



Just In! – From Alabama 4-H
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4-H State Council Meeting

January 4 – 6
4-H Center, Columbiana
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**Choctaw County Creative Cookers
Cook Up More than Food**



Creative Cookers is a new 4-H club in Choctaw County whose Volunteer leaders are two grandmothers and a great aunt. One grandmother, Lavern Utsey, was named the *Choctaw Advocate Sun's Cook of the Year*. The club got off to a great start of community service by providing an extreme make-over to the county Extension office. During the second meeting, the Creative Cookers made and decorated oatmeal cookies-on-a-stick and learned the proper way to measure dry and liquid ingredients. This group can't wait to enter the Chef 4-H competition next spring.

The Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Participate in professional development, share new ideas, and gain new experiences. Open to any Extension academic employee who has an interest in young people.

Dues are \$85.00 and can be sent to Bridgett Helms, County Agent in Jefferson County.



Shelby County Volunteer Tells a Goat Story

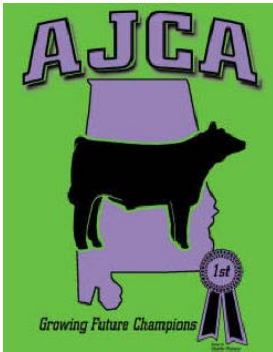


In October, the Bibb County Pre-School and Head Start Programs were visited by Shelby County 4-H Volunteer Vickie Letlow, her daughter Rebecca, and their goat W.D. Mrs. Letlow read a book that she wrote about W.D. Mrs. Letlow wrote the book during the 2007 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference and wanted to share it with the youth in Bibb County. Other books written by youth and adults during the 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference were also donated to the young readers.

Pumpkins and Thumpin' in Cherokee County

This fall, Cherokee County held workshops in pumpkin carving and drum making – just in time for Halloween.





AJCA T-Shirt Design Contest
Deadline for Entries is January 15, 2008


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Senior 4-H Leadership Team Makes Regional Congress a Success



Fifteen 4-H members from the Urban/Suburban and Bankhead Regions teamed up with volunteers to help make the 2007 Northwest Alabama Regional 4-H Congress a great success. Over 30 volunteers served as facilitators or judges for the various events. Other volunteers assisted with registration and set-up. In addition to planning the regional congress, the leadership team facilitated events, assisted with registration, and led the other 4-H'ers in workshops.

This was the second year the 4-H leadership team assisted with Regional Congress. They put a lot of hard work into making it a memorable event and they make everyone in the region proud of their accomplishment.




The Alabama 4-H Wall of Fame is accepting nominations. The Wall of Fame will recognize individuals and organizations that have had an impact on 4-H. For info, contact Betty Gottler: gottlte@auburn.edu

Happy Howl'oween Pups on Parade in Lee County



4-H Regional Extension Agents Candie Glover (Macon & Montgomery Counties) and Kirsten Holt (Chambers, Lee and Tallapoosa Counties) along with volunteers Gen Clark and Joanna Booker participated in the Howl'oween Pet Parade in Opelika. Plenty of doggie treats were on hand to give out to the pups on parade as they strutted down Main Street. The event served as a fund-raiser for Rescue K-911, an organization dedicated to the rescue of lost and homeless animals. In attendance were over 100 dogs with their owners and families. Each dog dressed as a different "H": Head; Heart; Hands and Health.



Absolutely Best-Ever 4-H Volunteer & Parent Forum
February 22- 24
Alabama 4-H Center

Keep Your County's 4-H Volunteers On-Target.

<http://www.aces.edu/fourh/volunteers/>
Go to: **Volunteer Leader Events**

Making an Environmental Difference in Baldwin County



Baldwin County Volunteers participated in a two-day training workshop for the Master Environmental Education (MEE) Program at Weeks Bay Reserve in Fairhope. Volunteers share their time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm with students in 2nd – 12th grades in public and private schools. They address some of the most critical environmental issues currently facing Baldwin County. Crystal Oates, ACES Agent Assistant, coordinates this program.

Making Those Connections



The President of the Choctaw County Women's Committee of the Farmer's Federation saw a newspaper article about *Betty May's Sewing Sensations 4-H Club* fashion show and asked if her group could co-sponsor this year's fashion show. The Farmer's Federation has a commodity conference and hosts a fashion show/contest for cotton fabrics during their luncheon, with contestants modeling their creations. Sewing techniques are judged prior to the event.

Moving Toward the Future with Robotics in Sumter County



At the Bell-Brown Career Tech School in Sumter County, 4-H volunteer Al Williams teaches electronics to senior high youth. Al is starting a robotics in-school club which will allow young people to develop skills for today's fast-paced, changing world of technology. Al and REA David Perry are hoping that this experience will enable them to host summer Robotics Day Camps which allow an array of participants to have hands-on experiences with technology and may serve as a career stepping stone.

5th H 4-H Home School Kick-Off!



The Eastern Shore 5th H 4-H Home School Club in Baldwin County recently held its new year kick-off meeting. Over 40 youth and 30 parents attended the meeting at the Daphne Recreation Center. The club also includes a Clover Bud group led by a parent volunteer. The meeting was opened by the club officers and parliamentary procedure. Returning 4-H members presented a short skit in a "newscast" form about premiere 4-H trips, events and activities. This was done to share with new, potential members all the opportunities the Alabama 4-H Program offers. The meeting concluded with the club parent volunteer presenting information on Junior and Senior Achievement Awards.

From the 4-H REA and State Staff December Meeting

When the 4-H Regional Agents and State Staff get together, they always work very hard, but they also find enjoyable aspects of team-building.



Candie and Cindy admire their handiwork: David the Red-Nosed Christmas Tree.



Lamar holds on to his Dirty Santa present...for a little while.



Kim shows her artistic side. Tony looks stylish in green.



Ester's getting in the Christmas spirit.

Perry County's 4-Leaf-Clover Club



The American Red Cross sponsored a "Be Ready Perry County" expo in October. Events

included health screenings, a disaster drill, tornado simulator, poster contest, and Red Cross fund raiser. The Perry County 4-Leaf-Clover Club assisted by selling hotdogs and water. Contributions went to the Perry County American Red Cross.

Something Great is Growing in Monroe County



The Monroe County Learning Enrichment Program (3rd- 8th graders) is participating in the Junior Master Gardener Program in conjunction with 4-H. JMG provides horticultural and environmental science education, and leadership and life skills. The program helps young people become good gardeners and good citizens. With the help of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, a complete outdoor classroom has been developed for MCLE students. The classroom provides hands-on, outdoor learning opportunities and includes raised bed gardens and a vegetable garden in which young people planted radishes, turnips and collard greens, and an amphitheater including benches and a podium. Produce will be donated to local senior centers.



Stuff You Need To Know The January 4-H PPT Meeting



January 22 – January 25, 2008
Alabama 4-H Center

Open to everyone in the Alabama 4-H PPT. Info on exciting new programs, events and opportunities. If you want to grow as an Extension professional, stay informed on the latest in 4-H, get free resources, and have fun with pleasant and interesting people, be there!

Begins Tuesday, January 22, with lunch at noon
Ends on Friday, January 25, at 11:00 AM

Call **205-669-4241** now to reserve a room for you and your roommates.

Get your hands on the newest program materials & get supplies

- ♦ Alabama 4-H in the War on Hunger
- ♦ Renewable Energy Kits
- ♦ Junior Master Gardener Activities
- ♦ Skins and Skulls
- ♦ Just Move! Teacher Resources

Be Part of a Great National Experience

- ♦ Working the BIG M into everything you do
- ♦ National Resources to promote 4-H in your community

Be the First-to-Know about New 4-H Events and Updates

- ♦ 2008-09 Contests
- ♦ Youth Adult Partnership Training
- ♦ Livestock Programs and Youth Development

Grow as a Professional

- ♦ Get ideas from your peers during the Share Fair
- ♦ Learn about the Facebook phenomenon

And Visit Your New Alabama 4-H Environmental Education Center!