Fun Times at 4-H Camp

This year’s summer camp trip was a great experience and tons of fun was had by all. Luckily, the rain held off and we got to participate in all of the wonderful things the 4-H Center in Columbiana has to offer. The group of just under twenty 4-h’ers got to test their limits by doing the exciting (and a little terrifying) Giant Swing. Another test for the fear of heights was the Climbing wall. We also had great sessions in archery, canoeing, and swimming. Another awesome thing we got to experience this year was “Alabama the Great,” which featured an exciting collection of animals that are special to our great state. We also had a fun ice cream social at a Luau, and the “Color Games” which featured a relay race and then a battle of colors, using colored cornstarch, an idea that was inspired by the popular Color Run. The Green Group won the relay, which was made up mostly of the Blount County girls! It was a fun-filled three days and we hope everyone made great memories that will last a lifetime! (see the last page for more pictures!)
River Beach Hosts Youth Council Cookout

The Blount County youth council had a great little field day at River Beach Outfitters. They also welcomed some new faces to the council. They discussed ways to become more active and how to increase the visibility and participation in the counties 4-H programs. But don’t worry, it wasn’t all work and no play. The youth participated in relay races, team building activities, built marshmallow shooters and enjoyed hot dogs. The delicious hot dogs were served hot off the grill and cooked by our very own grill master and 4-H Foundation Agent, Nancy Graves. The cookout ended with the youth council enjoying a Slip N’ Slide that they worked together and constructed themselves. It was a great way to cool off after the long, hot day they had.

Chick Chain Home Visits

The Chick Chain project is in full swing! The participants have now had their chicks for about seven weeks now and summer time means its time for the home visits. We go out and check on the progress of the chicks and see how each of the participants are getting along with their chickens. If you are a participant in this year’s project and haven’t scheduled your home visit, please do so as soon as possible! If you do not schedule a home visit, you will not be allowed to participate in the Chick Chain show and auction coming up this fall at the Blount County Fair.

July 4-H Field Day featuring Bryson Farms

This month, we will be taking a little field day to visit one of Blount County’s farms. Bryson Farms is an operation in Blountsville that grows pasture raised pork, longhorn cattle, and a variety of other creatures. We will visit the farm on July 15, and will meet at the location at 9:30 A.M. Mrs. Tracy Bryson will demonstrate how to soap out of lard that is rendered from her pasture raised pigs. After the demonstration, we will tour the farm and learn about the day to day operations. After the tour, we will go to Jim N’ Nicks barbeque in Cullman for lunch. It is a restaurant that buys local and serves pasture raised pork. (transportation will NOT be provided and you will be responsible for your own meal). Contact the office to RSVP or for more info!

4-H is a safe, welcoming place for kids to learn and belong. More than 400 young people participate in Blount County, Alabama.
The Northwest Alabama 4-H Congress was held on June 26th at Bevill State Community College in Sumiton, AL. It was made up of participants from Blount, Cullman, Fayette, Jefferson, Lamar, Marion, St. Clair, Walker and Winston Counties. The participating youth were made up of First and Second place winners from their county’s competitive events day. Blount County was well represented by four youth participating in four different categories. All of the Blount County 4-H’ers placed in their competitions. Congratulations to all of the winners!

**Blount County Winners**

**$15 CHALLENGE**

Abby Burgess was awarded Third Place in the $15 Challenge.

**BLOCKS ROCK**


**ALABAMA QUILTERS**

Makayla Bryant took home the First Place medal for the Alabama Quilters Competition.

**WHAT WOOD YOU BUILD**

Jensen Fallin was awarded First Place for his footstool in the Wood Working Competition.

4-H Volunteers are the backbone of 4-H programs. In 2013, 2,800 volunteers contributed $1.9 million in volunteer time to 4-H clubs and members. Consider volunteering today!
Summer Camp Fun!

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