



MSU Extension Service Launches New 4-H Center



The Mississippi State University Extension Service is launching a new Extension Center for 4-H Youth Development to grow the next generation of leaders.

This name change leverages current funding and restructuring of existing positions to allow for greater support and service to Mississippi's young people. 4-H provides nonformal youth development education across the state for 8- to 18-year-olds through programs delivered locally by Extension agents and registered 4-H adult volunteers.

"Renaming the office and program furthers our strategic goal of expanding outreach and engagement while adhering to Extension's core values," said Extension Director Gary Jackson. "The center will allow for greater synergy between state and county level faculty and staff and raise 4-H's visibility as a potential partner with other organizations."

As a result of this restructuring and to allocate funds for much-needed county agent positions, MSU administrators have opted to change the Extension administrative structure as well.

For more information on the MSU Extension Service, visit <http://extension.msstate.edu>.

Submitted by Keri Collins Lewis, MSU Extension



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MSU Extension and 4-H agents are here for you. Our commitment to you is unchanged! We can have programs for your kids age 8-18, and information on many other Extension-related materials. Check out our websites and social media accounts and be sure to like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Look for @CopiahCo_msuext or @MSUext. See you online!



ATV GOLDEN RULES

The ATV Safety Institute's Golden Rules:

- Always wear a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Never ride on paved roads except to cross when done safely and permitted by law - another vehicle could hit you. ATVs are designed to be operated off-highway.
- Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV, and no more than one passenger on an ATV specifically designed for two people.
- Ride an ATV that's right for your age.
- Adults should supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
- Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
- Take a hands-on ATV RiderCourseSM and the free online e-Course.



To learn more about the Mississippi 4-H ATV Safety Program scan the QR code or visit our website at extension.msstate.edu

Submitted by Brad Staton, MSU Extension

ART ANYONE? LET'S GET CREATIVE!

- ⇒ The 2021 College Savings Mississippi Art Contest, is open for ages pre-K through Grade 12 and offers kids the opportunity to compete for \$3000 worth of Art Contest Scholarships. There are four age categories: Pre-K through grade 2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. Visit TreasuryMS.gov/ArtContest to learn all the details.
- ⇒ In addition to the statewide art contest, locally Hazlehurst will offer a walking tour that includes art displays from our 4-H'ers. If your child has a project that you want to display or show in this contest, please contact Melissa by March 18th to get involved.
- ⇒ [STEM Magazine](#), an online monthly education magazine, designed for educators, students K-16 and parents, featured 4-H STEM Lab in its July edition. STEM Lab is an online resource that provides fun, hands-on STEM activities for kids of all ages. Check it out on the [national 4-H web site](#).



Spring Daisies Grab & Go Kits



Grab and go kits will be available for pick up by March 19th at the Copiah County Office. Contact Melissa at 601-892-1809 for more information.





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SCHOLARSHIPS AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR 4-H'ERS AND OTHER MISSISSIPPI STUDENTS

Entering freshmen who are active in their 4-H group, a Mississippi resident, with a GPA of 3.0 or more, a minimum ACT of 20 or a 940 SAT and have been named their county's [Outstanding 4-H'er](#) by their county representative are eligible for additional scholarship funds in addition to scholarships that may be automatically awarded to students based on certain academic achievements. Other scholarship opportunities may be available through the submission of the [General Scholarship Application](#):



- Student must be admitted.
- Log in to your **MyState** account using your **NetID** and **NetPassword**.
- On the Banner tab, under the Financial Aid and Scholarships column, click "Submit/Revise General Scholarship Application."
- A new window will pop up, and you'll need to log in again using your **NetID** and **NetPassword**.
 - When you're logging in for the first time, you'll need to complete the general application.
 - Don't forget to click the **"Save"** button! When you're returning after your first log-in, you'll be able to see your saved information.

After you complete and submit your general application, you may have additional opportunities recommended to you based on your test scores, GPA, leadership and service, and applicant record.

More opportunities may become available over time, so we encourage you to log in regularly and check your account to see if any additional recommendations appear.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions and Scholarships at scholarships.msstate.edu or 662-325-2224.



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"RMSS was by far the best four weeks of my quarantined summer. It was the opportunity of a lifetime!"

MORGAN NELSON
WARREN COUNTY

The MSU Rural Medical and Science Scholars program is now accepting applications! Do you know a rising high school senior who is interested in a health-related career or the STEM field? This 4-week summer online/hybrid program could be for them.

Not only will scholars have the opportunity to take two college-level courses, but they will participate in virtual "shadowing" and form lifelong friendships! Applications are due **March 31, 2021**. Learn more about this amazing program at: <http://extension.msstate.edu/rms> #MSUext

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4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversations

6:00pm CST/7:00pm EST

04/27 - Program Communication Strategies
07/27 - Developing Regional Partnerships
11/30 - Innovative Ideas for Clubs

share ideas and connect with other volunteers throughout the country

Register at:

<http://bit.ly/4HVolCall>

All 4-H volunteers and professionals are welcome to attend!



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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 19	4-H HORSE CLUB: Sign up deadline, 3/19. Contact Melissa Morgan.
March 19	4-H Shooting Sports: Practice has begun. If you are interested in Shooting Sports, contact Melissa Morgan ASAP.
March 26	Club Congress; Project Achievement Day; Sign up deadline, 3/26. Contact Melissa Morgan.
March 26-28	4-H Horse Education Contests; MSU—Starkville; Hippology, Horse Judging, Horse Public Speaking & Team and Individual Horse Demo. Deadline to enter is 3/19. Pre-Registration is required.
April 23	4-H Dairy Judging Contest MSU—Starkville; Pre-Registration Required; deadline to enter is April, 19 th .
April 24	SW District Shooting Sport Competition MS Law Enforcement Training Academy, Pearl.
April 30 & May 1	23rd Annual Copiah County Tri-State Rodeo Gallman Fairgrounds: Please contact Melissa to find out how you can participate! Friday, April 30th and Saturday May 1st.
May 1	Poultry Chain —Local and 2021 State Fair; Registration is open from April 1 st to May 1 st . Chicks must be delivered the week of May 17-21. For more information, contact Melissa Morgan.
June 5	4-H Livestock Judging Contest: MSU—Starkville. Watch for more information!
June 10-11	District Horse Show
June 22-26	State Horse Show

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