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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. Millard, Assistant Director 4-H Youth Development

Honoring the Past – Celebrating the Future, has been our centennial celebration theme. For the past year, we have certainly been living the theme. All over Arkansas there have been celebrations ranging from carnivals and camps to green tie formal events. We have connected with 4-H alumni, recruited new members and honored those who provided the foundation for 100 successful years. Our many friends and supporters have played a key role in the celebrations and we are truly grateful. I applaud the many creative ways counties have celebrated this very special moment in history.

We now have the opportunity to create the future for the next generations of 4-H members as we embrace new technology, create new traditions and reach new audiences. On October 8, 4-H'ers all across the United States will have the opportunity to participate in the first 4-H National Youth Science Day. This will be a national media event designed to highlight the significant role that 4-H, CES and the Land Grant universities are playing in science education. The event, led by the National 4-H SET Task Force will feature a simple, fun and media-ready science experiment that can be performed all across the country by 4-H members, educators and the general public. The experiment will have an environmental, "green" theme and will be easy to perform in any venue. We are eagerly awaiting release of specific details from Washington. We hope your county will take part in this unique and history making event.

Arkansas 4-H O-Rama
Priscella Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Associate

ARKANSAS 4-H EXTRAVAGANZA “100 years in the making” was the theme of the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama which was held July 23 – 25 on the campus of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Over 800 4-H’er, volunteers, Extension agents, specialists and faculty members participated in this state event. The purpose of O-Rama is to give a comprehensive vision of 4-H and offer opportunities to enhance life skills and acquire knowledge through competitive and non competitive activities while experiencing campus life, developing personal relationships, making choices, and being recognized in front of peers.



Highlights of the events included the Awards of Excellence Banquet which celebrated the 4-H Centennial, State Officer elections, workshops and the Jones Center for Families.

The competitive events results and footage of O-Rama are posted <http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it>. Also, photos of State O-Rama Winners for most of the activities are available for a limited time on the .ftp server: <ftp://ftp.uaex.edu/Uploads/4-H-O-Rama-2008-WinnerPhotos/>

4-H State Camp
Shannon Caldwell, 4-H Camping Coordinator

This year’s 4-H State Camp was called Camp Time Travel and celebrated the Arkansas 4-H Centennial. Four hundred seventy campers, adults and counselors from 34 different counties participated in workshops that celebrated the past, present, and future. Junior Camp and Cloverbud Camp workshops included:



This is for the Dogs:
Each camper brought a pillowcase from home that they decorated and stuffed to create a dog bed. We donated 166 dog beds to Pulaski County Humane Society. This project commemorated the 1930’s 4-H Project of Mattress Making. The Humane Society praised



4-Hers and their donation on Ch. 4 KARK.

http://arkansasmatters.com/media_player.php?media_id=89421

Your Past Becomes Art of the Future:

Each camper was asked to bring a brick, stone or old farm tool that meant something to them. Artist Alice Guffey had the campers tell why the item was meaningful and she is placing the items in a commissioned piece of art. The sculpture, when complete, will be on display at the Historical Arkansas Museum in downtown Little Rock.

History Hunt:

Campers learned about the history of the Arkansas 4-H Center by being sent on a scavenger hunt to find out when different structures were build and dedicated.

Groovy Crafts:

Campers celebrated the 70's by making leather bracelets and painting their own pet rocks.

Your Future Safety:

Campers were taught about how they can keep themselves safe in the future on their All-Terrain Vehicle or ATV.

Campers also brought items to place in a time capsule that will be opened in the year 2018.

Campers really got into the time travel theme and even did skits about Arkansas 4-H and its past. These talented and enthusiastic campers surely signal that Arkansas has another 100 years of great 4-H history to look forward to.

**Searcy County's 4-H Day Camp
Pam Cannada, Program Assistant-4-H & Youth**

Benjamin F. State 4-H Ambassador and Ozark Regional Vice- President enlisted the help of 13 other 4-H Teen Leaders and conducted a successful 4-H Day Camp from July 28 – August 1, 2008, in Marshall, Searcy County. The teen leaders were from the Health to Better Living 4-H Club and the Searcy County 4-H Rangers.

This Environmental Camp was funded in part by a grant from the Searcy County Quorum Court with an emphasis on Conservation and Environmental awareness.

About 32 youth, ages 5 to 13 years, participated in the workshops taught each day by the 14 teen leaders and supervised by three adults. Some of the workshops included were bait casting, fish



ID, tying fishing knots, recycling, canoe safety, camp safety and tent set up, how to begin an Entomology collection, leaf & flower ID, wildlife workshop, exercise with parachute games, organ-wise guys, spiders, animal tracks and turtles made from bread and glue.

The youth really enjoyed the camp and on the final day one young man was heard to say, "I don't want it to end!"

Arkansas Foodbank Network Summer Cereal Drive
Stacey McCullough, Instructor-Community & Economic Development

Thank you to all 4-Hers who took the time to collect and bring items to the regional 4-H O-Ramas for the Arkansas Foodbank Network Summer Cereal Drive. Your contributions are making a difference in the lives of hungry Arkansans. More than 160,000 boxes of cereal were collected through the entire Summer Cereal Drive this year.

Resources & Opportunities

4-H Hot Wheels 100
Willa Williams, 4-H Stem Instructor

Get your bikes ready to participate in the 4-H Hot Wheels 100 ride during the Big Dam Bridge 100 event on Saturday, September 27th. All you need to do is register for the BDB 100 ride and complete 100 miles by September 27th in order to receive a 4-H goodie bag along with your BDB100 registration bag. Copies of training schedules and blank log sheet can be found on our website at www.uaex.edu Just look for the 4-H Hot Wheels 100 logo.

Need Volunteers for 4-H Hot Wheels 100 and BDB100

We need captains and volunteers to man rest stops at the 100 mile bike ride on Saturday, September 27th. Captains are in charge of supervising volunteers and planning the rest stop decorations. Each group will receive \$100 for decorations, a banner for their club or county, and t-shirts. Team captains receive even more goodies! Contact Willa Williams to volunteer at wwilliams@uaex.edu

iRobot Create Contest
Willa Williams, 4-H Stem Instructor

The deadline for the contest has been extended to October 1, 2008. Winners of the iRobot Create Challenge will be announced at the 2008 Arkansas State Fair. All robots must be built with the iRobot Create robot, and each entry must include a summary introduction,

clear photographs or video, text describing the robot and how it works and some instructional content about the creation of the robot.

Time to Think about 4-H Journals

Connie S. Phelps, Assistant Professor, 4-H Youth Development

As you begin to think about preparing 4-H Journals with your 4-Her's, here are a few reminders to consider:

1. Go to <http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/4Hprojects/Journal/Default.htm> for information critical to the success of preparing a journal.
 2. Second step is to visit <http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/4Hprojects/Journal/guidelines.htm> to gain specific knowledge concerning each journal level. Each level has specific information. You will find a PDF template, an example and PowerPoint for each level.
 3. It is critical that you read everything listed under the *GENERAL* heading. Most important is the *CREATE A JOURNAL FORM*. You can create the journal form in any word processing program by following these instructions. The PDF template located under each level will only work, if you have Adobe Acrobat Professional, thus the instructions for *CREATE A JOURNAL FORM*. If you will follow the *CREATE A JOURNAL FORM* instructions, you and your 4-H'er can create a journal form with little worry. Creating the form in your word processing program is part of the learning experience for the 4-H member.
 4. **DO NOT TYPE IN THE PDF TEMPLATE, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ADOBE ACROBAT PROFESSIONAL. FOLLOW THE *CREATE A JOURNAL FORM* INSTRUCTIONS.**
 5. And there you have it; a 4-H Journal is born.
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National 4-H Conference Applications Due

Priscella Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Associate

The National 4-H Conference is an annual event planned and conducted by the National 4-H Headquarters located in the Families, 4-H, and Nutrition Unit of the Cooperatives State Research, Education, and Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The purpose of the conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and nation levels. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the U.S., its territories and the Canadian Provinces.

The conference will be March 28-April 2, 2009, at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 of the current calendar year and not have had their 19th birthday by January 1 of next year. Preference will be given to those youth who have one year of 4-H eligibility left.

Selection Process:

Each county may nominate one 4-H member. A committee will review the applications and make the selections. Interviews may be conducted to determine final selection. Five 4-H members will be selected to represent Arkansas. Consideration will be given to those youth who:

1. Have experience in local, county, area and/or state developmental committees, advisory groups, councils, etc.
2. Are willing and able to work prior to Conference in collecting facts, ideas, etc., of local people regarding concerns of youth and possible action.
3. Have "time ahead" to make significant contributions in their communities within the next two years.
4. Are flexible as individuals to meet differing situations, having growth potential, and a curiosity about situations, people, and events.
5. Have an evident capacity to cope with ambiguity; concerned about issues involved and in deciding to solve the problems and get on with business.
6. Possess strong interpersonal skills.
7. Have good energy levels, capable of participating fully in an active and demanding program involving long hours.

Applications and Due Date:

4-H'ers are to complete Arkansas 4-H Activity Application for Leadership Roles (CES-657). Applications are due in state FY4-H office on **October 1**.

Additional Information:

Delegates travel by air to participate in this conference. The delegation departs from the Little Rock Airport and flies into National Airport in Washington, D.C.

Program Cost:

Most of the cost will be paid by Extension. The program cost per delegate is \$210.00.

If you have any questions, please contact Priscella Thomas at pthomas@uaex.edu .

Please encourage all eligible 4-H'ers to apply.

2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference
Mike Klumpp, Associate Professor, 4-H Youth Development

The dates for the 2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference in Kansas City, Missouri are March 18 – 21, 2009. Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1, 2009. Because speakers, workshops, and tours vary from year-to-year, youth who have attended in the past may apply for the conference. However, preference will be given to those who have never attended. The cost for youth and adults is \$385. Two County Extension Agents and two adult volunteers will serve as chaperones. Please encourage 4-H volunteers to apply for this opportunity. Volunteers can apply for a \$100 scholarship, if they are a Lifetime member of the Arkansas Adult Leaders' Association and have been a County 4-H Leader for at least two years. All applications are due in the state 4-H office **November 3, 2008**. Please use form CES-655 (Youth) and form CES-656 (Adult), which is in the Events Packet. Immediately after applications are received, delegate selections will be made and those selected will be told how to sign up electronically for workshops and tours. For additional information, refer to the information in the 4-H Events Packet.

Transportation will be by chartered bus departing from Jonesboro, Arkansas. Depending upon delegate selection, the bus will make stops at the State Extension Office, Little Rock and various other locations en route to and from Kansas City. Delegates will be notified of final details once they are selected.

Arkansas Youth Featured Entrepreneur Program
Stacey McCullough, Instructor-Community & Economic Development

Are you a youth entrepreneur? Do you know someone who exhibits entrepreneurial talent? The Featured Entrepreneur Program seeks to recognize youth entrepreneurs in Arkansas who are involved in 4-H. Individuals selected as featured entrepreneurs will be profiled on the "Entre-WHAT?" Web site to be unveiled this fall and receive a certificate recognizing this achievement. Upon selection, featured entrepreneurs will be contacted to schedule an interview and collect additional information for web publication. Applications are accepted year round. To obtain an application form, or if you have any questions, please contact Stacey McCullough by email at smccullough@uaex.edu or by phone at (501) 671-2078.

Deadlines & Upcoming Events

September Calendar of Events

Due Dates:

- 2 State 4-H Tech Team Membership Applications Due LRSO
- 2 Fall Adventure Hiking Trek Applications Due to 4-H Center
- 15 State Technology Team Member Fee of \$150 Due
- 17 Entomology Collections for Mid-South Fair Due to LRSO 4-H Office

Activity Dates:

- 20 4-H Day at the Mid-South Fair, Memphis, TN
 - 23-25 National 4-H Engineering, Science & Leadership, West Lafayette, IN
 - 24 4-H Day at the AR-OK State Fair, Kay Rodgers Park, Fort Smith, AR
 - 26-27 State 2009 Technology Team September Meeting, TBA
 - 27 Centennial Gala, Peabody Hotel, Little Rock
 - 28-Oct 1 National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison, WI
 - 29 National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, Madison, WI
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October Calendar of Events

Due Dates:

- 1 Adult Master Volunteer Re-Certification
- 1 National 4-H Conference 2009 Applications

Activity Dates:

- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
 - 3 Dog Daze, TBA
 - 1-5 Southern Region Volunteer Leaders Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
 - 4-6 Fall Hiking Adventure Trek
 - 5-11 National 4-H Week
 - 10 Arkansas State Fair Begins, Arkansas State Fairgrounds
 - 11 Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Weigh-in at the State Fair, Arkansas State Fairgrounds
 - 18 4-H Day at the State Fair, Arkansas State Fairgrounds
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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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