Welcome to the New 4-H Year

“WELCOME BACK” to our previous 4-H members and “A BIG 4-H WELCOME” to our new 4-H members!!!

It’s a new year for our Cherokee County 4-H Program!!! We are so excited about the many new things we are offering this year and the new changes that are underway.

Please make sure to complete your Cherokee County 4-H Enrollment Form or enroll/re-enroll online by going to www.alabama4h.com and clicking “JOIN”.

If you are re-enrolling and provided us with an email address on your 4-H Enrollment Form from last year, you can click on “forgot my password” and it will send you a link to that email address and you can reset your password.

As always, if you have any questions or run into any problems, just give us a call at the Cherokee County Extension Office at 256-927-3250 or send Mrs. Mirandi an email at mrw0028@auburn.edu

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NEW 4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB

If interested in joining, please contact Mirandi Watson, 4-H Foundation REA at mrw0028@auburn.edu or 256-927-3250

Next Meeting:___________________

**Do you like being outdoors?**
**Do you want to become the ultimate outdoor explorer?**
**Would you like to learn about and participate in different outdoor adventures, such as hiking, backpacking, camping, or fishing?**

If you answered yes, then Cherokee County 4-H has the ultimate club for you! We are excited to announce our brand new 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club.

This club will learn about hiking, backpacking, camping, and fishing. They will also learn about being a good steward of our environment and various other environmental education related topics. The 4-H club will plan and take various outdoor trips to show off what they have learned.

This is a 4-H Special Interest Club. It is open to all kids, ages 9-19 (as of January 1, 2016) who live in or attend school in Cherokee County. 4-H members from adjoining counties are welcome to join this club, as long as their county does not already offer this type of 4-H Special Interest Club.

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1. Create something unique & original out of Lego’s or any other type of interlocking toy block.
2. DO NOT USE a kit!!!
3. Your creation can be as small as you want it to be, but it cannot be any larger than 18”x18”x18”.
4. You can have a little bit of help from an adult, but you must do ALL of the work yourself.
5. Tape a piece of paper or index card to your entry with your name, 4-H age category, grade, & teacher.

Here are the basic rules:

The Alabama Farm-City poster contest theme for 2015 is “Agriculture: Sustaining Future Generations.”

The poster contest is open to all Cherokee County youth in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. Posters are due to your teacher by Friday, Oct. 9th.

Here are the rules:
1. Posters must relate to the theme. The theme must be written on the poster and spelled correctly.
2. Poster should be horizontal.
3. The poster should be no larger than 28”x22” and no smaller than 14”x11”.
4. DO NOT glue anything to the front of the posters. Any flat medium may be used (such as pens, pencils, crayon, markers, watercolor, ink, or oil).
5. Complete a “Farm-City Poster Contest” entry form and attach it to the back of the poster with glue or tape. These forms may be obtained from your child’s teacher.

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Click on “BLOCKS ROCK” & then JUNIOR or SENIOR rules. (See the “4-H AGE CATEGORY FOR CONTESTS” article in this newsletter to find out if you are a JUNIOR or SENIOR.)

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FARM-CITY POSTER CONTEST DEADLINE OCTOBER 9TH

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4-H AGE CATEGORY FOR CONTESTS

It can get a little confusing when you are trying to determine your 4-H AGE CATEGORY for contests. Here is an easy way to learn: First, you will need to determine your 4-H Age! Your 4-H Age is what age you will be on January 1st of the 4-H year (Hint: The 4-H year runs from August to July). So what age will you be on January 1, 2016?

If you answered:
9, 10, or 11 you are a JUNIOR
12 or 13 you are an INTERMEDIATE
14, 15, or 16 you are a SENIOR I
17 or 18 you are a SENIOR II

Please make sure all of your contest entries are labeled with this information.

UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS

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!

ALABAMA 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Alabama 4-H is teaming up with the Alabama Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers for our 2015-2016 statewide 4-H community service project. Our Cherokee County 4-H members will be taking part in a supply drive to benefit our local Cherokee County Children’s Advocacy Center. The supply drive will run for the entire school year and help lessen the financial burden of our CAC.

Bring in the following items to your school for collection at each month’s 4-H Club meeting:

⇒ Crafts for play therapy (ex: construction paper, foam craft supplies or kits, sand art, jewelry making kits)
⇒ Paper towels/toilet paper
⇒ Hand Sanitizer/Hand Soap
⇒ Cleaning supplies
⇒ Copy paper
⇒ Books/Coloring Books
⇒ Individually wrapped snacks
⇒ Pens/pencils
⇒ USB Flash drives
⇒ Postage stamps
⇒ Gift Cards (gas/restaurants)

In April, we will be working with the Cherokee County CAC on a hands-on service project of their choosing, so stay tuned for information on this portion of our 4-H Community Service Project.

4-H CHICK CHAIN PROJECT SHOW & AUCTION - OCTOBER 3RD

Back in May our Cherokee County 4-H member received 18 1 day old baby chicks to raise for about 22 weeks. This was part of our Cherokee County 4-H Chick Chain Project. To complete this project, they will be showing and auctioning of three chicks of one breed at the 2015 Northeast Alabama 4-H Chick Chain Show & Auction.

4-H DAY AT THE U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER

Each year, 4-H members from across Alabama are invited to attend a 4-H Day at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville. On this day, 4-H members and their families can take advantage of a special discounted admission rate for them and their families to the center. In addition to this great rate, 4-H members and their families will also be treated to some fun & educational activities planned just for them.

This year’s 4-H Day at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center will take place on Saturday, October 10th. As the information becomes available it will be posted on our Cherokee County 4-H Facebook Page, Alabama 4-H Facebook Page, and our Alabama 4-H Website: www.alabama4h.com so be sure to check out those sites for more information.

This event will take place at the DeKalb County VFW Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 3rd. The show will start at 11 am and will last until about 1 pm. This will be followed by an awards ceremony at 2 pm and will end with the auction at 3 pm.

This event is open to the public and free to attend. The only cost will be admittance to the fair grounds, which generally runs about $3 per person.

Please come out and support these hard working 4-H members in this show & auction.
MEET OUR CHEROKEE COUNTY TEAM

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