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Volunteer Leaders' Meeting - Monday, Nov. 9, 5:00 p.m.

The monthly volunteer meeting will be held Monday, November 9, at 5:00 p.m. We will make final plans for the awards banquet, elect officers for 2010, set meeting dates for committees, and plan the 4-H member Christmas gathering. I know we are entering the busiest time of year, but I hope you will make plans to attend this important meeting.

Shooting Sports Instructor's Meeting - Tues., Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m.

The annual shooting sports program planning meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, at 5:30 p.m. All certified instructors and volunteers for each discipline are encouraged to attend. We will discuss the current needs of the program and the future youth safety and training meetings. This meeting is very important and determines the future success of the county shooting sports program. I hope to see you Tuesday. I want to welcome our new instructors aboard: Mike Posey, Patty Sand, Glen Sand, and Steve Strickland.

2009 & 2010 Council Officer Banquet Rehearsal

Time is drawing near for the annual awards banquet. The 2009 & 2010 4-H council officers have the responsibility of conducting the banquet from beginning to end. We will have a rehearsal Monday, November 16, at 4:30 p.m., in the exhibit hall. You will be given your speaking part at this time. I will also cover other pertinent information related to the banquet. It is very important that you make every effort to attend this meeting. Please contact me if you absolutely can not attend. Also, if you are one of the officers and know that you will not be able to attend the awards banquet please contact me immediately.



Alcorn County 4-H Fundraiser

The Alcorn County 4-H members will be selling chances on a hand quilted MSU twin size quilt. The quilt was sewn and donated by Sherry Nelson, 4-H Volunteer. You can purchase chances for the quilt for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at the close of the 4-H awards banquet November 23. Proceeds for the banquet will be applied to the 4-H annual awards trip. All 4-H members who are working to earn the trip are encouraged to come by the office to pick up tickets to sell.

Crafty Critters Sewing Club Meeting - November 19, 5:30 p.m.



The craft and sewing club members will be making a decorative holiday table runner during their meeting. If

you plan to attend the November meeting you must call Bonnie Gilmore, club leader, before November 13, and let her know you plan to attend. New members are welcome.

Supplies must be purchased ahead of time for this meeting. You may contact Mrs. Gilmore at 287-1736 or 284-6076. She will only purchase supplies for those who call.

2010 4-H Calendar Art Contest - Entries Due Dec. 7, 2009

It is time to begin thinking about the 2010 4-H year. We are in the process of preparing the new 4-H calendar, which means it's time for the calendar art contest. The county 4-H calendar is not complete without your creative drawings. Thirteen designs will be selected for the 2010

calendar. Pictures must be the work of the 4-H member. All entries must be drawn on plain white 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Pictures can be pencil or pen drawings. Please limit the use of markers for this project. Pictures that contain a lot of markers or crayons do not copy well. Please write

your name, age, and 4-H club on back right corner of your entry. **All entries are due in the 4-H office by Monday, December 7. The calendar art contest is open to youth ages**



Christmas Craft & Gift Bazaar - December 11 & 12

The 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association is hosting a Christmas Craft & Gift Bazaar December 11 & 12. The two-day event will be held in the Extension exhibit hall. Vendors will be selling a variety of merchandise (candles, decorative items, purses,

clothing, and everything in between). The doors will open both days at 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Applications for vendors will be accepted through November 20. The cost of a booth space is \$20.00 for the two days. The rental fee includes

the use of a 6 foot table and two chairs in a 10 x 10 area. A chili lunch will be available both days. For more information or an application to sell items please contact the office at 286-7756.

4-H Volunteer Leader Opportunities

- **Volunteer of the Year Award**—each year two volunteers from each region in Mississippi are recognized for this award during the MVLA conference in February. If you would like to nominate a volunteer from Alcorn County please contact the county office for an application and more information.
- **Nominations for 2010 Regional & National Awards**—another opportunity for volunteers to receive recognition. There are two categories for this award: under 10 years of service

and more than 10 years of service. Again, please contact the county 4-H office for more information and an application.

- **Volunteer Years of Service**—volunteers who have served 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 years are eligible to receive a years of service pin. If you are eligible or have missed the 10 years of service please let us know. The pins will be awarded during a special luncheon at the MVLA conference.

The deadline to submit applications for these awards is approaching quickly. Therefore, do not delay, contact me now if you are interested in nominating a volunteer leader from Alcorn County. We have so many adult volunteers who dedicate a great deal of their time, effort and money to the youth of Alcorn County. Please take the time to recognize your leader's efforts by submitting an application to nominate them for one or all of the mentioned awards.

Closing Thoughts . . .

My favorite time of year is here. November is an exciting month for many reasons. It is the beginning of the holiday season, it is a month that we express our thankfulness for the many blessings we receive throughout the year, and it is a time to recognize the achievements of the Alcorn County 4-H members. We will celebrate your accomplishments **Monday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m.**, which is the date of the annual awards banquet. You will be receiv-

ing an invitation very soon for you and your immediate family to attend the banquet. Please respond to the invitation by calling the 4-H office to let us know that you will attend.

November and December are months that we have an opportunity to participate in various community service projects. WTVB is currently conducting a food drive to collect food for local food pantries in North Mississippi. There is a large barrel located in the front office to collect

non-perishable items. I encourage you to bring one or two items the next time you come to the office for a meeting or are just dropping by to visit.

“Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.”

Lou Holtz

November 2009 4-H Club Meetings

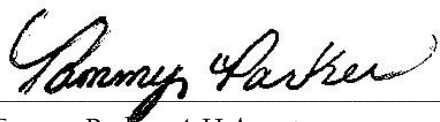
- Eagle 4-H Club—Tuesday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.
- Clover Chefs—Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- Mod Squad Meeting—Monday, November 9, 5:00—7:00 p.m. (Exhibit Hall)
- Health & Fitness Club—Tuesday, November 10, 5:30—6:30 p.m. (Exhibit Hall)
- Horse Lover’s Club—Thursday, November 12, 5:30—6:30 p.m. (Exhibit Hall)
- Congressional Award Club—Sunday, November 15, 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Shooting Sports—Mon., November 16, 5:30—7:00 p.m. (air rifle & air pistol table shooters)
- Shooting Sports 3 P Air Rifle Participants Only —Tuesday, November 17, 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- King & Queens of Fashion —Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 p.m.
- Central Clovers Club—Weds., November 18, 3:15—4:30 p.m. Alcorn Central High School
- Craft & Sewing club—Thursday, November 19, 5:30 p.m.
- Clover Bud Club—Will not meet this month due to the awards banquet.

Please note that all meetings are held at the Extension office unless otherwise stated.

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As your 4-H Agent, if I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.



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