

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

Congratulations to all counties on the excellent job you are doing with the 4-H Centennial. The publicity your innovative programs are garnering for 4-H is outstanding. The efforts, from you, your volunteers and your 4-H members, are very much noticed and appreciated.

National Update

Our national programmatic partner, CSREES, provides program direction. National 4-H Headquarters is an excellent resource for your program. As a way of quick update the three national 4-H mission mandates are: Science, Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living and Citizenship. The priorities of National 4-H Headquarters are to:

- Develop Youth Development Professionals
- Promote Access to All Youth
- Enhance Resource Development
- Stimulate the Youth Development Research Agenda

National 4-H Headquarters has produced a series of fact sheets pertaining 4-H issues in the following areas:

- 4-H Name & Emblem
- Tax Exemption
- Financial
- Other – Title IX, Religion and 4-H, Contests & Awards, etc.

These fact sheets are posted at <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/>.

National 4-H Council, is the private, not-for-profit partner of 4-H. National 4-H Council engages in fundraising, marketing, owns and operates the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, operates the National 4-H Supply Service, and is the legal and fiduciary support for 4-H entities. National 4-H Council is housed at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase Maryland.

4-H News

4-H 5K Trail Run/Walk Shannon Caldwell, 4-H Camping Coordinator

The 2008 4-H 5K Trail Run/Walk took place Saturday, April 17. The weather could not have been better for our 4th year of the 5K. We had a record attendance of 166 people. 73 of those attending were 18 years old or younger. We also had our youngest participant ever at 3 months old. Congratulations to White County for receiving the award for most county participants with 28. They will receive a check for \$250 to be used in Healthy Lifestyle programming.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and made the race such a success with a special thanks going to Willa Williams and the Tech Team. Thanks also to Sarah Harrison, Centennial Coordinator, for contributing to the 5K Goodie Bag.

Our top finishers were:

Male Division

- 1st Chris B. – 14 years old
- 2nd Unlianov R. – 17 years old
- 3rd Francisco R. – 16 years old

Female Division

- 1st Ruth Williams
- 2nd Rebecca S. – 17 years old
- 3rd Sharesse Kondo



We appreciate all of you who participated. It was wonderful to see so many families out enjoying some healthy activity together. That is the goal of the 4-H 5K, to give families an opportunity to spend time together, being active, in the outdoors. If you didn't participate this year, consider joining us next year. The 5K is tentatively set for April 18, 2009. Mark your calendar, and we'll see you next year.

4-H Poster Art Winners Announced **Chris Meux, Design Specialist**

The Poster Art Contest is open to all 4-H members ages 9–19 and the top finalist will be selected for competition in the Mid-South Fair Poster Art Contest.

The winners are:

- ❖ Cheyenne R., Independence County
- ❖ Sarah C., Benton County
- ❖ Carly J., White County
- ❖ Autumn H., Searcy County
- ❖ Marley M., Cleburne County
- ❖ Hannah H., VanBuren County
- ❖ Laura L., Johnson County
- ❖ Austin K., Johnson County
- ❖ Kyle K., Johnson County
- ❖ Cheyenne R., Independence County
- ❖ Sarah C., Benton County
- ❖ Stephanie S., VanBuren County

4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Winners **Glenn Studebaker, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Extension Entomologist**

The Beekeeping essay contest (an annual 4-H contest) is sponsored by the American Beekeeping Federation and includes cash prizes at the state and national levels. The entries are judged at the state level and the American Beekeeping Federation will judge the state winner's essay nationally.

The winners for the 2008 Beekeeping Essay Contest are

- 1st - Aaron F., Pulaski County
- 2nd - Joshua R., Howard County
- 3rd - Mystina S., Pope County

Regional O-Rama Update **Priscella Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Associate**

It is time for O-Rama! “**ARKANSAS 4-H EXTRAVAGANA-100 YEARS IN THE MAKING**”. The Regional 4-H O-Rama's are open to both junior and senior 4-H members and provide an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills, which they have developed through their project work in a variety of competitive activities. During each O-Rama,



Beginner and Intermediate Record Book winners, Ross Foundation Photography, Poster Art Contest and Beekeeping Essay Contest winners are also recognized. Officer elections are also held in each region. Junior and senior first-place winners are awarded first-place trophies for the accomplishments.

The dates for Regional O-Rama are:

<u>REGION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Southwest	June, 17 2008	Malvern HS, Malvern
Northwest	June, 18 2008	Arkins HS- Ozark
Northeast	June, 19 2008	Nettleton HS-Jonesboro
Southeast	June, 20 2008	UAPB-Pine Bluff

State 4-H O-Rama is going to be held July 23–25 on the UA-Fayetteville Campus.

If you have any questions about O-Rama, please contact Priscella Thomas at 671-2271 or e-mail pthomas@uaex.edu.

4-H Summer Techs

Priscella Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Associate

The 4-H Youth Development Section is pleased to announce the 2008 4-H Summer Technicians. They are Karla Emerson, Jamie Lynch, Jef Ferguson and Paden Phelps.

Karla Emerson attends College of the Ozarks. She is a junior majoring in Family and Consumer Science with an emphasis in Secondary Education. She was involved in the Independence County 4-H Program. Karla will be working with Teen Leader Conference, Regional, State O-Ramas and the Centennial Celebration.

Jamie Lynch is from Pope County. She is currently a junior at Arkansas State University majoring in Finance. This year, she will be working with Teen Leader Conference, Regional, State O-Ramas and the Centennial Celebration.

Jef Ferguson, a junior at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and majoring is Mass Communication with a minor in Information Technology. Jef is originally from Jefferson County. Jef will be working with Teen Leader Conference, Regional, State O-Ramas and the Centennial Celebration.

Paden Phelps is a 2008 graduate of Arkansas Tech University with a degree in Accounting. This summer, he will be working with Mike Klumpp on the 4-H ATV Safety Program.

2nd Annual 4-H Day with the Razorbacks

Sarah Lindsey Harrison, 4-H Centennial Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that we have been offered the opportunity to hold 4-H Day with the Razorbacks again this year. The game will be on Saturday, August 30th (Opening Day and Labor Day weekend) against Western Illinois in Fayetteville. The time of the game is still TBD, but it is expected to start around 6:00 pm.

We will once again be in section 111 and will be offering a tailgate and t-shirt as before. Tickets will be \$45 each, reflecting a price increase from the University.

More details will be coming soon, and we hope that you can join us for another wonderful 4-H Day with the Razorbacks!

Resources & Opportunities

Arkansas 4-H Center Scholarships

Brad Davis, Ed.D. Executive Director-Arkansas 4-H Foundation

The 4-H Foundation has a new way to help needy 4-H'ers take part in our camps at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, but this year, we will only have a short time to make it happen.

The Arkansas 4-H Foundation, Inc., is pleased to announce the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center scholarship that will provide between \$25 and \$100 for individuals to attend our summer camps in Ferndale.

To be considered for an award, the applicant must:

- Be a 4-H'er in a community, project, school or after school club.
- Reside in Arkansas
- Complete camp scholarship application
- Show financial need

We ask that county extension agents send scholarship applications and county submission forms to The Arkansas 4-H Foundation Office by **June 5**. If there is still money left after June 5, scholarships will be awarded to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.

The money was just made available for scholarships, and the Foundation thought it best to make it available as soon as possible – in time for this summer's camps. Next year, will see a longer timeline, which will be released this fall.

The Foundation will have a camp scholarship selection committee that will make award decisions.

Donors of the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center scholarships are:

- Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust
- Trannye White Memorial Camp Scholarship
- Joye Vines Activity Scholarship

Please contact Dr. Brad Davis, if you have any questions related to these camp scholarships. Attached is the camp scholarship application in both word and PDF, county submission form and camp scholarship guidelines in MS Word.

4-H Centennial Bike Ride

Willa Williams, 4-H Youth Agriculture Associate

Remember to save Saturday, September 27th so you can help the Big Dam Bridge 100 bike ride celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Arkansas! You can participate by signing up as a rider, volunteering at a rest stop, or being a spectator at the finish line.

As a rider, you can sign up for a variety of distances between 12 and 100 miles. If you think 100 miles in a day is too much, then sign up for the 4-H Hot Wheels 100 program, in which youth ride 88 miles in the 12 weeks before the ride and then complete the last 12 miles at the BDB 100. Registration is not open yet, but check for links and the training schedule at <http://www.bigdambridge.com/index.htm>

Just register for the Family Fun Ride (12 mile) and start logging your miles beginning July 6th. Then, bring your completed log (88 miles before the ride) to the 4-H Booth at the Big Dam Bridge Expo before the race or the finish line the day of the race to get your 4-H goody bag. Finally, celebrate your accomplishment by joining us for food and entertainment at the finish line.

You don't have to be a 4-H member to participate in the 4-H Hot Wheels 100 program, but there's a definite chance you'll want to be one afterwards. Another great reason to participate in the 4-H Hot Wheels program is the chance to visit the awesome rest stop that will be provided by Arkansas 4-H in the middle of the 12 mile route.

If cycling isn't your thing, then get your club or county to sponsor a rest stop. We have rest stops at Cook's Landing, Maumelle, Conway, Cato, and the Finish Line in NLR. Rest stop teams will receive \$100 to help decorate and a customized banner to use after the event. There will be many more opportunities to volunteer such as the registration booth, bike valet and food preparation. Just contact Willa Williams at wwilliams@uaex.edu or at 501-231-0820.

Look forward to seeing 2000 cyclists, around 500 volunteers, and lots of spectators. All of them will be joining in our 4-H Centennial Celebration. Don't miss out!

Emerald Clover Society Accepting Application Sarah Lindsey Harrison

Many people devote their time and money to Arkansas 4-H Youth Development. For them, 4-H is more a way of life than just a club. The newly-formed Emerald Clover Society exists to recognize and honor those who've made a commitment to making the best better in Arkansas youth.

The 4-H office is currently accepting nominations to the Emerald Clover Society. **Nominations for 2008 must be submitted by June 30, 2008.** There are two categories for nominations, one for 4-H alumni and one for non-4-H alumni. A minimum of five years as a member or volunteer is required to be nominated as a 4-H alumnus. Significant contributions to Arkansas 4-H, either monetarily or through service, are required for non-4-H alumni.

A strict process is in place to select inductees for the prestigious award. It's a nomination process and self-nominations are allowed. Posthumous nominations are accepted, and Little Rock Extension State Office 4-H employees are not allowed to make nominations. Finally, a selection committee will choose the inductees. This committee consists of 4-H volunteer leaders, 4-H alumni, non-4-H Extension employees, 4-H Extension agents, a representative from the 4-H Little Rock Extension State Office and a representative from the Arkansas 4-H Foundation board of directors.

The 2008 induction ceremony will take place during the Centennial Celebration Gala in September. Inductees receive a pin, are listed as members in Emerald Clover Society publications and obtain permanent recognition at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale.

More information and nomination forms can be found at www.kidsarus.org/centennial.

National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Powerpoint Clover Corner News

A Powerpoint guide focused on the National Animal Identification System for use with 4-H programs is available on the [National Directory of 4-H Materials](#) (type NAIS in the search box) or [Extension/NAIS website](#).

This presentation for youth producers and exhibitors explains what NAIS is, why it is important, and how they can get involved. It details:

- The speed in which animal disease can spread
- The importance of premises registration

- How animal ID helps prevent the spread of disease
- How they, as youth producers and exhibitors, can set up their own animal travel log

If you wish to order copies of this presentation that includes an audio portion, please email Wayne Maloney at wayne.maloney@aphis.usda.gov.

Attention MySpace, Xanga and FaceBook Users Clover Corner News

The youth members of the Texas 4-H Technology Team have recently undertaken a research project to evaluate why young people (ages 8 to 21) are so interested in on-line social networks such as MySpace, Xanga and FaceBook. As part of their research project, they conducted a survey and presented the findings at the 2008 Children, Youth and Families at Risk Conference in San Antonio in May.

The team invites all young persons, ages 11 to 21, to go Online and complete the survey. The survey is totally anonymous and is hosted by a secure website. The survey will take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

To complete the survey, visit the [Texas 4-H Technology Team On-Line Community Survey](#).

4-H Million Trees Project

Members of the Pacifica 4-H Club has organized the 4-H Million Trees service-learning project (4HMT), with the intention to work with 4-H clubs and units across the nation to plant 1,000,000 trees to beautify America and combat global climate change. Please review their website at www.4hmilliontrees.org, to learn more about this project. A press release is available at <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/newsroom/newsroom.html>.

4-H youth are a select group of young people who share a passion for serving their cubs, their communities, their country, and their world. Please contact us at 4hmilliontrees@gmail.com, for more information.

Deadlines & Upcoming Events

June Calendar of Events

June Due Dates:

- TBA State Horse Show Entries
- 2 Regional O-Rama County Registration via web
- 2 4-H RESQ Day Camp Start of Application Acceptance
- 2 State Camp Paperwork & Fees Due (\$35 per camper late fee after this date)
- 7 Ross Photo Exhibit Entries TO LRSO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE
- 23 Shooting Sports–Range Events Registration

June Activity Dates:

- TBA Northeast Regional Horse Show, Newport, Riding Club Arena
- TBA Southeast Regional Horse Show, Pine Bluff, Hestand Stadium
- TBA Southwest Regional Horse Show, Hope, Southwest District Fairgrounds
- 2-5 Mid-America Grassland Evaluation, Springfield, MO
- 6-7 YHEC / State Shooting Sports Competition, 4-H Center
- 7 Upper Arkansas River Valley Regional Horse Show, Clarksville, Hurley Arena
- 9-11 Livestock Judging Camp, Fayetteville, Pauline Whitaker Animal Sciences Bldg.
- 10 Teen Leader Conference Pre-Conference Meeting with Ambassadors, 4-H Center
- 11 Ambassador Interviews, 4-H Center
- 11 Teen Star / Hall of Fame Banquet, 4-H Center
- 11-13 Teen Leader Conference, 4-H Center
- 13-14 State 4-H Poultry Broiler BBQ Contest, The Poultry Festival, Rogers
- 17-20 RESQ Day Camp 1, 4-H Center
- 17 SW Regional O-Rama, Malvern High School
- 18 NW Regional O-Rama, Atkins High School
- 19 NE Regional O-Rama, Nettleton High School, Jonesboro
- 20 SE Regional O-Rama, UAPB, Pine Bluff
- 21 North Arkansas Regional Horse Show, Boone County
- 22 Forestry Camp Counselor Training, 4-H Center
- 22-26 National 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Location TBA
- 23-26 4-H Forestry & Wildlife Camp, 4-H Center
- 24-27 RESQ Day Camp 2, 4-H Center

July Calendar of Events

July Due Dates:

- 1 Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest Participation Forms due to LRSO
- 1 State O-Rama 2008 County Registration via web
Includes Bug Bowl (Linnaean Games) Registration for Senior Teams

- 1 Southern Reg. Vol. Leader Forum Applications
- 7 Last Day for O-Rama 2008 Changes with 100% refund
- 14 Last Day for O-Rama 2008 Changes with 50% Refund
- 25 Bug Bowl (Linnaean Games) Registrations Due – Junior Teams Only

July Activity Dates:

- TBA Canon National Envirothon, Arizona
- TBA National 4-H Forestry Invitational, Jackson's Mill, W Virginia
- TBA Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show, Location TBA
- 5-12 Citizenship... Washington Focus, Washington, D.C.
- 7-9 4-H State Camp Junior Track 1 & State Camp 1 Adventure Challenge Track, 4-H Center
- 7-10 State 4-H Horse Show, Benton
- 7-11 Family & Consumer Sciences Camp, Fayetteville
- 8-11 RESQ Day Camp 3, 4-H Center
- 9 State Horse Judging, Benton
- 10-12 Shooting Sports State Competition – Range Events, 4-H Center
- 14-16 4-H State Camp Junior Track 2 & State Camp 2 Adventure Challenge Track, 4-H Center
- 14-17 4-H State Camp Equine Camp, 4-H Center
- 15-18 RESQ Day Camp 4, 4-H Center
- 15-18 Youth Poultry Conference, Fayetteville, U of A Poultry Science
- 17-18 4-H State Bring a Big Person Camp (AKA Cloverbud Camp), 4-H Center
- 22-25 RESQ Day Camp 5, 4-H Center
- 23 Awards of Excellence Banquet & State 4-H Foundation Board Meeting, UofA
- 23-25 State 4-H O-Rama, Fayetteville
- 28-August 3 National Envirothon, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff
- 29-August 1 RESQ Day Camp 6, 4-H Center
- 29-August 3 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show, Location TBA
- 29-August 6 High Adventure Backpacking Program, Pecos Wilderness Area, New Mexico

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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