

Newsletter

NEWTON COUNTY

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!!! You have accomplished a major goal in life, and we hope you keep pushing forward to attain all of your dreams in the future. Thank you for participating in Newton County 4-H through the years. If we can be of service in the future, please don't hesitate to call. If you have graduated kindergarten or middle school, we hope that you will continue to participate in the 4-H organization. 4-H is one of the world's largest organizations and is open to all youth, ages 5-18.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for Mississippi 4-Hers by providing opportunities. Please get involved in 4-H and contact our office if you have any questions.

Our office phone line has been out of order for a while. Please contact us at the following emails: k.mccalphia@msstaté.edu (Katrina); smh964@msstate.edu (Shani); or adm9@msstate.edu (Amanda), or try calling our office at 601-635-7011.

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SUMMER 2024

May 1 - Registration deadline for Poultry Chain Project

May 1 - Horse ownership deadline

May 1 - Club Congress registration deadline

May 2 - Lego: 3:30 pm; Robotics: 4:15 pm at the Extension office

May 3-4 - Southeast District 4-H Shoot: Lumberton

May 29-31 - Club Congress

June 5-6 - Horse Art Entries Due

June 6-7 - Southeast District 4-H Horse Shows, Lauderdale Co. Ag Center

June 10-13 - 4-H Camp Explore; Holmes Comm. College

June 11 - Southeast District Project Achievement Day; Hattiesburg

June 12 - Dairy Farm Tour; Registration required

June 13- Dairy Recipe Contest; Newton County Extension Office

June 13 - Lego: 3:30 pm; Robotics: 4:15 pm at the Extension office

June 17-21 - Lets Get Cooking class; Mississippi State University, Starkville

June 24-28 - Lets Get Cooking class; Mississippi State University, Štarkville

June 25 - 4-H Junior STEAM Day; Mississippi State University, Starkville

June 27 - Homemade Ice Cream Contest; Newton County Extension office, 2:00 p.m.



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The Poultry Chain Project gives participants a hands-on learning experience right in their own backyard. Throughout this 5-month project, participants learn poultry management skills and disease awareness, as well as other valuable life skills such as caring for living animals, budgeting expenses, developing a business, leadership skills, presentation abilities, and so much more. Eligible county-level participants can advance to the state fair to compete for monetary awards. Students can continue to expand their skills in showmanship through state poultry shows.

Birds must be ordered from a commercial hatchery certified by the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) or a commercial operation that is supplied by a NPIP hatchery. No Backyard Flocks!!!

Tractor supply (that is supplied by an NPIP hatchery)
Local co-op

- (that is supplied by an NPIP hatchery)
- Murray McMurray
- Hoover's Hatchery
- Ideal Poultry
- Mt. Healthy
- Hatcheries
- Ridgeway





May 19–25: Chick delivery week. Begin collecting data and pictures for the record book. (Remember, this is 50 percent of the overall score.)

A total of 28 placings across the four categories (Junior Meat, Junior Layer, Senior Meat, and Senior Layer) will be awarded. All placings will receive a banner with the premium monetary award amounts below.

- Grand Champion \$1,000
- Reserve Champion \$500
- 1st Place \$300
- 2nd Place \$250
- 3rd Place \$200
- 4th Place \$150
- 5th Place \$100

Grand and Reserve Champions will also receive a buckle.

Are you interested in signing up? Contact Ag Agent Shani Hay at 662-769-1004 for more information about the contest! Registration deadline is May 1st.

Newton Co 4-H Horse Show Kids Learning the Ropes

June is 4-H Horse Show month with both the District and State shows taking place. The Southeast 4-H District show will be held again in Meridian June 6-7 at the Lauderdale County Ag Center on Hwy 19 South. Youth from the counties that make up the SE District will try to qualify for the State 4-H Horse show held June $19 - 22^{nd}$ in Jackson in speed and show events. At the Jackson show, youth you qualify can go the Regional 4-H Horse Show in Perry, GA! It is an awesome trip and a wonderful experience for youth who are interested in horses. If you would like information on becoming a part of the 4-H Horse program, contact our office at 662-769-1004. May 1 is the deadline for ownership and entry!!



Pictured from left to right – Sadie Griffin, Chyann Parker, Brianna Griffin, Peyton Strickland, Madison Luke and Ollie Meaders compete in the 4-H District Show held in Meridian June





4-H Horse Art and Photography – show your love of horses through your designs!



General Rules

- 1. Multiple entries in a single category by an individual 4-H'er will subject all entries in that category to disqualification. All horse photography contest rules must be adhered to or entries may be subject to disqualification.
- 2. All digital and 35mm entries will be judged together in each category.

Categories

NOTE: Multiple entries in a single category by an individual 4-H'er will subject all entries in that category to disqualification.

1. Breed Promotion: Horse or Horse and Person

A photograph showing the best qualities of a breed; the type of photograph that would be in a "specific breed magazine"; suitable for a story in a magazine or newspaper.

2. Action: Horse or Horse and Person

A photograph showing ACTION/MOVEMENT of an animal. A photo that catches the moment; not a posed photo.

3. Nonaction/Candid: Horse or Horse and Person

A photograph showing NO ACTION OR MOVEMENT at all. Very relaxed; may or may not be a POSED photo.

4. Human Interest: Horse or Horse and Person

A photograph that is creative or comical; something you would want to look at frequently, frame, and hang on your wall; fine art type of photo. These photos may or may not be POSED. Try different lighting techniques.

Rules for Horse Photography Contest

- 1. Photographs MUST have been taken since July 1 of previous year.
- 2. Photographs MUST have been taken by the 4-H member submitting the entry. Agents should authenticate photos if the photographer is in the photo.
- 3. Photographs that document 4-H horse-related activities are most desirable, but other horse-related activities may be submitted, also.
- 4. Photographs MUST have a horse/equid as the primary focus of the picture! Not a picture of a barn cat, a child on a hay bale, a saddle, etc.

June is Dairy Month ~ Dairy Recipe Contest Thursday, June 13th, 2024 Newton County Extension Office, 65 7th Street, Decatur



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Please join the Mississippi State University Extension Service staff in honor of all dairy farmers across the county and state to celebrate Dairy Month. Among the activities, there will be a dairy dessert recipe contest. *All members of the Newton County community are invited to enter!*

Each dessert must have a minimum of 1-cup of a dairy product but more is acceptable. Dairy products are milk, cheese, yogurt, and butter. Please enter 1 dessert. Prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners in each division.

Check in at the Newton County Extnesion Office in Decatur between 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A printed or typed copy of the recipe on letter size paper (8 1/2 x 11) must accompany the dish. Print the participant's name and division on the back of the recipe.

Judging will begin at 10:45 a.m. Announcement of winners and tasting will begin at 12-noon. Category: Dessert (cannot contain raw eggs in the final product) Divisions: Youth (ages 5 - 17) Adult (ages 18+)

If you have any questions, please call the MSU Extension Service in Newton County at 601-635-7011.





4-H JUNIOR STEAM DAY



Registration opens on April 24, 2024 and closes on June 12, 2024.

The 4-H Junior STEAM Day is open to 4-H youth, ages 5-13, as of January 1, 2024. Cloverbuds (5–7-year-olds) may participate but are not scored. All Cloverbuds will receive a certificate of participation. For Cloverbuds, the focus is on experience and building communication skills and confidence. Juniors (8–13-year-olds) are scored and will be ranked.

Participants may compete in more than one contest.

Each contest has a superhero/natural disaster theme (tornadoes, disaster preparedness, electricity, fire, etc.). The morning contest are listed below. Youth may choose from each column.

Choose 1	Choose (up to) 2	Bonus (Plus 1)
Judging Event	Visual Presentation	Exhibit
Dash Robotics Contest - Cloverbud	LEGO Build Contest	STEAM Art Contest
Spike Robotics Contest - Juniors	Makerspace Contest	STEAM Snacks Contest
	Lights, Camera, Science!	
	ScratchJr.	

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Afternoon workshops are listed below. Workshops are from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Drones to the Rescue	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Mr. Louis Wasson
Using Radios in Emergencies	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	TBD
Complete the Circuit with Ag & Bio Engineering	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Dr. Mary Love Tagert
The Meteorologist in Me	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Tia Gregory



Email Katrina McCalphia at kmm14@msstate.edu if you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity!





2024 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The Southeast District 4–H Project Achievement Day is open to 4–H youth, ages 8–13 years old as of January 1, 2023. The following contests offerings:

Contest Offerings:

- Cloverleaf Exhibits (8–9-year-old members)
 - Categories: Ag & Natural Resources, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Other Projects
- Clothing Selection
- Consumer Judging
- Dairy Products Judging
- Insect Collection
- Insect Contest
- Photography Judging
- Poultry Judging
- Visual Presentations: Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Visual Presentation: Family & Consumer Sciences
- Visual Presentation: Other Projects

When: June 11th, 2024 8:30am - 12:30pm

Where: The Lowery A. Woodall Center, 906 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg MS

> Registration Opens: May 1st Registration closes: June 5th



Please contact your local Extension Office of for Registration and more information!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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About The Cooking Camp

Our focus is to introduce kids to new and exciting experiences with foods. Research has shown the importance of "hands on" experiences with foods and consumption by children, especially fruits and vegetables.

The MSU Extension Service and the Department of Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion are excited to host this camp for kids to experience local food production and food preparation, while building culinary skills.

We hope to share our passion for the art and science of cooking and food preparation.



Camp Goal

To provide an opportunity for kids to experience and make new and exciting foods.

Camp Objectives

- Learn new fruits and vegetables
- Experience new foods and flavors
- Gain culinary skills and techniques
- Use reading and math skills related to recipes
- Explain the importance of food safety
- Utilizing new skills to make food products

Camp Cost

Camp costs \$300 per child and includes lunch and snacks. Enrollment limited to 18 chefs.





Location

MSU - Starkville Class Dr. Courtney Crist Phone: 662-325-0852 or 662-325-3200 Email: cac400@msstate.edu Camp Location: MSU - Moore Hall

60 Garner Circle MS State, MS 39762

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Topics

Introduction to:

- Fruits and Vegetables
- Breads
- Sweet Treats
- Dairy Products
- The Kitchen and Cooking Utensils
- Food Safety
- Knife Skills
- Measuring with Math

Instructors

Dr. Courtney Crist and Chef Vicki Leach will be the lead instructors.



Culinary Arts Kids Camp Mississippi State University

Extension Service

June 17 - 21, 2024 Rising 4th-6th Graders 9AM - 3PM Each Day

June 24 - 28, 2024 Rising 7th - 12th Graders 9AM - 3PM Each Day



A culinary arts cooking camp focused on teaching children about local foods, kitchen basics and easy recipes. We hope to introduce children to the art and science of cooking and food preparation.

Let's Get Cooking... Registration

Select Date:

□ June 17-21, 4th-6th Graders □ June 24-28, 7th-12th Graders

REGISTER ONLINE AT FSNHP.MSSTATE.EDU OR COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND MAIL

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FOOD ALLERGIES

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4-H Parental Release and Code of Conduct Agreement: http://axtension.msstate.edu/sites/default/files/publicap ons/torms/10807_0.pdf

COMPLETE FORMS AND SEND PAYMENT TO: CULINARY ARTS CAMP DEPARTMENT OF FSNHP BOX 5005 MIS STATE, MS 39702 "CHECKS PAYABLE TO 'MSU FSNHP"