

Tishomingo County 4-H

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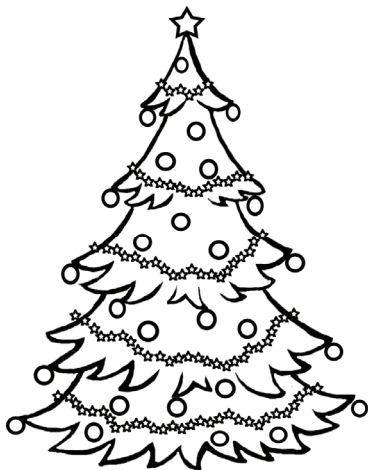
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone enjoyed a blessed holiday season! Be sure to spend time with family and friends during the holidays. Just a reminder that our office will close on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 and will not reopen until Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Also, I will be out the first week of January due to surgery. If you need any assistance, please contact our office and speak with Mrs. Adrian Wilbanks. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Standard of Excellence

Remember that everything you do this year in 4-H is worth points on your Standard of Excellence award application at the end of the 4-H year. This includes workshops held at the office, club work, contests, community service, etc. Keep track of all of your activities so that you may include them on the 2012 application. Please use your calendars to help you keep track of this information.



2011-2012 Calendars Still Available

There are still plenty of the 2011-2012 Tishomingo County 4-H Calendars available. If you did not receive one at the 2011 Awards Banquet, please drop by our office to pick one up after we reopen on January 3rd. This will help you to keep track of upcoming events and events that you have participate in over the year.

Please let me know if there is anything that I may do for you or your club!

Kindra Wood

Extension 4-H Agent

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ YOUR NEWSLETTERS AND RESPOND TO THINGS YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN BY THE APPROPRIATE DATE.

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Important News:

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD RECORD BOOKS: If you are working toward your congressional award medals and would like assistance completing your record books, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are working on a record book and have the required number of hours to receive any of your medals, you need to turn any record books in to me no later than January 13, 2012. The United States Congress and the National Congressional Award Office have announced a tentative date for the 2012 Gold Award Ceremony in D.C. for Thursday, June 21. Please let me know if you are interested in this ceremony. Also, if you are interested in attending any ceremony in the 2012 year to obtain any of your medals please email me so I can know where you stand and let you know what ceremonies will be available.

4-H Horse Scholarship Application:

The Mississippi 4-H Horse Clubs, Inc. has announced the creation of a \$500 4-H Horse Scholarship to be awarded in 2012 to a Mississippi 4-H'er involved in the horse project. Applicants must be seniors in high school in the year this application is submitted and the scholarship will be payable to the university or college the winner attends as a full time student (college or university must be in Mississippi). The scholarship must be used within four years of receiving it. The scholarship is open to youth who have shown horses as well as to those who have competed in horse educational contests. All 4-H Horse Scholarship applications must be received in our office by January 10, 2012. For an application, please email me at kindraw@ext.msstate.edu prior to January 1st or you may visit our county webpage at http://msucares.com/counties/tishomingo_71/4h.html. To find this page you may visit msucares.com and type in Tishomingo county 4-H website.

NE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW: The 2012 NE District Livestock Show will be held in Verona, MS at the Lee Co. Agri-Center on January 27-28. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who may be thinking of exhibiting livestock in the future to just visit the show and see what it is all about. If you would like a schedule of the shows and events taking place on those two days, please contact me at the office or by email.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING—JUNIORS: The 2012 Junior Livestock Judging Contest will be held in Verona, MS on January 28th in conjunction with the NE District Livestock Show. Anyone ages 8-13 as of Jan. 1st may participate. You may choose to judge either Beef, Sheep, Swine, or Goats. If you would like to participate in this livestock judging contest, please let me know NO LATER THAN January 5th. Mrs. Chris Holland, 4-H volunteer, has graciously volunteered to work with those who wish to participate in the goat judging contest. Those interested in judging goats will meet on Monday, January 9th. If you are interested in judging goats, please call our office so that we may get you details on this practice session. If you are interested in judging any of the other above listed species, you will also need to contact our office by the deadline and we will set up practices according to the species that individuals wish to judge.

MS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION HORSE BOWL CONTEST:

The MS Quarter Horse Association will be sponsoring a Horse Bowl Contest during the Dixie National Quarter Horse Show in Jackson, MS. The contest will be held on Saturday, February 18th in the Trade Mart Building in Jackson, MS beginning at 9:00 AM. There are two categories – Ages 8-13 and Ages 14-18. These ages are as of December 31, 2010. Teams must consist of 4-5 members. If you are interested in this contest, please notify me so I may share further details with you. Teams must be submitted to me by February 1st!

State 4-H Leadership Team Applications Due

Senior age 4-H members, who are 14-18 years old on January 1, may apply for membership and who has been active in the county program for at least a year. Youth who are interested in enhancing their leadership skills through various opportunities are encouraged to apply. Team members will be involved with not only promotional activities but also will provide programmatic input through committee and task force assignments.

4-H Leadership Team Application Process:

- All perspective applicants must submit a resume and cover letter to your local 4-H agent
- Qualified perspective applicants will be interviewed by a panel of judges & present a 3-5 minute speech on **one** of the following topics: 1)4-H Healthy Living, 2.) 4-H Science, Engineering, & Technology, 3.) 4-H Leadership, 4.)4-H Citizenship, or 5.) Why I am in 4-H

TimeLine:

- Applications are due in my office **no later than 5:00 pm on January 25, 2011.**
- The State Department will then notify me of those who have been selected for interviews. For those who are selected, the choice of interview dates are as follows.

March 10 - Interviews, speech and reception - CMREC, Raymond.

March 17 - Interviews, speech and reception - .MSU - Bost Building B.

Selection results will be announced and a group photo will be taken during State 4-H Congress held at Mississippi State University.

If you are interested in applying for the Leadership Team, please contact me for more information and I will send you a copy of the Sample Resume and Cover Letter sent out by the Leadership Team Coordinator. Remember the deadline for these applications to be in my office is **5:00 pm on January 25th**. I cannot accept faxed or email applications. They must have original signatures on them.

Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leader's Annual Conference

February 25-26, 2011 @ MSU

The MS 4-H Volunteer Leader's Annual Conference will be held at Mississippi State University on February 24-25, 2012. This is an excellent opportunity to meet volunteers from across the state as well as learn some great 4-H volunteering information. If you are interested in attending please contact me so that I may get you the registration packet and discuss registration fees with you. Applications must be returned to my office no later than 5:00 PM on **January 25th**.

2012 Honey Bee Essay Contest

This is a state level contest with the first place Mississippi essay going on to compete in the national beekeeping essay contest. Mississippi has had winning essays at national contests in past years, and we hope to have some competitive essays again this year.

Some of the key details about the contest are outlined below. If interested, please

http://msucare.com/4h_Youth/4hentomology/bee_essay_contest.html for complete copy of the rules for this contest. Contestants are strongly encouraged to read the essay rules carefully before they begin working on their essay. Essays must be on the specified topic.

Topic: *The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community*

Length: 750 to 1000 words (This does not include references and Biographical sketch.)

Format: Submit as Microsoft Word compatible document, double spaced in 12-pt Times

Due Date: **January 6, 2012, before 5:00 PM** Email essays to

kindraw@ext.msstate.edu and adrianw@ext.msstate.edu

Essays MUST be submitted to me in an electronic form. Paper copies are not acceptable.

State Level Prizes: First Place: \$100; Second Place: \$75; Third Place: \$50

National Level Prizes: First Place: \$750; Second Place: \$500; Third Place: \$250

Reminder: 4-H Winter Classic Horse Shows



January 7th - Oktibbeha County - MSU Horse Park

January 14th - Lee County Coliseum

February 11th - Pontotoc County Agri-Center

February 25th - Tippah County Agri-Center

March 3rd - Chickasaw County Coliseum

March 10th - Union County Arena



March 30th - Award Banquet - Magnolia Center - Verona

Everyone should have received a copy of the show bill that was sent with last month's newsletter. If you still need information, please visit: www.4hwinterclassic.com for more information & show bill. Please note that there have been some rule changes for the gaited classes.

2011 4-H Awards Banquet

I would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the 2011 Awards Banquet. I would also like to say a special thank you to all of the volunteers, staff, parents, & grandparents who assisted with the banquet preparation and program. You are all to be commended for all of your hard work and dedication to our program over the past year. 2011 proved to be a great year! I am now looking to the future of our program and feel that 2012 will be even better. Continue to work hard and be as active as possible in the 4-H program.

We presented several awards at the 2011 Awards Banquet. The award winners are as follows:

Cloverbud Rookie Award: Cory Lovelace

Junior Rookie Award: Cassidy Hutcheson & Emma Sparks

Standard of Excellence:

Juniors:

Jonah Holland

Emma Sparks

Lane Hutcheson

Seniors:

Katelin Wallace

Dallas Stricklen

High Point Junior: Jonah Holland

High Point Senior: Katelin Wallace

Stephen Holland Memorial Volunteer Award:

Chris Holland



The Standard of Excellence Winners were awarded embroidered jackets.



Keep track of your 4-H work & apply for awards in 2012!

Congratulations to all of our award winners!