



CLOVER CREWS NEWS

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all of you from Howard County 4-H!!! We hope everyone had a great Holiday season and is ready for a fun busy new 4-H year. This time of year, it is always terribly busy for everyone, so be sure to check our Facebook page and keep this newsletter so you know what is coming up.

4-H Enrollment

If you have not signed up for the new 4-H enrollment system you need to do so ASAP. Our new enrollment system is called Zsuites. You can use this link <https://linktr.ee/arkansas4h> if you need help call the office and we will be happy to help.

4-H Foundation BBQ Bowl Fundraiser

It is time for us to start selling ribs and hens for this year's fundraiser. We will be cooking the ribs and hens on Saturday, February 10th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Meat will be ready to pick up between 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. We order a little extra so be sure and get your orders into the office by January 23rd. We also need 4-Hers to help sell, and prepare the meat the day before, and to cook and help the day of the event. Please call the office and tell Mrs. Deb or Mrs. Samantha if you can help with this. Ribs cost \$30 per rack and the hens are \$10 each. The hens this year will be 7lbs each not the Cornish hens like we normally sell. We have a limited number of hens as well. All money made goes to the Howard County 4-H



Foundation. The foundation is a great support to our 4-H program and funds many events and activities that our youth take part in. To order use the QR code found here, or you can call the office to place your order. Office number is 870-845-7517.

Shooting Sports

Practice for BB and Archery will be held on Thursday, January 18, at 3:45 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. BB Competition will be held throughout the week of January 20 -27. Upcoming times for trap practice at Grandview will be sent out through the Stack Team App.

Forestry Team

The Forestry Team will practice at the EH Center on Fridays, starting January 12, 2024. Practices will be held indoors but there is a chance that you will practice outside. Please dress accordingly. The Forestry Competition will be held on March 6, 2024, at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Youth will be excused from school on this day to compete. The Extension office will notify your school about your absence. If you have any questions, or interested in joining the forestry team, call the office at 870-845-7517 and talk to Dawson.

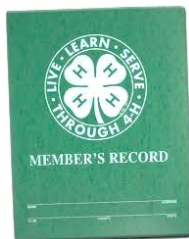
Teen Leader Meeting

On Tuesday, January 26, teen leaders will meet at 4:00 p.m. for their monthly meeting. The meeting will be held at the Howard County EH Center. Items that we will be discussing are election of officers and the 4-H Banquet.

Nature Seekers Meeting

The Nature Seekers club will meet Thursday, the 25 at 3:45 at the EH Center. This club is open to all youth enrolled in 4-H. Call the office to RSVP if you plan to attend.

Record Books



It is time to get your record books turned in for 2023. I need all beginner, junior and senior record books to the office by Monday, January 29. If you need help with these please let Mrs. Samantha know ASAP. If you are age 5-8 you will turn in a cloverbud record book and they are not due until March 1. If you are 8 and turn 9 this year, be sure to start keeping up with your project information so you can turn in a beginner record book next year. By turning in a record book you receive an invitation to the Howard County 4-H Banquet.

Livestock Meeting

There will be a livestock meeting, Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Call the office at 870-845-7517 to sign up for this meeting.

Bread Workshop

Tuesday, February 13 at 4:30 there will be a bread workshop for youth to attend. Youth will learn tips and tricks for being successful when making homemade breads. This workshop will cost \$10.00 per person. Call the office at 870-845-7517 to RSVP if you plan on attending. You must pay ahead of time

for this workshop or other arrangements need to be made with the office. If you call in and do not make it to the workshop, you are still responsible for paying the \$10.00 due to the increased cost of materials needed for each workshop.

Food Challenge Practice

Our Senior Food Challenge team will begin practicing for the Mid-South competition on Thursday, February 15th right after school. Mrs. Samantha will sign everyone up for this event soon, so please call the office and tell her if you plan to attend. The competition is free, and rooms will be covered for the youth attending. Guests can attend the competition, but Mrs. Samantha will need to order a name badge for you. Youth will be responsible for meals.

Bread and Cookie Contest

Tuesday, February 20 is our bread and cookie contest. This contest is for youth ages 5-19. Information packets will be mailed out before the contest with all the rules for this contest. Youth will need to have all their items dropped off at the EH Center by 5:45. Please call the office if you plan on bringing items.



County Indoor O’Rama

County Indoor O’Rama is Monday, February 26, at the EH Center. Competition will start at 2:00 p.m. for those youth who are out of school. The rest of the youth will participate after school until 5:00 p.m. Call the office if you plan on participating and let them know what you plan on participating in. If you are not sure what O’Rama is it is designed to supplement the county 4-H program and project work. O’Rama is held at the County, District, and State level. There are approximately 40 competitive events, both individual and team activities. Youth ages 5-19 can compete on the county level, youth ages 9-19 can compete at the district, and senior 4-Hers can attend State O’Rama in Fayetteville. Contest offered are public speaking, health talk, talent, food fair, and many other options. If you are unsure what to compete in, call the office and Mrs. Samantha will help you prepare for a competition.

4-H Banquet

Be sure and put this date on your calendars. Friday, March 8 at 5:30 Howard County 4-H will host their 4-H banquet. If you turn in a record book you will be invited to this year's banquet. These are always a lot of fun, and it allows youth to highlight what they accomplished in the past year.

All dates are subject to change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Horn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Samanth Horn
County Extension Agent – 4-H

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