



# Franklin County 4-H Bulletin

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## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: OCT. 3-9, 2010



The Franklin County 4-H Office celebrated National 4-H Week October 3-9, 2010 with a reception in the lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse. A 4-H exhibit was on display, 4-H handouts were available and refreshments were served. We heard from many adults who reminisced about being a former 4-Her and how much it meant to them.

### GREASED PIG SCRAMBLE CONTEST WINNERS:



#### 9 yr olds

- 1-Ben Hartzog, Rogers 4th grade
- 2-Blake Hartzog, Rogers 4th grade
- 3-Avery Glover, Rogers 4th grade

#### 10 yr olds

- 1-Santana Davis, Cloverdale 5th grade
- 2-Maggie Williams, RE Thompson
- 3-Katie Davis, RE Thompson

#### 11 yr olds, 12 yr old girls

- 1-Justin Roberts, New Bethel

#### 2-Rayne Uptain, Tharptown

- 3-Baylee Marks, Brooks 5th grade

#### 12 yr old boys, 13 and up

- 1-Hunter Hudson, Brooks 9th grade
- 2-Jon Owens, Hatton
- 3-William Lovelady, Central 8th



### RADON POSTER WINNERS:

#### Junior Division:

- 1st:** Jessica Wilson, TES
- 2nd:** Brooke Brown-Vina
- 3rd:** Kacie Fleming-Masters  
Hand Christian School
- Honorable Mention:** Hunter  
Swinney-West Elementary

#### Intermediate Division:

- 1st:** Clay Hodge, THS
- 2nd:** Carmen Sanchez, Belgreen

*Congratulations to all of you!*

### 4-H County Council

#### Meeting:

Monday, October 25th &  
Tuesday, November 9 @  
6:00 PM- Courthouse Base-  
ment

The 4-H County Council is a group of 4-H officers that meet once a month to make decisions about upcoming events and help with community service events. Any 4-Her is welcome. You do not have to be an officer to come and be a part of the fun!

# 2010 FARM-CITY CONTESTS

## Theme: "Agriculture—A Growing Story"

### Poster Contest Guidelines

(For grades K-6 only)

2 divisions: K-3rd Grade

4th-6th Grade

1. Posters must be horizontal, no smaller than 11x14, no larger than 22x28.
2. Design and draw a poster with artwork related to the theme: "**Agriculture—A Growing Story**"  
\*\*\*Put the theme on the poster!\*\*\*
3. Do not use computer graphics. Pen, pencil, crayon, watercolor, ink, and oil can all be used for your artwork.
4. Do not glue anything to your poster.
5. Fill out the Poster Information Form and attach the sheet to the back of the poster. To get form go to: [www.alfafarmers.org/pdfs/2010\\_poster\\_form.pdf](http://www.alfafarmers.org/pdfs/2010_poster_form.pdf).
6. Turn in your poster to your teacher by **Tuesday, November 9, 2010.**
7. All posters will be on display at the Franklin County Courthouse starting November 22-Dec. 3, 2010.

**Note:** Your poster will be judged on how well it relates to the theme, creativity, originality, and neatness!

### Awards

- All posters will receive a participation ribbon and certificate.
- Posters in each division will be judged for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.
- First place winning classroom teacher in each category will receive an award of \$25.00
- First place winner's poster in each category will be sent to the Farm-City Committee in Montgomery where they will be judged at the State level.
- The top 12-14 designs in the state will be put into a calendar that will be distributed throughout the state.

### Essay Contest Guidelines

(For grades 7-12 only)

2 divisions: 7th-9th grade

10th-12th grade

1. Requirements: 500-1,000 words, typed, double-spaced, 8.5X11 white paper.
2. Must use theme: "**Agriculture—A Growing Story**"
3. Fill out Essay Information Form and attach to your essay. To get form go to: [www.alfafarmers.org/pdfs/2010\\_essay\\_form.pdf](http://www.alfafarmers.org/pdfs/2010_essay_form.pdf)
4. Essays must be turned in to your teacher by **Tuesday, November 9, 2010.**

Essays will be judged on the following:

#### Content Title

\* Topic Sentence \* Sticking to the topic \* Accuracy of information \* Supporting Details \* Appearance \* Originality \* Reader Appeal

#### Mechanics

\* Grammar \* Punctuation \* Sentence Structure \* Capitalization \* Spelling

#### Organization

\* Clarity \* Flow of material \* Conclusion

### Awards

- All essays will receive a participation ribbon & certificate
- Essays in each category will be judged for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.
- First place winning classroom teacher in each category will receive \$25.00
- First place winner's essay in each category will be sent to the Farm-city Committee in Montgomery where they will be judged at the State level.

## 4-H PEANUT ESSAY CONTEST



### 2010 Topic: “Peanuts: From our Fields...To your Table”

**Objectives:**

- To help 4-H members become aware of the importance of peanuts and the important contribution they make to mankind.
- To stimulate interest in peanuts
- To develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that will be useful in later life.

**Who Can Participate:**

Any active 4-H club member.

**Requirements for Participation:**

- Each members participating must write an essay on the subject designated each year by the Peanut Essay Committee.
- This year’s topic is “Peanuts: From our Fields...To your Table”.
- The same topic will be used for both the junior and senior divisions.
- The County level essays may be handwritten.
- Essays must be typed for State competition.

**Length of Essay:**

- Junior Division—500-750 words in length
- Senior Division—750-1000 words in length

**Peanut Essays are due at your November Club Meeting**

(See your 4-H Leader for meeting date)



## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CONTEST

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Create your own ornament by using your own ideas and design, painting or assembling.
- Cannot be an ornament that you have not decorated or created. Must be non-breakable
- Do not use any copyrighted characters such as Garfield, Peanuts, Snoopy, Mickey Mouse, etc.
- The Ornament can be 4-H. (Not required)
- Some examples of an ornament are:
  - Create an ornament and put a picture in it/on it.
  - Solid colored ornament then paint or create design on it.
  - Buy an ornament that is not painted (plain) paint it. (Example Santa, Snowman, etc.)
  - Go on line and use the 4-H Logo. Do not alter (make changes) to the 4-H logo

**Ornaments are due December 2, 2010**



## 4-H T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Here is a chance to show off your creative ideas. We are giving our Franklin County 4-H’ers a chance to create a design to be used for a t-shirt. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive a free t-shirt with their design printed on the shirt. This design will also be used on Franklin County 4-H t-shirts for 2010-2011. 4-H t-shirts will be sold at all 4-H events. The cost will be \$8.00 per shirt.

**Instructions:**

1. Use a clean sheet of paper for your t-shirt design.
2. Use your ideas for colors and design
3. Do not use any copyrighted characters such as Garfield, Peanuts, Snoopy, etc. Do not alter the 4-H logo.
4. You can use a theme for your t-shirt. Some ideas are:
  - “I Love Franklin County 4-H”, “Discover the Magic of 4-H, Head, Heart, Hands, Health”, “4-H..for Youth, for Life”, “To Make the Best Better”

**T-Shirt Designs are due December 2, 2010**



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## FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H

Alabama 4-H....  
for youth, for life!

We're on the Web!  
[www.aces.edu/4h](http://www.aces.edu/4h)

### 4-H HISTORY

4-H in Alabama began in 1908 with boy's corn clubs in Calhoun and Tuscaloosa counties and three years later, girl's tomato canning clubs. Youth programs in Alabama can be traced back to the early 1900s boll weevil crop devastation. Seaman Knapp, who would later serve as president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) came to Alabama in 1902. He began work as a U.S. Department of Agriculture farm agent, demonstrating improved agriculture methods around the South. By 1904, Knapp was studying the work of legendary scientists **Booker T. Washington** and **George Washington Carver**.

In 1906, **Thomas M. Campbell** was appointed the first Alabama-based extension agent. He was hired by the USDA Office of Cooperative Demonstration to assist black farmers, and used the Jesup Wagon, a movable school of agriculture, to spread the knowledge of better farming and home life to Alabama farmers.

Agents quickly learned that adults were resistant to changes in farming practices, but children were more eager. The idea of teaching children, who in turn teach others, was born and is still in existence today as 4-H.

### ALABAMA 4-H TODAY

More than 58,000 Alabama youth statewide participate in a variety of educational programs to learn belonging, independence, generosity and mastery. The focus of 4-H is using educational programs to encourage youth to become productive citizens with positive character and leadership skills.

The mission of 4-H is to serve all youth, especially those in urban and rural areas who are at a disadvantage because of life's circumstances. At the heart of Alabama 4-H's curricula is the belief that programs must instill life-development skills. No matter the subject, 4-H instructs youth in character values needed to be productive citizens. Alabama 4-H also teaches leadership skills through its commitment to positive youth development.

## START YOUR OWN 4-H CLUB

Clubs are one of the most popular aspects of the 4-H Youth Development Program. While today's 4-H offers many options for young people, clubs provide opportunities for them to get together to learn by doing, make new friends, and develop teamwork and leadership skills.



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What Kind of Club Could We Have? Clubs can be either general 4-H clubs or they can focus on interest topics, such as the environment, pets, photography, or other 4-H subject areas.

They can be organized in a variety of ways:

**Neighborhood Club**—Youth & families in the same neighborhood

**Community Club**—Youth and families in the same or nearby communities

**Child Care Program**—Kids in the same daycare or afterschool program

**Interest or Project Club**—Young people who want to learn about a specific interest or project

**Cloverbuds**—Families who live close together and have children ages 5 to 8

**Community Service Club**—Youth who want to concentrate on doing community service projects in their communities, schools, etc.

**Church Group**—Families and youth who attend the same church

**Home School Group**—Families who educate their children at home

**Virtual Club**—Kids and families who form a club through online computing

**Other**—Any group of youth who want to come together to form a club

**Think of All the Possibilities!**

**Get Together to Have Fun and Learn!**

**Be Creative!**

4-H groups can operate in virtually any way that meets the needs of kids as long as positive youth development is the foundation of the club.

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