

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Important Dates

Jan 17—Presentations Workshop

Jan 20—Small Animal Project Registration Due

Feb 7—Regional Junior Leadership Training (Ages 11-13) in Columbia, SC *

Feb 28—State 4-H Hippology Contest

Mar 1—State 4-H Horse Bowl

Mar 9—Planting the Seed/Non-Profit Training

Mar 13-14—4-H Ambassador Training (Ages 14-19) in Columbia, SC

Mar 21—4-H Camp Counselor Training in Columbia, SC

Mar 28—Regional 4-H Presentations Contest in Columbia, SC

Apr 4—Scout Show/Spring Fling

Apr 15—4-H Wildlife Food Plot Program Registration Due

Apr 15—4-H Animal Project Registration Due (chickens, beef, goat, sheep)

Apr 18—State 4-H Dairy Foods Contest in Columbia, SC

Apr 18—State 4-H Presentations Contest in Columbia, SC

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4-H Small Animal Project

Last call for Small Animal Project! We will be starting a 4-H Small Animal Project on Jan. 20. It will include rabbits, pets, and other small animals. The project will run from Jan. 20 to April 4, with a 4-H Small Animal Show on the last day of the project. Youth ages 5 – 19 may register by Jan. 20 – just complete a simple application and pay a \$5 fee. In return, you'll receive a notebook with space to keep records about what you do with your animal, along with information on care, showing, and activities for you and your animal. At least two meetings/field trips will take place during the project time, along with updates on project goals. If you don't have a small animal and would like to try a goat, we have a farm in Lancaster County, that is willing to sell male babies for \$10. These males can be castrated to become meat goats or remain bucks. We need to know right away if you would like to get one. You can sell the goat after the Show on April 4, 2009. To register, go to www.clemson.edu/chester or call 385-6181 for a form.



Just for Fun

What type of club was the first 4-H Club in South Carolina? See next page for answer!

Regional 4-H Presentations Contest March 28, 2009

If you would like to be in the contest, you need to prepare a demonstration, an illustrated talk or a speech on any topic you are interested in. This must be done according to guidelines. Contact your 4-H Club Leader, teacher or our office by January 27, 2009 if interested.

Lunch & Learn

Diabetes:

You and Your Family -
What You Need to Know



Tuesday, February 3, 2009
12:00—1:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sam Stone

Tips for managing diabetes through diet, physical activity, and lifestyle changes.

The Market Building
116 Columbia Street
\$10.00 (includes lunch)
Pre-payment required
RSVP by January 30, 2009
Register by calling 385-6181

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4-H Cornbread Cook-Off

Open to 4th Grade 4-Hers. You must use Martha White cornmeal and cook in "Lodge" brand cast iron cookware. You must submit a recipe written according to the guidelines by March 2, 2009 to Jasper, TN. If you are chosen as a winner, you must be willing to go to the National Cornbread Festival. The 1st Place Prize is \$400. If interested please contact Robin Currence at 385-6181 Ext 113 or RCRRNC@clemson.edu.

Regional Junior Leadership Training

We would like to have at least one member between the ages of 11-13 from each club to attend. This training will be held in Columbia, SC on February 7, 2009. You will learn team work, goal setting, decision making and how to be a teen leader. Register with our office by January 30, 2009.

Spring Fling

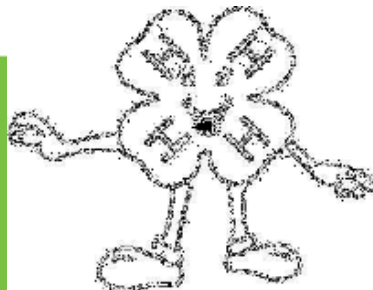
Mark your calendar now to participate in all kinds of activities at the community Spring Fling on April 4, 2009. 4-H will have a big part—games, exhibits, and Small Animal Project Show. Plus, there will be lots of other organizations with exhibits and, the Boy Scout Show will be at the same time. For more information, contact Robin at 385-6181 Ext 113 or RCRRNC@clemson.edu.

4-H Dairy Heifer Project

If you would like to step up to owning a large animal, the 4-H Dairy Heifer Project may be for you. You will need your family to help you, so be sure that everyone wants to do it! Heifers (calves) are purchased this spring from a pool of quality animals – choose a Holstein, Jersey, or Guernsey. You keep the animal for 18 months, show her at fairs, have her bred, and sell her at a special sale in October of 2010. These animals are quality, so they are not cheap, but a youth loan may be available. Deadline to register is Feb. 13, so contact us now for all the details.

*"Just for Fun" answer:
A Boy's Corn Club*

Thanks for reading! Share with a friend!
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