 4-H Club

Resources & Opportunities

4-H Applications Deadline

Brian Helms, Instructor 4-H Youth Development

The deadline for submitting Teen Star applications, State 4-H Ambassador, Community Service awards, Promotion Month awards, and Teen Leader Club awards to the state 4-H office is March 3, 2008.

Please consult the 4-H Events Packet and Quick Reference Guide for specific details.

Teen Leader Conference Applications Due

Brian Helms, Instructor 4-H Youth Development

Applications to attend the 2008 Teen Leader Conference are due April 1, 2008. The theme for this year's conference is 4-H Driven. The State 4-H Officers and Ambassadors met February 22–23, 2008, to plan the conference. The workshops will focus on the Science Technology Engineering and Math programs. Highlights for the conference will include the Teen Star and Hall of Fame Banquet, six excellent workshops taught by the Ambassadors, the TLC talent show and the closing dance. Completed FY4-H-655s are due in the State 4-H Office by April 1, 2008.

State 4-H Officer Applications Due

Brian Helms, Instructor 4-H Youth Development

It is not too early to begin considering to run for State 4-H Officer. Candidates should be highly qualified, willing and able to represent Arkansas 4-H and serve in leadership roles for a one-year period. Each year nine officers are elected (President, four Regional Vice-Presidents, and four At-Large Officers). The elections are held during State and Regional 4-H O-Rama. A completed application to run for State 4-H Officer includes 1) FY4-H-657 – Arkansas Activity Application for Youth Leadership Roles in the 4-H Events Packet, and 2) a completed Ambassador Re-Certification form. Completed applications are due in the State 4-H Office by May 1, 2008.

Banquet Servers Needed
Brian Helms, Instructor 4-H Youth Development

Once again the Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors request the assistance of 4-H members between the ages of 12 & 14 to serve as servers for the annual Teen Star/ Hall of Fame Banquet. Twenty-five to thirty volunteer servers are needed.

The Teen Star Banquet will be held June 11, 2008, at the Arkansas 4-H Center. Servers will need to be at the 4-H Center by 4:00 p.m., dressed in white shirts and black pants or skirts. They will be finished by approximately 9:00 p.m.

This is a great leadership and community service opportunity. Volunteers will see and experience the excitement of the Teen Star and Hall of Fame recipients as they are recognized for their accomplishments. We hope this opportunity will motivate the volunteers to aspire to become Teen Stars and eventually Hall of Fame recipients themselves.

Server applications can be located in the 2008 Events Packet and are due by April 1, 2008, in the State 4-H Office.

Poster Art Contest
Chris Meux, Design Specialist

This is to announce the 2008 4-H Poster Art contest. The contest is open to all 4-H members, ages 9–19.

Posters should be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium art—watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot have any three-dimensional items on them.

The 4-H member's name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of art work must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left-hand corner. (You may use a 3" x 5" index card.) Posters should be submitted (flat, not rolled) to the State Communications Office, Attn: Chris Meux.

Ten finalists will be selected for competition in the Mid-South Fair Poster Art Contest. The awards at the Mid-South Fair are listed below:

- 1st Place - \$35.00 plus ribbon
- 2nd Place - \$25.00 plus ribbon
- 3rd Place - \$10.00 plus ribbon

On the state level, the top ten winners will receive certificates, which will be presented at the Regional 4-H O-Ramas. The themes for 2008 are as follows:

4-H: Wired for Success

Open theme (create a poster and theme to go with it)

The deadline for this year's poster art contest will be May 1, 2008. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Camp Counselor Applications Due Shannon Caldwell, 4-H Camping Coordinator

Who: While preference will be given to those 16 & older, we encourage all interested, 14 & older, to apply.

Prerequisites: Have attended Teen Counselor Training and/or been a counselor before.

Application: FY4-H-657 Arkansas 4-H Activity Application for Youth Leadership Roles

Required: Background check (EHIRE 164)

Counselors Needed for the Following Camps:

Forestry & Wildlife Camp (June 23-26)

State Camp Junior Track I (July 7-9)

State Camp Adventure & Challenge I (July 7-9)

State Camp Junior Track II (July 14-16)

State Camp Adventure & Challenge II (July 14-16)

Cloverbud Camp (July 17-19)

Deadline: Preference given to "go-getters" who get their applications in soon. **March 17, 2008**, is last day to turn in.

Please give me a call or e-mail me if you have any questions. Thank you to those who have already sent in applications!

Spring Hiking Trek
Shannon Caldwell, 4-H Camping Coordinator

We are currently taking applications for the Spring Hiking Trek. This is a great opportunity for any 4-H'er interested in learning about backpacking.

Who: 13 –19 year-olds

Where: Mt. Magazine State Park

Cost: \$50/person

When: March 7–9, 2008 (arrive 6:00 p.m. Friday, depart around 1:00 p.m. Sunday)

What: Introduction to backpacking

We will tent camp at a campground on Friday night, backpack into our camping area Saturday, and come off the trail Sunday morning.

Application: FY4-H-655 Basic Arkansas Youth Application for 4-H Activities

Due Date: Taking applications until Trek is filled (we will take 15 applicants)

National 4-H Congress Volunteers Needed
Priscella Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Associate

National 4-H Congress recognizes the accomplishments of youth in the 4-H program and provides an outstanding educational opportunity for 4-H youth. Youth attending the conference return home with new ideas and a commitment to become more involved in their communities.

Congress is going to be held November 27 – December 2, 2008, in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference has more than 1,300 members, leaders and agents from throughout the United States. The Arkansas delegates are selected on the basis of record books and congressional applications. Two volunteer leaders and two county Extension agents are also selected to accompany the delegation.

Volunteers, ages 25 or older, are encouraged to apply. The two volunteers will receive an all-expense-paid trip to 4-H Congress at the Hyatt Regency.

The two volunteers accompanying the Arkansas delegation will help coordinate the activities of group members. Congress is a trip where the delegates are in most activities as a state delegation and by general project groupings with others from across the nation. There will also be several major events when the delegation will participate as a state group.

Volunteers may apply by completing the Arkansas Adult 4-H Leader Activity Application CES-656, and returning it to your county Extension office. Applications are due in the State 4-H Office March 3, 2008.

4-H Innovative Grants

Mike Klumpp, Associate Professor 4-H Youth Development

4-H Innovative Program Grants are awarded to counties for the purpose of providing financial support for projects (educational or community service). Counties or clubs can receive up to \$200 per year. Priority is given to educational programs and community service projects that teach youth skills and/or provide a service to the community.

1. Statement of Need, Problem or Concern. (What needs are to be met and why.)
 2. Objectives/Goals. (Describe what the planned outcome of the program will be, number of people to be reached, etc.)
 3. Methods. (Describe how your group will accomplish the goals and objectives, including: time schedule, resources needed, and involvement of local people.)
 4. Evaluation. (Describe how you will determine to what degree your objectives/goals have been met.)
 5. Additional Information Regarding Proposed Program. (Why do you think your proposal should be approved, other details, etc.)
 6. Should mail the proposal form (found in 2007 Events Packet) to State 4-H Office, P. O. Box 391, Little Rock, AR 72203, by April 1.
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CEA, 4-H PA, 4-H Volunteer & Specialist of the Year Awards

Mike Klumpp, Associate Professor 4-H Youth Development

County Extension Agent, 4-H Program Assistant, 4-H Volunteer Leader, and Specialist of the Year Awards sponsored by the 4-H Adult Leaders' Association

To nominate a specialist, county Extension agent, 4-H program assistant or 4-H leader for an award, the nominator:

1. Should be a member of the Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders' Association.
2. Should complete Part I and Part II of the official nomination form (found in 2007 Events Packet).
3. Should have the specialist, leader, program assistant, or agent whom they have nominated complete Part III of the official nomination form.
4. Should have nomination form signed by a county Extension agent, if it is a nomination for the 4-H Leader Award.

5. Should have application signed by all 4-H leaders supporting the nomination of a county Extension agent, if more than one leader is nominating the same agent. (They require only one signature.)
6. Should mail the nomination form (found in 2007 Events Packet) to State 4-H Office, P. O. Box 391, Little Rock, AR 72203, by April 1.

Parelli 2008 Tour Seminar
Leigh Helms, CEA-4H-Faulkner County

ATTENTION FFA / 4-H / USPC MEMBERS AND LEADERS
Linda & Pat Parelli are coming to Little Rock, AR!!!
FREE ADMISSION!!!!
Little Rock, AR
March 1 – 2, 2008
Arkansas State Fairgrounds Barton Coliseum

There will be a two-day Parelli 2008 Tour Seminar conducted by Linda and Pat Parelli at the **Arkansas State Fairgrounds Barton Coliseum** on **March 1 – 2, 2008**. Day 1 is free; day 2 is for Savvy Club members only. Linda and Pat Parelli are internationally known for their work with horses, natural horsemanship and their seminars.

On Day 1 there will be free admission for all FFA/4-H and USPC members and leaders to attend this seminar. **Please RSVP no later than the Thursday prior to the show.** Simply FAX Parelli Natural Horsemanship a letter (on your letterhead) with the number of members planning to attend the event. The fax number is 970-731-9763. Please note Little Rock, AR on your FAX.

When you arrive at the event, present YOUR copy of the letter, also on your letterhead at the gate, and your group will be admitted free!! **NO TICKETS ARE NECESSARY FOR SATURDAY. SUNDAY IS FOR SAVVY CLUB MEMBERS ONLY!**

If you have questions, please call 970-731-9465 or e-mail sdrake@parelli.com

To find out more information about Parelli Natural Horsemanship, please visit our web site at www.parelli.com or call 800-642-3335.

We hope to see you there!

Parelli Tour Team

Deadlines & Upcoming Events

February Calendar of Events

February Due Dates:

- 1 Ambassador Workshop Applications
- 1 Arkansas Adventure Spring Trek Applications
- 1 Counselor Applications for Forestry & Wildlife & State Camps
- 1 C...WF Delegate Applications with \$400 deposit
- 1 C...WF Adult Leader Applications with \$200 deposit
- 1 High Adventure Program Backpacking Applications due in LRSO
- 1 South. Reg. Vol. Leader Forum State Coordinator
- 1 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Practice Session Registration
- 4 4-H Journals (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) due in LRSO
- 4 Governor's Award Nominations
- 4 National 4-H Dairy Conference
- 4 State Scholarship Applications
- 4 Volunteer Applications to Judge 4-H Journals
- 15 Beekeeping Essay Contest Entries
- 15 IRS efile Deadline for 4-H Clubs with September 30 Fiscal Year End
- 15 Rice for Ducks Project Books Due

February Activity Dates:

- 15-17 Entrepreneur Camp, 4-H Center
- 16 Open & 4-H Goat Conference 1, Conway
- 16 State Technology Team Meeting, LRSO
- 16 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Practice Session, ASU, Beebe
- 22-23 Ambassador Workshop, 4-H Center
- 22-23 Adult Volunteer Leaders Association Board Meeting, 4-H Center
- 26-28 4-H Journal Judging, 4-H Center

March Calendar of Events

March Due Dates:

- 3 Advanced Camp Counselor Training
- 3 Alumni Recognition Program State Application
- 3 Ambassador Applications
- 3 Community Service Club Awards Applications
- 3 Final Payments for CWF Due – No Refunds After This Date
- 3 Horse Conference Applications to Steve Jones
- 3 Horse Demo. & Public Speaking Applications to Steve Jones
- 3 National 4-H Congress Adult Chaperone Applications

- 3 Promotion Awards Submissions
- 3 Teen Leader Club Awards
- 3 Teen Star Applications
- 10 Spring Shooting Sports Training Registration
- 15 Arkansas Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Entries due to Mendy Boyles, 4-H Center
- 17 State Camp Deposit and Participant List Due
- 18 Registration for Goat Conference 2

March Activity Dates:

- TBA Arkansas Beef Ambassador Competition, Cattlemen’s Assoc. in Little Rock
- 1 High Adventure Backpacking Parent-Camper Rally, LRSO
- 3 Beekeeping Essay Contest Winners Announced
- 7 Horse Demonstration & Public Speaking, 4-H Center
- 7-8 Arkansas 4-H Horse Conference, 4-H Center
- 7-9 Arkansas Adventure Spring Trek, Location TBA
- 8 NW AR Cattlemen’s Assoc. & Benton Co. Farm Bureau Spring Preview, New Benton County Fairgrounds, Bentonville, AR
- 8 Baxter County Livestock Show, Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, AR
- 11 Kansas City Conference Leadership Team Leaves
- 12-15 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference, Kansas City, MO
- 15 State Technology Team Meeting, LRSO
- 15 Managing Rice for Ducks State Judging, 4-H Center
- 15 4-H Advanced Journal Interviews, 4-H Center
- 21-22 Advanced Camp Counselor Training, 4-H Center
- 28-29 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, 4-H Center
- 29 Open & 4-H Goat Conference 2, Washington County Fairgrounds, Fayetteville
- 29 5th Annual Calf Sale, LSU- A, Alexandria, LA
- 29-April 3 National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.

The State 4-H Newsletter, prepared from national and state sources, is edited and compiled by Priscella Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Associate. For more information about the news and opportunities found in the Arkansas 4-H Outlook, please contact Priscella Thomas at 501-671-2271 or pthomas@uaex.edu.

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