4-H Happenings!



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1ST QUARTER: 2025

WELCOME TO THE NEW 4-H YEAR! **





We can't wait to see where this year takes you!

Welcome to 2025 and we hope all 4-H families had a great holiday! We hope you will be a part of all the awesome programs and events we have in store!



Good luck to all the 4-H livestock exhibitors in this year's district and dixie national events.

Good luck to the 4-H Teens as Teachers/Ed Prep on their program events.







We would like to welcome two new 4-H volunteers to the Jefferson Davis County 4-H program.

Barbara McNair Dakwon White

Volunteers play a vital role in the 4-H Youth Development program, providing mentoring to help young people grow into leaders. The 4-H motto is "To Make the Best Better".



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We are so excited to welcome everyone involved with 4-H to our upcoming 4-H Days at our basketball games!

Our Men's Game against Florida is on February 11th, and our Women's Game against Texas is on February 27th!

To Purchase Tickets: Men's: <u>https://fevo-</u> enterprise.com/event/Scouts4hda <u>y28</u>

Women's: <u>https://fevo-</u> enterprise.com/event/Scouts28

Mississippi 4-H Presents ZZZ's by the Sea (Tentative Schedule) April 11, 2025

Evening 6:45-7:15 p.m. - Check-In 7:15-7:30 p.m. - Welcome/Orientation 7:30-9:30 p.m. - Activities/Snack 9:30 - 9:45 p.m. - Nighttime Orientation 9:45 - 10:30 p.m. - Quiet Time 10:30 p.m. - Lights Out and a t-shirt) Morning 6:00-6:45 a.m. - Rise and Shine 6:45-7:45 a.m. - Breakfast 7:45-8:10 a.m. - Animal Spotlight (Aviary) 8:10-8:30 a.m. - Animal Enrichment (Dolphin habitat) 8:30-8:55 a.m. - Reef Talk (Aquatic Wonders, 3rd floor) 8:55 a.m. - Gift Shop, Self-guided Tour, Departure

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includes admission, snacks, breakfast,

Aquarium. Join us for Zzz's by the Sea! Guests will have the opportunity to sleep in one of our 4 spectacular ocean galleries in our Aquatic Wonders exhibit while participating in activities, animal spotlights, and much more. ZZZ's by the Sea is recommended for children ages 5-12. Participants ages 12 and older are welcome to attend the overnight; however, activities are designed around elementary and middle school-aged students.

Spend your night under the sea at Mississippi

All children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a participating adult (18+). Children under the age of 5 are not permitted

to stay overnight at the Aquarium. All sleepover participants will have the opportunity to sleep in one of 4 amazing galleries in Aquatic Wonders. This includes the big window, the shark room, eel and grouper grotto, and the swirl habitat.

REGISTER HERE:

https://msucares.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=46b880d5b3d6d046cf2fb36d4&id=d19f2be1e7&e=aa907c533e

February 8th. 2025 Dixie National Crepe Cook-off Contest Details

We're gearing up for another great Dixie National Crepe Cook-off Contest. This and the Omelet Cook-off Contest are always a hit with our 4-H chefs, and we can't wait to see them in action on the big day! Submit those recipes to enter via the Google form link below by January 24th at 5 P.M. A panel of judges will evaluate the submissions, and the top 12 will attend the big day.

Contest is February 8, 2025, starting at 10:00 A.M.

Junior or Senior age 4-H or FFA members can enter to compete. I've attached the registration form for more details. Pay attention to the provided ingredients list. Recipe Submission: <u>https://forms.gle/4ZiYv9DmncpHfBHU9</u> due January 24th by 5:00 P.M.

Rules for the contest are as follows:

- Open to all Mississippi 4-H members and any other youth willing to join 4-H should their entry be a winner for publishing.
- Youth are allowed to use any media necessary to complete the artwork but are asked to not copyright images or phrases.
- All submissions must be 4-H appropriate
- Entries need to be at least sized at 8 x 10 in order to replicate into a card.
- Participants must submit original artwork along with MSL Extension 4-H Creative Arts Entry and Release Form to their MSU County Extension Agent before February 5, 2025.

How to enter:

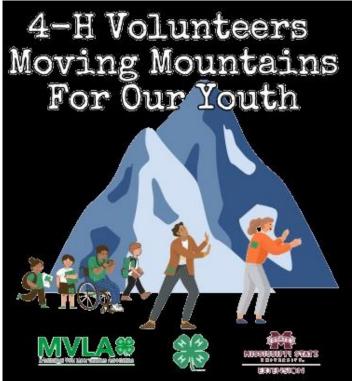
- Entries will be submitted to the MSU Extension agent.
 The agent will submit the entries for the county to the MSU Center for 4-H Youth Development for judging on
- February 5th.
 Agents may drop off artwork at the 4-H office or at Legislative Day or email a high resolution picture of the
- entries along with the attached entry form to rap1@msstate.edu. Original artwork from the selected entries will be needed
- Original artwork from the selected entries will be needed to reproduce the image.
- Agents will be notified of winners on or before February 7th and arrangements will be made to get those to the

State 4-H Office.

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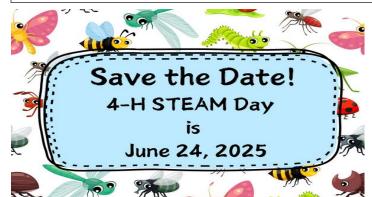




It's almost time!!!! The Mississippi 4-H Annual Leadership Conference is just around the corner on February 21-22, 2025, at Mississippi State University. This year's theme is 4-H Volunteers Moving Mountains for Youth. Registration can be done at your County Extension offices. Contact your Extension Agent to register. Hope to see you there! The Mississippi 4-H Awards Program



recognizes Mississippi 4-H members who have excelled in their 4-H endeavors. This application is for the awards gifted through the Mississippi State Extension Center for 4- H Youth Development. Don't forget awards applications. Award applications are due February 14, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. Contact us to an awards packet to fill out.





contact [Latonya Ramsey] at [601-792-5121].

The JUNICR DISEASE DETECTIVES OPERATION: OUTBREAK

4- H Junior Disease Detectives Monthly Club: Intrigued by the microscopic viruses who have spread across our planet? Want to test your investigative skills and help others? Interested in epidemiology (how we can track and prevent the spread of germs and diseases)? Join us for Disease **Detectives: Operation Outbreak** project! Youth interested in medicine, health, veterinary sciences, communications, or marketing should join. There is no cost for participation. Receive a free disease detective kit for participating. Ages 12-18 can participate. To register, please contact the office at 601-792-5121 or 662-769-9943.



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JOIN THE CLUB OF ENGINEERS. MEETS MONTHLY AT THE PRENTISS AND BASSFIELD LIBRARY. THERE IS NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE. All members who attend 4 out of 6 club meetings will receive their own box of free LEGOS to continue play at home. AGES 6-13, GET ON THE LIST TO BE A PART BY CONTACT US AT phone: 601-792-5121. Join our next round of 4-H LEGO club sessions (previous members are welcomed to participate). In this level of building, we will be joined by singer, songwriter, producer and philanthropist Pharrell Williams as we unleash our creativity for a new LEGO® Build the Change challenge. Give us a call to register for our February 13th meeting at 601-792-5121.

4-H LEGO ENGINEERING MONTHLY CLUB AGES 6-13



Spend some of your summer with us on a 2 night/ 3-day learning and leadership trip May 28-30, 2025 on the campus of Mississippi State University. Club Congress is for those 14-18 and designed as a positive leadership and educational opportunities for senior 4-H members from around the state in an effort to develop these young people to their fullest potential. Youth get to stay in dorms like a college student and explore the campus of Mississippi State University (Starkville). The cost to participate is \$75.00 and includes travel, lodging, and meals. Youth are chaperoned by certified background checked volunteers and MSU Extension agents. To be a part of the trip or learn more information, please contact us at 601-792-5121 by March 1, 2025.

Extension Center for 4-H Youth Development State Ambassador Application

Senior Corner

A 4-H Ambassador is an authorized youth representative of the MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program. A 4-H Ambassador is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using the skills, knowledge, and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with fellow members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials, and other young people. The 4-H Ambassadors program enhances leadership, citizenship, and communication skills in teen leaders. HOW TO APPLY: Submit the following: 4-H State Ambassador application (contact extension agent for forms), cover letter explaining why you would like to serve as a Mississippi 4-H Ambassador, and current résumé (contact extension agent for assistance with résumé) to your MSU Extension agent. Contact us by March 1, 2025, for an application and more information.

Council /Officer Positions: President- Elect, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Reporter, Song Leader, and Southeast Regional Vice President

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Extension Center for 4-H Youth Development State 4-H Council Application

Through experiences and training that teach youth how to run a meeting, deal with conflict, understand the public policy process, understand other cultures, work collaboratively with people of various leadership styles and personalities and more. Learn from the best with the Mississippi State University Extension leadership team. Become a team member today. How to apply: submit an application (see extension agent) and 250 words or fewer statement, describing your 4-H experience, education, and extracurricular activities. Contact us by March 1, 2025, for an application and more information.

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Scan the QR Code above to follow us on social media. Get information about programs and opportunities much quicker than snail mail.

We are excited to start the new 4-H year and look forward to 4-H members, families, and volunteers coming together as a great 4-H community!

Be sure to regularly check your family email address for any announcements.



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