



March/April
 2022

Jackson Co 4-H



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Dates to Remember:

March

- 7 – Deadline to order Poultry Chain chicks
- 13 – Daylight Savings begins
- 15 – Teen Star & Ambassador application due
- 15 – Deadline to enter ASF Spring Show
- 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- 18 – Recipes due for Dairy Food Contest
- 30 – Ross Photography entries due to agents’ emails**

April

- 1-2 – ASF Spring Show
- 17 – Easter
- 20 – Deadline to register for Dist. Broiler BBQ, Jonesboro
- 22 – Earth Day
- 27 – Deadline to register for Dist. Broiler BBQ, LR
- 28 – Dist. Broiler BBQ Event, Jonesboro
- 29 – WHEP state contest

May

- 3 – Submit 4-H posters digitally**

Poultry Chain Chick Order by March 7

Are you interested in participating in the 4-H Poultry Chain this year? Learn to raise the best possible laying hens and show them at the county, district and, for the first time, the state fair without winning champion or reserve. The fee is \$25 per set of up to 20 birds, only one set per member but siblings can share a set (let us know if you are). Cockerels (males) cost \$1 each. Must be an active member. Order and pay by March 7.

Wildlife Updates

Wildlife Habitat Education Program State Contest for Juniors and Seniors will be held Friday, April 29. It will be held in-person at Five Oaks Lodge in Humphrey. The Wildlife Habitat program emphasizes wild animals and their natural habitat in different parts of the world. The website has lots of resources you can use if you’re interested in making this a project. You can do much more than just contests. Details and study materials available at WHEP site: <https://4h.uada.edu/programs/plant-animal/wildlife-programs/whep.aspx>

Remember to Re-enroll for the Current 4-H Year

4-H members need to enroll every year. Go to the website 4h.uada.edu and click on the “Join 4-H” button in the upper right corner of the page. Put in the email and password you used to create your family profile account, don’t create a new account. Go to each member’s profile and check/update the information. Some information you might need to update (shirt sizes, doctor’s info, etc). This will be your last newsletter if you don’t re-enroll. Enrollment is available at anytime—but don’t wait.

New club members will need to make an account and enter the information asked for.

Ross Photography Contest Photos Due March 30th cb?

The Ross Photography contest is almost here. Members 9-19 years old can enter at the county level one photo in each of the four classes—Living: B&W, Color and Non-Living: B&W, Color. Non-Living is plant-life and scenic (NO people or animals in shot). Living is intended for people and animals. Co level winners receive \$10 for each category. State level winners receive \$200-1st, \$100-2nd, \$50-3rd. Electronic entries only will be accepted. Email entries to jwest@uada.edu or mjdavis@uada.edu. All scenes/subjects must be in Arkansas.

Exhibiting animals at the Fair? You must have ownership 30 days before the Three County Fair to participate. State Fair ownership for Market: May 15 for steers & July 1 for lambs, goat and hogs. Registered & Commercial: July 15 for cattle & TBA for lambs, goats and hogs

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4-H Teen Star & Ambassador Applications Due March 15

Application deadline will soon be approaching for Teen Star and the 2022 Ambassador program. Any active 4-H member 14 or older at time of application is eligible to apply for Teen Star. Teen Stars remain Teen Stars for their time in 4-H. Ambassadors must be a Teen Star and need to reapply every year. Information and links to apply are on the website at <https://4h.uada.edu/youth/leadership/> Contact the Extension office for more details.

Arkansas State Fair Spring Show Coming

The 2022 ASF Spring Livestock show is coming April 1-2. Information for show has not been released but will be available on their website <https://www.arkansasstatefair.com/fair/entertainment/livestock/>. We will share information on our Facebook pages as it is released. Deadline should be March 15th so be looking for the information.

Dairy Foods Contest Sponsored by Farm Bureau

Do you have a good recipe that includes dairy products? Enter it in the Farm Bureau's Dairy Foods Contest! There are two categories: Main Dish & Party Ideas. Open to Junior (9 -13 yr. old) and Senior (14-19 yr. old) 4-H members and students in 4th to 12th grade. County winners' recipes will be submitted to the state contest. Gift card prizes for local winners. The top four winners in each category at the state level will participate in a virtual cook-off. State level prizes: 1st \$150; 2nd \$125; 3rd \$100; 4th \$75. Entry forms & complete contest rules/information can be emailed or mailed from the extension office. Fill out the form, attach the recipe and take a photo of the finished dish you have enhanced/changed and email to me or drop off at the Farm Bureau office by Friday, March 18.

Poultry BBQ Contest

This District 4-H Poultry BBQ contests will be held on Thursday, April 28 at Jonesboro & Sat, May 7 at the State Fairground in Little Rock. Registration deadlines for District are Jonesboro April 20 and Little Rock April 2. Cost for the competition has not been announced. We can send 4 4-H members who were 9-18 years old as of January 1, 2022. For those wanting to compete at the district level, we can hold a practice at the county level, or you can register for the competition without the practice session. Contact the office by April 8th if you want a practice bbq contest.

4-H Poster Contest (next year add cloverbuds for Co)

The contest is open to 4-H members ages 9-19. Posters should be 14"x22" (horizontal or vertical). Posters may be any medium – watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal or collage. ***NO** copyrighted material such as cartoon characters. ***NO** three dimensional items on them. *Only 1 poster per 4-H member. *Theme: **Cloverdrive** or create your own theme. The 4-H members name, age, club, county, full address and brief interpretation of art work must be included with the poster submission. Posters should be submitted digitally to the Extension Office by **May 3**. (Take a photo and email it) Top ten winners presented at district O-Ramas.

Teen Leadership Conference

Dates for the Teen Leadership Conference at the 4-H Center are June 8-10. This is a three-day conference for 4-H members ages 14-19. Each year the conference focuses on a specific topic and helps to prepare teens for leadership and service responsibilities in their local clubs and counties. You get to know other members from around the state that have the same interests as you. Keep a look out at the Facebook pages for more information at it becomes available. Registration runs April 1 to May 6, cost to be announced, but was \$200 last year.



Jackson County 4-H O-Rama May 16th 4:30-6:30

What would you like to do at the County O-Rama? Fill out your Jackson County O-Rama Pre-registration form and turn it into the Extension Offices by May 10th. O-Rama will be held at the Jackson Co Extension Office on Monday, May 18th 4:30-6:30, (alternate rain date 23rd).

Members can compete in all activities at the county level (cloverbuds cannot compete in Gun Safety/BB Gun Marksmanship). Select top 3 events to compete in (others may be available on the day). The first place Junior and Senior 4-H winner in each event will be eligible to compete at the District O-Rama (Cloverbuds are local only). Information about competition events, rules and assistance with study materials are available from the Extension office. See Pre-registration form for events and more information. You can still participate even without pre-registration but the activity you want may not be set up. Bring your bikes & helmets if you want to do bike event. Information about competition events, rules and assistance with study materials are available from the website. Go to <https://4h.uada.edu/youth/opportunities/orama.aspx> then click on District O-Rama to see what the competitions consist of.

***District O-Rama will be held **Thursday, June 16th** location to be announced. **This is subject to change.** ***

Summer Activities for Jackson County being planned (Pumpkin/Watermelon)

Do you have any ideas or suggestions of summer workshops and activities? We would love to hear them! Call the Extension office at 870-523-7450 with your suggestions or let your club leaders know. We are hoping to have in-person activities, but we are also interested in any online suggestions you may have.

4-H Camps Coming Up

4-H Camps are a wonderful way to meet new people and have new experiences. Camps (with the exception of High Adventure) are held at the AR 4-H Center in Ferndale (outside of LR).

Want to be a camp counselor this year? Applications are due April 8. If selected June 3-4 Camp Counselor Training (Ages 14-19)

--April 8-9 Leaders in Training Basic & April 9-10 Leaders in Training Advanced: Learn skills to be a LEADER, Cost is \$80-Basic and \$90-Advanced. Registration deadline March 1.

--July 7-9 State Camp I and July 10-12 State Camp II: These camps are a combination of Junior/Adventure and Challenge/Cloverbud Camps. Campers will be divided based on age group—5-8, 9-12,13-15. Cloverbuds must have parent/guardian with them. Cost \$125 4-H member, \$250 4-H Adult, \$300 Non-Members. Reg by June 1

--July 17-19 Cloverbud Artisan Camp: Learn how to create crafts & have fun with activities at the 4-H Center, parents/guardians must attend. \$150 4-H Members, \$250 4-H Adults, \$400 Non-Members. Register by June 1

--July 20-22 Artisan Jr/Sr Camp: See above. Cost \$150 4-H Members, \$400 Non-Members. Register by June 1

--High Adventure-AR Backpacking June 19-25: Ages 13-19, Mandatory High Adventure Training: April 30 (Parent/Camper Rally ½ day), April 30-May 2 \$400 (Shakedown)


--High Adventure Horseback Training: All ages—under 13 must have registered adult; March 19 \$100, May 21-22 \$175, Sept 10-11 \$175, Nov 4-6 \$225; Registration deadline two weeks before event

Walk Across AR Runs March 14 – May 15

Registration is open for the Spring Walk Across Arkansas. Form a team with your family or a couple of friends and see how far you can walk over 8 weeks. You are not limited to walking; all other physical activity counts toward your movement goal. You will need an adult to be team captain and to set up the team, but all members register under that team and put in their activity minutes. You do NOT have to be active at the same time as the other members, you can do it on your own and record the minutes. Go to walk.uada.edu for more information to register.

Remember to invite your friends to join in the 4-H fun! Bring them to a meeting or event!

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Camp Scholarships Appl. Due	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins	14 <u>Deadline:</u> to enter ASF spring show (assumed) →	15 <u>DEADLINE:</u> Apply for Teen Star and Ambassador	16	17 	18 Dairy Food Contest recipe due	19 First Day of Spring
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
← Spring Break for Public Schools →						
27	28	29	30 Ross Photography Due in Office	31		

State Dates to Remember!

Remember that these due dates are when they are due into the STATE office. Due sooner at the county office.


March Due Dates:

- 1 – Wildlife Food Plot Book & Video
- 1- Camp Scholarship Applications due
- 1 – Leaders In Training Basic & Advanced Reg Due
- 1 – High Adventure-AR Backpacking Parent/ Camper Rally Reg due
- 5 - High Adventure Horsepacking Training Session 1 Registration Due
- 11 – Poultry Chain Reg due at state
- 15 - Teen Star & Ambassador Applications
- 15 – Hall of Fame, State Officer & Governor’s Award Nominations Due
- 15 – ASF Spring Livestock show Reg. due
- 20 – High Adventure Horsepacking Training Session 1 Registration Due

March Activity Dates:

- 5 – 4-H Advanced Record Book Interviews
- 11 – AR SeaPerch Challenge
- 17-18 – Buffalo Island Northeast Dist Jr Livestock Show, Jonesboro
- 19 – High Adventure Horsepacking Training Session 1
- 21-25 - Spring Break
- 22-23 – Senior Shooting Sports Championship

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Reminder:</u> Send 4-H Posters digitally by May 3</p>					1	2
3	4	5 <u>DEADLINE</u> to ask for a practice BBQ contest	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 	18	19	20 <u>DEADLINE</u> to register for BBQ contest Jonesboro	21	22 	23
24	25	26	27 <u>DEADLINE</u> to register for BBQ contest Little Rock	28 BBQ contest in Jonesboro at ASU Farm	29	30

April Due Dates:

- 1 – WHEP State Contest Registration due
- 8 – Camp Counselor Application Due
- 8 – Ross Photo Contest Entries to state
- 14 – State Livestock Judging Reg. due
- 20 – Jonesboro Poultry BBQ Reg. due
- 20 – Grassland Evaluation Contest Reg due
- 23 – State Livestock Judging Contest Reg
- 27 – Little Rock Poultry BBQ Reg. due

April Activity Dates:

- 1-2 – ASF Spring Livestock Show
- 8-9 – Leaders in Training Basic
- 9-10 – Leaders in Training Advanced
- 13 – Poultry Chain Distribution
- 17-23 – National Volunteer Week
- 22 – State Officer Candidate Review Day
- 27 – Grassland Evaluation contest
- 28 – District BBQ Jonesboro Contest
- 28 – State Livestock Judging Contest
- 29 – WHEP State contest Arkadelphia
- 30 – Meat Judging contest
- 30 – High Adventure-AR Backpacking Parent/Camper Rally
- 30-April 1 – High Adventure-AR Shakedown

May Due Dates:

- 6 – 4-H Poster Art Contest due at state
- 15 – Ambassador Re-Certification due
- 29 – Southwest & Northwest State Horse Show Registration due
- 31 – Central State Horse Show Reg due

Get reminders of 4-H Deadlines and Information by requesting to join the “Jackson Co 4-H Official Page” Facebook Group. This is a closed group for the safety of our members; only open to members and parents/guardians.



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See State Info at:
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About 4-H...

4-H is the youth development program conducted by the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service.

ATTENTION!!!

If this is your first issue of the Jackson County 4-H Newsletter, we hope that you enjoy. Each month the newsletter will contain upcoming activities and dates that you need to be aware of, so that you can participate.

We are so glad that you are involved in the 4-H program! We hope you enjoy all of the activities that we provide for your education.

The mission of 4-H is to provide opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, form attitudes, and practice behavior that will enable them to become

Please remember to spread the word to your family and friends about everything you have learned and how much fun 4-H is.

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or

self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

Our Motto:

To Make the Best Better!

veteran status, genetic information, or other legally protected status

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension Office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

Sincerely,
 Jackson Co Staff