



## 4-H Soup Luncheon Fundraiser - Fri., March 6

The annual 4-H Soup Luncheon Fundraiser will be held **Friday, March 6, at the Extension office**. Tickets are \$6.00 each and include choice of vegetable beef soup, taco soup, or chili with crackers/corn chips, dessert, and a drink. Dine-in, carry-out, and delivery (for orders of five or more) are available. This fundraiser supports the funding for the Jesse Clausel Memorial 4-H Scholarship.



## 4-H Saturday - March 7, 1:00 p.m.

4-H Saturday is back in action! 4-H volunteers have coordinated activities and workshops for 4-H members ages 5-18, that will be held once a month. Some 4-H Saturday activities will have one session if followed by a county contest, others will consist of two workshops. This month's workshop will follow the visual presentation contest and will be on dog care. A light lunch will be served immediately after the contest which begins at 10:00 a.m. The workshop will start at 1:00 p.m. The April 4-H Saturday activities will be held April 18.

## 4-H Awards Trip

The Alcorn County 4-H Awards Trip is making a comeback along with 4-H Saturday. 4-H members ages 8-18, have the opportunity to qualify for the trip. This year the qualifications are: youth must participate in two 4-H Saturday events and compete in two 4-H contests. Guidelines to qualify will be provided during 4-H Saturday this week.

## NE 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y Invitational - Saturday, March 21

4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y is gearing up for several competitive events. The **NE Invitational will be held Saturday, March 21**, at CRSSA range in Glen. Registration forms were mailed to youth who have been participating in the program since January 2020. If you have been attending training and did not get this information please contact the Extension office. **The registration deadline is Friday, March 13.**

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## 4-H Clothing Contests - Thursday, April 2

The clothing construction & selection contests will be held **Thursday, April 2**, beginning at 4:00 p.m., at the Extension office. **Please register for one or both of these contests by Monday, March 23.**

**Clothing Construction:** 4-H members ages 10-18, can participate in the contest. There are four project levels based on sewing ability. There are four parts to the clothing construction contest: **1.** The 4-H member must construct a garment according to the correct project level. You should bring your garment to the contest on a hanger for the judges to look at. **2.** You will model your garment for the judges. **3.** Participate in a skill-a-thon. Examples of stations include: parts of a sewing machine, sewing equipment, pattern markings, use of a pattern envelope, types of fabrics, kinds of buttons, selection of fabric, interfacing, lining and notions. **Two stations will be set up for the county contest.** **4.** The final part of the contest will consist of ranking a set of 4 samples according to construction quality and present oral reasons on how you ranked the samples.



**Clothing Selection:** 4-H members 5-18, can participate in the contest. Each contestant will model a ready to wear outfit, which he/she has purchased. You will give oral reasons about the suitability of the outfit selected. Reasons should include statements such as why the outfit is appropriate for the occasion you purchased it for, care requirements, material content, and statements about the construction quality of the outfit.

**Project books and study packets are available for both of these contests.**

## 4-H Judging Contests - Friday, April 3, 3:00 p.m.

The 4-H judging contests will be held **Friday, April 3, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., in the Extension Exhibit hall.** The following contests will be offered for Cloverbud, ages 5-7, and cloverleaf members ages 8 and 9: horticulture, entomology, photography, and bicycle. Juniors ages 10-13, and seniors ages 14-18, may participate in the following contests: photography (**must submit photographs and complete skills judging**), horticulture, seed identification, forestry, entomology, electric and bicycle. (Bicycle participants must bring their own bicycle and helmet to the contest.) **Contest information and project material is available in the county office. You may participate in three judging contests.**

**Please be sure to sign up by Friday, March 27,** for the contests if you plan to participate. If we do not have anyone signed up in a contest by 5:00 p.m., March 27, we will not set that contest up. Contest material is available for youth to prepare. Please contact the Extension office or visit the [extension.msstate.edu](http://extension.msstate.edu) web-site for more information.

## 4-H Share the Fun Contest - Friday, April 3, 5:30 p.m.

The 4-H Share the Fun Contest will be held **Friday, April 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** We will begin with a hamburger supper. Everyone is invited to attend however, **it is very important that you register by Monday, March 23.** The contest is part of the expressive arts 4-H project. Some examples of talent acts include: singing, acting, or playing a musical instrument. The age divisions are: Cloverbud ages 5-7, Junior ages 8-13 & Senior ages 14-18. Group acts must include 4-Her's from the same age division.

## 4-H Share the Fun continued ...

- Contest Rules:**
- Group acts consist of 2—8 4-H members.
  - All acts should be 3—5 minutes in length.
  - Individual acts may have one accompanist.



**A CD player will be provided. Everyone will use the same sound system.**

Blue ribbon winners in the junior and senior category have the opportunity to progress to the district and state contest. Each county can enter three acts in the district and state contest. Entries for State congress are preferred via YouTube, DVD, or flash drive.

## 4-H Ag Engineering Contests

We are super excited to have the opportunity to work with the ACTC 4-H Club to offer opportunities in some of the 4-H engineering contests. The following contests are available for youth ages 14-18: compact tractor, tractor driving and welding. If you are interested in one or more of these contests please contact the Extension office for more information.

## 4-H Scholarships

4-H members with at least two years of **active participation** are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships at the county and state level. The scholarship packets are available in the county office. All completed applications are due in the county office no later than **April 1, 2020**.

The following county 4-H scholarships applications will be accepted: Jesse Clausel Memorial 4-H Scholarship (\$250.00), 4-H Volunteer Achievement (\$500.00), 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association (\$250.00), Annalisa Laudadio Love & Encouragement Scholarship (\$500.00), and Norbert Coleman Memorial 4-H Scholarship (\$500.00).



## State 4-H Ambassador Program

Youth ages 15-18 who have served as a county officer/ambassador are eligible to apply for state 4-H ambassador. Interested 4-H'ers should submit a cover letter, 4-H Vitae with two letters of support to the county Extension office by **Monday, April 6**. Please contact the office for more information.

## Closing Thoughts

Please be sure to register for 4-H activities by the deadline stated in the newsletter. We have a very busy Spring ahead! Bring on the sunshine and 4-H!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Extension office if you have questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Parker".

Tammy Parker, MSU Extension Agent/4-H

## 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

- **4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y Practices:**
  - ⇒ **Air Rifle** - Sundays, March 1, 8, & 15.
  - ⇒ **Air Pistol** - Mon. March 2; Thurs. March 5; Tues. March 17; & Wed. March 18; 6:00—7:30 p.m.
- **Clover Kidz-West** - Wednesday, March 4, 3:30 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church
- **Crafty Critters** - Thursday, March 5, 5:00—6:00 p.m.
- **STEM/Robotics 4-H Club** - Tuesday, March 10, 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- **Shutterbugs Photography Club** - Saturday, March 21, 10:00 a.m.
- **4-H Dog Club** - Tuesday, March 24, 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- **Eagle 4-H** - Tuesday, March 24, 4:00—6:00 p.m.
- **City Clovers** - Wednesday, March 25, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- **4-H Modeling Squad** - Thursday, March 26, 5:00—6:30 p.m.
- **Clover Chefs Cooking Club** - Thursday, March 26, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Cloverbud Club** - Monday, March 30, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. (ages 5-7)
- **Sewing Club** - Monday, March 30, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Pathways to Art** - Monday, April 6, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Extension office unless otherwise stated. For additional information about 4-H clubs please contact the Extension office at 286-7756.

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