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# **COVID-19 UPDATES**

Starting June 22, the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service has entered "Phase 2" of reopening its doors to the public. This means that our Saline County Extension Office is now accessible to YOU. We are following COVID-19 best practices such as social distancing, wearing a mask, and frequent handwashing, and we ask that our visitors do the same. Our office doors will be open Monday—Friday, 8:00 AM— 4:30 PM.

Additionally, 4-H Clubs can now have meetings and club activities with TEN (10) OR FEWER participants, as long as everyone is spaced 6 feet apart and is wearing a face mask. Please not that the limit of TEN (10) participants includes 4-H youth and adults. We appreciate your continued patience and

# **NEW 4-H CLUB: GLEN ROSE AND HASKELL**

We are excited to announce that a new Saline County 4-H Club has been started in the Glen Rose / Haskell community. Due to COVID-19, the meeting time and place for this club's regular face-to-face meetings are still being determined.

If you are interested in joining this club or would like more information, please contact the new volunteer leader, Mrs. Heather Aubrey. Her e-mail address is heather.aubrey18@gmail.com





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# 2020 Arkansas 4-H STATE O-RAMA

If you plan to participate in Virtual State O-Rama, please contact Megan Maulden by JULY 10th.

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# **Virtual State O-Rama Guidelines**

**ELIGIBILITY:** The event is open to all senior 4-H members (ages 14-19). All participants will receive an O-Rama t-shirt. There are no District qualification requirements for participating in the virtual State O-Rama this year.

**REGISTRATION:** The registration timelines is June 30—July 10, 2020. County Extension Agents are responsible for signing up interested county participants. The registration fee is \$10 per virtual contest and \$20 per in-person contest. More information will follow about in-person contests in August.

**SUBMISSION:** All videos must be uploaded to YouTube and all quizzes must be completed on July 22nd, except Photography.

**AWARDS:** Awards will be presented based on the O-Rama guidelines and will be given in Fall 2020. Virtual contest winners will be recognized during the virtual activity awards program.

FORMAT: The virtual contests will consist of the following criteria—

- A video presentation for talks/method demonstrations
  - Each video must be 4-8 minutes, which includes the three Q&A's. Videos can be record with any standard platform.
- Question and Answer Section
  - How have you grown and developed in your 4-H project work?
  - What did you find unique or different when researching for your contest presentation?
  - How will you apply the information presented in your contest presentation?
- The recording should be just as if the 4-H'er were standing in front of a panelist of judges, i.e. there should be no extra editing of the video and it should be shot in one continuous segment. Videos will be submitted to your county extension agent for review prior to judging.
- ♦ The video must be posted to YouTube as an "unlisted" video. An email containing a link will be sent to participants on July 15th to submit their video link for judging. The link will be accessible through July 22nd. Your County Extension Agent can assist you with uploading your video.

An online quiz for the ID contests will be e-mailed to the participants on the morning off July 22nd. It is to be completed that same morning. The in-person component is an option for contests that cannot be held in a virtual format and are qualifiers for national contests. These contests will take place in the Fall at the 4-H center. The date of the in-person contests is TBA.

#### **CONTEST SCHEDULE:**

DATE	CONTEST	TIME
July 17, 2020	Photography	Submit before NOON, 7/17
July 15-22, 2020	All Virtual Talks/Demos	Submit before NOON, 7/22
July 22, 2020	All Virtual ID Contests	10:00 AM—12: 00 PM
ТВА	All In-Person Contests	ТВА



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# **2020 State O-Rama Contests and Events**

CONTEST	# PER COUNTY	LEVEL	CONTEST TYPE	PLATFORM
Animal Science	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Citizenship	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Entomology—Talk	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Environmental Stewardship	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Food Fair	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Health	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Horse	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Human Development	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Innovative Technology	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Safety	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Veterinary Science	2	District Qualifying	Method Demo/Talk	Virtual
Performing Arts—Dance	One act per county	District Qualifying	Performance	Virtual
Performing Arts—Instrumental	One act per county	District Qualifying	Performance	Virtual
Performing Arts—Vocal	One act per county	District Qualifying	Performance	Virtual
Crop and Weed ID	2	District Qualifying	ID	Virtual
Forestry	3	District Qualifying	ID	Virtual
Horticulture	2	District Qualifying	ID	Virtual
Wildlife	4	District Qualifying	ID	Virtual
Photography	1	State Only	Skills	Virtual
Livestock Skill-a-thon	Individual / Team of 4	State Only	Judging/Team	Virtual
	IN-PERSON (ALTERNATIVE DATE	) CONTESTS WILL BE HEL	D THIS FALL	
Baitcasting and Sports Fishing	2	District Qualifying	Skills	ALT Date
Bicycle	1	District Qualifying	Skills	ALT Date
Gun Safety—BB Gun	1	District Qualifying	Skills	ALT Date
Public Speaking	2	District Qualifying	Presentation	ALT Date
Fashion Revue	1 per category	District Qualifying	Model/Presentation	ALT Date
Archery	1	State Only	Skills	ALT Date
ATV Safety	1	State Only	Skills	ALT Date
Tractor	2	State Only	Skills	ALT Date
Impromptu Speaking	2	State Only	Presentation	ALT Date
Consumer Decision Making	One team of 4 members	State Only	Judging/Team	ALT Date
FCS Skill-a-thon	One team of 4 members	State Only	Judging/Team	ALT Date
Parliamentary Procedure	One team of 5 members	State Only	Judging/Team	ALT Date

# Saline County 4-H NEWSLETTER

If you would like to order Broiler Chicks for the AR State Fair, please contact

Megan Maulden by JULY 27th.

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# **2020 State Fair Broiler Show**

IT'S TIME TO PLACE YOUR CHICK ORDERS

Thirty (30) pullet chicks will be provided to each 4-H exhibitor for exhibition at the 2020 Arkansas State Fair. Chicks are provided at a cost of \$15.00 per exhibitor. All birds will be from the same breeder flock, and will be wing-banded for permanent identification. 4-H participants are responsible for providing all feed, shelter, and care for their birds—and they are required to exhibit a pen (3 pullets) at the 2020 Arkansas State Fair on October 17th.



Contact Megan Maulden for additional information about participating in the broiler project, or if you would like to place an order for chicks. **All chicks must be ordered by July 27th.** All pre-ordered chicks will be available for pickup on August 27th from the Saline County Extension Office.

# **Remind: Saline County 4-H**

TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS VIA "REMIND"

To improve communications with our 4-H volunteers, members, and families—Saline County 4-H has decided to implement the use of *Remind!* Remind is a free communication platform that helps us send 4-H updates to any mobile device or desktop computer. Signing up is easy, and **does not** require you to download any app on your phone. To receive alerts and event reminders, check out the information below to get started.



## **OPTION 1 (EASY):**

Text the message @saline4H to the number 81010. If you have trouble with 81010, try texting @saline4h to (856) 345-2626

#### **OPTION 2 (SMARTPHONE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS):**

On your smartphone or desktop computer, open your web browsers and go to this link: rmd.at/saline4h

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app with this method.

# Saline County 4-H YOUR WAY

We want to hear YOUR ideas for county and club programming. Help us hear your voice!

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# 4-H Your Way—Let your voice be heard!

The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for everyone, but it's especially difficult for growing youth and young adults. As we navigate through this pandemic together, we want to hear from our 4-H members about the types of programming and opportunities YOU want to see. Do you have an idea for a community service project? Want to see a new 4-H activity or event? What do you think we could do to make 4-H better for you and your fellow 4-H members—right now and in the future? We are here to listen to your feedback and create opportunities that interest you. You can reach us by mail, phone, or e-mail.

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# **4-H Member Showcase**

LIBBY MAJORS, AGE 17

Congratulations to Saline County 4-H member, Libby M., for winning first place in the 2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition!

Libby is 17 years old, and is a 4-H member from Alexander AR. This year's essay contest, which was sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, prompted 4-H youth to write about overwintering and the survival of honey bees through the cold season. Libby was able to draw on her own experiences as a beekeeper - which she does alongside her father - while writing her award-winning essay. Libby will receive a \$750 scholarship, a hard-cover copy of the acclaimed book "The Lives of Bees: The Untold Story of the Honey Bee in the Wild" by Dr. Thomas D. Seeley, and she will have her essay published in the ABF Quarterly magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation.

Libby's essay can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/libbyessay





# **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR SALINE COUNTY 4-H WINNERS**

## **State Ross Photography Contest**

Emily Rhodes—1st place, Color Living

### **State Dairy Foods Contest**

Emma Keller—State Finalist

## **National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest**

Libby Majors—1st place, \$750 scholarship

# **Vet Science Camp—T-Shirt Design**

Ellis Freel—1st place

# **Arkansas 4-H T-Shirt Design**

Ellis Freel—1st place

# **Wondrous Wednesday**

Week 6— Emily Rhodes

Week 7—Jeremiah Moix

Week 8—Emma Keller

Week 9—Ruthie Moix

Week 10—Ethan Keller

# **District O-Rama Participants**

Kahlan Higgins—Outdoor Safety

Abby Rhodes—Poultry

Emily Rhodes—Poultry / Gardening

Emma Welch—Performing Arts

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