



**This Just In! – From Alabama 4-H**  
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January 10  
Youth Leadership Elmore County

January 18 - 19  
4-H Market Hog Show  
Montgomery, AL

January 21  
Contest Day  
New Brockton

January 22  
Coosa County 4-H Chef Club

January 22 - 25  
4-H PPT Meeting  
Alabama 4-H Center

### Calhoun County Decorates, Naturally



Christmas is a very special time of year, and County Extension Agent Tiffany Moore says that Calhoun County 4-H'ers make it more special by creating natural holiday ornaments.

Each year 4-H'ers make ornaments using natural materials such as pine cones, straw, rocks, acorns, and sea shells. The contest starts in local club meetings and proceeds to the county level. 2007's winning ornaments were displayed in the Calhoun County Administration Building.

This year 140 students impressed the good folks of Calhoun County with their creativity and artistic mastery.

### 'Twas the Season to be Jolly ...



The Northwest Regional 4-H Advisory Council completed their **Adopt-A-Family-For-Christmas** Community Service Project just in time to give families in Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone and Morgan counties some extra “joy” during the holidays.

Council youths and adults collected food, clothing, blankets, toys and other items for families selected by local agencies. Six youth led their county's activities:

- Colbert County – Will Gotcher
- Franklin County – Shelby Smith
- Lauderdale County – Salora Wright
- Lawrence County – Allen Last
- Limestone County – Brenna McCullough
- Morgan County – Kristen Baker

Each leader reported information on the families, including ages, gender, sizes and the number of family members. The Regional Advisory Council and their county 4-H Councils collected items. REA Marian Beck reports 4-H members, Extension staff, parents and volunteers played a major role in making sure the families would have enough gifts and food to have a **joyful Merry Christmas**.

Through this community service project, 4-H'ers gave back to their community, displaying generosity to others during the holiday season.

## Jefferson County 4-H Goes High Tech



Mindstorms, Legos, and engineering! Wow, what do these things have in common? They are all part of the new Jefferson County 4-H Robotics Club. Volunteer Brandon Darby works with a diverse audience of 12 youth ages 9-18 from all over Jefferson County. Two times each month the group meets to learn how to program the robots to perform a specific function. In December a team was formed to participate in the S.E.T. Challenge. Educational skills achieved from this club include problem solving, basic engineering techniques, and computer skills. When the club meets, it is a team effort that is required to complete the project for the day. The club members are learning skills for life with modern technology. High tech is the way of the future, and the future is here!

### [Check It Out!](#)

**4-H Mid-Winter  
Teen Leadership Retreat**  
February 15-17

**4-H Volunteer & Parent Forum**  
February 22-24

**CWF**  
June 1 - 7

**[WWW.Alabama4H.Com](http://WWW.Alabama4H.Com)**

## 4-H Stuff You Need To Know **Alabama 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!

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

### Program Materials & 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
- ◆ Resources to promote 4-H in your county

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

- ◆ 2008-09 Contests
- ◆ Youth Adult Partnership Training
- ◆ Livestock and Youth Development

### Grow as a Professional

- ◆ Get ideas from your peers
- ◆ Learn about the FaceBook phenomenon

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