

Benton County 4-H News



ASHLAND, MS

APRIL/MAY 2009

4-H Motto

“To make the best better”

4-H Pledge

“I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking, my **HEART** to greater loyalty, my **HANDS** to larger service, my **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.”

4-H Slogan

“Learn by doing”

HORSE PROJECT



May 1st - '09 District and State Horse Show Ownership Deadline

May 1st - '09 Horse Bowl Questions Due

June 24th-27th - NE District Horse Show (Verona, MS)

July 8th - 12th - State 4-H Horse Championships

July 28th- August 2nd - Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships (Little Rock, AR)

Rule Books & Forms

The 2009 Horse Show Rule Books, Grade Horse, District and State Only forms are in. You may pick these up at

your own convenience. 4-H Horse Show entries and fees are due to me on **May 4th**.

Horse Ethics Training

If you are showing horses for the first time and/or have not completed the Horse Ethics Certification, please call to set up an appointment to complete this training. The deadline is **May 1st**.

4-H Horse Judging Clinic

This clinic will be held on Thursday, June 4, at Reunion Farms in Madison, MS. Mr. Tom McBeath will be the instructor for this clinic. There will be a \$3.00 charge per attendee to help offset

expenses with the clinic.

Non-Riding Horse Contest

Horse Judging, Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Public Speaking, 4-H Horse Photography, Team Demonstration and 4-H Horse Art are all non-riding contests available to participate in. The deadline to register is June 12th.

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT



April 25th – NE District Match (CRSSA Range and the Corinth Gun Club)

July 17th-18th - Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports State Invitational (Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy - Pearl, MS)

Remember: You will need to arrive at the District Contest early to allow time for registration and check all guns and bows in. ALL guns MUST remain in a CASE at all times until you are on the firing line. You will also keep the flagged breech block in

the gun. The ammunition must be carried by someone other. Also remember you will need ear and eye protection when on the shooting line.

There will be concessions at the district match.

Other Events

Answer to last month's trivia question:
Faith Hill

Trivia Question

What "Late Night" television host started out hosting a children's show called "Clover Power". This show featured 4-H members.

MSU INTERGENERATIONAL CONSERVATION CAMPS

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is offering four (4) intergenerational summer Conservation Camps to get youth and families outdoor and tuned into the environment.

The four newly designed camps are:

1. Basic Wetland Ecology and Outdoor Sports/May 31-June 4, 2009.
2. Basic Insect and Plant Ecology/June 14-18, 2009
3. Basic Upland Ecology and Outdoor Sports/June 28-July 2, 2009
4. Advanced Concepts and Skills/July 12-16, 2009

The 5-day camps cost \$275.00 per youth attending without a parent/guardian or \$225.00/person in a family group including at least one parent/guardian. For more information or to register go to <http://msucares.com/wildfish/education/camp.html>.

4-H Poster Art & Dairy Poster Contests - Deadline May 11th

The Mississippi 4-H Poster Art Contest will be held again this year. The junior and senior blue ribbon winners in the county will advance to state contest. The state contest will recognize the top three junior and senior poster art winners. The category for the contest is: **4-H: Celebrating the Green** or an **Open theme**, which allows you to create a poster using your own theme. All posters must be designed on or affixed to .016 ply construction poster board (solid fiber board) of 14" x 22" dimensions (this is half the standard size sheet of poster board). Posters may be produced by any medium ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oil or collage—but can not be 3-dimensional. Posters incorporating copyrighted material, like the cartoon characters in "Peanuts" will not be accepted. Also, you are encouraged to avoid using a "join 4-H" theme if you use the open theme. The following information **MUST** be included on the back of your poster: 4-H members name, age, county, full address, Theme Title, and brief interpretation of artwork must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner. The theme for the Dairy Poster Art contest is "**Fuel Up with Milk**". This poster is a **full size sheet of poster board**. Entries must be turned in to the county office no later than **Monday, May 11, 2009**. Three county winners will be selected to advance to the state contest. This is the same deadline for the 4-H poster art. Posters that are designed on the incorrect size of poster board will be disqualified.

Northeast Regional Volunteer Leaders' Forum - May 2nd

The annual Volunteer Leaders' Forum will be held in **Starkville Saturday, May 2**. The forum includes a variety of great workshops that will assist you in your 4-H volunteer work. Youth ages 13-18, are also encouraged to attend. This one day training opportunity is a great way to learn, share and make new volunteer contacts throughout our district. A delicious lunch has been planned for this forum. If you are interested in attending please contact our office.

State 4-H Congress and Jr. Project Achievement Day

There are a variety of judging contest, visual presentation contest, and team contest offered at Club Congress and Project Achievement Day. Please let me know early if you plan to participate. I have already mailed out information to all of those old enough to attend Congress. Project Achievement Day information will be mailed out soon.

◆ 4-H Project Achievement Day will be held on Friday, June 12th at ICC Campus in Fulton, MS. This event is for Jr. Age 4-H'ers (8-13 years of age on December 31, 2008).

◆ Congress is held at MSU May 27th -29th. This event is for 14-18 year old 4-H members (14-18 on December 31, 2008). We will have a Congress Meeting on April 21st at 6:30pm, please RSVP by April 20th.

Other Events Continued...

Livestock Judging Camp

The dates of the 2009 Livestock Judging Camp have been announced. The camp will be held Monday July 27 - Wednesday July 29 on the campus of Mississippi State. At the camp 4-Hers and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 18 will learn about livestock evaluation, oral reasons, and at the conclusion of camp there will be a judging contest. The cost of the camp is \$85.00 and this includes housing, meals, activities, a livestock judging manual and t-shirt. Interested volunteers are invited to attend. The registration fee for adults is \$60.00 and includes instructional material along with meals and housing. The camp will be limited to the first 50 applicants. Registration forms are due by May 19th.

National Volunteer Leader Week—April 19th-25th

This gives us an opportunity to tell these special people how much their hard work and effort means to us.

North Cookout Contest

Anyone interested in participating in the Pork, Beef, or Poultry cookout Contest this year please let me know by May 1st. The contest for the north half of the state will be June 23rd starting at 9:00 am at the Lee County Agri-Center in Verona, MS. Please contact our office form more information.

Bug Camp

Bug Camp 2009 will return to Mississippi State's campus this year and the Entomology Department will be only hosting one. Mark your calendars - **June 14 - 18, 2009**. You will be making a few trips to the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge to collect and there are some other activities that have never done before, that I am sure you will not want to miss. The department is experimenting with several things this year including online registration. Go to <http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/wildlife/conservationcamp/index.asp> and scroll down to **Basic Insect & Plant Ecology** - this is what you are looking for!



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