



Alcorn County 4-H Newsflash

ALCORN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

AUGUST 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **JUL 27** - Cloverbud, Junior & Intermediate Record Books due in county office
- **AUG 3** - 4-H Volunteer Leaders Meeting - 5 pm
- **AUG 8** - North 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum
- **AUG 15** - 4-H Ambassador Training
- **AUG 22** - South 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum
- **AUG 31** - 4-H Volunteer Leaders Required Meeting - 5 pm
- **SEPT 1** - County 4-H Ambassador Application Deadline
- **SEPT 3** - Alcorn County 4-H Club Promotion & Shooting Sports Interest Meeting - 5:30 pm
- **SEPT 7** - Labor Day Holiday (Extension office will be closed.)
- **SEPT 15-17** - 4-H Exhibit Days
- **SEPT 17-19** - Alcorn County Fair
- **SEPT 18** - 4-H Poultry Show & Auction
- **SEPT 19** - Alcorn County 4-H & FFA Beef Show



2026 MVLA FORUMS



The MVLA Fall Forums
are just around the corner.

NORTH FORUM - AUGUST 8
Mississippi State University

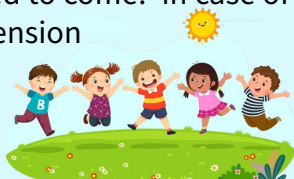
SOUTH FORUM - AUGUST 22
Raymond, MS

Leadership Development, Educational
Workshops, & Networking Opportunities
for all volunteers and potential volunteers!

Contact the Extension office if
you are interested in attending.

EAGLE 4-H CLUB

Eagle 4-H Club will have its annual Fun & Games Picnic at Corinth City Park on Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 4:00 p.m. New members and visitors are welcome and encouraged to come! In case of rain, we will meet at the Extension office. Please contact Linda Laudadio at 662-587-5813, with any questions.



4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS REQUIRED MEETING

There will be a required 4-H Volunteer Leaders Meeting **Monday, August 31 at 5:00 p.m.** This meeting is for all registered 4-H volunteer leaders serving the Alcorn County 4-H program. As we enter a new season of 4-H activities, we want to ensure that everyone is up to date on the processes and procedures for being a volunteer.

BECOME AN ALCORN COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR

Alcorn County 4-H Ambassadors Program 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.

Who can apply? Alcorn County 4-H members who have been active at least one year in the county program and are ages 8-18 by January 2027.

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 **Tuesday, September 1**. 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.



ALCORN COUNTY 4-H EXHIBIT DAYS September 15-17, 2026



4-H Exhibit Days is a time for 4-H youth to exhibit projects that they have produced throughout the year.

Items include artwork, crafts, wood work, baked goods, handmade textiles, photography and more.

4-H Exhibit Check-in
Tuesday, September 15
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Public Viewing
Thursday, September 17
1:00 - 7:00 pm

Please come by the Extension office to pick up a copy of the exhibit day handbook, entry tags, and a box label.
For more information, call 662-286-7756.



ALCORN COUNTY 4-H POULTRY SHOW & AUCTION

Friday, September 18
5:30 p.m.

**ALCORN COUNTY
4-H & FFA BEEF SHOW**
Saturday, September 19
9:00 a.m.

These events are held at the
Crossroads Arena during
the County Fair.
More details coming soon.

4-H AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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2026 State 4-H Club Congress

Our county 4-H was well represented at State 4-H Club Congress by four senior 4-Hers who attended the event at Mississippi State University on May 27-29. We are proud of their hard work preparing for their contests and accomplishments during the event.

Chloe Ervin won first place in Clothing Construction 1. Roxy Ryan won third place in Health Visual Presentation and did a great job on her speech. Myrtralynn Shanks won second place in Automotive Driving and fifth in Public Speaking II. Kelcey Beene placed in the top 10 in Other Projects Visual Presentation and Public Speaking II and top 15 in Poultry Judging.

Additionally, Myrtralynn Shanks was awarded the Marilyn Purdie 4-H Scholarship and Kelcey Beene received the Gladiola Branscome Harris 4-H Award!

A shout out to volunteers Allison Beene and Lisha Hopper for their presence and help this week. As an MVLA representative, Lisha announced the graduating seniors during the ceremony.



Pictured left to right: Myrtralynn Shanks, Roxy Ryan, Kelcey Beene, and Chloe Ervin

2026 NORTHEAST DISTRICT PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Our 4-Hers excelled at Northeast District Project Achievement Day held at Northeast Mississippi Community College on June 12. We had 15 juniors attend with 10 who participated in contests. For those not participating in contests, they participated in morning and afternoon educational and fun workshops (Makinsley Kemp and Braxton Rorie). Cloverbud Reed Janes received a medal for participating in the Cloverbud Corner. Cloverbuds Maebry and Emmalyn Null enjoyed some activity during the event. We had several first-place winners among our juniors who participated in contests. In Bicycle, Sawyer Lyell won first place and Sadie Kemp won second place. Hadleigh Bowden won first place in Clothing Selection. Mazy Walton won first place in Electric Judging and second place in Pet Care Visual Presentation. In the Horticulture Skill-A-Thon, Daphne Bowden won first place and Sadie Kemp won third place. Liam Beene won first place in Poultry and Rabbit Visual Presentation and was the first place individual in Poultry Judging. As a team, Liam Beene, Katy Beene, and Sophia Baker



Pictured left to right: Adlee Jones, Sophia Baker, Ryleigh Thorne, Hadleigh Bowden, Daphne Bowden, Reed Janes (front), Liam Beene (back), Sawyer Lyell, Katy Beene, Mazy Walton, Sadie Kemp, Makinsley Kemp, and Braxton Rorie.

placed first in Poultry Judging. Katy Beene was the second place individual and Sophia Baker was the fourth place individual in Poultry Judging. Katy Beene and Adlee Jones placed first and second, respectively, in Public Speaking. Sophia Baker placed fourth in Other Projects Visual Presentation. Ryleigh Thorne was honored with being asked to sing her song from Share the Fun just before the awards ceremony. A shout out to our State 4-H Ambassadors Kelcey Beene and Chloe Ervin for representing Alcorn County 4-H during the NE PAD event helping younger 4-Hers get to their contests/workshops and assisting as needed and to Lisha Hopper, MVLA Representative, who set up a booth to showcase MVLA and share about upcoming events.

2026 4-H STEAM DAY

Alcorn County had 11 youth attend 4-H STEAM Day on June 26 with 10 who participated in contests. The theme of the event was Walter Anderson's Alice in Wonderland, making it an exciting event. Our youth did an excellent job preparing contest items to match the theme!

Daphne Bowden received third place in LEGO Build and Sadie Kemp received third place in Makerspace and STEAM Snacks. While our Spike Robotics team of Sawyer Lyell and Luke Nevels did not place, they worked extremely hard with Ms. Debbie Bruister before the competition to code the robot to complete tasks. The following participated in various other contests. In LEGO Build were Reed Janes, Noralee Kebodeaux, Daphne Bowden (3rd, ages 10-11), Hadleigh Bowden, and Luke Nevels. For STEAM Snacks, we had Sadie Kemp (3rd, ages 10-11), Katy Beene, and Daphne Bowden participate. Reed Janes, Noralee Kebodeaux, and Mazy Walton presented their artwork for STEAM Art. For Makerspace, were Sadie Kemp (3rd, ages 10-11) and Sawyer Lyell. Madeline Gilmore participated in workshops as well as others throughout the day when not in contests.

A huge "thank you" to our wonderful parents and volunteers who attended the event. Their support of our 4-Hers and our 4-H program is remarkable! As always, our very own Lisha Hopper did a great job representing the Mississippi Volunteer Leaders Association (MVLA) at STEAM Day. Our State 4-H Ambassadors, Kelcey Beene, Chloe Ervin, and Roxy Ryan were also in attendance helping welcome younger 4-Hers and with workshops.



Pictured left to right: Sawyer Lyell, Luke Nevels, Chloe Ervin, Sadie Kemp, Roxy Ryan, Madeline Gilmore, Kelcey Beene, Mazy Walton, Noralee Kebodeaux, Katy Beene (back), Daphne Bowden, Hadleigh Bowden, and Reed Janes.

4-H CLUB MEETINGS

4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB

Mondays, Aug. 17 & Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m.

4-H LIVESTOCK CLUB

Mondays, Aug. 24 & Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m.

CLOVER KIDZ-WEST 4-H CLUB

Wednesdays, Aug. 5 & Sept. 2, 3:30 p.m.
at Tishomingo Chapel Baptist Church

CRAFTY CRITTERS 4-H CLUB

Thursday, Aug. 13, 5 - 6 p.m.
(NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER)

EAGLE 4-H CLUB

Tuesdays, Aug. 4 & Sept. 1, 4 - 6 p.m.
The August 4th meeting will be at the city park, weather permitting. Find more details on page 1.

LIFE SKILLS 4-H CLUB

Thursday, Aug. 27, 5 - 6 p.m.
(NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER)

PET PALS 4-H CLUB

(NO MEETING IN AUGUST)
Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m.

STEM/ROBOTICS 4-H CLUB

Tuesdays, Aug. 11 & Sept. 8, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.



All club meetings are held at the Extension office unless otherwise stated. Occasionally dates must be changed. We make every effort to notify club members when this happens. Make sure you are listed with each club you participate in. Please note that if the schools close due to inclement weather, 4-H activities will be canceled.