



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO 4-H YOUTH

Mississippi 4-H, through the Mississippi State University Foundation, encourages college-bound 4-H'ers to apply for a 4-H scholarship. While eligibility criteria for each individual scholarship varies, 4-H'ers are encouraged to apply. All applications are **due by April 1**.

For more information go to <https://extension.msstate.edu/scholarships-for-4-h>.

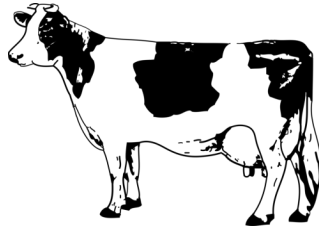


Mississippi 4-H scholarships include the:

- Ike Campbell Memorial 4-H Scholarship
- Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Youth Scholarship
- Deep South Equipment Dealers Association 4-H Scholarship
- Gladiola Branscome Harris 4-H Scholarship
- Marian Carmichael 4-H Scholarship
- The Troy and Mildred Holliday 4-H Scholarship

ANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention junior and senior high students who show Angus cattle and are part of the Mississippi Angus Association. There are several opportunities for scholarship and award monies available. Contact the County office for more information.



TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

The Tractor Supply Company in Hazlehurst will be selling Paper Clovers to benefit Mississippi 4-H clubs May 2nd and May 9th. Please keep these dates open and volunteer your time to help our 4-H clubs grow and prosper.



LIVESTOCK CAKE AUCTION

The Copiah County 4-H Livestock Club will host its annual Cake Auction March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Gallman Multipurpose Building. Please bake a cake, and come out and support our local 4-H.



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CLUB CONGRESS & PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Club Congress is a leadership and growth opportunity for senior 4-H'ers. It will be held at MSU May 27-29. Project Achievement Day is for Junior 4-H'ers and will be held in Raymond on July 7. Please contact Melissa Morgan at 601-892-1809 for more information on how to sign up and participate in either of these programs. The deadline to sign up is April 17th.

S.A.F.E.T.Y. SHOOTING SPORTS

Now that it's almost spring, it's time to get your rifles, muzzleloaders, bows and arrows ready for this year's shooting events.

The Southwest District S.A.F.E.T.Y. Match is scheduled for April 25th. State competition is set for July 17-18 in Starkville and the National Championship is scheduled for June 21-26 at Grand Island, NE.

Practices for this year's events have already begun. Call the county office if you need additional information.

4-H LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications for State 4-H offices (Ambassador, Council Officer and National 4-H Conference) are due April 13th. If you are interested making application for an officer position, please contact Melissa Morgan no later than April 1st.

GRILLIN'

Summertime will be here before you know it and that means we will be firing up the grills for cook-out contests. The South MS Cook-Out Contest is scheduled for July 1st. Anyone interested in the Cook-Out Contest this summer will need to contact Melissa and participate in the grilling prep classes during June. We had a strong showing at South MS District Contest last year. Let's show them our skills again!



HORSE CLUB. COME RIDE WITH US!

Horse club will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 16th at the Multipurpose Room in Gallman. If you are interested in joining, now is the time to sign up. Be sure to attend this important meeting if you plan to participate in this spring's Tri-State Rodeo scheduled for May 1-2.

Other upcoming dates for Horse Club members include:

Hippology Clinic at MSU.....March 15
 State 4-H Horse Contests at MSUMarch 24
 Horse Judging Clinic at MSUMarch 27
 Hands on Horses Course MAFES Horse UnitApril 25
 SW District 4-H Horse Show, JacksonJune 11-12
 State 4-H Horse Show Championship, Jackson....June 28
 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship, Perry GA
July 29-Aug. 2

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

There is a livestock judging contest coming up on Saturday, March 14th at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, TN. Registration is due no later than March 9th. For more information, go to <http://www.tnbeefagribition.com/judging-contest.html>.

4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

The Senior 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will be held April 3 in Starkville at the Bearden Dairy Research Center. This is an excellent opportunity to get youth involved in learning more about showing their cattle. Contact Melissa Morgan at the county office for more information. Deadline to enter is March 30th at noon.

LAND JUDGING

There is a land judging contest coming up in March. Please contact the county office ASAP if you would be interested in participating.

YOUTH CAMPS

Summer is a great time for kids to get out and experience something new. MSU is offering a couple of summer camps for youth interested in wildlife and conservation.

Conservation Camp: Wildlife & Recreation, July 19-22 is for rising 7th graders-high school graduates. The cost is \$350. Campers will stay on the MSU campus.

Conservation Day Camp, July 13-15 is for rising 6th-8th graders. This is a campus-based day camp that features wildlife science, nature exploration and outdoor recreation. It is held on the MSU campus Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and costs \$75.

For more information on either of the two camps, go to https://www.cfr.msstate.edu/wildlife/conservation_camp/.

4-H AND VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Do you know a young person between the ages of 8-18 who is interested in becoming a 4-H'er? Or do you know an adult who loves kids and would be a great mentor and volunteer for our programs? If so, please call Melissa Morgan at 601-892-1809.

SHOUT OUT TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks so much to all our wonderful volunteers! Your selfless commitment to our youth and tireless efforts make our 4-H clubs successful. Your hard work and gracious giving of your time and talents, contribute so much to our youth. Our programs could not succeed without your generous support. We truly value and appreciate all that you do!



POULTRY CHAIN

If you have a child who may be interested in raising/showing chickens at the Mississippi State Fair, the deadline for registration is May 1st. Baby chicks must be delivered the week of May 18-22. For additional information on Poultry Chain, contact Melissa Morgan at the County Office.



MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR & DIXIE NATIONAL A GREAT SUCCESS



The Mississippi State Fair is a big undertaking each year and gives 4-H'ers an opportunity to participate in events and showcase their livestock and their talents.

At the 2019 State Fair, Baylor, Jackson and Lainey Claire Smith showed their beef heifers. Brooke and Emma Thaxton both showed market hogs.

The 4-H Village was a great success and Copiah County youth were on hand to make it awesome. Participating were Bentley, Maycee and Makinlee Fallin; Makenzie and Parker Johnson; Brooke and Emma Thaxton; and Ryleigh Williams.

The 2020 Dixie National and Jr. Round-up this spring was also a lot of fun for our 4-H'ers. Participants included Lainey Claire Smith, Jackson Smith, Lyla Smith, Lynlee Smith, Baylor Smith, Caroline Smith, and Mary Travis Smith.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
March 14	Livestock Judging, Lebanon, TN
March 16	Copiah County 4-H Horse Club Meeting
March 20	Junior and Senior 4-H Horse Educational Contest Entries Due to State Office
April 1	Scholarships Due
April 1	Registration for Poultry Chain
April 1	Applications Due for State 4-H
April 25	Southwest District 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y Match
April 25	Hands on Horses Clinic
May 1	Deadline for resumes for Club Congress
May 1	Horse Ownership forms must be filed at the County Extension office for the 2020 District & State Shows
May 1-2	Tri-State Rodeo in Gallman, MS
May 27-29	Club Congress at MSU
June 1	All new 4-H members and at least one parent must have completed the Horse Ethics Program
June 11-12	Southwest District Horse Show and Judging Contest
June 24-27	State 4-H Horse Show
July 1	South Mississippi Cook-Out Contests (Pork, Chicken, Beef)
July 7	Southwest Project Achievement Day
July 17-18	State 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y Invitational
July 19-22	National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest
July 26-Aug. 2	National 4-H Forestry Invitational, Weston, West Virginia
July 29-Aug. 2	Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship, Perry, GA

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