



This Just In! – From Alabama 4-H
Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Alabama 4-H Golf Classic
June 12, 2008
FarmLinks at Pursell Farms
Sylacauga, Alabama

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4-H DAY!

AU vs. SOUTH CAROLINA
Saturday, March 1, 2008

Giving Back to Bibb County



On December 20, the Bibb County 4-H Tigers and volunteers shared holiday joy with the Bibb County Nursing Home. 4-H members sang Christmas carols, played the piano, and gave everyone a homemade Christmas ornament. Some residents even talked about their time in 4-H.

Thanks to Joy Maxwell

Cullman County Youth Learn Horse Care



Kerri Roberts, 4-H Agent Assistant, was asked to contribute a horse care program when Vinemont Elementary's annual Farm Day took place in October. Kerri and 4-H volunteer leader Keli Anders spread some horse-care knowledge with the help of mini-horses, *Lazarus* and *Roy*. Students in grades K-6 were informed about feeding, watering, grooming and safe handling of horses. A special "wow factor" was a preserved horse stomach with bot fly larvae borrowed from local veterinarian Dr. Roy Mooring. It showed what can happen if horses are not regularly treated for parasites.



Everyone young and old enjoyed the hands-on experience with the miniature horses. Things that come in small packages can teach big lessons.

Thanks to Kerri Roberts



Tuscaloosa County Holds 26th 4-H Natural Resources Short Course

In June, the Tuscaloosa County Extension Office held its 26th annual Natural Resources Short Course. During this field day at Fosters Pond in the Coaling Community, 4-H youth learned to become more aware of valuable natural resources. Sessions are traditionally directed by government personnel, 4-H volunteer leaders and 4-H junior leaders on topics such as forestry, wildlife and fisheries. This year, subjects ranged from wildlife critters and tree identification to urban wildlife management. Activities also covered firearm safety and shooting skills. For many youngsters, this was their first time to shot a firearm.

Wayne reports that over the past quarter-century, hundreds of youth have participated. Some have gone on to get involved in Forestry or Wildlife Judging. Twelve of his 4-Her's have also received the prestigious *Alabama Governor's Youth Conservationist of the Year Award*. However, the most rewarding honor Ford or many Extension 4-H agents enjoy is walking in the mall and a kid or adult comes up and says, "Hey, Mr. Ford, remember the time you took us to Fosters Pond?"

Thanks to Wayne Ford



Getting the 4-H Power in Lauderdale and Colbert

The *Maximum Power – Alabama 4-H Energy Program* was piloted in Colbert and Lauderdale counties in January. More than 1,000 4-H'ers learned about Wind and Solar Energy in club meetings.

This great hands-on program was a big success with both 4-H'ers and teachers. The kids thought that it was lots of fun and a great way to learn. The teachers appreciated how it opened students' eyes to science and matched the schools' science curriculum, a great combo of 4-H and academic learning.

Special recognition goes to 4-H Agent Katernia Cole in Colbert County and to 4-H Agent-Assistant Janet Lovelady in Lauderdale.

Thanks to Marian Beck

