



## Upcoming Events

### August

- 4 Registration for Hot Shots Shooting Sports Club opens
- 8 **Deadline to register for Fair Exhibit Fun Day #4**
- 15 **Deadline to register for Fair Exhibit Fun Day #5**
- 16 Cloverbuds meeting, 1 p.m., Extension Office
- 19 Livestock Meeting @ 6 p.m., Extension Office
- 21 Fair Exhibit Fun Day #4, 5:30 p.m., Extension Auditorium
- 22 **Deadline to register for Hot Shots Shooting Sports Club**
- 26 Fair Exhibit Fun Day #5, 5:30 p.m., Extension Auditorium
- 28 Lucky 13 Club Meeting @5:30 p.m., Extension Auditorium
- 29 Ownership **deadline** for MS State Fair/Dixie National



### September

- 1 Extension Office closed for Labor Day
- 6 Photography Club Meeting, 1 p.m., Extension Office
- 22-27 Pearl River County Fair, Fairgrounds



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## 4-H CLUB NEWS



### 4-H Hot Shots Shooting Sports

Pearl River County Senior Hot Shots members competed in the Mississippi State Invitational for Shooting Sports on July 18th and 19th. Our team represented our county well and had a blast while competing!

- Twila Hoover



## Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to **Jacob Hoover** for placing 1st place overall in .22 Pistol and **Kade Croas** for placing 10th in Shotgun Trap at the State Shooting Sports Championship. We are so proud of each and every one of our Pearl River 4-Her's that attended. Everyone did an amazing job!



## More 4-H Club News

### 4-H Jr. Master Gardeners

I want to give a shoutout for Mia Talcott. She came out to assist us in the greenhouse to bump up plants grown by the 4-H JMG. Mia quoted “It was cool to see the roots and how much they’ve grown, and I was even able to feel them.”

Bumping up seedlings, also known as potting up, is the process of transplanting young plants from a smaller container (like Jiffy cell or seed tray) into a larger one to promote better root development and overall plant health. It’s like giving the plant a bigger home as it grows, allowing its roots to spread out and access more nutrients and water.

4-H JMG will have zinnias and a few other plants ready for sale during the month of August. Perfect time to plant for a fall showing! Great for the pollinators. For more information on what the 4-H JMGs are growing, contact Roxann Gort at 504-234-3579.

- Roxanne Gort

### Lucky 13 4-H Club

Lucky 13 4-H Club will meet on Thursday, August 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Auditorium.

Returning members will catch up while inviting new members to learn more about the service and learning opportunities within the club. We will also brainstorm activities and projects for the coming year and prepare for officer elections to be held at the September meeting.



- April Grecho

## 4-H Enrollment For Next Year (2025–2026)

Enrollment forms must be completed for each 4-Her after September 1st of each year. To complete a new form, contact the Pearl River County Extension Office at 601-403-2280 to get a form emailed or mailed to you or stop by the office. **This form needs to be completed, signed, and returned to the Extension Office by August 29, 2025 to keep your membership active.**



# Shooting Sports Registration



Registration to join our Shooting Sports Program for 2025-2026 will open on **Monday, August 4th.**

Participation in the shooting sports program is meant to introduce firearm safety training where youth are given the opportunity to learn responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and much more! We currently offer the following disciplines in Pearl River County: Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Archery, and Shotgun.

There is a \$20 fee to participate (\$10 for each additional child in one family) which is due at the time of registration. Participants will be required to complete 8 hours of practice including safety meetings in order to participate in any 4-H shooting sports competition (State requires an additional 2 hours).



## 4-H Cloverbuds August Meeting



(5-7 Year old as of January 1, 2025)

The Cloverbuds Fun Day will be held on **Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 1:00– 3:00 P.M. at the Extension Auditorium.** This meeting will be all about ice cream! We will be completing some fun activities and projects and maybe at the end you'll even get to enjoy a sweet treat!

If you plan to attend, please call our office at 601-403-2280 by Wednesday, August 13th.

## Attention Volunteers

Are you looking for project ideas for your 4-H meetings or club? Do you want to interact with other 4-H volunteers from around the state? If so, consider the following opportunities:

**South 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum– Saturday, August 23, 2025– Raymond, MS.** The cost to attend is \$20 per person which includes lunch, snacks, and workshop materials. Workshops available include Shape Up Through 4-H Volunteering, Pressing Pests of Loblolly Pine, Get Grilling, Ag and Biological Engineering Programming, Escape Room Fun, State Fair Project Prep, Medicinal Herbs, The Harmful Effects of Tobacco on Heart Health, and All About Record Books. **The deadline to register is August 16, 2025.** Call the Pearl River Extension Office at 601-403-2280 for more information and for the link to register.



You do not have to already be a 4-H volunteer to attend, all adults are welcome!

## 4-H Newsletter Online



If you would like, you can view the newsletter online at [www.extension.msstate.edu](http://www.extension.msstate.edu). At the top of the page, put the cursor on “Offices” and click “County Extension Offices”. Then click “Pearl River” and then click “County 4-H”. Click the newsletter link, and the newsletter will open.

# Livestock Information & Updates



Pearl River County Fair Livestock Show (entries due **August 29, 2025**)

State Fair Livestock Shows (entries due **August 29, 2025**)

Call the Pearl River Extension Office at 601-403-2280 for more information about upcoming shows.

## 2025-2026 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Deadlines

|   | 2025 MS State Fair        |            |            | 2026 District Shows & DNJR |            |            |
|---|---------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|
|   | Ownership,<br>Tag & Entry | DNA Sample | Classify   | Ownership,<br>Tag & Entry  | DNA Sample | Classify   |
| Market Steers                                   | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | Sept. 8-10 | Aug. 29                    | Sept. 8-10 | Sept. 8-10 |
| Market Lambs                                    | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | n/a        | Aug. 29                    | Sept. 8-10 | n/a        |
| Market Goats                                    | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | n/a        | Aug. 29                    | Sept. 8-10 | n/a        |
| Mkt Hair Sheep                                  | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | Sept. 8-10 | Aug. 29                    | Sept. 8-10 | Sept. 8-10 |
| Breeding Hair Sheep                             | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | Sept. 8-10 | Dec. 1                     | Dec. 8-11  | Dec. 8-11  |
| Commercial Beef Heifers                         | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | Sept. 8-10 | Dec. 1                     | Dec. 8-11  | Dec. 8-11  |
| CMGD  | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | n/a        | Dec. 1                     | Dec. 8-11  | n/a        |
| Wether Dams                                     | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | n/a        | Dec. 1                     | Dec. 8-11  | n/a        |
| Market Hogs                                     | Aug. 29                   | Sept. 8-10 | n/a        | Dec. 1                     | Dec. 8-11  | Feb. 5     |
| Commercial Gilts                                |                           |            |            | Dec. 1                     | Dec. 8-11  | Feb. 5     |
| MS Bred Barrows                                 |                           |            |            | Dec. 1                     | Dec. 8-11  | n/a        |
| Beef Breeding                                   | Aug. 29                   | n/a        | n/a        | Dec. 1                     | n/a        | n/a        |
| Dairy Goats & Cattle<br>(purebred & commercial) | Aug. 29                   | n/a        | n/a        | Dec. 1                     | n/a        | n/a        |
| Registered Breeding<br>Boer Does                | Aug. 29                   | n/a        | n/a        | Dec. 1                     | n/a        | n/a        |

If you are interested in showing livestock, please call the Pearl River County Extension Office at 601-403-2280.

**Look for Pearl River County 4-H on Facebook!**  
Like our pages to keep up with upcoming programs.



# 80th Annual Pearl River County Fair

## September 22-27, 2025



The Pearl River County Fair is just around the corner! If you are planning to exhibit in the County Fair, call the Pearl River Extension Office at 601-403-2280 or come by the office (835 HWY 26 W Poplarville, MS 39470) for a schedule and Youth Exhibits Form. This form will have your number in the top right corner in red. You can also get a copy of the exhibits list and labels from our office. You will turn in this form when you check in your exhibits at the fair. Premiums will NOT be paid if the form is not complete. All exhibits must be brought in at the same time. **Exhibits must be brought on Monday, September 22 from 9a.m.– 7p.m. or Tuesday, September 23 from 8a.m.– 12 noon.** If you have questions about labeling your exhibits, please call the Pearl River Extension office, and we will be glad to help you!

We will also need help from volunteers and 4-Her's to check in exhibits, arrange exhibits for judging, assist the judges, and release exhibits. Please call the office and let us know if you can help.

### Poultry & Rabbits

If you plan to enter poultry and rabbits in the pen or poultry in the show, call 601-403-2280 or come by the office for a fair book which includes rules and regulations. **Poultry and rabbits must be entered on Tuesday, September 23, from 3 p.m.- 6 p.m.**

### Horse Show

The horse show will be held **Tuesday, September 23**. Entry of horses will be held at 4 p.m. and the show will begin at 4:30 p.m. Entries will be taken all during the show for any events not held yet. Call or come by the office for the rules and regulations of the show.

### Livestock Show

Beef, dairy, goats, sheep, and swine must be entered on **Thursday, September 25 from 3p.m.– 8p.m.** The dairy show will be held on **Saturday, September 27, at 8 a.m.** The Goat, Sheep, and Swine show will be held immediately following the Dairy Show. The Beef Cattle Show will be held immediately following the Goat, Sheep, and Swine Show. Call or come by the office for more information.

### Preschool & Kindergarten Tours

Preschool and kindergarten tours will be held on Friday, September 26, beginning at 10 a.m. We need 4-Her's and volunteers to help with these tours. Please call the office if you can help. We will send an excuse letter to the schools for 4-Her's that help.

### Pet Show

The Pet Show will be held on Friday, September 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Beef Cattle Barn. Registration begins at 5p.m. There will be no online registration this year.

### Rodeo

The County Fair Rodeo will be held on Friday, September 26, and Saturday, September 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$5 for ages 6-12, \$10 for ages 13 and up, and free for ages 5 and below. For more information call Cindy Lee at 601-795-5775 or Adrian Lumpkin at 601-916-9203.



# Let's Start the School Year Off Right!

As the new school year kicks off, now is a great time to begin creating good habits that will make your school year a success. Here are some suggestions to add to your daily routine to help get you started:

- **Have a family calendar.** It's hard to manage several different calendars all at one time. Between school, extracurriculars, work, and everything in between, it can seem almost impossible to keep things straight. Having a family calendar can help keep track of schedules and keep everyone organized. You can use a dry erase calendar or even create an online one that's accessible on everyone's cell phones for the whole family to see.
- **Get plenty of sleep.** Not only do children need rest, so do parents and guardians! Getting enough sleep is a key component to staying healthy and reducing stress. The suggested hours for sleep are 9 -11 hours for children 6-13 years old and 8-10 for children 14-17 years old.
- **Stay organized.** With so many things to remember and so many moving parts, it can be hard to stay organized. Keeping a checklist or writing down important reminders in a planner can be great ways to help stay organized. Staying organized can also improve time management skills so that you can prioritize what's most important.
- **Ask questions.** There is nothing wrong with not knowing something. Never be afraid to speak up and ask if there is something you don't understand or something that needs clarification.

The start of a new school year can be challenging, but it's also a really exciting time! Each year provides new opportunities to learn and grow.



## Upcoming Club Meetings



**Blazin' Saddles 4-H Club**  
Leah Smith (601-795-3526)

Contact Leah Smith for more details

Fairgrounds Arena

**Lucky 13 4-H Club**  
April Grecho (919-280-7411)

August 28, 2025 @5:30 P.M.

Extension Auditorium

**Livestock 4-H Club**  
Caycee Simon

August 19, 2025 @6:00 P.M.

Extension Auditorium

**Jr. Master Gardeners**  
Roxann Gort (504-234-3579)

Contact Roxann Gort for more details

Extension Auditorium

**Photography Club**  
Connie Darden (601-463-0584)

September, 6, 2025 @ 1:00 P.M.

Extension Auditorium