Dale County 4-H Handbook 2015-16
4-H Club Information

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4-H Club Name__________________________________________

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Vice-President__________________________________________

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Dale County Extension Office/Dale County 4-H

You've Joined 4-H........

WHAT NEXT???
What can 4-H do for you?

4-H RECOGNITION—AWARDS

Club Events
County Events
Regional Round-Up
State Competitive Event Day (Sr. Level only)
Club Officers
Outstanding 4-H Members
Achievement Awards

Age Divisions
Juniors: 9-11
Intermediate: 12-13
Senior I: 14-15
Senior II: 16-18

Leadership Opportunities

Dale County 4-H Youth Council (Age 10 and older)
Mid-Winter Leadership Conference (Senior I and II Members)
CAF- Citizenship Alabama Focus (Senior I and Senior II Members)
National 4-H Congress (Senior II Members)
National 4-H Conference (Senior II Members)

4-H Camps

Summer Camp—June
Spring Break Day Camp—March
**PROJECTS**

- Dale County Quilters
- Blocks Rock
- Chicken Que
- eXtreme Birdhouse
- Freestyle Showcase
- Have I Got A Story
- Healthy Living For Life
- Project Green Thumb
- Speak Up Alabama
- The World I See
- What Wood U Build

**4-H Events**

- Baked Foods Competition
- Chick Chain Project
- Christmas Ornament
- Dairy Foods Competition
- Dairy Poster Contest
- Dale County Livestock Events
- Farm-City Poster Contest
- Natural Resources Poster Contest
- Spring Break Day Camp
- 4-H Summer Camp

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Baked Foods Competition
- Chick Chain Project
- Christmas Ornament
- Dairy Foods Competition
- Dairy Poster Contest
- Dale County Livestock Events
- Farm-City Poster Contest
- Natural Resources Poster Contest
- Spring Break Day Camp
- 4-H Summer Camp

**Parents Can Help!**

Successful 4-H members have the interest and support of their parents. Here are some ways you can help.

- Learn more about 4-H by visiting our website!
- Find out what projects your child has selected and encourage them.
- Encourage them to participate in 4-H events. Help your child see progress and what was learned, not just the end result.

**Help from the Dale County 4-H Team**

If you are having problems or just need some direction in your project, contact the Dale County Extension Office. We will be happy to assist you! You can contact us at 334-774-2329 or baldwds@aces.edu or thompab@aces.edu
## Dale County 4-H Clubs

### 2015-16 Calendar of Events

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<td>Visit schools to meet with principals and adult leaders to schedule 4-H meetings</td>
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<td>July 31- Alabama 4-H Competitive Day, 4-H Center</td>
<td>Program: Club organization, election of officers and 4-H enrollment</td>
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<td>“Straw Rockets” 5th &amp; 6th Grade</td>
<td>November Project Due: Dairy Foods and Christmas Ornament</td>
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### February
**Local:**
- Club Meetings
- Program: “Skins ‘N Skulls”
- February Projects Due: Natural Resources Poster and Public Speaking

**County Events:**
- Baked Foods, Dairy Foods and Public Speaking Competitions

**State Event:**
- Mid-Winter Teen Leadership Conference-AL 4-H Center

### March
**Local:**
- Club Meetings
- Program: “Buggo Bingo”
- March Projects Due: Dale County Quilters and Dairy Poster

**County Events:**
- Dale County 4-H/FFA Steer and Heifer Show
- Blocks Rock, Chicken Que and eXtreme Birdhouse Competitions
- Spring Break Day Camp

**State Event:**
- Alabama Junior Beef Expo-Montgomery

### April
**Local:**
- Club Meetings
- Program: Awards Program

### May
**Local:**
- Practice Sessions for Regional Round-Up Competitions

### June
**Regional Event:**
- Regional Round-Up: June, Troy University

**State Event:**
- Summer Camp: June, 4-H Center

### July
**State Event:**
- State 4-H Horse Show- Garrett Coliseum, Montgomery
- AJCA Round Up- Garrett Coliseum, Montgomery

*All projects and monthly programs are subject to change.*
The History of 4-H

4-H came to Alabama in 1909, so it has been around more than 100 years! The original name was not 4-H, but was Corn and Tomato Clubs. There were Corn Clubs for boys to learn how to better grow corn and Tomato Clubs for girls to learn to grow better tomatoes and have a canning competition.

In 1914 Congress passed a law that created the Extension Service. The old Corn and Tomato Clubs became a part of Extension. They combined the boys and girls into one club called 4-H. Today, there are nearly 5 million 4-H members in the United States. Every state has 4-H and there are even 4-H clubs in different countries all around the world!

In Alabama, over 50,000 youth are members of their local 4-H Club. Here in Dale County there are about 700 4-H’ers enrolled each year.

4-H clubs are part of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES). 4-H is an age-old organization that has been proven to be an outstanding learning experience with hands on learning styles. 4-H truly has something for everyone and ….

If it isn’t fun- it isn’t 4-H!
4-H Pledge

I pledge:
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service and
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community,
My country and my world.

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