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# HINDS COUNTY HAPPENINGS!



**Jan. 19**-Home gardening workshop-start your own vegetable and flower transplants. Offered via interactive video starting at 12 noon. Call our office to sign up.

**Jan. 24**-4H Volunteer Lunch Bunch training via interactive video from 12 to 1 pm. Call our office to sign up.

**Jan. 27-28**-Hinds County Livestock Show in Raymond.

**Jan. 30-Feb. 2** -SW Dist. Livestock and Dairy Show in Jackson.

**Feb. 10**-4-H Legislative Page applications due (postmarked): mail to Center for Government Technology, Box 9643, MS State, MS 39762. Call our office for an application.

**Feb. 13-14** -4-H Legislative Days at MS State Capitol in Jackson. For State 4-H leadership team members.

**Feb. 26**-4-H Day with MSU Lady Bulldogs. MSU vs. Kentucky @ 4:30 pm. (See pg. 4 for details)

**Mar. 15**-State 4-H Land Judging Contest. Location T.B.A.

**Apr. 1**-Deadline for 4-H Scholarships.

**Apr. 28**- SWD Shooting Sports event in Pearl.

**May 15** -Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship application deadline.

**May 30-Jun 1**- 4-H Club Congress at MSU.

**Jun. 13**- Southwest District 4-H Project Achievement Day at HCC in Raymond.

**Jun. 20**-4-H Cookout contest. Please call if you are interested. 4H'er must have their own grill.

## Agent's Corner



**Hello 4-H'ers,**  
Happy 2012! I am sure you all are so busy with planning for all of the exciting things on your to-do list for this year. Keep 4H activities in mind and participate in as many contests and

programs as you can. We want to keep making the best better.  
Yours in 4-H,

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## 4-H Opportunities...



### 2011 4-H Legislative Page Internship Program

Four (4) youth to represent 4-H and the Center for Governmental Training & Technology (CGT) for a week during the 2012 MS Legislative session. These youth will serve in either the MS Senate or the MS House of Representatives during the week of **March 12-16, 2012**. Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 19 (as of Jan. 1, 2012), in high school or a freshman in college, and have a grade average of at least a "B." If selected, the applicant must agree to adhere to all behavioral standards expected of 4-H members. The application can be faxed (662-325-8954) or mailed (must be postmarked no later than **Friday, February 10, 2012**). 4-H will provide lodging at the Cabot Lodge Millsaps, basic accidental/sudden illness insurance, and a chaperone. Applicants who are not selected to represent 4-H and the CGT are encouraged to contact their state senator or representative and request that they be appointed as a legislative page at another time under his or her sponsorship. Call the 4-H office if you want an application mailed or faxed to you.

### 2012 Southwest District Project Achievement Day

The 2012 Southwest District Project Achievement Day will be held on Wednesday, June 13th on the campus of Hinds Community College in Raymond. Please contact us if you and/or your parent will be attending and tell us your chosen contest area so we can work with on getting things ready. The registration deadline for all 4-H'ers and volunteers is April 26, 2012, so please call if you want to attend. 4-H'ers 8 & 9 must do a cloverleaf exhibit. 4-H'ers 10-13 can compete in other categories (i.e. breads, visual presentations, judging, computer, bicycle, talent, public speaking, clothing, interior design, etc.) 4-H'ers must present cloverleaf exhibit or other presentations to county 4-H agents before going to PAD.



## 4-H Volunteer News and Upcoming 4-H Contests...



### MS 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Annual Conference

Sponsored by Mississippi State University, will be held February 24-25, 2012, in the Bost Extension Conference Center. The conference this year will provide an excellent opportunity for 4-H volunteers, Extension faculty, and friends of 4-H to participate in outstanding fun-shops, workshops, great fellowship, and entertainment. **Registration deadline to Harvey Gordon is Feb. 1, 2012.** Call if you would like registration forms faxed or mailed.



### 2012 4-H Club Congress

The 2012 Club Congress will be May 30 thru June 1 at MSU for 4-H'ers age 14-18. Please contact us if you and/or your parent will be attending and tell us your chosen contest area so we can work with you on getting things ready. The deadline for registration forms and payment for all 4-H'ers and volunteers is April 26, 2012. The cost is not finalized. 4-H'ers must present powerpoints, visual presentations, talent or other chosen contest area to county 4-H agents prior to going to 4-H Congress. No more than three (3) individuals 4-H'ers from each county can participate in a category, and no more than two (2) teams (i.e. up to 3 in share-the-fun, up to 3 for health visual presentation, up to two (2) horticulture judging teams). Please call us if you have any questions. Checks or money orders needs to be made payable to Hinds County 4-H, and we will send one county check to MSU for payment.

## 4-H Scholarship Program...



Mississippi 4-H is once again proud to announce the 2012 4-H Scholarship opportunities. These scholarships are available to eligible 4-H members. For those young people who choose to further their education, Mississippi 4-H Youth Development, 4-H Club Foundation of Mississippi, Inc. and the Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association offers scholarships to help support 4-H'ers with their educational goals. The following scholarships are available:

***The Gladiola Branscome Harris 4-H Scholarship***

***The Ike Campbell Memorial 4-H Scholarship***

***The Marian Carmichael 4-H Scholarship***

***The Troy and Mildred Holliday 4-H Scholarship***

***The J. K. Morgan 4-H Scholarship (for Mississippi State University students only)***

***The Mississippi Volunteer Leaders Association 4-H Youth Scholarship***

***The Deep South Equipment Dealers Association 4-H Scholarship***

***Special Notes:***

All scholarship applications are due in the State 4-H Office **by 5:00 pm on April 1, 2012. (This is Not a Postmark Date!) ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED!**

Previous winners are ineligible to reapply for the same scholarship.

An application must be submitted for each different scholarship.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Each scholarship has specific criteria.

**Must send three copies of each application and only one copy of official transcript.**

Keep in mind the **DUE DATE IS APRIL 1, 2012!** This is not a postmark date! All applications must be in the State 4-H Office **April 1 by 5:00 p.m.** Applications are available on the 4-H web site. Applications are in PDF and Word format for your convenience. **Applications can be found at: [http://msucare.com/4h\\_Youth/scholarships/index.html](http://msucare.com/4h_Youth/scholarships/index.html).**



## Activities, Events, and Reminders...



### **The 4H Shake-Up**

Let's work to help shakeup childhood obesity in Hinds County. This will be a way for 4H to tackle issues related to childhood obesity and nutrition concerns. We will have open discussion about healthy eating, and physical activity for youth and adults. We will also try some fun exercises and recipes that you can share with your friends. The workshop is March 12 at 10 am at the Hinds County Extension office.



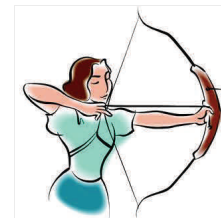
### **Food Preservation Workshop**

What do you do with the food that comes from a garden? What do you do with fresh fruits and vegetables that you buy from a store? On March 13 at 10 am come out and learn more about canning and freezing foods. With the constant rise in cost for foods, canning and freezing foods can save you a ton of money.



### **District Shooting Sports Event**

Mark your calendars for April 28, 2012 to attend the Southwest District 4-H Shooting Sports Event at the Law Enforcement Academy in Pearl. Please come out in support of 4-H'ers from all over the southwest district as they compete in different contest areas. This is a fun and competitive event for our participating 4-H'ers; they practice really hard to prepare for this event.



## More Upcoming 4H Activities & Events



### ◆ 4H Day with MSU Lady Bulldogs

MS 4H Day at MSU Lady Bulldog basketball game on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 4:30 pm at Humphrey Coliseum on Mississippi State University's campus. Come cheer the Lady Bulldogs on to victory against the Kentucky Lady Wildcats. This will be SEC at it's best.

**Tickets for 18 and under are free: Tickets for adults are \$5.00**

Tickets will be picked up and paid for at the coliseum on game day. There will be a 4H table set up, so look for the clovers. Call to let us know if you will be attending so we can reserve tickets for Hinds County. T-shirts can also be purchased before the game. Let us know if you want a t-shirt, quantities are limited.

### ◆ 4H Record Books - County deadline is May 25

Senior 4-H records, Volunteer records, & 4H resumes  
Junior & Intermediate records

If you need a record book form please let us so we can mail it to you.



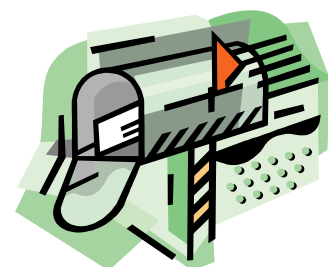
- ◆ County 4H Exhibit Days— Start early on exhibits for this year's county exhibit days. The earlier you start, the more time you will have to complete more exhibits. We want a great showing of 4H work at this years event. Entries for 2012 are due in September. See the link below for more detailed information about what can be entered: [http://msucares.com/4h\\_Youth/4hfair/fairschedule.pdf](http://msucares.com/4h_Youth/4hfair/fairschedule.pdf). All blue ribbon exhibits will go to the State Fair 4H Village.

- ◆ Poster Art Contest – Poster are due the first day of Club Congress. I will take posters to MSU when I go up for Congress, so when you complete them get them to the 4H office by May 23. This contest is open to 4H'ers ages 8 to 18. The category is "Open Theme" (related to 4H).



#### **NOTE:**

If anyone has any interesting or newsworthy 4-H stories that you would like published in the newsletter, please mail, fax or e-mail them to us and we will be happy to add them in.



**We're on the web:**

**[http://msucares.com/counties/hinds\\_25/4h.html](http://msucares.com/counties/hinds_25/4h.html)**

