Welcome Nikki Cornelison!!!

Our new 4-H & Youth Development Agent

Please welcome Nikki Cornelison!!! Nikki is the new Regional Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development in Madison and Jackson Counties. She will be coordinating Junior Master Gardener, Livestock Clubs, Chick Chain, and Operation Military Kids along with many other programs. Nikki is a former middle school teacher who was raised on a small farm in New Hope, Alabama.

She attended New Hope School and Athens State University. Nikki enjoys teaching children, learning new things, and being in the outdoors... which is why 4-H is so exciting to her! Some of her outdoor hobbies includes hiking, hunting, fishing, and visiting interesting new places.

She lives in New Hope with her husband, Robert. They have two sons, Brody and Brantley (future 4-H'ers), an Australian Shepherd named Rayna, and a cat named Kitty.

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4-H Club Meeting Links will now be posted on our Madison County Website!!!!!!

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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Calendar:

February 7-9  Mid-Winter Teen Leadership Retreat
February 8-9  4-H Senior Achievement Interviews & Awards
February (YMD) 4-H Basketball Day (Auburn)
February (YMD) Photography / The World I See (Regular)
February (YMD) Photography / The World I Imagine (Edited)
February (YMD) Videography

YMD = Your Meeting Date (or as planned)

Due in March
March (YMD) Dairy Poster
March 4 Chick Chain Registration Deadline

Don’t forget
All Contest Guidelines may be found in our Madison County 4-H Website

http://www.aces.edu/counties/madison/4-h

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Madison County 4-H Clubs (Alabama)
www.facebook.com/madisoncounty4h

Madison County Alabama 4-H
www.youtube.com/madisoncounty4h

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DAIRY POSTER CONTEST

GOT MILK! The Dairy Poster Contest is coming up!!! It provides an opportunity for boys and girls to learn more about milk, milk products and milk production. We would like youth to do a little research to bring their main points across on a poster.

Learn more about the dairy industry and dairy products. Enjoy a competition with other boys and girls in local, county and state. Plus… win valuable prizes!!!

This year’s theme is “DAIRY PACKS POWER”. Any Alabama 4-H member between the ages of 9 and 19 may participate. Check out our Madison County 4-H page for MOOOORE details.

Chick Chain 2014

Do you have what it takes to raise your own chicks? The 4-H Chick Chain project is designed to teach 4-H members recommended management practices for growing and raising chickens. You will receive 18 chicks in May.

You will raise all the chicks at your home then bring 5 chickens of your choice to show and auction at the Jackson County Fair in October. The rest are yours to keep for egg production.

Registration ends March 4th!! You may find more information on our Madison County website or contact Nikki Cornelison at 256-532-1578 for more details.

January 4-H Live Meeting Broadcast from Lynn Fanning Elementary

Connect to this month’s meetings online. Last month’s meeting at Lynn Fanning Elementary was a success. 4-H’ers had the opportunity to participate live and provide feedback during the “Stranger Danger” lesson of the month. If you missed either of our last two uplinks you can view them at the links on our webpage at your convenience. It is imperative that teachers and volunteers have their class/club watch every lesson.

Plus, you don’t want to miss any announcements on upcoming programs and fun events.

February 12th club meeting was cancelled due to winter weather. New date will be coming soon!!

To join a meeting, simply follow these instructions
- Go to the provided link (give it a moment to open)
- Type in your Club’s name (It may be your school and teacher’s name)
- You’re Connected!

During the November club recorded playback you may watch the video lesson of the month (internet safety) on our YouTube channel at this URL
http://www.youtube.com/madisoncountyal4h
4-H Summer Camp

One thing to really look forward to after this crazy weather is the Summer!! We want to remind you of this awesome event. 4-H Summer Camp 2014 has a variety of activities that help 4-H’ers develop important life skills in a safe environment. You will enjoy fun and exciting activities such as archery, waterfront, canoeing, swimming, a giant swing, wall climbing and clover hop, just to name a few. You will receive comfortable lodging, great meals, fun-filled activities and a summer camp t-shirt.

This event will take place at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana, AL on June 9-11, 2014. You’ll find registration information at our Madison 4-H website.

Photography / Videography

Do you want to show your creativity through a lens? The World I Imagine, The World I See and Videography are three awesome opportunities where you can show off your skills.

The World I Imagine is altered or edited photography that with the help of a good photograph and image software, it can take you to amazing places. On the other hand, in The World I See competition, you will capture the natural beauty of things. The Videography contest is designed to increase 4-H’ers interest in filming and videography.

If you’re interested in participating in any of these three competitive events, check out our rules and guidelines on the contest list, rules & guidelines tab in our website.

Grab a camera and let the creativity begin!!!

4-H Summer Tour - 12 & older

For this year’s 4-H Summer Enrichment Tour you have the opportunity to learn about the history of our country Washington D.C. and Williamsburg, VA. Some of the activities will include a visit to the home of the Thomas Jefferson, Monticello, the White House, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Museum, a show at the Kennedy Center, Busch Gardens and the World War II, Vietnam War, Korean War and Lincoln Memorials among others.

You can now download the application on our Madison County 4-H website and return to the Jackson County address. All North Alabama counties are invited. Therefore, reserve your seat now!
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We’re on the web!!
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Facebook: Madison County 4-H Clubs (Alabama)
YouTube: Madison County 4-H Alabama

4-H CORNER
THIS MONTH’S FAVORITE THINGS

**Movie**
Mr. Harris: Ride Along
Mrs. Cornelison: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

**TV Show**
Mr. Harris: Shark Tank
Mrs. Cornelison: The Walking Dead

**Song**
Mr. Harris: Happy (*Pharrell Williams*)
Mrs. Cornelison: Up All Night (*Jon Pardi*)

**Restaurant**
Mr. Harris: Bonefish Grill
Mrs. Cornelison: Landry’s