

Amite County 4-H

August/September 2011

Dates to remember:

August 31– 4-H Planning Meeting
September 1– Livestock Deadline
September– All Thursdays
NASA Science
September 7– Sewing/ FCS Club Meeting
September 9– Blood Drive
September 8,9– Exhibit Day
September 6,22 Archery
September 13– Awards Program
October 5-16– State Fair in Jackson
October 2– 4-H Sunday
October 15– 4-H Day at the State Fair
November 5– MSU 4-H Football Day

Goodbye Summer, Hello New 4-H Year

The summer has flown by, and I hope your new school year is going great. I hope that you can look back at the summer and be proud of your accomplishments. With a new school year comes a new 4-H year. I hope you are ready! We have many activities and events coming up. Read your letter carefully so you will not miss out! This letter has important information about upcoming livestock

shows and other activities you can participate in this year. Please let me know if you have any ideas for programs you would like to have this year. **We will have a planning meeting open to everyone August 31, at 3:30** at the Amite County Extension Office in Liberty. If you have ideas of programs or workshops you would like to have this year but will not be able to come to the meeting, please share

these ideas with me prior to the meeting. I hope to have a fun and productive 4-H year. There are many opportunities for youth and adults. This meeting will be informal and will be a great way to help me plan for the year. I want to plan programs that interest you, and I can not do that unless you let me know your ideas!

Amite County 4-H Awards Program

Sincerely,

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We will host our annual Amite County 4-H Awards Program on September 13 at 6:30 at the Harrison Building.

This is open to all youth who have been involved in 4-H this year in any way. I do need

your help to make sure everyone is recognized that will attend. I will only make certificates for those who are planning to attend, so if you do not let me know you are coming you will possibly not have a certifi-

cate. Clover-buds will be recognized also. Please call to pre-register all 4-Hers and their family members that will attend the banquet. This will also help us make sure we have enough food.

State Fair Activities



Make Plans now to attend the State Fair.

The State Fair will be held October 5-16. There are lots of activities that go on at the Mississippi State Fair. Some of these activities include:

- Fair Village Exhibits
- Modeling Squad Showdown
- Fashion Revue— Make

or purchase your own clothing

- 4-H Day October 15
- Livestock Shows

If you are interested in getting passes for your family or club for 4-H Day at the fair, please let me know by September 16. This pass will get you

into the gate for free until noon on October 15.

If you are interested in the Fashion Show or Modeling Squad, registration must be completed before you can compete. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the fair schedule, please call my office, 657-8937.

Sewing Club

Sewing/FCS Club will start back Wednesday September 7, 3:30 at the Amite County Extension Office. This is for youth who have already been involved in the sewing club this past year. If you

are interested but were not part of the Sewing Club last year, please call the office to let us know you are interested. Due to limited space and equipment, we can only work with a small group.

Current members need to call or email me about what supplies they need. They will need fabric and thread, but please call me for the details.

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

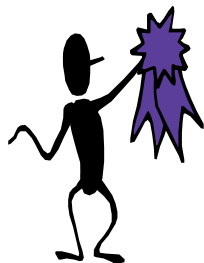
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Exhibit Day

Exhibit day is a time to show off your talents and things that you have made throughout the year. Examples of exhibits are crafts, cookies, models, or collections. Your exhibits should be things that you have made in the past year. Blue ribbon exhibits that are eligible will go on to the State Fair. Please contact our office for a complete

list of exhibits and categories or pull it up on the Amite 4-H website. The Amite County exhibits will be checked in on **Thursday, September 8, from 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.** Exhibits will not be accepted after this time. They will be judged Friday and will be on display Friday, at the

Harrison building, after judging is complete. Items not eligible to go to State Fair should be picked up Friday afternoon from 4:00-4:30. Items that are going on to the State Fair will be packed up and stored until State Fair unless you specify that you do not want your items carried to the fair.



Make sure you know what category your exhibits go in before you check them in.

4-H Blood Drive

We will host our Blood Drive through Mississippi Blood Services September 9 from 11 –6. If anyone in your family can assist or would like to donate blood, this is a great time to do it! If you would

be willing to donate blood, please contact me. They like to have an estimate of how many people we will have give in order to bring enough equipment.

This is a great way

we as 4-H families can give back to our communities and show our 4-H pride. I hope to see you all there.



Calling all Future Scientists

If you are interested in science and would love to learn more about rockets, you need to come to our NASA Science Thursdays in September. We will meet at 3:30 every

Thursday in September at the Extension Office. If we have a good response we will continue to do this throughout the year. If you are interested and plan to attend,

please call the Extension Office, 657-8937 to pre-register by the Wednesday before you plan to attend. This will help me to make sure I have enough supplies for everyone.

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all!" -
--Sam Ewing

Livestock Information Due

Ownership deadline is September 1st for animals eligible to show at the State Fair, Southwest District and Junior Round-up. Check your papers now and make sure that they are in the 4-Her or 4-Her's name.

Entries are due in the Amite County Extension Office September 1. Please have your entries in order, as it makes it easier to enter them and hopefully, this will eliminate any mistakes and/or confusion when we get to the show. No farm names or adults may be listed as owners. **Do Not Assume Everything Is Right-**

Check!!! Papers may be in multiple siblings' names provided they are all 18 years of age or younger. Also, now would be a good time to begin preparation for the shows. Train your animal to lead, vaccinate and deworm, trim feet, if necessary, and **make sure you get your health papers in order before you leave for the show.**

All 4-H exhibitors, at least one parent, and all volunteers who plan to assist with the livestock shows, **who have not completed** the Livestock Ethics Certification Program, must do so before being eligible to show.

Any animal that is to be shown must have a completed health record listing all medications and treatments received within 60 days prior to the show. Completed health records on beef breeding cattle, purebred and commercial dairy cattle will be turned in to show management at the check-in of registration papers. Remember, this health record is different than the health papers that you must have on each animal.

Archery Practice

Archery practice will begin back up on a monthly basis. The first two practices in September will be held after school September 6 and September 22 at the home of Mark White. If you need directions or have questions, please call my office or 248-8044. Start now getting your practice hours!

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to the new 4-H year. If you need anything or have any questions, feel free to call me any time. Keep this letter in a handy place so that you can refer to important upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Amy Walsh

4-H Sunday is October 2. If you would like 4-H Sunday Bulletin Inserts, please let me know by September 15 how many you want . These are informative inserts that tell about 4-H and the values and morals of the youth involved.



Summer Newsmakers -

Project Achievement Day– Maranda Hart
1st Place Clothing Construction

District Horse Show– Korlie Holland,
Kaitlyn Holland, and Daisy Williams
State Horse Show-Daisy Williams and
Kaitlyn Holland.

Record Books– Ty LaCoste, Trace La-
Coste, Kaitlyn Planche, Caitlynn Jones,
Ashton Planche

State Archery Competition– James West-
brook, Marlee Touchstone, Cody Planche,
Marc Miller, Zac White, and Corrin Rymer

Special Congrats to Marc Miller for mak-
ing the 2012 National Archery Team! Cor-
rin Rymer is also an alternate for the
Archery Team.



Participants at the district shooting sports match.