

4-H Awakens with Food at the Butler County Fair

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Summer is here and the heat has arrived. However, this has not slowed down the youth involved in 4-H. The theme for the 2016 Butler County 4-H Fair is "4-H Awakens". The Butler County Fair offers food options for Fair goers!

Chocolate Cakes anyone? Who likes to bake chocolate layer cakes? If you're raising your hand right now, then you should whip up your best cake and participate in the Open Class Chocolate Cakes Class at the Butler County Fair! Not a cake fan, but love to bake pies or yeast breads...we have a class for you too! Perhaps you prefer to can your food products: no problem! We also have an open class in Food Preservation for you! For more information on how to participate in these open class food categories, you can call the Butler County Extension Office at (316) 321-9660. Open class means you can be a current Butler County resident or 4-H Alumni to participate.

Next up is the 4-H Foods Concession Stands. All proceeds from the concession stand go to support the Butler County 4-H Council and the County wide events they hold. Hotdogs, beef nacho, pulled pork sandwiches, walking tacos, candy, pop, frozen grapes and more can be found at the Clover Café! There are also fabulously delicious homemade pies served!

Next up, you will want to make your way to the **4-H Food Auction**. Cakes, cookies, pies, breads, food preservation products.....YUM YUM!! These are all examples of the delicious food prepared and brought to the Fair by 4-H'ers. The best part is, they get auctioned off for you to enjoy! You may also find modified foods such as sugar free and gluten free products. The 4-H Food Auction will be held on Saturday, July 30th, 7:00 p.m. at the Butler County 4-H Building/Community Building in El Dorado. All proceeds from the auction go to benefit the Butler County 4-H Council which supports local youth to attend leadership and citizenship events along with other educational opportunities.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Life skills include: healthy interpersonal relationships, sound decision making, a positive self-concept, an inquiring mind and concern for the community. Simply put, 4-H is designed to support the positive and successful development of all youth. Ultimately helping them become confident, capable and caring adults. These first two events that help kick off the Butler Fair are just the start to 4-H'ers exhibiting these skills they have learned while continuing to grow and strengthen themselves in these areas.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in and support 4-H. The Butler County Fair dates are July 29th – August 4th. Thank you to each and every one of you that have supported and continue to support Butler County 4-H!