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Members of local 4-H clubs work on primitive shelters during the survival camp held at Chalk Bluff

## Clay County Extension Service hosts 4-H Survival Day Camp

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Recently, the Clay County Cooperative Extension Service hosted a 4-H Survival Day Camp at Chalk Bluff Battlefield Park. Doug Householder, with Earth Trekker Bushcraft, LLC, served as the instructor and taught the kids basic survival

skills which could be used if anything were to happen to them, or if they got lost out in the woods.

"It wasn't long ago that there were a couple of girls who got lost in the woods up North and they were able to survive by remembering what they learned through their 4H survival day," noted

extension agent Allison Howell. "I thought since we had a great, local guy and a great facility to use we should have one as well."

Howell reports good participation, and noted those who were on hand were very attentive.

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"Doug taught the kids how to make primitive shelters, water filters, dead fall traps and many other things," she offered. "We had a great day and the kids learned a lot.

There were kids from all three 4-H clubs there and everyone that attended were glad they came."

Howell noted that Householder, a county native, normally works with adults.

"But, he did a wonderful job teaching us and helping us to learn," she added.

Additional information about Earth Trekker Bushcraft, LLC, may be found on their Facebook page. Additional information on 4-H programs in Clay County may be acquired by contacting the extension offices in Piggott or Coming.