



Shooting Sports 2009



Archery Practice This Fall:

The next Archery Practice will be held October 12th at 3:30 p.m. at the West Point Park and Recreational Building.

If anyone would like to continue shooting to prepare for next year's District and State matches, this would be a good time to come out. If you are new to archery and would just like to try the archery discipline, this would be a great time to start practicing for the Spring.

The Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports Program discipline areas are: Archery; Muzzleloading; Air and .22 Rifle; Air and .22 Pistol and Shotgun.

Wildlife Art Contest



The National Rifle Association is now accepting entries for its 2009 Youth Wildlife Art Contest through **November 5**.

The contest, the 22nd in the annual series, is open to students in grades 1 through 12, including home-schooled children. NRA membership is not required. Winners in each grade category will receive \$500. Second-place fin-

ishers will receive \$250, and the third-place award will be \$100. Entries will be placed in one of four categories, based on school grade.

Category I includes grades 1 through 3 and Category II is for grades 4 through 6. Category III covers grades 7 through 9, and Category IV includes grades 10 through 12.

Visit msucares.com/4h_Youth/shooting_sports/ to find out more about the 4-H Shooting Sports Program.



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Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and Non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects.

To learn more about this contest log on to- <http://www.nrahq.org/youth/wildlife.asp>.





Clay County 4-H Fall Horse Show Meeting:

Monday, October 19th, 2009—5:30 p.m.

McIlwain's Arena—Cedar Bluff Area

We will have a meeting October 19th at the McIlwain's Arena, beginning at 5:30 p.m., to plan the upcoming Clay County 4-H Fall Horse Show. We will be cooking Hamburgers and Hotdogs for all that attend.

If you will be coming to this meeting, please contact the Clay County Extension office or Vicki McIlwain to get on the list. This will help us plan for the food.



4-H Livestock News

GIVE ME A CALL AT
494-5371 IF YOU
HAVE QUESTIONS
ABOUT SHOWING
LIVESTOCK ANIMALS IN
4-H.

It is not too late to purchase your Livestock Animals for the upcoming show year in the **Market Hog, Beef Breeding, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat categories.**

I have a list of contacts for sellers of livestock animals available. I will be glad to assist you with selecting and working with your animals. I can also give you all the information you will need to take care of them and get them ready for the upcoming fall and winter livestock shows.

2009-2010 Show Dates:

Mississippi State Fair—October 7-18, 2009

Tylertown State Fall Dairy Show—November 14, 2009

NE District Show, Verona—January 28-30, 2010

Dixie National Junior Round-Up—February 4-11, 2010

If you plan to show or are interested in getting an animal, please let me know ASAP, so I can get tags ordered for the breed of animal you wish to show.

The 4-H Livestock program is a lot of fun. Even if you don't have animals, there are numerous other events you can get involved with, such as Livestock Judging

and Presentations on various topics related to livestock animals.

NOTE:


- **November 6th**—Deadline to order ear tags for hogs showing at Dixie National.



The Ownership Deadline for Market Hogs, Beef Breeding, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats showing at the District & Dixie National Shows is:

December 1, 2009.

Horse and Livestock Judging Meeting-Oct. 22

 Please join us for a 4-H Livestock and Horse Judging Interest Meeting on **Thursday, October 22nd, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** in the Clay County Extension Office.

We will discuss the 4-H livestock and horse judging contests and setup practices to start getting ready for this

year's Judging Contests. These contests are where youth can learn anatomy of the livestock and horse and also learn how to judge animals and give reasons on why they placed the animals in an order.

Junior 4-H'ers compete in livestock judging in Janu-

ary at the NE District Livestock Show and Senior aged 4-H'ers compete during the State Fair in October. Horse Judging Contests are held at the District and State 4-H Horse Shows in June and July.

For more information, contact me at 494-5371.



Quote of the Month:

"The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket." ~Author Unknown~

4-H Horse Judging Contest Information

Horse Judging is one of the most educational and popular activities of the 4-H Horse Project. Horse judging contests involve two actions: first, you must place each animal in a class; second, you must be able to orally defend that placing.

Horse Judging helps youth to:

- Develop communication skills
- Make decisions based on facts and observations
- Compete with a sportsmanlike attitude
- Learn a skill essential for success in the horse industry
- Develop self confidence

This information and more can be found at:

http://msucares.com/4h_Youth/horse_judging/index.html

Dates to Remember:

- **October 7-18th**—MS State Fair and Livestock Show in Jackson, MS.
- **October 12th**—Archery practice at W.P. Park and Rec. Center, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- **October 17th**—4-H Day at the State Fair
- **October 19th**—Horse Meeting, McIlwain's Arena, Cedar Bluff—5:30 p.m.
- **October 22nd**—Livestock & Horse Judging Interest Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- **November 6th**—Deadline to order ear tags for hogs showing at Dixie National.
- **December 1st**—Deadline for entries in Computer System for Beef Breeding Animals, Hogs and Dairy for Dixie National Junior Livestock Show.



We are on the Web: at www.MSUCares/4H/County/Clay.com

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Individuals who require special accommodations to participate should contact the Extension Office to make their request known prior to any programs.