

Summer is on Its Way

A letter from your Agent

I have had so much going on in the past few months that I have been slacking on the newsletters and I do apologize for that. I am going to put April and May into this one and then June and July will come together as well. When school starts back you will begin to get one a month as usual.

With the Dixie National Livestock Show behind us we are concentrating on Shooting Sports, Club Congress, Project Achievement Day and the Summer Program. I am very excited about the summer program and I hope that there will be at least one workshop that interests you. We tried to cover a broad range of things so that everyone could find his or her place in the 4-H Summer Program.

I will be having a Workshop for teen leaders in May. We will need help during these workshops and it is always great to have the older youth participate and help out our young 4-Hers.

This Newsletter is going to cover a broad range of things from Club congress to Horse shows. Make sure you pay attention and find those articles that interest you. If you have any questions make sure to call or email me. 289-1321 or beckyh@ext.msstate.edu

Yours in 4-H,

Becky Hamilton

Becky Hamilton, Attala 4-H Agent

Attention: E-mail Addresses Needed from 4-Hers, Parents and Volunteers

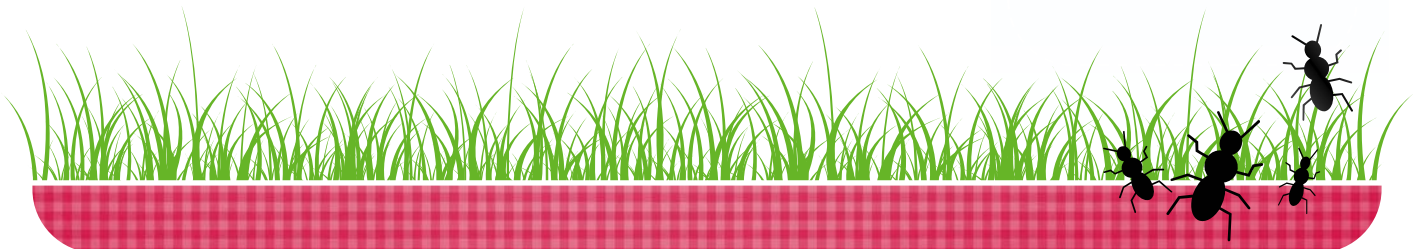
In the future, budget restraints may cause us to send newsletters by e-mail wherever possible. If you have e-mail access, we would appreciate you getting us your e-mail address in order for us to be prepared if this change occurs. If you could have your email address to us by the end of May we would appreciate it. Thanks!

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Important Dates

4/19	Club Congress Meeting/ Pizza Party
5/1	Ownership deadline for horses
5/1	District Shooting Sports Competition in Charleston, MS
5/7	District and State Horse show paperwork due in extension office
5/14	Poster Art due in extension office
5/21	Pull tabs due in extension office



2010 Conservation and Entomology Camps

All Conservation Camps and Entomology Camps will be held **on the campus of Mississippi State University in Starkville this summer**. If you attended one of these camps last year, you know that they are a lot of fun and that you learned many new things! Registration information can be found online at <http://msucares.com/wildfish/education/camp.html> The camps will be intergenerational, meaning that parents, teachers and other adults are welcome. Please call me if you are interested in either of these camps, and I will do my best to help answer any questions you might have.

- Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture Camp A — May 30-June 3
- Entomology (Bugs & Plants) Camp— June 13-17
- Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture Camp B — June 27-July 1



Horse Information

Ownership deadline for anyone who wants to enter their horse in the 4-H Horse Shows this year is **May 1st**. This is a rule in the 4-H Horse Show Handbook. **District Horse Show is June 24-26 in Canton at the Canton Multipurpose and Equine Center, and the State Horse Show is July 7-11 in Jackson.**

Paper work and entry fees are due in our office by May 7th. Anyone participating in 4-H Horse Shows will have to have Horse Ethics Certification along with one parent. This is a rule for horse participants and volunteers just as it is for livestock participants. This training date will be announced at a later date.

Don't forget about all of the Non-riding Contests also, such as horse art, horse photography, horse judging, hippology, team demonstrations and horse public speaking. For more information, please call 289-1321

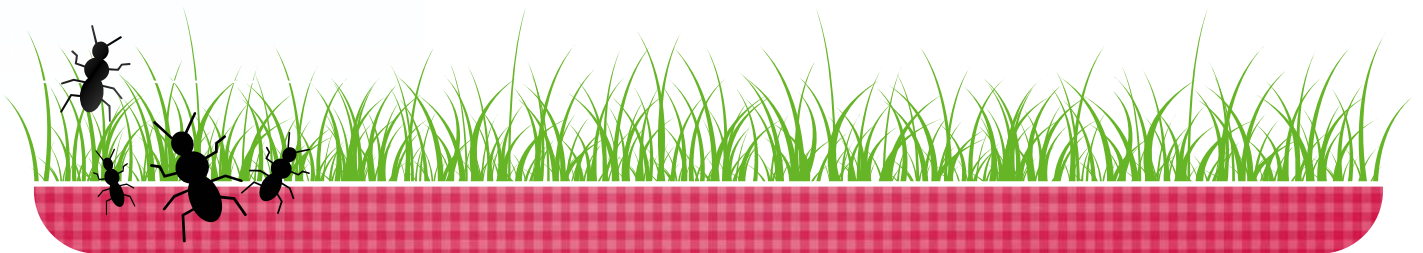
Mississippi 4-H Poster Art Contest

The Mississippi 4-H Poster Art Program will be held again this year. The themes are: "**Keeping it Green for Our Club, Our Community, Our Country and Our World**" and Open Theme (this allows 4-H members to create posters using their own theme). Posters are due in the Extension Office by Friday, May 14th at 3:30pm. **Only one poster per 4-H member and there is not a category for team poster designs.** All 4-H posters will be placed in blue, red and white categories with the three most outstanding posters in junior and senior categories receiving cash prizes. Contact me for rules and regulations.



Dairy Poster Contest

For fun, excitement, and an opportunity to become a county and state winner, enter the 4-H Dairy Poster Contest. The theme this year is "**Dairy Makes Cents**". Every 4-H member may take part in this contest. First place winners in each division (ages 8-10, 11-13, and 14-18) will go on to compete in the State Contest. All entries are due in the Extension office by **Friday May 14th at 3:30pm**. For more information or a copy of the rules call 289-1321.



2010 Club Congress

The 2010 Club Congress will be held Wednesday, May 26th - Friday, May 28th on the MSU campus. Club Congress is held for any senior (ages 14-18 before Jan 1st of 2010) 4-H member who wants to compete in the different 4-H project areas. In order to attend Club Congress you must compete in one (1) contest. **(There will be no exceptions to this. If you do not have a contest to compete in you will not go to Congress with me.)**

Club Congress also features a variety of fun and educational workshops, the Mississippi Showdown at the Sanderson Center, the 4-H Dance and Movie night and many fun filled assemblies. The cost for Congress is \$90 per youth (depending on how many youth attend the Attala 4-H Advisory Committee has agreed to fund part of the expense).

If you are interested in attending Club Congress we will be having a Club Congress Meeting/Pizza Party on Monday, April 19th at 6pm. We will discuss rules, dress code, the contest you will be participating in and etc. Please let us know by Friday, April 16th if you will be attending the meeting by calling 289-1321

Ms. Kathy Armstrong will be helping me again this year with Club Congress. I am very thankful to her for being willing to take on this endeavor with me every year.

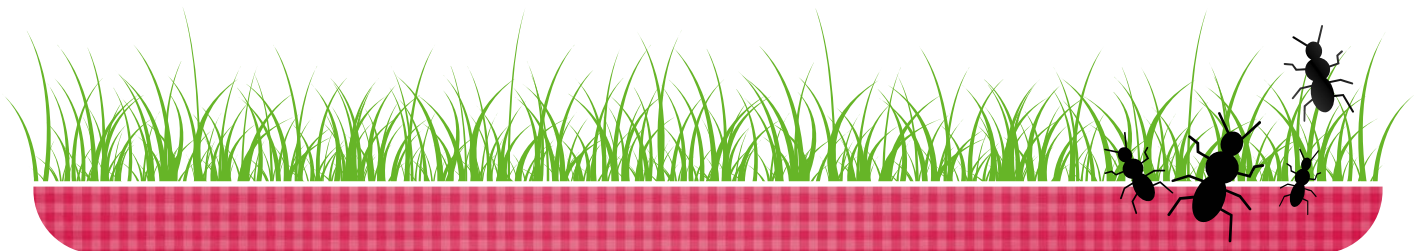
"4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills."



Congress Service Learning Project

The Service Learning Project for 2010 Congress will be collecting the tabs from soda cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Memphis, TN. 4-H'ers across the state are encouraged to start collecting these pull tabs now and bring them to Congress to support this very worthwhile cause. This Service Learning Project is easy and the proceeds from these pull tabs will help provide a free "home-away-from home" for 51 families. Each of these families has a very brave child who is battling cancer or another catastrophic illness and is receiving treatment at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

We are asking all 4-H Families to save their pull tabs and bring them to the Attala County Extension Office by Friday May, 21st. Lets help make this service project a success.



Upcoming Workshops at MSU

The meats judging workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th. If you plan on participating in this event, let me know by Thursday, April 29th. This workshop will be offered from 10a.m. to 3p.m. with a lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00p.m. Lunch is on your own.

The dairy products judging workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th. This workshop will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you plan on participating in this event, let me know by Thursday, May 13th. The location of the workshop has not been finalized.

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is power to do it." Marianne Williamson

April Club Meetings

CloverBugs - Tuesday, April 13th 3:30-4:30pm

Junior Master Gardeners - Thursday, April 15th 3:30-4:30pm

Club Congress/Pizza Party - Monday, April 19th beginning at 6p.m.

Kids in the Kitchen - Wednesday, April 28th 3:30-5:00pm (call by Monday, April 26th to reserve a spot. Cost is \$5.00 per child)

Attala Gallopers - Thursday, April 29th 3:30-4:30pm

May Club Meetings

Modeling Squad - Tuesday, May 4th 3:30-4:30pm (youth interested in modeling squad week during the summer need to come by the office to pick up paperwork and agenda)

Beehive Sewing - Thursday, May 6th 3:30-5:30pm

Kids in the Kitchen - Tuesday, May 11th 3:30-5:00pm (call by Friday, May 7th to reserve a spot. Cost is \$5.00 per child)

CloverBugs - Wednesday, May 12th 3:30-4:30pm

CloverBuds - Thursday, May 13th 3:30-4:30pm

Attala Gallopers - Tuesday, May 18th 3:30-4:30pm

Junior Master Gardeners - Thursday, May 20th 3:30-4:30pm



4-H Summer Program

The Attala County Summer Fun Program consists of a series of educational activities designed to make the most of summer vacation by encouraging youth to learn with productive activities that are FUN! Summer Fun is open to youth regardless of prior 4-H participation. You may register your child starting Monday, May 3rd thru Friday, May 14th from 8-5pm. The Program is open to youth ages 5 to 18 on or before January 1, 2010; as indicated according to the workshops. A \$10 deposit is required for each child and will be deducted from the session fee. The fee (cash or check only) for each week covers all expenses including a snack when appropriate, transportation, and program costs; unless otherwise noted in description. All activities will be held at the Attala County Extension Office unless otherwise noted.

June 1st & 2nd (2 days) Growing Green with 4-H - Ages: 7-13 **\$15 for two days** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A gardening camp that teaches all about plants and the way to grow them. Youth will also play some great games such as potting relays, wheelbarrow races and much more. On the second day we will travel to the Natchez Trace Gardens and Greenhouses to check out how they grow and take care of their flowers. 10 spaces available

June 4th (1 day) Scrapbooking – Ages: 7 and up **\$10 for the day** 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Bring sack lunch. In this workshop we will be making scrapbook pages so we can remember those great times we had during special events, holidays, on vacation or just in our back yard. Adults are welcome to attend as well. 15 spaces available for youth

June 7th – 9th (3 days) Farm Days- Ages: 5-12 **\$15 for two days** 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. A sack lunch will be needed on two of the days. Exploring the farm life of Attala County, travel to different farms and learn how they work and about the people that keep them working. See horses, pigs, chickens, goats, and cows. We will also use one day to travel to the Farmers Market here in Kosciusko so that the youth may choose the fruits and vegetables they would like for lunch that day. 10 spaces available

June 11th (1day) Cloverbud Day – Ages: 5-7 **\$10 for the day** 10-3p.m. Bring sack lunch. This day is for the younger youth. We will do different arts and crafts, learn about Making Air Work, how Fitness is Fun, and etc. 10 spaces are available.

June 14th – 16th (3 days) Creative Arts - Ages: 8-14 **\$15 for three days** 9:00a.m. to 12:00 noon Come find out what different types of creative art there is. You will be painting pottery, tie-dying, creating mosaics, and much more. 10 spaces available

June 17th (1 day) Let's Get Cooking - Ages: 6-12 **\$15 for the day** 10:00am – 4:00pm. Come for a day of fun and learn all about health and good nutrition. Participants will explore the food pyramid and taste-test new foods from each of the food groups. Then, it's into the kitchen to prepare lunch and tasty snacks. We'll play lots of nutrition-related games and get plenty of physical activity in the afternoon. Be sure to bring a large plastic food container with you so you can take home any extra treats. Dress comfortably and be ready for a great time having fun with the new MyPyramid. 15 spaces available

July 6th (1day) Cloverbud Day – Ages: 5-7 **\$10 for the day** 10-3p.m. Bring sack lunch. This day is for the younger youth. We will do different arts and crafts, celebrate our freedom by learning about our country's flag, learn about celebrations around the world and etc. 10 spaces are available.

July 12th – 14th (3 days) Going Green with 4-H – Ages 7 and up **\$10 for three days** 9:00a.m. to 12 noon. During these three days the youth will learn about our environment and how important it is to take care of it. We will learn about the problems of pollution, how to reduce, reuse, and recycle, and water conservation. This will be lots of fun with hands on activities and hopefully we can start a community project that will be something we can carry on throughout the year. 15 spaces available.

July 15th (1 day) Science Day – Ages 7 and up **\$10 for the day** 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Bring sack lunch. This is guaranteed to be a fun day. We will experiment with Insta-Snow, Magic Sand, Tornado Tubes, Biofuel and more. Come join us in the fun. 10 spaces available.

July 20th (1 day) Jewelry Workshop – Ages 8 and up **\$10 for the day** 9:00a.m. to 12:00 noon Come join us as we make necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and etc. It will be a fun morning and you will walk away with self decorations. 15 spaces available.

If you have any questions please call the Attala County Extension Office at 289-1321 or email me at beckyh@ext.msstate.edu.