Club Spotlight: The Rough Riders

The Oconee County 4-H Horse Club, also known as the “Rough Riders” participated in their first statewide event on February 19th at Clemson University. Their members participated in the Junior Hippology contest, where they were tested on their knowledge about horses. By the way, did you know that Hippology means “the study of horses”? They had a great time and went home with 4th place ribbons! Be sure to support the club at their upcoming Horse Show on Saturday, March 19th. Register the day of or by calling the Oconee County Extension Office. The club meets on the first and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 at the Extension Office. For information you can contact the Club Leader, Kayla Duncan at kayla.duncan0287@yahoo.com.

Other Clubs in Oconee County

Oconee County 4-H offers a variety of clubs focusing on one or multiple topics. Some of the clubs that we currently offer include: Horse club, Jr. Chefs, Bark Buddies Dog Obedience Club, Backyard Poultry Pals, Tri-county Rabbit Club, Organic Gardening Club, Seneca Sharpshooter Club, and 2 Shotgun Clubs. Once you join 4-H, feel free to join as many clubs as you like, however some clubs have their own dues to help with programming. The Rabbit Club meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 at the Little John Community Center in Clemson, and the Dog Obedience Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 at the Extension Office.

Want to Start Your Own Club?

Starting a new club is easy! If you would like to start your own club, a minimum of 5 youth is needed, along with a club leader who has completed the screening and orientation process. Here are some possible 4-H Club Ideas: Livestock, Wildlife, Forestry, Outdoor, Community Clubs and many more! You are welcome to combine ideas or participate in projects that your members are interested in! Contact Mallory or Tina with questions.

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Did you know that Oconee County is home to the rare Oconee Bell (Shortia galacifolia)? Mid-March is the perfect time to get outside to see these beautiful and rare wildflowers. Join Friends of Jocasse for their 4th Annual BellFest on Saturday, March 19th at 10am-2pm at Devils Fork State Park to kick off spring and to celebrate the Oconee Bell. Oconee County 4-H will be making an appearance too!

South Carolina 4-H Summer Camps

**Session 1:**
- **Theme:** Agriculture, Horses, & Natural Resources
- **Date:** June 12-16 at Camp Long in Aiken, SC

**Session 2:**
- **Theme:** Leadership, 4-H Science, & Healthy Lifestyles
- **Date:** July 10-14 at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, SC

**Ages 7-14, $250 for Members**

To register, contact Mallory or stop by the Oconee Extension Office

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Oconee County 4-H now has a Facebook Page!

Make sure that you “Like” the Oconee County 4-H Page today! If you have any information that you would like to see on the page, please let Mallory know! Visit: http://www.facebook.com/OconeeCounty4H
March 12th
Backyard Poultry Pals Club Fundraiser at Tractor Supply

March 19th, 2016
Oconee County 4-H Horse Club Show – Oak Grove 4-H Area

April 13-24th
Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply in Seneca

April 23rd, 2016
4-H/FFA Spring Show in Pickens County

Shooting Sports Fundraising Tournament

Clemson Cattlemen’s Boot Camp

3.31.2016
Livestock Judging Deadline

4.1.2016
Meat Goat Project Application Due

4.1.2016
Small Garden Project Registration Due
http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/4h_naturalresources/small_garden/index.html

4.7.2016
Poultry Judging Deadline

If you have any questions or would like to see something specific in the next newsletter, please let Mallory know!