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4-H IN FALL

We are starting a new school year and it is time to join a 4-H club.

Try a Project in These Areas:

- Pets
- Dog Training
- Livestock
- Shooting Sports
- Horses
- GPS & Technology
- Senior Club
- Robotics



Craig County Junior 4-H Camp 2009 will be held June 15—19. Youth that are between 9 and 13 years old can attend camp. If you are 14 or older you can apply to be a teen counselor. Scholarships are available for those who need help with camp costs. Call the Extension Office at 864-5812 for more information.

New Castle Senior 4-H

If you are 13 to 18 years of age, you can join the New Castle Senior 4-H Club. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm the first Monday of every month at the Extension office. Senior 4-H Club members serve as teen counselors at Junior 4-H Camp. 4-H teen members have the opportunity to attend 4-H Congress held each year on the Virginia Tech campus.

There are various opportunities for teens to compete in various other statewide 4-H events. In addition, you can participate in community service projects, club activities and host Share-The-Fun Night and Middle School Dances. Call the Craig Co. Extension Office (864-5812) for more information.

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Teen Weekend will be held at Skelton 4-H Center on November 14—16. The cost is \$65 and any teen may attend. Teens from camping clusters from Skelton 4-H Center will attend. Come meet new people and have fun!

Craig County 4-H Shooting Stars

Two members of the Craig County 4-H Shooting Stars competed in the 2008 State Shooting Championship that was held at Holiday Lake 4-H Center on the September 12 - 14. Samantha Old competed in air pistol, air rifle field targets, muzzleloader, 22-rifle, and Seneca Run matches. She won one gold, two bronze, and two green awards. Katherine Old competed in air pistol, air rifle field target, and Seneca Run and earned one gold, one bronze, and one green award.

The club will be practicing with air pistols, air rifles, and archery every two weeks from 5:30 until 7:00 pm at the VFW building beginning on October 21.

If you enjoy shooting and are between the ages of 9 and 18, then come and attend a practice and see if you would like to join the club. For more information, contact Sally Farrell at 864-5812.



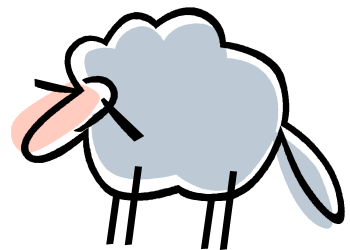
4-H Livestock Club News

Four 4-H members showed market lambs this summer at regional shows. Emmalee Edwards, Emma Helm, Levi Helm, and Anna Smith showed their lambs at the Botetourt Market Lamb Show, the New River Valley Lamb Symposium, New River Valley Fair, Newport Fair, and the Montgomery County Fair. Anna and Sam Alley showed registered Suffolk Sheep at the West Virginia State Fair last summer. Emmalee, Anna, Emma, and Levi showed their lambs at the State Fair on October 3—5.

Youth are encouraged to show cattle, hogs, and/or sheep in local livestock shows. In the spring, you

can enter your animals in area shows and events. The Roanoke Area Junior Livestock Show is usually held in the spring in Blacksburg. The projects can be either long or short term. The market lamb project can be a short-term project.

Youth participating in this project purchase and care for lambs for a six week period. The project may concludes with the Market Lamb Show in June or youth can go on and show in the Virginia State Fair. The Virginia Sate Fair offers college scholarship money for successful exhibitors.



There also is opportunity for livestock judging and stockman contests. If you would like to join the Craig County 4-H Livestock Club, please call the Craig County Extension Office at 864-5812.

Misty Mountain Mane-iacs 4-H Club Activities

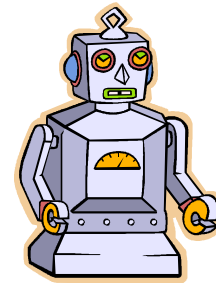
Seven members of the Misty Mountain Mane-iacs attended the State 4-H Horse Show at the Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia from September 18 through 21. Members competed in riding events, hippology (horse knowledge), and horse judging. The members were required to participate in a 4-H qualifying clinic or horse show. The members attending the show were Emmalee Edwards, Emma Helm, Sarah Lipps, Meghan Mangels, Alya Ratliff, Anna Smith, and Amanda Sixbey. Emmelee Edwards won ribbons in three performance classes and won the Junior Division in Horse Judging. Amanda Sixbey earned four performance ribbons, one being the blue ribbon in Racking and Country Pleasure Equitation. Meghan Mangels won two performance ribbons. Anna Smith placed first in the Senior Horse Judging Division.



During the summer, members also volunteered at the Roanoke Area Horse Show and showed at the Newport Horse Show. Plans for this fall include a mounted meeting, a horse judging clinic, and a trail ride. If you have an interest in horses, call the Craig County Extension Office for information about the next meeting. You do not have to own a horse to be a member of the 4-H Horse & Pony Club.

LEGO League Robotics Team

First LEGO League Robotics is off and running. The Stanley Steamers will be competing on November 15 at Blacksburg High School in the regional competition. This fall the Stanley Steamers will be programming NXT Robots and researching the local issue of flooding in the area. The Steamers have seven returning members and will be adding three more members to the team.



GPS & GIS

Craig County 4-H is using the updated software program ArcMap to create interactive local maps that use GPS to mark important areas in the community. 4-H is looking for youth to help with the map project. If you like using GPS receivers and would like to learn how to use this new computer program. The U. S. Forest Service has asked 4-H to help mark trails that need maintenance in the area.

Also, we will be marking and creating a data base of graveyards to help people searching for information about their ancestors. If you might be interested in this project, please contact Sally Farrell at (864-5812) for more information.





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To Make the Best Better

If you are a person with a disability and require any auxiliary aids, services, or other accommodations for any activity, please identify your needs to the Craig County Extension Office (540/864-5812) prior to the event.

Pet Club Is Busy!

The Pet Club is meeting once a month after school in the McCleary Library to conduct its regular business meeting. The members learn about the care of small animals including rabbits, dogs, and cats. Members are working on The Pet Pals Program that trains animals to visit Nursing Homes and other assistive living facilities. The club is also meeting twice a month at the Extension Office and members have been busy training dogs. The club will march with their dogs in the New Castle Christmas Parade in December. If you are interested in learning more about pets, please call the Craig County Extension Office to find out the meeting schedule.



IMPORTANT DATES

- October 6—12 : National 4-H Week
- October 11 – Fall Festival 4-H Bake Sale
- October 13 & 16 -Robotics @ 5:30 Wood Shop
- October 14—Pet Club @3:30 McCleary Library
- October 14—Dog Training @ 6:00 Extension Office
- October 14 – Livestock Club @ 6:30 Extension Office
- October 20 & 23 -Robotics @5:30 Wood Shop
- October 25 — Horse Club Mounted Meeting @ 10 am Pat Neff ' s
- October 27 & 30 — Robotics @ 5:30 Wood Shop
- October 28 – Dog Training @ 6:00 Extension Office
- November 2 – Horse Club Trail Ride @ 1:00 pm Fenwick Mines
- November 3 & 6—Robotics @ 5:30 Wood Shop
- November 3 – Senior Club Meeting @ 7:30 Extension Office
- November 4— Senior Club get together in Montgomery County
- November 11— Pet Club @ 3:30 McCleary Library
- November 11—Livestock Club @ 6:30 Extension Office
- November 11 & 13—Robotics @ 5:30 Wood Shop
- November 14—16 Teen Weekend @ Skelton 4-H Center
- November 15— Robotics Tournament @ Blacksburg High School