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Safety, Steers and Showcase

We’re looking forward to February 24th for Mobile County Presents: Progressive Ag Safety Day. This will bring 250 students together for a day of learning about all things safety thanks to get community partners. See more information on page 3.

Our Show Calves Club members would like to invite the entire Mobile County 4-H family out to their Market Steer Show and Sale on Saturday, February 27th. This year’s show and sale will be hosted at the Ag Pavilion at the Jon Archer Ag Center. Ag vendors and local business will be on hand as well for a great day. The Show starts at Noon and the Sale starts at 3pm. This is a great opportunity to support our 4-H youth with their cattle projects and fill your freezer with great quality locally raised beef.

All Mobile County 4-H members are invited to participate in the Mobile County 4-H Club Showcase and Competition Day on March 5th. This fun day gives our 4-H’ers an opportunities to show their individually talents as well as showcase some of the great activities they are doing in their clubs. Many of our clubs will be Showcasing their great work that day. For the Showcase side of the event, the Arts Club will present a short performance, JMG club will have a Plant Science Fair, Archery Club will have Demonstration, our Urban Youth Educator will lead a fun STEM activity, McDavid-Jones will have a nutritious snack station, and much more. For the Competition side of the event all Mobile County 4-H members are invited to choose up to three competition. They prepare at home and bring to enter into our 4-H county level competition. A full list of Competitions and link to details instructions is included on the flyer on page 5. Please call the 4-H office if you have any questions.

4-H Summer Camp
June 8-10, 2016
Sign up and $25 deposit by March 1st.
Mobile County Arts Club

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Alabama Gulf Coast Guardians (AGCG)

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Mobile County 4-H Animal Science Club is comprised of youth ages 9-18 from all over the county.

Many of the Animal Science members participate through a hands-on approach with their animal project and show cattle or swine. However, you do not have to own an animal to be a member of the club.

Through this club the youth gain skills in raising, grooming and showing their animals along with the nutritional education for the health, growth and conditioning needed to get these animals ready for market.

During the course of their project 4-H members learn animal care, beef production, land stewardship, leadership, responsibility, record keeping, money management and how to market livestock.

On Saturday, February 27, 2016 we will host our annual Market Steer Show and Sale. This show represents the end of this year’s project. Everyone is welcome to attend this show. Local Families and Businesses are invited to purchase these animals during the sale.

Our club regularly meets at the Jon Archer Agriculture Center on Schillinger Road the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Mobile County 4-H Presents: Progressive Ag Safety Day

On Wednesday, February 24, 2016 over two hundred 4th grade students from MCPSS will learn valuable safety lessons at this year’s Mobile County 4-H Presents: Progressive Ag Safety Day. These youth from Brazier, J.E. Turner, W.R. Robbins, and Castlen Elementary schools will spend all day learn from local professionals.

Some of the local partners leading the stations are as follows: Weather Safety with John Nodar, WKRG; Fire Safety with Captain Dwight Smith, Mobile Fire Department; Water Safety with Ron Murphy, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 3-9; Large Animal Safety with the City of Mobile Mounted Unit Officers; Gardening and Lawn Chemical Safety with Penny Smith, Auburn University Research Center; Car and Seatbelt Awareness with the Alabama Department of Public Health; and Germ City with Amelia Mitchell, ACES.

The presenters bring visual and hands-on aids and each student will receive a provided t-shirt, and educational take-home bag with safety items.

Classroom in the Forest: Forest in the Classroom (CIF)

CIF volunteers and program coordinator, Mary Jo Broussard are looking forward to another banner year for this program. CIF has been a model natural resource learning program for our Mobile County 4-H program.

Last year alone nearly 3000 students learned the value of forestland as a part of our ecosystem and it’s value as a resource for products we use in our daily lives.

A fall lesson in the classroom and spring field trip to the forest plus great partnerships with the Alabama Forestry Commission, MCPSS and many more make for a full CIF experience.

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## Mobile County 4-H Calendar—February 2016

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⇒ Show Calves Steer Show and Sale will take place at the Arena behind the Jon Archer Center. Show—Noon & Sale—3pm. Everyone welcome!

### Community Club Meeting Information:

- **Alabama Gulf Coast Guardians** — 2nd Tuesday @ 3:30 pm
- **Animal Science** — 2nd Thursday @ 6 pm
- **Archery** — 1st and 3rd Monday @ 2:30 pm & 4:15pm
- **Arts** — 1st Monday @ 10:00 am
- **Poultry** — 2nd Tuesday @ 6 pm
- **Debate** — alternating Mondays @ 6pm
- **JMG** — Every Wednesday @ 9:30 am
- **Leaders** — 1st Monday @ 6:30 pm

⇒ All meetings are held at the Jon Archer Center unless noted.
⇒ Changes and special meeting/events will be noted on the calendar above.

### School Clubs:

- Davidson Club
- Faith Academy Club
- JE Turner Club
- McDavid-Jones 4-H Clubs

4-H Volunteers are the backbone of 4-H programs. In 2013, 2,800 volunteers contributed $1.9 million in volunteer time to 4-H clubs and members. Consider volunteering today!
Mobile County 4-H Clubs Showcase & Competition Day

Open to all Mobile County 4-H Members (ages 9-18)

Saturday, March 5, 2016
Jon Archer Ag Center, 1070 Schillinger Rd N Mobile

Registration @ 8am - 8:45am
Opening Ceremony @ 9am
Closing Ceremony @ 1pm

COMPETITIONS:

EXHIBIT STYLE
4-H’ers can compete in TWO contests in this category
◆ Blocks Rock!
◆ Extreme Birdhouses
◆ Photography
  The World I See
  The World I Imagine
◆ What Wood You Build?
◆ Alabama Quilters (and Sewing)
◆ Baking

PRESENTATION STYLE
4-H’ers can compete in ONE contest in this category
◆ $15.00 Challenge (Fashion Show)
◆ Chef 4-H
◆ Freestyle Showcase
◆ Freestyle Demonstration
◆ Public Speaking
  I Have a Story
  Speak Up Alabama

SHOWCASE:

4-H Clubs Will Demonstrate Their Club Specialties
Alabama Gulf Coast Guardians Club
Archery Clubs Demonstration
Animal Science Club
Arts Club Skit
Debate Club Interclub Debate
Junior Master Gardner Club Plant Science Fair
McDavid-Jones Clubs Nutritious Snacks
Poultry Club Chick Chain Introduction
and more...

For a complete description of competition events and rules please visit:

http://www.aces.edu/4-H-youth/AL4-H/resources/other/competitive/index.php

Please Pre-Register for Competitions by March 1st

For Registration or Questions:
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Archery
Campfire
Giant Swing
Swimming
More....

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♦ Fun-filled activities as well as great learning opportunities
♦ Summer Camp T-Shirt
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Columbiana, Alabama

$125 Dollars / $25 Deposit Due by March 1st

For more information contact the Mobile County Extension Office at 251-574-8445.

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for my club, my community,
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