



Jackson County 4-H Newsletter



August 2009

NOTES FROM SUSAN:

Wow, what a FABULOUS July we had. It was amazing to see so many members come out and work on their end of the year reports. We had a great turn out on both dates. Please contact Meg or myself to schedule us to attend your next club meeting.

EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Equine Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 PM at the Blue Springs Extension Office. If your club has members enrolled in any of the equine projects please make sure that your club has a youth and an adult representative at this meeting. We will be electing officers at this meeting, please make sure your club is represented.

4-H COUNCIL AND EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The 4-H Council and Equine Council will be having its third annual combined meeting on Monday, August 17 at 7:00 PM at the Blue Springs Extension Office. Each and every club should have representation at this combined meeting. Both Councils have full agendas, and items will rotate between each Council. This meeting is a great opportunity for ALL clubs to meet, create new relationships and learn from each other. Please make sure that your club has representation at this meeting.

CONGRATULATION CLOVERS TO:

Listed below are the 4-H Members who competed at Jackson County Contest Day and are now eligible to present their demonstrations at the State fair.

Member Name - Demonstration Topic

- Zac Baughman – Origami
- Nicholas Dungy – Sea Salt Scrub
- Emily Hughes - Why Spay and Neuter your Pets
- Rachel Hutchinson – Historic Quilting
- Madyson McMillan – Digital Camera
- Meredith Perry – Breeding Mini - Donkeys
- Spencer Webb – Chicken BBQ
- Veronica Webb - Fun and Tasty Quick Breads

Jackson County 4-H wishes you well at the State Fair!

Good Luck!

Jackson County 4-H Staff

4-H Youth Development Specialist

Meg Sage Mach
Leon Moon
Beth Rasa

Youth Program Associate

Susan Smith

Youth Education Assistants

Naomi Reynolds
Lucinda Carr

4-H Secretary

Crystal Lutgen
Sherrie Norman

Jackson County Extension

Kansas City Office

2700 18th Street, Suite 240
Kansas City, MO 64127
Phone: (816) 482-5850

Blue Springs Office

1106 West Main Street
Blue Springs, MO 64015
Phone: (816)252-5051
Fax: (816) 252-5575

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Page</u>
Calendar	5
Clover Kids	6
Club Reports	2
County Wide Clubs	2
End of the Year Reports	3
Equine News	5
Officer Applications	3
Shooting Sports	2
State Fair Information	3
Trips and Grants	4
Volunteer Forum	5
Volunteer Orientation	4

4-H CLUB REPORTS

COUNTY WIDE SHOOTING SPORTS MEETINGS

The Shooting Sports club will be having its next meeting on **Tuesday, August 11 at the Blue Springs 4-H Office at 7:00 pm.** Anyone interested in participating in any of the shooting sports projects (740-749) SHOULD attend this meeting. Fall safety meetings will be held at the Blue Springs office on **October 18 and November 1** you must attend both days for certification. Remember, all shooting sports projects meetings must be led by a state certified instructor, so you must attend the county-wide meetings and shoots if you are enrolled in these project areas. Shooting project meetings are currently happening. Contact Susan Smith for questions on shooting schedules.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS

The Next photography Meeting will be on Sunday, **August 23 at George Owens Nature Park at 6 PM.** All members who are enrolled in Photography are welcome to come to this meeting.

VALLEY 4-H EXPLORERS

The Valley 4-H Explorers attended church as a club on Sunday July 19th at the Grain Valley Methodist Church. This is where we hold our monthly meetings. The church offers us the use of their building for our meetings and we visit their church once a year. Club Leader **Stacey Perry** has reminded members to work on project records and end of the year reports. We will have our next meeting on August 2nd at 2:00 pm

Ethan Cross, Club Reporter

NEWSFLASH!!!

Please have all of your information for the newsletters sent to Susan by the **15th of each month** prior to when you would like your information published. For example if you want information in the September newsletter please have your information to me by August 15th. Please make sure that the information is 4-H related.

smithsusan@missouri.edu

4-H COUNCIL

The Jackson County 4-H Council meeting on July 20, 2009 was called to order at 7:02 pm. The pledges were led by **Ryan Cross** and **Veronica Webb**. The minutes were approved as read and the treasurer's report was file for audit. For the Foundation Report we were reminded that this is the last year for club grants and the deadline is September 1. The Equine Council reported that they had a great turnout for the County Horse Show and for their State Decorating Meeting. Committee Reports: Achievement Night: will be November 14, the theme will be "Show-Me your Talent", that evening we will be having a walk of 4-H Fame you may buy a spot on the walk for \$5 per person. Fair Committee: The Fair Evaluation Meeting will be held on Monday August 3, 7pm at the Blue Springs Office. This meeting is open to all 4-H members.

Old business: the 2008-2009 Fair had more participants overall, it was very hot but we had a lot of great events going on. We had a great turn out for Tour day and the Variety Show.

The next Awards workshops will be July 23 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 p.m. To attend these workshops you must pre-register by July 21st. It was also discussed at the organizational leader meeting, which was held on Thursday July 16th, if you were not there please pick up your packet. An Operation Military Kids event will be held on Sunday August 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm at the Independence Armory. Help is needed to provide activities to military families. Meg and Susan will help people set up a booth if anyone is interested in helping them staff it.

New Business: A motion was made by **Jenna Johnson** and 2nd by **Veronica Webb** to increase the enrollment fees from \$15 to \$20. Each club was allowed to have one vote; the vote was not final due to the fact that we did not have 1/2 of the clubs represented. Meg will be contacting the other clubs to receive their votes. State Fair exhibits should be brought to the office August 5th or 6th. Awards information is available on the Jackson County website. All awards are due on September 1. A Fall Fun Fest planning meeting will be on August 17th prior to the next council meeting. Officer applications are due on September 11th and can be found on the Jackson County website. **The August meeting will be a joint meeting with the Equine Council and it will be on Monday, August 17, 7pm.**



STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Exhibits going to State Fair should be brought to the Blue Springs 4-H Office on either **Wednesday, August 5 (between 8AM-5PM) or Thursday, August 6 (between 8AM-8PM).**

Please remove all ribbons from your item. You may leave the Jackson County Exhibit tag. Please make sure you securely attach the Jackson County Exhibit tag to the back, inside or bottom of your exhibit. Please also label your items with your name, phone number and county. You will need to bring your exhibit securely packed to ensure that exhibits are safely transported to and from the State Fair. If you have any questions, please contact Meg at 252-5051.

Exhibits will be available to be picked up on **Tuesday, August 25 from 8AM-5PM, or Wednesday, August 26 from 8AM-5PM.**



MOre Fun in Science - MO State Fair

Missouri 4-H is co-sponsoring the three day MOre Fun in Science event at the Missouri State Fair August 20-22. There are two activities that will be especially fun. The Show-Me Robots event on Thursday afternoon August 20 will feature robots and robot education in Missouri. And 4-H members can help set a world record Mentos Soda Launch Saturday afternoon **August 22.** There will be exhibits, robot demonstrations, competitions, and hands-on robot activities.

Agriculture, industry, military, colleges, and hobbyists will come together August 20 at the 2009 Missouri State Fair for a public showing of robots and robot education in Missouri. August 20 is \$2 Day and the Governor, Legislators and Judges Day at the Fair. Price of admission for the day is \$2 with children age 12 and free. Parking is free every day. Concessionaires will participate by offering some items for \$2. A very affordable day to attend the Missouri State Fair!

More information can be found on the Missouri 4-H web-site at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/robots.htm>



4-H COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATIONS

The 4-H Council is looking for youth who are interested in serving as officers. The officer positions that are available are president-elect, (2) vice president positions, secretary, and reporter. Any youth who are interested in an officer position should contact the 4-H Office. **Applications for those interested must be completed and in the office by Friday, September 11, 2009.**



MISSOURI STATE FAIR

AUGUST 13-23, 2009

Choose the Missouri State Fair as your family destination **August 13-23** in Sedalia. 396 acres of MOre Fun than Ever await you at an affordable family event. Be sure to see "special promotions" at www.mostatefair.com for daily admission specials. Admission for youth 12 and under is free every day. \$1 adult admissions on opening day, and \$2 admission on the second Thursday, are just two ways to save BIG at the gate. See special promotions on the website for more discounts.

Special 4-H events at this year's State Fair

- August 13-23 - Working and General Demonstrations
- August 15-Egg and International Foods Demonstrations
- August 16 - Pork and Soyfoods Demos
- August 16 - Clover Kids Day
- August 17 - Chicken BBQ demonstration
- August 18 - Military Appreciation Day

Will be filming children reading to their deployed parent. Each child will leave with a CD that can be sent to their military member. If you know of a military family that plans on attending the fair encourage them to stop by the 4-H building.

- August 20 - Show-Me Robots in Assembly Hall
- August 21 - 4-H Robots
- August 22 - Agri-Missouri Demonstrations
- August 22 - After dinner science experiments



END OF THE YEAR REPORTS

Here is your friendly reminder to be aware that the end of the 4-H year is just around the corner. Club officer award applications, Secretary & Treasurer books, Missouri Recognition Forms, Equine Award Applications and all other award applications are due **September 1, 2009** at the Blue Springs 4-H Office. No late applications are accepted.

For a complete listing of all the awards available, along with the award description and applications check the Jackson County 4-H website.

<http://extension.missouri.edu/Jackson/>
Click on the 4-H clover, then click on "2009 Jackson County Awards Information and Forms."



TRIPS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jackson County 4-H Council and Jackson County 4-H Foundation will once again be sponsoring scholarships for youth and adults interested in attending any of the 2009-2010 State 4-H events. Check out the trip scholarship information available on the Jackson County 4-H website. **Applications are due September 1, 2009.** Scholarships are available for:

- Shooting Sports Training (Adult Leader)
- Teen Conference (Youth)
- State 4-H Congress (Youth)
- Citizenship Youth Forum (Youth) And more...



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION CLUB GRANTS

The Jackson County 4-H Foundation has once again granted funds to be used to further grow the 4-H program in Jackson County. These funds are restricted to specific awards designed to give some incentive to grow our program locally. Funds will be available for leaders to apply for as outlined below. The general rules that apply to all of the awards are:

- Club and/or county-wide project leader must be recognized by the 4-H Office. They must have their forms turned in, dues paid, etc.
- Applications can be made for more than 2 awards, however, any one club or county-wide project leader can only receive 2 awards in a given year.
- Applications must be completed for the desired award(s). Applications are available on the Jackson County 4-H website, listed below.
- Applicants will be required to report to the 4-H Council and the 4-H Foundation, or perhaps both, as specified below.
- The "Growth Incentive Committee" will determine and award the funds based on the applications received. If all requirements are met, applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.
- All decisions of the committee are final.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 TO THE BLUE SPRINGS 4-H OFFICE.

More information, grant application and complete guidelines for each grant can be found on the Jackson County 4-H webpage at:
<http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/4H/ejc4h/index.shtml>



LEADER ORIENTATION REQUIRED FOR ALL 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS

The Missouri 4-H program feels that orienting all 4-H leaders will create a stronger 4-H program overall. **As of January 1, 2009, all 4-H leaders (organizational, project, activity and resource leaders) are required to attend or complete a one-time volunteer orientation session.**

Leaders may complete this session through three different ways. One attend a face to face session, two complete the online orientation, or three complete a volunteer orientation CD.

Face to Face Sessions will be held:

- Saturday, October 17 from 9AM-noon
 - Saturday, October 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- Pre-register for these sessions by October 12**

Online Orientation

Open a web browser, such as Internet Explorer or Mozilla Fire-fox. Log on at <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>

1. Select [Login]
2. Enter a username of: **_kids**
3. Enter this password: **volunteer**
4. Select [**Yes**] any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items.
5. Select this link located on the left side of the screen: [Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation]
6. A welcome screen appears and guides the participant through the course.

Volunteer orientation CD

Each club organizational leader was mailed a copy of the volunteer orientation CD. Copies are also available to be checked out from the Blue Springs Extension Office. The CD contains the 7 units of the orientation for those who may have slow internet connections. However, you must have internet access to complete the online quiz.



4-H is a **community**
of **young**
people
across America
who are learning
leadership,
citizenship and
life skills.



NORTH CENTRAL VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM

Volunteer leaders are invited to attend the **2009 North Central Region Volunteer Forum October 1-4 in Lincoln, NE.** The forum is designed by 4-H volunteers for 4-H volunteers as a time for learning, development, rejuvenation, and fun! A time to gather new and creative ideas, strengthen 4-H partnerships, expand your horizons, and explore new opportunities. Join volunteers and staff from across the twelve states of the North Central Region to "Giving them our Best" for 4-H. **Early bird registration for the full conference is \$200 and is due by August 15.** You can get more information and register online at: <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>
If you are interested in attending this conference, please let Meg know.



4-H HORSE NEWS

Equine Council Meeting

The next Equine Council Meeting will be on **Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office.** Each equine club should have ONE youth & ONE adult representative at each meeting.

.....

JACKSON COUNTY EQUINE LEVELS PROGRAM

The Jackson County Equine Council has initiated a new levels program for the 2008-2009 4-H year. For Level one and Level two we will be using the Junior Master Horseman Program. For Level three we will be using the Nebraska Levels program. Youth please contact your club leader about getting your books. The books will be used for instruction, activity guides in club meetings and individually. Testing for level one and level two will take place online on the Junior Master Horseman website at www.juniormasterhorseman.com

EACH 4-H member who will be working on Level 1 or 2 must create an account and join the Jackson County, Missouri 4-H group - **Code JCMO4H.** To create an account, you will click on the option of registering your book. It will ask you for a group code, type in **JCMO4H** and complete the rest of the information.

All parts of the levels program must be complete, by September 1, 2009 to be eligible to receive your completion plaque at the 2009 Achievement Night. If you have questions, call Meg.



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



All dates and times are subject to change. Please make sure that you have the most current Newsletter.

AUGUST 2009

- 3 Fair Evaluation Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 5 State Fair Exhibits brought into office, 8AM - 5PM
- 6 State Fair Exhibits brought into office, 8 AM - 8PM
- 6 Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 11 County Wide Shooting Sports Club, 7PM, 4-H Office
- 13 Organizational Club Leaders Meeting, 6:00 PM, Blue Springs Extension Office
- 13-23 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia
- 17 4-H Council and Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 25 Pick-up State Fair Exhibits, 8AM-5PM
- 26 Pick-up State Fair Exhibits, 8AM-5PM

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 1 End of the Year report deadline, award application deadline, & MRF deadline
- 1 Jackson County 4-H Foundation club grants deadline
- 1 4-H memorabilia and stories due to the Blue Springs Office
- 11 4-H Council officer applications due to Blue Springs Extension Office
- 21 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office

OCTOBER 2009

- 1 Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 1-4 North Central Volunteer Leader Forum, Lincoln, NE
- 13 County Wide Shooting Sports Club, 7PM, 4-H Office
- 17 Volunteer Orientation, 9-12; 1-4, 4-H Office
- 18 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 4-H Office
- 19 4-H Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office

NOVEMBER 2009

- 1 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 4-H Office
- 5 Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, 4-H Office
- 14 Achievement Night
- 16 4-H Council Meeting, 7PM, 4-H Office

.....

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If your address has changed, please notify Susan at the office so we can keep updated information coming to you.

Clover Kids Corner - Do different colors absorb heat better?



What you need:

- Four sheets of colored paper: white, yellow, red, black
- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Four ice cubes
- Sunny day or heat lamp
- Notebook to record observations

What you do:

- 1) Ask children to imagine that it is 100°F outside. What kinds of things will they do to stay cool? What kinds of clothing will they wear? What about the color of the clothing?
- 2) Have pre-stenciled five-sided boxes ready to cut out and assemble. You will need one per color, for a total of four colored boxes.
- 3) Lay newspaper under the sunlight and place color boxes side by side with the opening facing away from the sunlight so the youth can see inside.
- 4) Place one ice cube in each of the colored cubes.
- 5) Have the children check the ice cubes every few minutes and record in the notebook which melted first, second, third and fourth.
- 6) Discuss the children's observations. Why do ice cubes melt? How does the sun affect ice? Which color absorbs heat the quickest in the sun? What kinds of clothes do people wear outside in winter/summer?

Science and Engineering Connection

- The study of light and its behavior is a major component in the design of optical instruments such as cameras, microscopes, CD players and medical systems. Different sources of light carry different quantities of energy. For example, lasers are very powerful and can cut through stone or even metal. Using this information, engineers can improve existing equipment designs.

YOU CAN ALSO VIEW YOUR MONTHLY 4-H NEWSLETTERS ONLINE AT: <http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/>

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
 **Extension**
Jackson County Extension
1106 West Main Street
Blue Springs, MO 64015 