

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 county Extension agents, extension specialists and national publications. The newsletter is e-mailed to all extension employees, 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>.

“Happy Holidays from the State 4-H Office”

*May this holiday season
leave you with precious memories:
A Christmas filled with love and light,
perfect gifts, delicious foods,
love and joy all around.
A New Year with continuing blessings—
friends, family, good work, great fun,
and delightful surprises.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
By Joanna Fuchs*

Happy Holidays

State 4-H Essay Contest Winners
Priscella Thomas-Scott, 4-H Youth Development Associate

The State 4-H Office is honored and pleased to announce the 2010 State 4-H Essay Winners. The essay contest was held in October which is 4-H Promotion Month. The selection process was very difficult; we received over twenty promotional essays describing “*Because of 4-H I Can....*”

The winning essay from each age category (novice, junior, and senior) is posted on the 4-H Website. The 1st-3rd place winners are:

Novice 9-11

Katie G.	Washington	1st
Baley F.	Saline	2nd
Sara G.	Washington	3rd

Junior 12-13

Greta H.	Craighead	1st
Heather J.	Pike	2nd
Jessica B.	Saline	3rd

Senior 14-19

Clare D.	Carroll	1st
Austin K.	Johnson	2nd
Aaron J.	Benton	3rd

The state 4-H office would like to thank all of the 4-H'ers that submitted essays and we hope you will participate in the 2011 4-H Essay Contest.

Arkansas 4-H'ers Attend National 4-H Congress
Priscella Thomas-Scott, 4-H Youth Development Associate

On Thanksgiving night, thirty four 4-H'ers and four adults traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the 89th National 4-H Congress. The conference was held November 26-30 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The theme of the conference was “Accept the Challenge” and be the best person that you can be!

More than 900 delegates from throughout the United States and its territories participated at this annual event.



The program was a mix of educational workshop, community service, recreational opportunities including an Evening of Culture at the Atlanta History Center and the Congress Gala, featuring Caressa Cameron, Miss America 2010.

National 4-H Congress is an opportunity for the Cooperative Extension System to recognize the nations' brightest and best young people. The program is designed to help youth continue their development as the leaders of the next millennium.

Lonoke 4-H Has Highest Participation Youth Science Day Extension Blue Letter

Lonoke County 4-H has been recognized for the second straight year for having the highest county participation in the state in this year's 4-H National Youth Science Day. Lonoke County 4-H Foundation will be receiving a \$500 award to use toward the county's science, engineering and technology programming, said Jan Yingling, a 4-H and ag agent in Lonoke County.

Two county 4-H clubs participated. Not all who took part in the experiment were 4-H members, but they all participated in 4-H in-school or after-school enrichment programs.

Yingling also provided National Youth Science Day kits to the Lonoke Alternative Learning Environment and the 21st Century Afterschool Program at the Lonoke Elementary School.

"The youth that participated absolutely loved this experiment because it was hands-on learning and they could see the results immediately," Yingling said. "I love to teach STEM because the kids get so excited," she said.

Mike Klumpp ExCEL Pavilion Dedication J.J. Pitman, 4-H Center Program Director

Mike Klumpp was treated to a rolling "LaZboy" recliner during a surprise pavilion dedication at the Arkansas 4-H Center. The LaZboy symbolized the opposite of Mike's



service to 4-H and Extension, and gave him a minute to stop and relax. On October 21st there were 75 friends, co-workers, and ex-4-H'ers present to recognize his efforts of over three decades. This is the first time attendees can recall Mr. Klumpp being speechless when the ExCEL leadership program's "Mike Klumpp ExCEL Pavilion" at the High Ropes Course was revealed.

An estimated 250,000 4-H'ers and adult participants have experienced programs at the Arkansas 4-H Center that are results of Mike's creativity and hard work. This does not include his work in ATV safety, High Adventure, LIFE, volunteer training, LIFT and his time in Oklahoma's Extension. Thank you Mike for your service and impact on Arkansas 4-H'ers.



Resources & Opportunities

Camp Leadership Workshop **Shannon Caldwell, 4-H Camping Coordinator**

*This training has been extremely beneficial to the improvement of our county camping program." ~ Jessica Street, Benton Co. 4-H Agent**

What: Camp Leadership Workshop - Basic (Formally called Teen Counselor Training)

Who: Any youth 14-19 years old; 4-H Adult Volunteers

When: January 7-8, 2011 (begins 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday)

Where: Arkansas 4-H Center

Why: To get foundational training in being a camp leader

Subjects:

- Camp Behavior Management
- Icebreakers, Teambuilding Activities, Time-fillers
- Camp and Experiential Education
- Campfire Programs
- Camp Safety

And more!

Cost: \$80/person

Registration: Register on 4hOnline from Dec. 2, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010

** "The teens who attend the training come back to the county with a **tool box of activities** they can use at anytime throughout the year. I have seen the training "**pay off**" as our teen leader club starts planning and carrying out our county camp. Those who have attended counselor training are **more comfortable leading** group activities, songs, interacting with younger members and making sure everyone is participating. They have learned the safety precautions and the importance on keeping up with their campers. **This training has been extremely beneficial to the improvement of our county camping program. The teens learn skills that they can use in any 4-H leadership role and will stay with them a lifetime.**" ~ Jessica Street, Benton Co. 4-H Agent (Nov. 2010)*

Deadlines & Upcoming Events

January Calendar of Events

- TBA Envirothon Team Registrations (Check with Local Conservation District Offices)
15 Full Payment for Citizenship...Washington Focus due in LRSO
19 National Program Assistant Internship Applications - CWF (May – August)

January Activity Dates:

- TBA 2011 4-H Poultry Chain Information Announced
7-8 Camp Leadership Workshop – Basic (formerly Teen Counselor Training), 4-H Center
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February Calendar of Events

February Due Dates:

- TBA 2011 4-H Poultry Chain Orders due via 4-H Online
1 Ambassador Workshop Applications
1 Entrepreneur Camp Applications due at 4-H Center
1 Advanced Entrepreneur Camp Applications due at 4-H Center
1 Governor's Award Nominations
1 High Adventure Program Backpacking Applications due via 4-H Online (with \$75 nonrefundable deposit)
1 4-H Journals (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) due in LRSO
1 National 4-H Dairy Conference
1 South. Reg. Vol. Leader Forum State Coordinator
1 State Scholarship Applications
1 Volunteer Applications to Judge 4-H Journals
1 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Practice Session Registration via 4-H Online
4 Tech Team Fee of \$160 Due to LRSO
16 Beekeeping Essay Contest Entries

February Activity Dates:

- 4-5 AR State 4-H BB Championship, 4-H Center
11-13 Entrepreneur Camp, 4-H Center
11-13 Advanced Entrepreneur Camp, 4-H Center
11-13 Tech Team Workshop 1: Video Instruction @ Entrepreneur Camp, 4-H Center
18-19 Ambassador Workshop, 4-H Center
18-19 Adult Volunteer Leader's Board Meeting
22-24 4-H Journal Judging, 4-H Center
26 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Practice Session, ASU Beebe
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