



# Alcorn County 4-H Newsflash

ALCORN COUNTY AUGUST 2024



August 10, 2024

Leadership Development, Educational Workshops, & Networking Opportunities

Open to all volunteers, and potential volunteers!

The registration deadline is August 2, 2024.

Contact your county Extension Agent for registration information.

We are an equal apportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

## **UPCOMING DATES & DEADLINES**

- August 5 4-H Volunteer Leaders Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- August 7 Clover Kidz-West Club Meeting , 3:30 p.m. at Tishomingo Chapel Baptist Church
- August 10 North 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum at NMREC in Verona. Registration deadline is August 2.
- August 15 4-H Poultry Chain Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- August 27 Eagle 4-H Club Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- **September 4** Clover Kidz-West Club, 3:30 p.m. at Tishomingo Chapel Baptist Church
- September 9 4-H Volunteer Leaders Meeting, 5 p.m.
- September 12 Crafty Critters 4-H Club, 5 p.m.
- September 10-12 4-H Exhibit Days
- September 20 4-H Poultry Show & Auction
- September 21 Alcorn County Beef Show
- September 24 Eagle 4-H Club, 4:00 p.m.
- September 27 Pre-registration Rate deadline for the Love & Encouragement 5K (see flyer)
- **September 30** County 4-H Ambassador Application deadline

# 4-H Exhibit Day

4-H Exhibit Days are almost here! Exhibit Day is a time to "exhibit" your projects that you have made throughout the year. These can be items made at 4-H meetings, VBS, school, or just on your own time.

Exhibit check-in will be Tuesday, September 10, from 1:30—4:30 p.m. Please come by the Extension office to pick up a copy of the exhibit handbook, entry tags, and a box label. All exhibits <u>must</u> be labeled before you come to check-in. No exhibits will be accepted late! The exhibits will be judged Wednesday, September 11. Please make arrangements to pick up your exhibits Friday, September 13. We will hold qualifying items that you wish to enter in the state fair until photos are made and registration for state is complete.



## 4-H Poultry Show & Auction

The Alcorn County 4-H Poultry Show and Auction will be held **Friday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cross-roads Arena west room.** This event allows 4-H youth

participating in the Poultry Chain project to show off their hard work. Come out and support these 4-H youth.



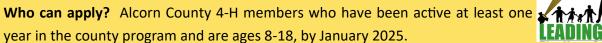
# Alcorn County 4-H/FFA Beef Show

The Alcorn County 4-H/FFA Beef Show will be held **Saturday**, **September 21**, at the Crossroads Arena barn, starting at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Hunter Null at the Extension office.

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# **County 4-H Ambassador Program**

Alcorn County 4-H Ambassadors, is a leadership program that involves youth ages 8-18. The process of being selected for the program requires **three steps**: an application, short essay, and interview.





What are the responsibilities of an ambassador? You will be required to represent 4-H at county events, be committed to the 4-H program, and participate in quarterly leadership trainings held in the county.

**How and when do I apply?** Applications and essays are due in the county office no later than **Monday, September 30**. Interviews will be scheduled at a later date.

**How should I prepare for the interview?** You should dress appropriately, as if you are participating in a 4-H contest or interviewing for a job. You will be asked basic questions about yourself and 4-H. Every county ambassador should know the 4-H pledge, motto and slogan.

The county ambassador program is an exciting opportunity for youth to gain leadership skills as well as improve communication skills. The county 4-H Ambassadors conduct the annual awards banquet held in November.



Congratulations to Alcorn County 4-H member and State Ambassador, Daniel Beene, on being chosen to serve as Historian on the State 4-H leadership team! Mississippi 4-H is in the process of piloting the offices of Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Recreation Leader. This will give our members more opportunities to serve and gain valuable leadership experience through 4-H. These positions were voted on by their peers at the Expressive Arts Extravaganza at the end of June. In the future, elections for these offices, as well as all offices, will happen during the general election in May.



# 2024 State 4-H Congress

State 4-H Congress was held on the campus of Mississippi State University May 29-31. Alcorn County had five senior 4-H members to participate in the three-day event. We want to congratulate them on their achievements!

Daniel Been received fist place in the Automotive Driving Contest. He also participated in Public Speaking II, and the Egg Chef Challenge. Daniel is also a State 4-H Ambassador.

Kelcey Been earned third place in the Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat Visual Presentation Contest. She is also a State 4-H Ambassador.

Myrtralynn Shanks received first place in the Personal Development Visual Presentation Contest. She also participated in the PowerPoint Presentation Contest, Public Speaking II, and the Automotive Driving Contest. Myrtralynn is also a State 4-H Ambassador.

Ethan Ervin earned second place in the Welding/Electric/Small Engine Congest. He also participated in the Compact Tractor Driving Contest.

Roxy Ryan participated in the Clothing Selection Contest and Public Speaking I.

During Congress, these 4-Her's also participated in fun activities and educational workshops, including the annual club congress dance.













# 2024 NE District 4-H Project Achievement Day

Northeast Project Achievement Day was held June 14, at Northeast Mississippi Community College. Alcorn County was represented by six junior 4-H members, along with four volunteer leaders and three state 4-H ambassadors.

Chloe Ervin placed second in Clothing Selection and third with her Other Projects Visual Presentation. Increase Zimmerman earned second place in the Public Speaking Contest. Katy Beene placed second with her Poultry Visual Presentation. Liam Beene earned a blue ribbon in the Poultry Visual Presentation Contest. McKinsley Kemp also attended the event and participated in fun educational workshops.

State 4-H Ambassadors, Daniel Beene, Kelcey Beene, and Myrtralynn Shanks assisted with activities of the day.

Alcorn County 4-H Volunteer and Master Gardener, Ms. Debbie Bruister, conducted a horticulture workshop.

Mrs. Judy Caples, Alcorn County Volunteer, did a wonderful job setting up and promoting MVLA during the event.







# 2024 4-H Wildlife Art & Photography Contest State Wide Results

#### ART CONTEST

### Oil Acrylic/Water Color Category

Savannah Lambert "Coyotes in Season" - Blue Ribbon Liam Beene "Rabbits Heaven" - Red Ribbon Katy Beene "Baby Deer" - Red Ribbon Sera Lambert "Butterflies - Red Ribbon

### Mixed/Altered Media/Other Category

Brandon Giaccaglini "Bass Pro" - 1st Place Blue Ribbon Zoe Giaccaglini "Fawn Resting" - 2nd Place Blue Ribbon Kelcey Beene "Golden Dragon" - 1st Place Blue Ribbon

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

#### **Action Category**

Chloe Ervin "Lunch Time" - Red Ribbon Roxy Ryan "Working for It" - Red Ribbon

#### **Non-Action Category**

Chloe Ervin "So Good" - Red Ribbon Roxy Ryan "Thinking About Lunch" - Red Ribbon

#### **Human Interest Category**

Chloe Ervin "Can You Find Me?" - 3rd Place Red Ribbon Mazy Walton "Wildlife in the City" - Red Ribbon Roxy Ryan "Here's Looking at You Kid" - Red Ribbon