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Dear 4-H Members,

Now that Spring has arrived, it's time for us to get ready for the wave of 4-H contests and competitions that will be here before we know it. Start now in deciding which 4-H contest that you would like to master, if it is the cookout- ask mom

and dad if you can start grilling dinner from time to time, if you would like to participate in Public Speaking start now on preparing your speech, using your family to help out. Use the Big 4-H Resource book and find the area the you would like to participate in,

then look at the 4-H calendar to see the date to for the event.

So, hang on for another exciting 4-H Contest year.

Truly 4-H,

Sheran R. Watkins
Extension 4-H Agent

Harrison County 4-H Shooting Sports Club

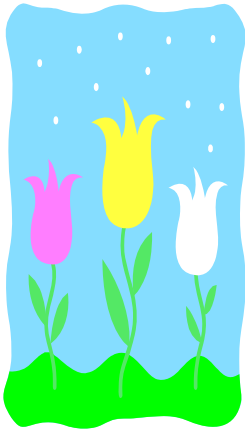
Our shooting sports coaches, parents and youth are to be commended on a job well done. Guys, these individuals have been meeting each Saturday since January and still will not be finished until April 30th when we have the District Competition that will be hosted here

in Harrison County. If you think you might be interested in the program for next year come out on April 30th to see their hard work pay off.

Good Luck,

Harrison County
Shooting sports club.





2011 Spring Break Day Camp

This year our Spring Break Day Camp will only be 2 days due to funding. But those 2 days will be filled with fun educational workshops to be held April 20th and 21st at Good Deeds Community Center, 15101 Madison

Avenue, Gulfport, MS.

Theme: This is 4-H

This day camp will allow new 4-H members as well as 4-H members that have been around for a while to learn and

experience 4-H contests and competitions; youth will have fun learning about the history of 4-H, play games, learn leadership as well as cover 4-H projects from A-Z.

Registration information coming.

Project Achievement Day and Spring Break Registration information coming soon.

Senior 4-H Members, Club Congress registration should be coming out soon. The cost of club Congress is usually \$100, which in the past Harrison County 4-H has paid half. This

year 4-H does not have the funds to pay for anything other than transportation to MSU and a county night out for dinner. I am offering any senior 4-H member the opportunity

to sell the Belk's Charity Sale tickets to use the money towards Club Congress. 20 tickets sold at \$5 each, equals your registration cost, then anything over that will be spending money.



Photography Resources / Workshop

Please click on 4-H, projects, then photography, and finally click on resources or you can click on this link: http://msu-cares.com/4h_Youth/photography/resources.html.

The 4-H Photography & Records Workshops will be rescheduled and conducted during Spring Break Day Camp in April.



Caring and Sharing

4-H Families, please remember the families in Japan and our loved ones near in your thoughts and prayers. As they continue to heal.

Ms. Penny McDonagh

Ms. Youlanda Hinton

Jessica Watkins

*Harrison
County 4-H
family hopes
you feel better
soon.*



Poster Contest - The Mississippi 4-H Poster

The themes are:

4-H: iLead, iServe, i4-H

Open Theme: This category allows 4-H members to create a poster using their own theme.

The three most outstanding posters in the state will receive cash awards: Senior - First Place \$25.00; Second Place \$15.00; & Third Place \$10.00. Junior- First Place \$15.00; Second Place \$10.00; & Third Place \$5.00.

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 of the standard size sheet of poster board). Posters submitted to the State 4-H Office may be produced by any medium--ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oil or collage --so long as they are not 3-dimensional. Posters incorporating copyrighted material, like the cartoon characters in "Peanuts", will not be accepted. Open theme participants are urged to avoid "Join 4-H" themes or theme ideas that have been used nationally in the past.

*Poster Art
Contest
deadline is
Tuesday, May
10, 2011
Posters will be
judged on the
County level.
Blue ribbon
winners will go
to state.*





Eggs-tra Care for Spring Celebrations

It's spring -- the season to enjoy the great outdoors and to celebrate special occasions, like Easter, Passover, and graduation! While eggs are used all year 'round, they are especially important for many spring activities. They are used for cooking festive delights and for decorating and hiding just before the big Easter egg hunt.

Like meat, poultry, seafood and produce, eggs are perishable and need to be handled properly to prevent foodborne illness.

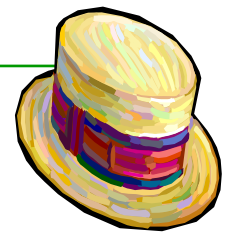
Occasionally, eggs with clean, uncracked shells can be contaminated with bacteria, specifically Salmonella Enteritidis. Here's what YOU can do to have a safe and egg-cellent spring! When decorating, be sure to use food-grade dyes. It is safe to use commercial egg dyes, liquid food coloring, and fruit-drink powders. When handling eggs, be careful not to crack them;

otherwise, bacteria could enter the egg through the cracks in the shell.

Keep hard-cooked Easter eggs chilled on a shelf inside the refrigerator, not in the refrigerator door.

Hide the eggs in places that are protected from dirt, pets and other potential sources of bacteria.

Happy Hunting



Hats off and Thanks for Volunteering

Thanks to the Stone Family for volunteering in the Children's area during the Garden and Patio Show February 27, 2011. Brianna and Garrett did an outstanding job of helping youth plant seedlings. Gabriel did a great job in getting those youth to the children's area.

Belk's Charity Sale

If your 4-H club needs money? Participate in the Belk's Charity Sale fundraiser. Tickets can be picked up from the Extension Office. If you are at least 16 years old and

interested in volunteering on the day of the sale Saturday, April 16 from 6 a.m.-10 a.m., please call the extension office or email me for additional information.



Seeking Nominations for State 4-H Officers

Senior age 4-H members who are 15 - 18 years old on January 1 may be elected annually to the office of president, vice president, secretary, parliamentarian, reporter, and song leader. Four district vice presidents are also elected to represent the northeast district, northwest district, southeast district and southwest districts. These officers will preside

and assist with district and state 4-H events and activities. In addition to membership on the State 4-H Advisory Council, officers will be a part of the State 4-H Leadership Team and will provide programmatic input through committee and task force assignments. The State 4-H Council President is also a board member of the Mississippi 4-H Club Foundation, Inc.

Applications are available at the
Extension Office

Announcements

2011 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification Training

When: August 27-28th

Where: Holmes Community College Campus in Grenada.

Dr. John Long stated registration information will be released early this summer. **This is the only training that is scheduled for this year.**

4-H Volunteers needed to help with Day Camp!

- ◆ Conduct workshops
- ◆ Chaperone
- ◆ Preparation of Lunch
- ◆ Interaction with youth
- ◆ Help youth conduct workshops

*Keesler Air Force Base
Child Pride Day
April 9, 2011*

If your club is interested in volunteering during this event please contact the 4-H office. Note: Names and other information will be needed for civilians to get on base.

Come join the fun.

2011 4-H Dairy Poster Contest



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4-H'ers needs to develop an attractive poster (22" X 28") using the theme, "Pour One More", to enter the county poster contest on May 10, 2011. Blue ribbon winning poster will be submitted in the state competition. **Remember, 4-H'ers are not allowed to use product brand names or copyright material (such as cartoon characters) on their dairy posters.** Entries that are not neat and clean will be disqualified.



State Premiums

Placing	8 – 10 Year	11 – 13 Year Old	14 – 18 Year Old
1st	\$100.00 &	\$100.00 & Ro-	\$100.00 & Rosette
2nd	\$75.00 & Ro-	\$75.00 & Rosette	\$75.00 & Rosette
3rd	\$50.00 & Ro-	\$50.00 & Rosette	\$50.00 & Rosette

Senior 4-H Members and Adults needed for 4-H Grant Search Team

Objective: Team will search for foundations and organizations that are youth grant funders. (Ex: Kellogg foundation that funds health & nutrition grants). Team will meet to identify if grant fits with in the mission of Harrison County 4-H, then help with writing the grants and carrying out grant objectives. Contact me at 865-4227 or swatkins@ext.msstate.edu if you are interested.

4-H Note: Participants must always pre-register for any and all workshops, otherwise, workshops are automatically CANCELLED due to lack of interest.