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4-H Clover Classroom 2011

In July, young people, ages 9-14, participated in a variety of activities that combined learning with fun. This year, St. Clair county's 6th annual 4-H Clover Classroom offered choices in food preparation, hobbies and sports for each of the two hundred 4-H'ers that attended.

There was lots of cooking starting with the Beginner class that taught the basics of food safety, measuring, and cooking. The participants put that knowledge to use by preparing, serving and sharing a complete meal. Other cooking class favorites included eating Dirt Dessert in Fun with Healthy Snacks and making molded candies in Candy 101. One of the most popular cooking classes was Frosting Fun where 4-H'ers learned about frosting and fondant while actually decorating their own cakes. New this year was the Cooking Around the World workshop where meals from China, France, Italy and Mexico were prepared and sampled by all.

Those who enjoy art learned to paint like Van Gogh in Kids on Canvas, created needlework projects in Cross Stitching and showed their creativity while preserving memories in Scrapbooking. Participants in the outdoor activities learned to cast and catch fish in Sportfishing and how to hit the bulls-eye in Archery. Our last activity was the Auburn Road Trip that included a campus tour, visits with state 4-H and Extension staff, and pictures with Aubie, AU's lovable mascot!

Once again, the Clover Classroom program has been a great success. Comments written by the participants are filled with the words "like," "love," "fun," and "I learned how to." Many are making plans to attend next year. If your child is interested in participating next year, please check our website next spring for more details or call and request that your name be added to our *Extension Newsletter* mailing list, which will include information about the Classroom as it becomes available. Join the fun!

4-H Clover Classroom is made possible by contributions from the community and the volunteers who work with our young people. We would like to give a HUGE thanks to this year's sponsor, the St. Clair County Commission, for their generous support. Thanks also to Moody High School, St. Clair County High School, and Ashville Middle School for the use of their wonderful facilities and to the eighty five adult and youth volunteers who shared their time and knowledge. For more information about the St. Clair County 4-H Clover Classroom, please contact Chris Thomas, 4-H Agent Assistant or Lee Ann Clark, County Extension Coordinator at the St. Clair county Extension office at (205) 338-9416.



Abby, Sarah, Rebecca, Eden, Caitlynn, and Braxton prepared Chinese food in the Cooking Around the World Kids Cooking Camp



Estelle, Ryan and Gabby crop and glue their photos in the Scrapbooking workshop



Aubie is always a crowd pleaser on the AU Road Trip!