

Clover Corner



Lowndes County 4-H - January/February 2012

A Note from Your Agent

Wow, can you believe it's 2012! It seems just like yesterday when I started working for Mississippi State University Extension Service in January of 2002. Time really does fly by when you are having fun.

It is a new year and new opportunity for us to improve our lives socially, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually.

The County Contest will be in March. If you have concerns, suggestions or project questions, feel free to come by the office or give me a call at 662-328-2111.

Wishing you a greater year,

Sharon Patrick
Lowndes County 4-H Agent

4- H BANNER CLUB AWARDS

Congratulations to the Organizational Leader, Mildred Smith and the Wicks Community 4-H Club upon receiving the First Lady's Award for their 4-H Record Book. I would like to also congratulate Organizational Leader, Linda Ellis and the Dream Weavers 4-H Club for receiving the 1st Congressional District Award for their 4-H Record Book. Special thanks to the Home Grown 4-H Club for submitting a 4-H Club Record Book.

Both clubs will be recognized at the 4-H Appreciation Luncheon with the Legislature on **Tuesday, February 14** at the Galloway Methodist Church in Jackson.

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CORRECTION

*The State 4-H Leadership Team cover letters and resumes are due by **January 30** in the 4-H Office and **February 1** in Dr. Martha Banks office.*

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2012-2013 State 4-H Leadership Team Opportunity



Senior age 4-H members, who are 14-18 as of January 1 and have been active in the 4-H program for a year

may apply for membership.

The application process includes submitting a resume and cover letter to the 4-H Office by January 30, 2012 to be reviewed and signed by me before mailing to Dr. Banks by the deadline of February 1, 2012.

Prospective applicants who are selected to interview will present a 3-5 minute speech on one of the following topics to a panel of judges and attend the reception.

- 4-H Healthy Living
- 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology, 4-H Leadership,
- 4-H Citizenship
- What 4-H means to me.

If you are a present State 4-H Leadership Team Member, you must also submit a cover letter and resume by January 30, but you do not have to interview unless you are interested in attending National Conference.

Examples of Cover Letters and Resumes are posted at:

http://msucares.com/4h_Youth/4hleadership/forms.html

National 4-H Conference

Current 4-H Leadership Team members who are 15-18 years old on or before January 1 of the current year can apply. Individuals who have been a previous delegate to National 4-H Conference are not eligible. Individuals must be active in their local 4-H club program, dependable, punctual and willing to make public appearances on behalf of 4-H.

Selection of National 4-H Conference Delegate (s)

All potential delegates must submit a resume and cover letter by January 30, 2012. The cover letter must be signed by the Extension Agent.

Candidates will be interviewed by a panel of judges, present a 3 - 5 minute speech on "What 4-H means to them in terms of ONE of the four (4) Essential Elements of 4-H: Independence, Mastery, Generosity or Belonging.

Legislative Page Internship Program



Four youth will represent 4-H and the Center for Governmental Training & Technology for

one week during the 2012 Mississippi Legislative sessions. Selected youth will

have the opportunity to serve in the Mississippi Senate or in the Lt. Governor's office or other Executive branch departments' offices during the week of **March 12-16, 2012.**

This year presents a unique opportunity for youth inter-

ested in the political processes.

If this interests you, please contact the 4-H office for more information. The deadline for application submission is **February 10, 2012 at 5:00 pm.**





4-H Junior Council Meetings

There will be a 4-H Junior Council Meeting at the 4-H Office on **JANUARY 24th** and **FEBRUARY 23rd**. During the January meeting I will present a workshop on "Preparing Cover Letters and Resumes for the State 4-H Leadership Team."

If you are interested in par-

ticipating, please bring current 4-H resumes, record books or other information to assist you in completing your cover letter and resume.

The February meeting will consist of training to prepare selected youth for the interview process.

Both meetings will be held at

the 4-H Office at 5:30p.m. If you have questions, please call me at 662-328-2111.

2012 4-H Day at MSU Lady Basketball Game



Come cheer for the MSU Lady Bulldogs basketball team as they take on the ladies of the University of Kentucky at the

Humphrey Coliseum during Mississippi 4-H Day at Mississippi State University Lady Basketball game on **Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 4:30 pm..**

Limited quantities of both tick-

ets and T-shirts are available and must be purchased prior to **February 15, 2012.**

Ticket Information and Prices:

\$5.00 – Game ticket for Adults

Children under 18 are free when accompanied by an Adult!

T-Shirts \$10.00 – *My State/My Team/My 4-H* (maroon)

\$5.00 – *4-H Day at the Hump/Basketball* (maroon)

\$5.00 – *4-H Stands Behind Our State* (maroon)

Rural Medical Scholars Program



The Rural medical Scholars Program is an exciting summer opportunity for academically talented high school students between their junior and senior years.

Youth will be given an oppor-

tunity to attend Mississippi State for five weeks **May 30-July 2, 2012**, take two med courses and observe doctors at practice throughout the program. Does this interest you?

The application is due by March 21, 2012. More infor-

mation is available on line at: www.RMS.msucare.com.



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The Four Essential Elements of 4-H

Mastery - By exploring 4-H projects and activities, youth master skills to make positive career and life choices. 4-H provides a safe environment to make mistakes and receive feedback, and youth can discover their capabilities while meeting new challenges.

Generosity - By participating in 4-H community service and citizenship activities, youth can connect to communities and learn to give back to others. These connections help youth find and fulfill their life's purpose.

Independence - By exercising independence through 4-H leadership opportunities, youth mature in self-discipline and responsibility, learn to better understand themselves, and become independent thinkers.

Belonging - Through 4-H, youth can develop long-term consistent relationships with adults other than their parents and learn that they are cared about by and connected to others. 4-H gives youth the opportunity to feel physically and emotionally safe in a group setting.



Volunteer Leaders Trainings

The Mississippi 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 will begin with registration at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, and conclude on Saturday by 4:30 p.m. Please note that the banquet will be held on Friday night and the workshops on Saturday.

The theme this year is "**Mississippi 4-H: It's a Natural.**" The cost of the conference is \$85.00 for full-time participants and \$70.00 for part-time participants. The Lowndes County 4-H program will reimburse half of the registration after the conference.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the 4-H Office by **January 31, 2012.**



The 12th statewide "**Supper Club**" 4-H volunteer leaders training via distance education will take place on **Monday, January 23, 2012** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in participating, please contact the 4-H Office by **Friday, January 20, 2012** by 5pm at 662-328-2111 in an effort to get an accurate count for the meal.

