

Forrest County 4-H News

January/February Newsletter

Dear 4-H'er:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Holiday Season. It's now back to school and on with a brand new year! We have lots going on in Forrest County 4-H. Check out all the new and existing programs we are planning to offer. If you have any questions about a program or are interested in starting a new program call me at the office at 601-545-6083 or 601-408-5646.

Land Judging

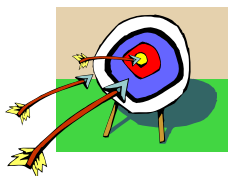
Land Judging is a cool and wonderful contest to participate in. This contest is for youth ages 8-18. The State Contest will be held in March 19, 2009. If you would like to participate in this contest, please let me know so we can schedule practices for 2008.

4-H Sewing Club

If any 4-H'ers are interested in becoming a part of the 4-H Sewing Club please give me a call at the office 601-545-6083 or call Ilene Carson at 601-268-6356.

Big Shots Shooting Sports

You still have plenty of time to sign up for our shooting sports club. Practices have started and will continue up to the District Shoot. If you are interested in joining this club, please contact me so I can get you on the mailing list. This will be how you will receive the shooting schedule. Our next practices will be January 10th, 17th, and Feb. 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at the Petal Firing Range.



Wildlife Judging

Wildlife judging is a great way to learn more about the Wildlife in Mississippi and the habitat in which they live. If you are interested in becoming part of our Wildlife Judging Team please contact me at the office for scheduled meetings and practices.



Livestock News

Livestock Dates to Remember!!

Jan. 12, 2009: Livestock Meeting
Jan. 21-22, 2009: County Livestock Show
Jan. 23-25, 2009: SE Dist. Livestock Show
Jan. 30-Feb. 5: Dixie Nat'l Livestock Show
Feb. 23, 2009: Livestock Meeting (tentative)

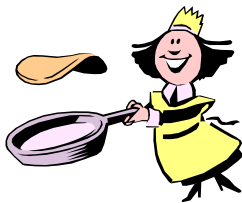
We have lots going on in Jan-Feb with livestock shows. Good Luck to all our exhibitors and be checking your email for updates. If you have not been receiving email updates or would like to please call and give us your email!



4-H Pancake Breakfast

Forrest County
Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009
7:00am - 9:30am
Forrest County Extension Service
(in the large conference room)
\$5.00 per plate

Come out and support your local 4-H Club
and enjoy some good food as well!



State Volunteer Leaders Assoc.

The Annual 4-H Volunteers Leaders' Conference will be held February 27-28, 2009 at MSU Bost Conference Center. I encourage all those that can to participate. To get a registration form, please call or come by the office. Registration forms will be to me by January 26th.

Leadership Team

Any youth interested in becoming a part of the 4-H State Leadership Team or the Forrest County Junior Council please let me know so we can get your applications into the Central MS Research Center. You must be 14-18 years of age as of January 1, 2009.

This program is for youth looking to enhance their leadership skills through various opportunities are encouraged to apply.

Leadership Team applications are due to Martha Jackson-Banks at the Central R&E Center **NO LATER than February 1st, 2009**. ***Remember that I have to sign them and that I will be at Livestock Shows starting January 21st. It is your

responsibility to get them to me to sign and mailed to Mrs. Martha Banks on time.

4-H Legislative Day

Legislative Day is scheduled for February 9-10, 2009 for those Leadership Team Members that are interested. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Club Announcements

- ✓ **Virtual Club**
Next meetings: Jan 12th, Feb 16th and March 16th at 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ **4-H Pet Club**
Next meeting TBA
- ✓ **God's Kids**
Next meeting will be held on Feb.6th and March 6th @ 9:30 a.m.
- ✓ **Big Shots Shooting Sports**
Jan. 10th and Jan. 17 at 8:00 a.m.
Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28th at 8:00 a.m.
Practice will be held at the Petal Firing Range
- ✓ **BRITS and GRITS Cooking Club**
Next meetings will be Jan. 22nd, Feb. 20th and March 26th at 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- ✓ **Jr. Livestock Association**
Next meeting is Jan12th @ 6:00 p.m.
Work Day for County Show is Jan. 17th.
Meeting February 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ **Forrest County Horse Club**
January 27th at 6:00 p.m.
February 24th at 6:00 p.m.

REMINDER

Forrest County Extension Office will be closed January 19th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

Thank you to all the youth and volunteers that helped to make 2008 a

great success! I look forward to another
great year in 4-H!

Sarah Gatwood
4-H Youth Agent