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JANUARY 2016

CAMP/TLC

SCHOLARSHIPS

AVAILABLE NOW

Early application deadline: February 1, 2016
Late application deadline: March 1, 2016
Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and availability. Youth may only receive 1 Camp/TLC Scholarship per year.

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Calendar Planning Meeting

Annual Event Planning Meeting!

After running the date possibilities by the 4-H club leaders, we have set our annual Polk County planning meeting for Monday, January 25,

6:00 pm at the Extension Education Center. All 4-H parents and teens are invited to join us to help us select our events and activities for 2016. It is very important that we have your input. You all know the various community

calendars and can help us avoid conflicts that we are unaware of. Bring your school, sports, church, and special events calendars with you and join us! We NEED your help! Snacks will be served.





County 4-H Scholarships

Before you can receive any funding from the Polk County 4-H Foundation to attend any out-of-county 4-H trips/camps, you must complete the 4-H Scholarship application. The applications should be submitted prior to the event that you are attending. Applications received later than 30 days following the event will not be honored. The

scholarship amount is event specific. The "balance due" must be paid in full 5 business days prior to the event in order for the 4-H member to attend. If you want to receive a scholarship from the County 4-H Foundation, you must submit an application before your Event Registration will be approved in 4-H Online. If you do not wish to re-

ceive a scholarship for the event, you must let the Extension Office know so we can approve your registration for the event in 4-H Online. For an application, stop by the Extension Office. If you have any questions, feel free to let us know.

2016 ARKANSAS 4-H CAMP DATES

<p>Camp Leadership - Basic (14-19 year olds) Dates: January 22-23 Registration Due: January 8 Registration Fee: \$95</p>	<p>Equine - Spring Break (12-18 year olds) Dates: March 21-24 Registration Due: March 1 Registration Fee: \$385</p>	<p>Jr Camp/Adventure & Challenge (Jr Camp - 9-12 year olds) (A & C - 13-15 year olds) Dates: I - July 11-13 II - July 18-20 Registration Due: June 15 Registration Fee: \$170</p>
<p>High Adventure - Arkansas (13-19 year olds) Dates: June 19-25 Registration Due: January 15 Registration Fee: \$350 Required Trainings: Parent/Camper Rally - April 16 Shakedown - April 16-17 (NO REFUNDS)</p>	<p>Camp Leadership - Advanced (14-19 year olds) Dates: April 22-23 Registration Due: April 1 Registration Fee: \$95</p>	<p>Forestry & Wildlife - Basic & Advanced (10-13 & 14-18 year olds) Dates: September 23-25 Registration Due: August 31 Registration Fee: \$145</p>
<p>Career Camp (9-19 year olds) Dates: February 19-21 Registration Due: February 1 Registration Fee: \$75 (first 81 youth) (Over 81 & Adults: \$200)</p>	<p>Camp Counselor (14-19 year olds) Training Dates: June 3-4 Application Due: April 1</p>	<p>Register on 4HOnline Contact/Information: www.uaex.edu/camp https://www.facebook.com/groups/arkansas4hcamps/ 4hcamps@uaex.edu Creenna Bocksnick 4-H Camping Coordinator cbocksnick@uaex.edu Office: 501-821-6884 Cell: 501-749-0881</p>
<p>HA Horse Packing Training (All Ages - Under 13 must attend with an adult) Session I: March 19, \$75 Session II: May 14-15, \$125 Session III: Oct. 1-2, \$125 Session IV: Nov. 18-20, \$200 Registration Due: Approx. 3 weeks prior (NO REFUNDS)</p>	<p>Equine - Summer (12-18 year olds) Dates: June 6-9 Registration Due: March 1 Registration Fee: \$385</p>	<p>Refund Policy: 75% Refund 15 Working Days or more before the event 50% Refund 11-14 Working days before the day of the event No Refund 10 Working days or less before the day of the event No Refund for High Adventure (Traditional or Horse Packing) Contact your County Extension office if you must cancel.</p>
<p><small>The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.</small></p>	<p>STEM Camp (9-14 years old) Dates: July 5-7 Registration Due: June 15 Registration Fee: \$170</p>	
	<p>Cloverbud (5-9 year olds) Dates: July 8-10 Registration Due: June 15 Registration Fee: \$170</p>	

Poinsettia Results

Thank You to all of the 4-H members and parents who sold poinsettias this year. All of the poinsettias were sold quickly and enjoyed all over Mena! We made just over \$2,000 for this fundraiser.

We need feedback from you if you want to continue this fund-

raiser next year. It is time for us to reserve the plants, so we need to know if we need to pre-order the poinsettias to sell in December. If we do not sell poinsettias, we will have to do other fundraisers to cover the costs of 4-H camps and activities. We need your opin-

ions. Please let us know!



Pullet Chain

4-H Pullet Chain 2016

The official announcement has been made about the 2016 4-H Pullet Chain project. We will be getting a hybrid breed called Amber Links this year. They are productive, brown egg layers that are a cross of Rhode Island Red and White Plymouth Rocks. They are not as red as the Bovan Browns but will still be a great laying hen for your project.

The 4-H pullet chain is open for any 4-H member ages 5 and up. Families will get between 15 and 25 chicks per 4-Her. We will know an exact number available as we get nearer to delivery date. They are aiming for 20 but the success of the hatch that day ultimately determines the number each member gets.

Of course, an outbreak of Avian Influenza can change all 4-H

Pullet Chain plans at the drop of a hat. As I write this, a commercial turkey flock has been diagnosed in Indiana. We will keep our fingers crossed that we do not have an outbreak that stops the Pullet Chain for 2016.

The chicks will come either May 7th or May 14th. Both of these dates are Saturdays and will require very close communication between our office and you. We will need a phone number where you can be called and/or texted on a Saturday.

The 4-H Pullet Chain orientation meeting will still be required in order to participate in the Pullet Chain. We will also discuss all the other 4-H poultry educational opportunities at the meeting. Mark your calendars for the mandatory Pullet Chain meeting scheduled for Monday, February 29 at 6:00 in the Extension Education Center next to the

Extension Office at 211 DeQueen Street in Mena. Each participant and at least one parent/guardian should make plans to attend.

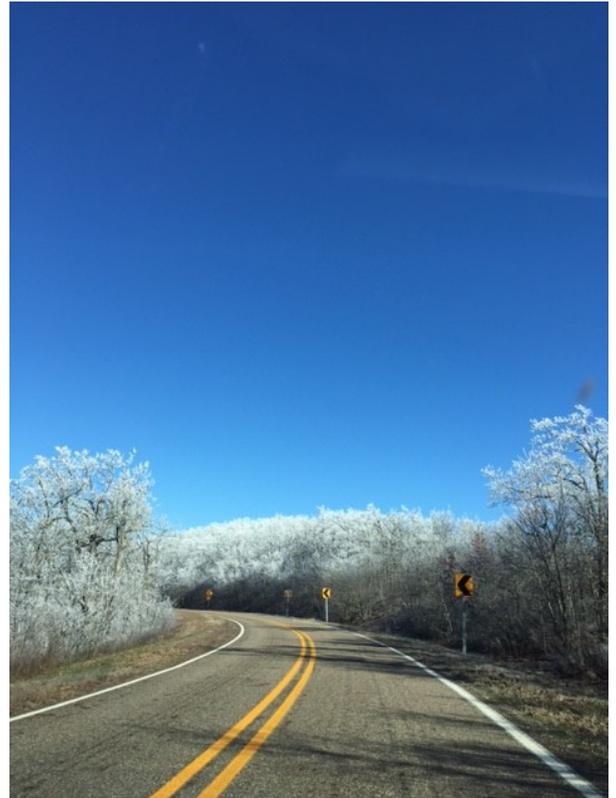
To sign up to get 4-H Pullet Chain chicks, contact the County Extension Office at 479-394-6018 or email polk@uaex.edu Either way works. As always, we are limited to 35 participants in Polk Co. Don't miss out! Contact us today!





Ross Photography Contest

Have you been taking pictures for the Ross Photography Contest? The recent cold snap has produced numerous great photo opportunities! Pictures for the Ross Photography Contest can be taken any time within a year of the previous contest. Don't let the contest deadline sneak up on you and miss several opportunities to capture great shots! The deadline to have photos submitted to the Extension Office is May 23. Remember: you can submit 4 photos—1 Black & White Living, 1 Color Living, 1 Black & White Non-Living, & 1 Color Non-Living. Objects that fall into the Living Category is anything that can “uproot” itself and move. Plants, flowers, trees, etc. fall into the Non-Living



Spring Shooting Sports Instructor Training

The Spring Shooting Sports Instructor Training will be held on March 17-19. Training and Certification will be offered in all Shooting Sports Disciplines: Black Powder, Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, & Pistol. [4-H Online Registration will be open January 20 through](#)

March 7, for those interested in this training. This training is open to all 4-H Volunteers. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

