

Calhoun County 4-H

4-H Handy Helpers

The 4-H Handy Helpers Club will meet Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 3:30 P.M. The club meeting will be held at the multi-purpose building in Pittsboro. Hannah Long will be sharing her flower pot project.

4-H Kids In the Kitchen

The 4-H Kids in the Kitchen club will meet on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Multi-Purpose Building in Pittsboro. Pamela Redwine will be doing "Bread in a Basket" for the activity.

4-H Show & Go Club

The Show and Go Club plans to do a plant propagation activity at the Monday, 4/4/11 club meeting. The meeting will be held from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the multi-purpose building in Pittsboro.

4-H Internet Presence

Anyone who has a Facebook page may want to join the Calhoun 4-H Facebook page. Search for Calhoun Four on Facebook and click to be our friend!

4-H Congressional Award

Thanks to the 4-H youth who have recently completed their record forms. We have also enrolled some new members. We are still awaiting the National Congressional Award office in Washington, D.C. to approve State Gold Award Ceremony date for Mississippi.

National Gold Ceremony—Washington, D.C.—June 2nd for gold record forms that have been sent in.

Need to know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

April 1, 2011

Upcoming Events

Shooting Sports	4/4
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Kids in Kitchen	4/21
Horse Ethics	4/25

(new exhibitors only)



4-H Club Congress and

Jr. Project Achievement Day

There are a variety of judging contests, visual presentation contests and team contests offered at Club Congress and Project Achievement Day.

- 4-H Project Achievement Day will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at ICC campus in Fulton, MS. This event is for Jr. age 4-H youth (8-13 years of age on December 31, 2010). Let me know if you plan to participate to allow time to get your materials to study for contest.
- 4-H Club Congress is held at MSU May 31—June 3, 2011. This event is for 14-18 year old 4-H youth (14-18 on December 31, 2010). Last year the cost was \$90.00 per youth. I hope to know the amount each youth will have to pay soon. Let me know by April 5, 2011 if you plan to participate.

4-H Shooting Sports

The shooting sports practice times are listed below. You need to attend the ones that offer the discipline you plan to compete at District contest. Each practice will be held at the multi-purpose building in Pittsboro.

- Monday April 4th at 3:30-Archery & Rifle
- Thursday, April 6th at 3:30-Shotgun
- Tuesday April 12th at 3:30-Shotgun
- Thursday April 14th at 3:30-Archery & Rifle
- NE District Contest—April 30 at Blue Springs, MS. Registration begins at 7:15 A.M. Begin firing at 9:00 A.M.

All entry forms, parent release, health form and \$6.00 entry fee per event are due to the Calhoun County Extension office by April 5, 2011.

Remember: You will need to arrive at the District Contest early to allow time for registration, pick up your equipment and check in. **ALL** guns and bows **MUST** remain in a **CASE** at all times until you are on the firing line. You will also keep the orange flagged breech block in the gun. The arrows and ammunition must be carried by someone other than who is carrying the gun or bow. You are not allowed to carry both gun and the shells on the grounds of contest. Make sure you have someone to carry your equipment or ammunition. Also remember to be safe. Each youth must have a parent or guardian at contest to assist them. It is a good idea to bring chairs, sunscreen and soft drinks if you like.

I have enclosed directions to the Northeast District Shooting Sports event on April 30 for youth who entered. The event is held at Whitetail Ridge Shooting Center in Blue Springs, MS. The directions begin at Calhoun City. If you leave from Bruce you could go to Natchez Trace and follow this map from there.

4-H Livestock Club

This is a good time to begin looking for show animals for the show year. Give me a call if you need assistance. If you know of anyone who would like to show goats this year, they will need to acquire their goats and get their certification by September to participate in the summer shows as well as State Fair and Dixie.

Show dates I have at this time:

- Calhoun Fair Goat Show—Wednesday, July 20, 2011
- Neshoba Goat Show—July 28 & 29, 2011
- MS State Fair—Tentative October 14 & 15, 2011

The 2011 Dixie National Jr. Show had:

121 Market Goat Exhibitors

112 Commercial Meat Goat Doe Exhibitors

183 Market Goats Shown

157 Commercial Meat Goat Does Shown

4-H Horse Club

- All youth who plan to show at the 2011 District and State 4-H Horse Shows must be enrolled as a 4-H member by May 1, 2011. You must also have ownership of your horse you plan to show by May 1, 2011.
- Ethics Training: The 4-H Horse Ethics Training for **NEW** exhibitors and volunteers will be held on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 3:30. The training will be held at the multi-purpose building in Pittsboro. Only new exhibitors, their parent or guardian and new volunteers will have to take the training this year.
- Horse Show Dates:
 - *Northeast District 4-H Show—June 15-18, Starkville, MS—MSU Horse Park (Schedule included)
 - *State 4-H Horse Show—June 28– July 2, Jackson, MS
 - *Regional 4-H Horse Show—July 27-31, Tunica, MS
- Horse Show Entries: All Calhoun County 4-H Horse Show entries for the Northeast District Horse Show and MS State 4-H only Horse Show classes are due by Monday, April 25, 2011 at the Calhoun County Extension office.
- All exhibitors will be required to have their original registration or grade papers and negative (12 month) Coggins when you check in at the 4-H shows. Only the original Coggins paper, original registration paper and/or original grade form will be accepted. The name of the horse on the Coggins papers should match the name on registration or grade papers.
- Rule Books: I will have your rule books when you complete your entry forms. All contestants competing in barrels, poles and stake classes must wear a properly fitted ASTM/SEI equestrian helmet with a fastened chin harness. All exhibitors that qualify for the State Show must enter and pay all fees as set up by the District Show. This means all fees and entries for class qualified to advance must be paid day class is shown. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to see that all entries and fees are properly made and paid at the appropriate time and checked for corrections.
- Non-Riding Contests: Horse Judging, Quiz bowl, Public Speaking, Photography, Team Demonstration, and Horse Art are all non-riding contests available to participate in. Let me know if you plan to participate. The Horse Art and Photography entries will be due at the Calhoun County Extension Office by Wednesday, May 25th.

"A Stitch in Time" Sewing Club

- The 4-H Sewing Club will meet on Monday, April 11th at 3:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building in Pittsboro. We plan to make aprons at the club meeting. You will need to bring 1 1/8 yd of material to make a full apron.
- Good job to our sewing club youth. You should be proud of yourselves for cutting your pattern, putting in a zipper and sewing it all together to complete your purse!
- We would like for each of you to bring the rest of the items to fill your sewing box. Let us know if you need a new supply suggestion list.
- In addition, we ask that each of you bring in a roll of thread to donate to the club.

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