

# 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>.

#### State Leader's

##### “On the Desk...”

**Anne Sortor, PhD- Assistant Director –Family Consumer Sciences  
Interim Assistant Director 4-H Youth Development**

“Is the Arkansas 4-H Youth Development Program activity- or program-driven?” As we move forward to the fall season and the start of the program year, we at the 4-H State Office will begin tackling this perplexing question. We believe that the two philosophies are not exclusive of each other, but complementary. Our focus in the 4-H office continues to center around positive youth development and the support of extension personnel to provide an educational environment for members and volunteers. As with any changing organization, there are always opportunities to evaluate your goals, tasks and “how you do business.” We at the LRSO are in the midst of making some fundamental changes to practices, programs, rituals and organizational structure. As we venture forward we want to alert you to some of the changes that have occurred and those planned for the future:

- ✓ Established a new position of Program Director. Noah Washburn was reassigned to this role effective July 1. Noah has administrative and programming duties. Noah will work with S.T.E.M., strengthen our programming and outreach activities, support the Tech team, and serve as the 4-H agricultural liaison.
- ✓ Appointed Priscella Thomas-Scott as the Coordinator for the “4-H Day at the State Fair” activities.
- ✓ Implemented phase one of the 4-H online system. The first phase focused on events registration. The second phase will be piloted during this club year.

- ✓ Refocused training for the State 4-H officers.
- ✓ Established a partnership with The Cooperative Extension Service Federal Credit Union. The CES Federal Credit Union has expanded its field of membership to include 4-H Volunteer Leaders (those who have successfully completed and have been accepted through the Cooperative Extension Service volunteer leader program). Please inform your volunteers of the opportunity to join the CES Federal Credit Union. Contact Kim Wiedower ([kwiedower@uaex.edu](mailto:kwiedower@uaex.edu)) at (501)671-2037.
- ✓ Exploring how 4-H clubs will continue to retain their tax-exempt status.
- ✓ Implement a training protocol for state faculty working with 4-H activities.
- ✓ Implement a training session for judges participating in state O-Rama activities.
- ✓ Search for applicable 4-H curriculum for statewide usage.
- ✓ Develop 4-H marketing materials.

## 4-H News

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### **Arkansas 4-H O-Rama Photos on Flickr Kevin Quinn, Communications Specialist**

Photos from the 2010 4-H O-Rama are posted on the UA Division of Agriculture Communications Department flickr site and are accessible by following the link below. There are hundreds of images on 30 pages, including county photos; award, scholarship and event winners; and campaign, entertainment and candid shots from all the major activities of the 3 day event. Images begin on page 4 and continue through page 34. Images are easily downloaded or directly emailed to others. Relive the fun, drama and excitement of the 2010 Arkansas 4-H O-Rama, and share those memories with friends and family, by visiting... <http://www.flickr.com/photos/uacescomm/collections/>

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### **2010 State 4-H Officer Team Rachel Eaton, Ozark District 4-H Vice President**

The 2010-2011 State 4-H Officer Team recently held their first meeting and we are very excited about serving Arkansas 4-H for the next year. Our first meeting focused on building our teamwork and communication skills. We also learned about our duties as a State 4-H Officers. When asked how he felt about the coming year, Dustin Dixon, Arkansas State 4-H President from Benton County had this to say: "This upcoming year is going to be a world of fun adventures, new challenges, and exciting opportunities in leadership, community service and project work for all of Arkansas 4-Hers from ages 5 to 19."

We would like to introduce you to your 2010 – 2011 State 4-H Officer Team:  
 Dustin Dixon – President, Benton  
 Whitney Owens – Delta District VP, Craighead  
 Kaleb White – Ouachita District VP, Saline  
 Racheal Eaton – Ozark District VP, Madison  
 Cody Griffin – State Officer, Greene

Mark Sloan – State Officer, Boone  
Carter Weston – State Officer, Garland

If you would like to have an officer visit your county to speak at your awards banquet, club meetings or to help with a 4-H event, contact Brian Helms, Instructor 4-H Youth Development, at (501)671-2289.

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### **Arkansas 4-H WHEP Team Ranks Fourth Becky McPeake, Professor/Extension Specialist- Wildlife**

Arkansas was awarded fourth place overall at the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Invitational, receiving the highest ranking ever in the 20-year history of the Arkansas program. Congratulations to team members Matthew P., Daniel P. and Kayley C. from Logan County, and Bethany R. from Perry County who represented Arkansas at the Invitational held July 25 – 29 in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Logan County 4-H Leader and team coach Catherine Phillips said, “The kids learned so much and made friendships with 4-Hers from other states. This was an excellent educational opportunity that went beyond my expectations.” Eighteen teams participated in the annual, highly-competitive Invitational.

Becky McPeake, the Arkansas Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program coordinator and University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Professor said, “This was a hard-working team who spent many hours and days studying and preparing for the Invitational, not to mention the many years they spent competing in the state contest. They are very deserving of this recognition, and I look forward to working with them again as they help train future Arkansas WHEP teams.”

The WHEP steering committee will be meeting soon to plan the state practice session held in February and state contest in late April/early May. More information about 4-H WHEP can be found on our website at [http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities\\_Events/whep/default.htm](http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/whep/default.htm), or contact Becky McPeake (501-671-2285, [RMcPeake@uaex.edu](mailto:RMcPeake@uaex.edu)).

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Arkansas 4-H Wildlife Habitat team toured a Ponderosa pine forest at the Valles Caldera National Preserve in New Mexico.

### **Multi-County Cardboard Boat Race Robbie Rye, 4-H Program Assistant, Pope County**

On July 28, 4-Her's from Perry, Pope, Conway, and Johnson Counties met at Lake Dardanelle State Park to show off their club's engineering and math skills learned through the 4-H STEM program. Each county planned, designed and built their own boat and then transported their vessel to Lake Dardanelle in Russellville for the ultimate test....The Cardboard Boat Race!

County Extension Agents Jeanie Zerr, Heather Runyan, Alicia Henderson and 4-H Program Assistant Robbie Rye provided each club a set of rules and then allowed the 4-Her's 2 months to design & build their boats. 5 boats competed in the race with 2 clubs from Johnson County participating. Pope County's vessel won the race with awards also going to Conway County for the Most Creative, and to Johnson County's Sea Horse for Excellence in Performance.

All of the youth had a lot of fun and are already discussing ways to improve on their designs. Thank you to all that participated because you are all winners!



Left: Johnson County's Teen Club's -The JC Titanic

Right: Conway County's -The Mermaid



Johnson County's Sea Horse

Perry County's Sea Worthy Vessel



Pope County's -"KIS" Keep Simple



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**Agent & Program Assistant In-Service**  
**Ida Collier, Program Associate, 4-H Afterschool**

**August 17-18, 2010 at the CA Vines 4-H Center in Little Rock**

John Weis, Education Specialist, Aerospace Education Services Project (AESP)(NASA) with Jennifer Green, Jeanie Zerr, and Diane Mashburn. AESP is a partnership to provide for educational services to K-12 STEM educators.



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Resources & Opportunities

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**4-H Day at the State Fair**  
**Priscella Thomas-Scott, 4-H Youth Development Associate**

The Arkansas State Fair is right around the corner and it's going to be "Blue Ribbon Fun." The dates are October 8-17, 2010. Please join us for **4-H Day at the State Fair Saturday, October 16**. On this day, 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to view the exhibits and take part in the 4-H activities.

Activities this year will be:

Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest –Held on October 9  
Consumer Judging  
Entomology Exhibits  
Poultry BBQ Contest  
S.T.E.M Activities

All 4-H'ers, volunteers and parents are encouraged to participate. Please pass the word and join the "Blue Ribbon Fun" at 4-H Day. To sign up for the fair, contact your county extension agent. If you have any questions, please contact Priscella Thomas-Scott at [pthomas@uaex.edu](mailto:pthomas@uaex.edu) or call 501-671-2271. **See you at the Fair!!!!**

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**National 4-H Week**  
**Priscella Thomas-Scott, 4-H Youth Development Associate**

National 4-H Week is October 3-9, 2010. This week is a great opportunity to celebrate and promote 4-H in your county.

Here's a resource to help you promote National 4-H Week. The 2010 National 4-H Week Promotional Toolkit contains a wide variety of media relations and marketing tools to help you successfully promote National 4-H Week events and activities in your community. The tool kit is located at <http://4-h.org/brandnetwork/4-H-week-2010-toolkit.html> .



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### **4-H National Youth Science Day 2010** **Priscella Thomas-Scott, 4-H Youth Development Associate**

On October 6, millions of young people across the nation will become scientists during the third annual *4-H National Youth Science Day*. In this year's experiment, 4-H<sub>2</sub>O, youth will learn about carbon dioxide and discover how we as a nation can reduce our environmental impact.

For more details about 4-H National Youth Science Day and the Science Day experiments please visit <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/index.php>.



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### **4-H Center Offers Free Program to Regions** **Joel Gill, Arkansas Outdoor School Program Coordinator**

This summer 4-Hers from around the state had the opportunity to travel to Little Rock to participate in the 4-H center programs for free.

Each District was awarded one free Arkansas Outdoor School Program and one free ExCEL teambuilding and leadership program. The awardees were selected from submitted essays stating the financial need of the county and the anticipated impact the program would have on the 4-Hers. Representatives from Nevada, Garland, Hot Springs, Clark, Boone, and Clay counties participated in the Arkansas Outdoor School program and Searcy County participated in the ExCEL program. Howard and Craighead County will participate in the ExCEL program soon.

The 4-Hers that participated in the Arkansas Outdoor School program learned life skills while experiencing outdoor education sessions including canoeing, fishing, stream ecology, archery, team challenge, rock wall climbing, astronomy, nature photography and wilderness survival.

This is what the participants had to say about their experience:

“Through this opportunity, our 4-H members were able to develop team work skills and experience educational water activities they would have missed out on without this free Arkansas Outdoor School program.” – Joyce Hall, Volunteer 4-H leader

"The Arkansas Outdoor School program offered our 4-H members a chance to gain confidence in their fishing and canoeing skills as well as the opportunity to understand the importance of environmental stressors on water quality. Taking inventory of the aquatic insects in the stream at the 4-H Center really opened their eyes to the fact there is more to a body of water than initially meets the eyes!" – Amy Simpson Clark County Extension Agent

“Most of the 4-H members and the volunteers had never been to the 4-H Center. Needless, to say....they are ready to come back! I have heard many positive comments from the parents and 4-H'ers. The AOS program is fun and educational. I would highly recommend the program for 4-H groups and school groups.” – Nita Cooper, Boone county

“The Arkansas Outdoor School camp experience was a great experience for our 4-H members. The Team Challenge taught the 4-H members to work together to achieve their goals. This camp experience gave our 4-H members confidence and really helped to develop their leadership potential. It even motivated one of 4-H teens to offer help for coordinating a fundraising effort for a county camp for next summer. ” – Christie Wagley, Nevada county CEA-FCS

Searcy county participated in the ExCEL teambuilding and leadership program. This is what they had to say about their experience:

“Our ExCEL program was a very positive experience for our county 4Hers. All we heard the two hours back to Searcy county was how much fun they had and how soon could we go again. I think that the kids who attended gained a lot of confidence in themselves, as well as the ability to encourage confidence in others. I think that it will benefit our county program, in that, nearly all of the attendees were from different clubs, and I think that their own promotion of 4H, because of their participation in ExCEL, will help spread 4H throughout the county.” – Brad Runsick, Searcy county

When asked about the free programs offered to the counties, J.J. Pitman, 4-H Center Programs director explained, “We want to be a resource for the counties and work collaboratively with them so our programs can be an integral part of their youth’s 4-H experience. This was a way for our programs to reach a hand out to the counties, so we can work together to provide the best 4-H experience we can.”

Arkansas Outdoor School and ExCEL programs are offered at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center throughout the year. Some programs can be offered in your county. If you are interested in exploring how the 4-H Center programs can support your 4-H club or school contact the 4-H programs staff.

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ExCEL Program Coordinator, Luke Nipper, 501-821-6884, [lnipper@uaex.edu](mailto:lnipper@uaex.edu).

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## **Arkansas 4-H Horse Program**

### **Mark Russell, Instructor-Equine**

The Arkansas 4-H Horse Program is proud to offer many activities that can suit any age participant with virtually any interest. For those participants who have a horse or even those who do not, we offer numerous horse programs scattered throughout the state. The following is an overview of the various activities offered on an annual basis. The most important element of most of the activities listed is that a participant does not necessarily have to access a horse to participate in the 4-H Horse Project and to enjoy the activities that we offer.

#### ***Clinics and Seminars***

The most important elements of any successful 4-H Horse Program participant are safety and horsemanship skills. We offer year round clinics and seminars where safety and horsemanship are the primary areas taught. The vast majority of horsemanship clinics held around the state offer the opportunity for youth to be on horseback in groups ranging from as small as 2 or 3 to as many as 20. If a youth wishes to come and watch simply to learn more about potential ownership, they are welcome to attend and stay as long as they want. The youth not only benefit from the one on one interaction with instructors, but also being afforded the opportunity to watch as other participants work with their horses and improve their horsemanship skills. The horsemanship clinics prepare the participants for horse shows that include: county, district, state and regional 4H horse shows. Through the county and district shows, participants can qualify for the state horse show held at White County Fairgrounds annually in July. From the state show, participants can advance to the southern regional horse show held in August each year. The show rotates locations each year. This year, it was held in South Carolina at Clemson University.

In addition to the safety and horsemanship clinics, there are also clinics that teach youth how to handle and train young horses. These particular clinics are extremely helpful as a baby horse begins to get older and bigger. Teaching the proper methods of handling young horses can help prevent future accidents and can allow for better harmony between horse and handler. Periodically throughout the year, there are also seminars on hoof care and basic nutrition. These seminars and “hands-on” and are often taught by experts in the industry. In a hoof care seminar, participants can expect to learn the parts of the foot, basic hoof care, identification of farrier tools and witness a farrier trim and place a shoe on a horse. It is during these sessions where the participants have the opportunity to ask questions and receive immediate answers and feedback from the farrier. While these are all programs that require a horse, we also offer activities that youth can participate in, without owning or possessing a horse.

#### ***Horse Judging***

The goal of the Arkansas 4-H Horse Judging Program is to teach participants good conformation (structural correctness, balance, and muscling), breed character, and performance ideals in different breeds of horses. Additionally, the Horse Judging Program teaches participants how to evaluate horses based on knowledge and fact, make a decision, and defend it. The participants' placings are compared to an “official” judge’s placings at the completion of the contest. A typical contest will consist of 4 to 8 halter and performance classes. In each contest, participants are required to give at least one set of oral reasons. Oral reasons are defined as an organized method of describing why a participant placed a class the way that they did. The set of reasons are given to the “official” judge at the completion of the contest. While giving the set of reasons, there are no other participants or judges present during the 2 minute allotted time.

In learning how to give a set of reasons, participants learn horsemanship terms that can be used in a logical, systematic way to defend placings. Participants are known to gain confidence in their ability by giving oral reasons to a judge while learning to speak clearly, decisively, and convincingly through the use of oral reasons. Similar to all other 4-H Horse Program activities, participants are divided into junior or senior participants. Teams are made up of 4 participants with the fourth participant considered an alternate. Contestants are eligible for awards in both the individual and team divisions of halter, performance, reasons and overall.

### ***Horse Bowl***

Horse Bowl provides an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of horse-related subject matter. Participants will compete in either the junior or senior division. Each team may have 4 or 5 contestants. If 5 are used, one team member will be an alternate. Set up in a game show format, 2 teams compete against each other. During the match, participants will compete “one on one” against each other, as well as “team against team.” When a question is asked, the first to activate their buzzer will have the opportunity to answer the question. If the answer is correct, that team will receive a point.

Horse Bowl in Arkansas follows a national curriculum that includes the following sources: Dictionary of Equine Terms, The Horse, Horse Industry Handbook, Feeding and Care of the Horse, The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy. A sample question for Horse Bowl: What two factors determine hoof size? The answer: Heredity and nutrition. Participants in Horse Bowl have found that they are given a head start into preparing for a career in horses. Many of the subject areas in horse bowl will be taught in future high school and college classes.

### ***Individual and Team Demonstration***

Individual and Team Demonstration is designed to encourage youths to teach others how to do something related to horses by the correct use of visuals and equipment and to give youths confidence in their ability to present information in a logical and concise manner. Some of the topics given include: How to Clean a Saddle, How to Navigate a Trail Course, and How to Balance a Nutrition Ration. Contestants can enter either the individual division or the team division. Participants can also enter both divisions if they choose. If entering in the team division, the teams will consist of two members.

During competition, no live animals are used. Equipment that is permissible includes: 2 tables, 2 easels, 1 screen, along with any props the participants may need. Individual and Team Demonstration is intended to help increase the participant's level of horse knowledge, expertise and increase member's study skills and ability to use correct English while providing 4-H members with an opportunity to work jointly designing and presenting an educational horse-related topic. Similar to Horse Bowl, participants feel confident that they are developing a head start for future high school and college courses. Participants also are divided into junior and senior divisions.

### ***Public Speaking***

The Public Speaking contests are designed to help youth develop skills, confidence, and poise in speaking to groups through the use of an interesting and familiar topic while expanding participants' horse knowledge and increasing their research and study techniques. In order to be eligible for the Public Speaking contest, speeches must pertain to any area of the horse industry. During the speech, notes may be used by the participant and are divided into junior and senior divisions. Competing in the Public Speaking contests allows for participants to have the opportunity to speak in front of a small or large group about something they are passionate about. It also allows them the opportunity to sharpen their public speaking skills and prepare them for a future career where public speaking may be an integral part of their career.

### ***Hippology***

The Hippology contest provides participants with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in horse judging, bowl, demonstrations, public speaking, and showing into one activity. In the horse judging division, each participant will judge four classes. These four classes include: two (2) halter and two (2) performance classes. Additionally, participants will visually identify tack, feedstuffs and horse-related equipment during the competition. Another element of the contest is the written exams given. Two written exams shall be given separately to juniors and seniors. Questions for the written exam will consist of horse nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics and horsemanship.

For the senior division, there will be a Team Problem element to the contest. All teams will be presented with the same problem(s). Each team's members will have equal time to discuss among themselves the problem, immediately after which they will have to present a written solution or a series of suggested procedures relative to the problem.

### ***Queens Contest***

Each year the Arkansas 4-H Horse Program is proud to offer a Queens competition for the horse program. The state winner will represent the Arkansas 4-H Horse Program at various events. These events include: rodeos, horse shows, school programs, clinics, and other special events. The Queens Contest is judged on performance of horsemanship pattern, appearance, interview and speech. At the state competition in July, the queen is crowned and will represent the state of Arkansas for the following year. Contestants in the State Horse Show contest will be selected by the counties to compete at the district level. Each county will determine its own method of selection for the district shows.

With these events, the Arkansas 4-H Horse Program truly offers something for every youth in Arkansas. Whether you own your own horse, or just love them, we can offer you an activity to teach leadership, responsibility and give you the tools you need to be successful in life. Please ask your 4H Leader or county agent how to become a part of our program. Also, please feel free to contact the Extension Horse Instructor, Mark Russell at [mrrussell@uaex.edu](mailto:mrrussell@uaex.edu) or call 501-671-2190. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## **National 4-H Conference Apps Due Priscella Thomas-Scott, 4-H Youth Development Associate**

National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's *premier* youth Conference. 4-H'ers have the opportunity to engage in workshops, roundtable discussions and develop recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

**The conference will be April 2-7, 2011 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Up to 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, and are 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-Hers are to complete Arkansas 4-H Activity Application for Leadership Roles (CES-657). Applications are due in state FY4-H office by **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 \$220.00. If you have any questions, please contact Priscella Thomas-Scott at [pthomas@uaex.edu](mailto:pthomas@uaex.edu).

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**Polk County Invites Volunteers of All Ages  
Carla Vaught, County Extension Agent – Staff Chair Polk County**

Polk County 4-H members, leaders, and Extension Staff would like to extend an invitation to volunteers across the state to join them in what is being planned as the State's largest community service activity in state history.

Most people remember the April 9, 2009, EF3 tornado that killed three people, destroyed over 100 homes and damaged 600 more in Mena, Arkansas. This included the county extension office building near the courthouse. Insurance will be replacing the office building but did not provide enough funds to provide any kind of meeting space or educational facility.

On September 2 through 5, volunteers from across the nation will be in Mena as part of the 2010 New York Says Thank You commemorative 9/11 anniversary service project. NYSTY volunteers will be building three homes and a 4-H Community Center for Polk County 4-H members and residents. NYSTY Foundation founder, Jeff Parness, says this is Extreme Home Makeover on steroids. The mission of The New York Says Thank You Foundation is to send volunteers from New York City each year on the 9/11 anniversary to help rebuild communities around the country affected by natural or man-made disasters as our way of commemorating the extraordinary love and generosity extended to New Yorkers by Americans from all across the United States in the days, weeks, and months following 9/11. The core group of New Yorkers has expanded over the years to include people from each of the benefactor communities.

In addition to the building projects, the national 9/11 Flag will be on display in Mena during this time. This is the huge 20' x 30' American Flag that was still flying, tattered and torn, over Ground Zero at the World Trade Center on the morning of September 12. It remained there until October of 01 when the building it was attached to was finally stabilized and the flag could be rescued. This flag began traveling with NYSTY in 2008 when the volunteers worked in Greensburg, KS.

The goal is to register at least 1,500 volunteers to get these projects done from Thursday to Sunday morning. There will be jobs for everyone. Besides the building projects there will be pick up/cleanup projects, food service projects, repair work to buildings and lawns, etc.

Volunteers should register by visiting [www.missionmena.org](http://www.missionmena.org). There are photos on this site showing damage from the tornado as well as what the same area looks like a year later. If you would like to learn more about the New York Says Thank You Foundation, go to their website at [www.NewYorkSaysThankYou.org](http://www.NewYorkSaysThankYou.org). This story is amazing and the people involved as volunteers from New York epitomize the true American spirit. For more information contact Carla Vaught at [cvaught@uaex.edu](mailto:cvaught@uaex.edu).

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## **Agent & Program Assistant In-Service Ida Collier, Program Associate, 4-H Afterschool**

Arkansas 4-H Afterschool is an excellent vehicle to broaden the scope of 4-H programming. County extension agents are able to take research-based curriculum to their local communities to help strengthen existing afterschool programs. These agents will also recruit and start 4-H Afterschool clubs in these same settings.

Everyone benefits from partnerships. Parents know that their children are involved in non-formal intentional life skill education. School-age providers benefit from readymade resources with project interests to fit each individual youth (examples: service learning, technology, engineering, science, etc.). Youth benefit from the enriching activities while building healthy adult and peer relationships during the after school hours.

Arkansas 4-H Youth Development benefits from the active participation of youth in 4-H. 4-H is the largest youth development program which invites a diverse and inclusive population of youth and volunteers. Contact your local [county extension office](#) for more details or contact [Ida Collier](#), Program Associate for Arkansas 4-H Afterschool.

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## Deadlines & Upcoming Events

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### September Calendar of Events

#### Activity Dates:

- 10-12 Operation Military Kids, AR Metro Camp, Little Rock
- 17-19 Operation Military Kids, NW AR Metro Camp, TBA
- 26-28 National 4-H Engineering, Science & Leadership, West Lafayette, IN
- 29 4-H Day at the AR-OK State Fair, Kay Rodgers Park, Fort Smith, AR
- Sept 29-Oct 3 Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum, Rock Eagle, GA

### October Calendar of Events

#### Due Dates

- 1 National 4-H Conference 2011 Applications

#### Activity Dates

- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 8 Arkansas State Fair Begins, AR State Fairgrounds
- 9 Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Weigh-in at State Fair, AR State Fairgrounds (Tentative)
- 16 Tech Team: STEM Activities, Arkansas State Fairgrounds
- 16 4-H Day at the State Fair, Arkansas State Fairgrounds

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