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4-H 101

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

4-H is about young people making new friends and memories while preparing to be future leaders. 4-H is the largest youth development program for boys and girls ages 9-19. It is a world wide youth development program available in every state and every county and is open to all.

Who conducts 4-H?

The Franklin County 4-H Program is conducted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System which consist of Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities. The Franklin County Program is directed by Kathy T. Borden, Agent Assistant.

What does it cost to join 4-H?

Franklin County 4-H has no membership fees or required uniforms. There may be a minimum cost for some 4-H activities or events.

What are 4-H Projects?

Projects are challenging planned courses of study centered around a specific study. Hands on, learning by doing involvement is the most important aspect of a 4-H project. 4-H projects are worked on at home with parents or other family members who can help. The 4-H offices may offer nights to meet to work on other projects of interest.

Monthly projects along with the rules and guidelines will be listed in the monthly newsletter. So re-

member to take your newsletter home to see what project you would like to work on. 4-H projects will be turned in at school during your monthly 4-H meeting. 4-H projects will be judged for county 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards or a special meeting may be held for you to bring your projects for judging on a week night in the evening. This year (2010-2011) we will honor a "4-H Teacher/Leader of the Year" and a "4-H'er of the Year",

How Often Do We Meet?

4-H clubs meet during the months of September, October, November, January, February and March.

4-H Motto: "To Make the Best Better"—The goal of each 4-H members is improving knowledge and skills through 4-H project work and building better clubs and community through community service.

4-H Colors: Green & White--

White symbolizes purity and high ideals. The green—nature's most prominent color symbolizes life and youth.

4-H Name & Emblem: The 4-H Youth Development Program is represented by a popular, recognizable image. The official emblem of 4-H consists of a green 4-leaf clover with a right turned stem and the letter "H" in white or gold on each leaflet. The text, 18 U.S.C. 707, appears with the emblem. The Secretary of the United States Department of Agricul-

ture holds the name and emblem in trust for the educational and character-building purposes of the 4-H program. The 4-H name and emblem are created and protected by Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 707 (18 U.S.C. 707), similar to the White House and Presidential Seals. Therefore, it may only be used as authorized by the statute, regulations and guidelines, and according to the authorization of the Secretary of designated representative.

For more detailed information on the use of the name and emblem, see the section under Additional forms and Information and contact your county 4-H Agent. The statute, regulations guidelines and information can also be found at

<http://www.national4-headquarters.gov>.

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.

The 4-H Pledge summarizes 4-H as the 4-fold development of youth through the Head, Heart, Hands and Health. Delegates to the 1927 National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C adopted the pledge. The phrase, "my World" was added to the pledge in 1973.

4-H County

Council: 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 REGIONAL CONGRESS & STATE COMPETITIVE DAY PARTICIPANTS & WINNERS

REGIONAL CONGRESS

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Junior Division</u>
Freestyle Showcase	William Holt
Freestyle Demonstration	Austin Berry
Chef 4-H	Courtney Smith
Speak Up Alabama	Anna Brook Garrison (1st place)
The World I Imagine	Victoria Welton
\$15 Challenge	Breanna Weeks
Alabama Quilters	Christalynn Jones
Blocks Rock	Ethen Mobly
eXtreme Birdhouse	Justin Baker

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Intermediate Division</u>
Freestyle Demonstration	Tyler McDonald (2nd place)
Lawn Tractor	Jacob Murray
The World I Imagine	Clay Hodge
\$15 Challenge	Courtney Baker (1st place)
Blocks Rock	Kandice Price
eXtreme Birdhouse	Kaitlynn Lucas

STATE COMPETITIVE DAY

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Senior I Division</u>
Speak Up Alabama	Mariah Hodge (2nd place)
Speak Up Alabama	Leanell Hill (Honorable Mention)
The World I Imagine	Dale Porter (1st place)
\$15 Challenge	Kaitlyn Stanfield (2nd place)

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Senior II Division</u>
Freestyle Showcase	Kayla Herring (5th place)
Healthy Living for Life	Chastalynn Chaney (Hon. Mention)
Lawn Tractor	Tommy Murray (2nd place)
Speak Up Alabama	Lori Metcalf (Hon. Mention)
Speak Up Alabama	Shelby Smith (Hon. Mention)



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 3-9, 2010

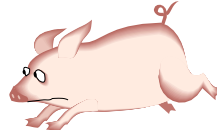


Here are some ways to tell others about 4-H:

- *Wear your 4-H shirt to events.
- *Put up display boards and posters about 4-H around the community.
- *Decorate your driveway. Make works of art with sidewalk chalk.
- *Visit a classroom at your school or Sunday school class and 'advertise' 4-H!
- *Paint the windows in area business (don't forget to ask first)

- *Take goodies to a 4-H supporter or trophy sponsor
- *Create a button that says "Ask me about 4-H"
- *Be a spokesperson - tell your family and friends about 4-H.
- *Participate! Celebrate! Have Fun!

North Alabama State Fair Greased Pig Scramble



Sunday
Sept. 26—2 PM

1st place—\$50

2nd place—\$25

3rd place—\$12

Rules and Regulations:

1. The Greased Pig Scramble is open to registered 4-H and FFA club members from Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, and Lawrence counties, as well as neighboring counties in Tennessee and Mississippi. A completed entry form must be submitted no later than September 15, 2010. Mail to **Janet Lovelady, Lauderdale County Extension Office, 802 Veterans Drive, Florence, AL, 35630** or fax to **(256) 718-2049**. Late entries and on-site entries will not be accepted. **Please see Mrs. Borden for an entry form** or you may pick one up at the Franklin County Extension Office.
2. Participants must be between the ages of 9 and 19 (but not a high school graduate) as of the day of the scramble. There will be 4 age divisions: 9-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-19. Prizes will be awarded in each age division.
3. Each club member must have a minor's release form for the Greased Pig Scramble signed by a parent/guardian before participating. You can find the release form at www.northalabamastatefair.org. Forms will be available at the event also.
4. Club members, along with his/her parent, agent or advisor, must check in at the (North Alabama State Fairgrounds (NASF) by **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 26**.
5. The Greased Pig Scramble will be refereed by a select group of 3 or more. All decisions by the referees are final.
6. Undue roughness toward animals by participants will not be tolerated by the referees. Referees may automatically disqualify participants for poor sportsmanship.
7. The North Alabama State Fair Greased Pig Committee, The Lauderdale County Extension Office, and sponsoring agencies will not be responsible for any accidents connected with this event.

2010 RADON POSTER CONTEST

Franklin County is one of 15 counties in the state of Alabama with a high concentration of radon. Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can kill. The Surgeon General list it as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. This radioactive element moves through the ground to the surface, and can easily enter homes and buildings.

Goal of the Radon Poster Contest::

Raise Awareness

Harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas are a problem. The solution is to reduce the number of homes with elevated levels of radon. This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

Radon Poster Requirements:

- Age requirements: youth ages 9-14
- Poster size: 14"x22" horizontally

- Use one of the following poster topics: **What is Radon? Where does radon come from? How does radon get into our homes? Radon can cause lung cancer. Test your home for radon.**

- Be original
- Poster must include a title on the front
- Name, address, phone, grade, school & teacher **must** be on back of poster
- Topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form
- Can use crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs or computer graphics
- Do not use copyrighted characters, products logos, trademarked or brand names

- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased

Posters will be judged on:

- ✓ Content accuracy
- ✓ Visual communication of topic
- ✓ Reproducibility
- ✓ Originality

Posters will be judged at the county level for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. First place winners poster will be sent to Auburn to be judged at the State level.

Radon posters are due at your school on **Friday, September 24, 2010** or at the 4-H Office by Tuesday, September 28, 2010. **We will not make second or third trips to pick up posters!**



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FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H

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for youth, for life!*

We're on the Web!
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.

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.

For more information contact

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