



This Just In! – From Alabama 4-H Monday, June 4, 2007

- **Alabama 4-H Horse Judging Camp**
Wednesday, June 6 – Friday, June 8
Auburn University
- **Alabama 4-H Golf Classic**
Thursday, June 14
FarmLinks Golf Club - Sylacauga
- **Alabama 4-H State Congress**
Monday, June 25 – Wednesday, June 27
Alabama A & M University
- **Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest**
Tues. & Wed., June 19-20 - Auburn High
June 11 registration deadline.
- **Natural Science Camp**
Mon. & Tues., July 30-31
July 18 registration deadline.

New 4-H Regional Extension Agents

Amy Burgess – North Alabama
Nekia Moore – West Alabama
David Perry – West Alabama
Candie Glover – East Alabama
Kim Graham – Southwest Alabama

New 4-H State Specialist

Nancy Alexander – Volunteerism, Citizenship & Leadership

4-H Center Update

Plans are on track for the November completion of the new environmental education facility at the Alabama 4-H Center near Columbiana. This expansion, supported by the Alabama 4-H Foundation, will add state-of-the-art wet labs and meeting space.

Advancing Volunteerism

- 1736 **4-H Plus** registered volunteers.
- 55 counties report registered volunteers.
- \$3500 volunteerism grant from Monsanto.
- Volunteer screening and training in every region of Alabama.
- The Alabama 4-H Volunteer Association continues to grow and prosper.

On that Old Calhoun Trail:

Another 4-H Success Story



One of the great traditions of 4-H is our rural connection to animals. However, as our world has changed, fewer young people have the contact with the horses and cattle that once seem to signify the 4-H experience.

But kids still love horses! And through the initiative of a 4-H volunteer leader, young people in Calhoun County can still have the equine experience, even if “Seabiscuit” isn’t grazing in the front yard next to the SUV.

It began with a phone call to the county ACES office from Meg Swain, a home-school mother in Oxford. Meg was interested in helping young people who may not have access to horses develop a practical knowledge of horses and their health. And if it gave young people a chance to be around horses now and then, so much the better!

Because of the interest among members of the local home-school association and some great publicity that the group received in the local media, Regional Extension Agent Ruth Sarro says that the volunteer-led club now has more than thirty members. And Meg reports that “We’ve met a lot of nice people who are willing to help kids learn about horse science.”

So if you are around Pickette’s Feed and Pet store later this month, drop on by for the next meeting. Or if you are interested in starting your own horse club – or computer club or art club or fishing club – call your local Alabama Cooperative Extension System office. We’ll provide all the information you need to get started.



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