



Jackson County 4-H Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM MEG:

Thank you VOLUNTEERS! April 10 – 16 is National Volunteer Week. 4-H members, this is a great time to thank your leaders and parents for all of their hard work and dedication. The office, committees and Councils are making plans for all of the upcoming spring and summer events. If you are interested in helping out with any of these events, then please participate in upcoming committee or Council meetings.

Club leaders the 4-H Council officer team would like to attend your meetings. Please contact me with your upcoming meeting dates. sagemachm@missouri.edu

Just a little update on my schedule, I will be out of the office April 13- April 30. Todd, my husband, and I will be taking our honeymoon (10 years later) to New Zealand. If you have questions about anything, Crystal or Karen will be able to help you out during this time, just like they always do.

EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, April 7 at 7PM**, at the Blue Springs Extension Office. Please make sure if your club has a focus on the equine project you have a youth and an adult representative at each equine council meeting. We will be discussing Trade Day, the Clinic and finalizing County Fair horse show.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next 4-H Council meeting will be on **Monday, April 11 at 7PM**, at the Blue Springs Extension Office. This meeting was changed to a week earlier than normal, due to a scheduling conflict. Each and every club can help shape the direction of the Jackson County 4-H program by having your club represented by a youth member from your club.

MONDAY, MAY 2 – DEADLINE FOR ENROLLMENT AND PROJECT CHANGES

May 2 is the deadline for any and all project changes for all members. These project changes must be submitted in writing (email counts) to the Blue Springs 4-H Office by May 2, by 5PM. Please email or mail your changes to Karen Colby.

May 2 is also the deadline for enrollment in the Jackson County 4-H program to be eligible to participate in competitive events like Contest Day, Jackson County Fair, and County Fair Horse Show. To be an enrolled member all paperwork must be completed and fees paid. All members are required to have at least 6 hours of project work completed for each project prior to competition. **If you have been contacted by the Extension Office about missing paperwork, signatures, etc. all of this must be in the office by 5:00 PM on Monday, May 2.**

May 2 is also the deadline for horse enrollment forms. All 4-H members who are planning on showing horses must complete a horse enrollment form with photo of horse included and have it in the Blue Springs 4-H office by 5PM on May 2.

CONGRATULATION CLOVERS TO:

- ❖ **Classy Clovers 4-H Club**, they sold \$1,690 worth of Fair Advertisements. The Valley 4-H Explorers and Silver Spurs clubs both sold over \$1,000 in advertisements.
- ❖ **Halle Wild** of Seven Oaks for being named to the State 4-H Photo Corp.

FIND THE HIDDEN SYMBOL

Congratulations to Halle Wild, of Seven Oaks, she was the first person to find the symbol hiding in the March newsletter. Halle will get a 4-H prize for her thorough reading skills. Each month the symbol will change. The first 4-H member to find the symbol and email Meg with its location at sagemachm@missouri.edu will win a 4-H prize of their choice. This month's symbol is: ☆ Read the newsletter carefully to find the symbol.

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COUNTY WIDE SHOOTING SPORTS

The next County Wide Shooting Sports meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office**. Anyone interested in participating in any of the shooting sports projects (740-749) must be led by a state certified instructor, so you **MUST** attend the county-wide meetings and shoots if you are enrolled in these projects. Contact Susan Smith at smithsusan@missouri.edu, with any questions about shooting sports.

COUNTY WIDE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Anyone enrolled in the photography project is welcome to attend the County Wide Photography Project meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 16 at 2:30PM at George Owens Park**.

4-H COUNCIL REPORT

The March 21st meeting was called to order by President **Mackenzie Schuette** at 7PM. Pledges were led, roll was called and minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed and filed for audit.

Nicole Bricker, Equine Council Chairperson, updated everyone on the upcoming equine events. Trade Day – April 16; Clinic – May 7; County Fair Horse Show – June 18.

Committee Reports- 4-H King and Queen Committee gave a report about the event. Fair committee presented minutes from their meeting and passed around the superintendent sign-up sheet. We need MANY volunteers (youth & adult) to help with the County Fair. Interested, please contact Meg ASAP.

Old Business- Re-Enrollment forms-please return any missing forms and forms needing signatures ASAP, membership is not complete until all enrollment information is complete. Leaders must complete volunteer orientation online. Club leaders are asked to share information about your upcoming meetings. The 2011 t-shirt design with two shirt colors were chosen. **Nicole Bricker**, gave a report on the community service project for Sugar Creek Equinapay.

New Business- Valley 4-H Explorers proposal to host the county wide lock in on Friday, July 8 was approved. The Paper Clover Campaign will be held April 15-25. Clubs were asked to help on the two Saturdays during the event. Upcoming State and County events were discussed. Checks were dispersed to clubs for their percentages of Fair Advertisements. A new policy was established – clubs will no longer receive portions of fundraisers unless they have an EIN on file at the Extension Office.

Reminders- Next Equine Council meeting: Thursday, April 7 at 7PM, Blue Springs 4-H office. Next 4-H Council meeting: Monday, April 11 at 7PM, Blue Springs 4-H office. PLEASE COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT 4-H COUNCIL MEETING!!!

4-H CLUB REPORTS

CLASSY CLOVERS

Classy Clovers met Feb 12th at the **Ramsey** home. The general meeting was held with 8 members and 3 adults in attendance. Members were reminded that Fair book sales are due February 14. **Madyson McMillan** reported on the King and Queen dance. The club decided that each family would make at least one basket for the silent auction. Members decided to usher at the City Theater as a Community Service project. **Trezelle Ray** reported on his vet science project. The next meeting will be on Mar 9. After the meeting was adjourned, members started working on the quilts for St. Luke's.

Classy Clovers met March 9 at 7PM at Franklin Smith Elementary School in Blue Springs. The general meeting was conducted with 6 members, 3 adults and 2 guests in attendance. Members worked on quilts for their community service project. Members decided to make a donation to the Sugar Creek Equine facility that recently had a fire. **Sydney Webb** reported on the Youth Civic Leadership Summit and **Brooke Terry** reported on the King and Queen Dance and reported that the Classy Clovers won the attendance award. **Selinda Ramsey** reported on the Fair book sales, and that the club had the highest volume of sales. **Veronica Webb** reported on her photography project. Next meeting will be April 6.

Brooke Terry, Classy Clovers Club Reporter

VALLEY 4-H EXPLORERS

The Valley 4-H Explorers last met on March 6. We took a bunch of thin fleece throw blankets and some of the parents and older kids cut a big square out of each corner and then the sides into 5 inch strips. The rest of us got into small groups. We took two blankets and tied the strips into knots to keep the two together. By doing that, the two flimsy thin blankets are now a warm and cozy one. By working together, the members and parents were able to make 19 blankets in just about one hour. While the big kids worked on the blankets, **Cori** taught the Clover Kids how to thread a needle and make a whip stitch. Then they took the squares of fabric that were cut out of the blankets and started stitching them together. It will take some time, but these will become pillows. This way we were not wasting anything! Everything that we made at the meeting will be taken and donated to Hope Faith Ministries, a homeless shelter in Kansas City, when we work there on March 26.

Harrison Perry, Valley 4-H Explorers Club Reporter



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Nicole Bricker is working on a community service project for Sugar Creek Equinapy on behalf of our county. A fire destroyed the barn that housed the Sugar Creek Equine Therapy program. Sugar Creek is a wonderful organization that helps special needs children and a few adults through equine therapy. They lost 6 wonderful horses and virtually everything their program had. The program is in need of everything and is starting from scratch. They need brushes, halters, bridles, muck buckets, stall forks, wheelbarrows, buckets, saddles, etc. They take students to shows, so they could also use any old show clothes you may have at home. They will have a list of things that they still need on sugarcreekequinapy.com. They will update frequently so that donations can be as helpful as possible. Let Nicole know if you have items or money that you would be willing to donate to Sugar Creek. Nicole can be reached at: painhorselover.nb@gmail.com

MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

The MOVE Across Missouri program is back for 2011. The goal of the MOVE Across Missouri program is to promote physical activity. MOVE encourages youth and families to engage in a broad range of physical activities. Using an online program, members and families can “log” in the number of hours they MOVE. **Members and leaders will need to sign-up after January 1, 2011.** For more information visit the MOVE website at: www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/
The competitive event runs from February 1 – May 31.

ROBOTICS, ROBOTICS, ROBOTICS

There are lots of opportunities for youth interested in learning more about the Robotics project.

- **Robot Challenge** - The MU College of Engineering is again inviting 4-H groups to participate in the InSITE Robotics Challenge for elementary and middle school youth. The event is **Saturday, April 30** at the College of Engineering in Columbia. **Registration deadline is March 31.** Challenge objectives, rules, and details are at http://4h.missouri.edu/events/robots/docs/insite_challenge.pdf This is a great event for novice and experienced young roboticists. Preparing for the challenge can provide an excellent focus for robot project groups.
- **MU Lego Robotics Camp** – Learn more about Science, Engineering and Technology at MU Lego Robotics Camps. There are many different dates available: **April 16-17, June 3-5, July 22-24 and August 12-14.** For more information visit: <http://www.engineering.missouri.edu/lego/index.php>

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION REQUIRED FOR ALL 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 two different ways. One: complete the online orientation, or Two: complete a volunteer orientation CD.

Online Orientation

- <http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/application.htm>
- Scroll down the page till you see the heading: **Online version**
- You may want to use the optional Study Guide (PDF) to track your progress.
- Begin the Online Volunteer Orientation
- After completing the Online Volunteer orientation – follow the link to the Required Quiz.

Volunteer Orientation CD

Each club organizational leader has 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.

New leaders must complete this orientation prior to working with youth.

4-H ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DEADLINES FOR JACKSON COUNTY AND MISSOURI STATE FAIR

One of the objectives in owning an animal is to learn new skills in animal breeding, feeding, management and health. To accomplish this, the member should secure the animal as early in the year as possible. For the Jackson County Fair and the Missouri State Fair the dates for minimum length of ownership necessary for exhibiting are:

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| • Beef Cattle - Steers | 3/1 |
| • Breeding Animals | 6/1 |
| • Dogs | 4/1 |
| • Horses | 5/1 |
| • Swine – Breeding Boars | Since farrowing |
| • Market Hogs | 5/1 |
| • Breeding Gilts | 90 days |
| • Sheep – Market lambs | 6/1 |
| • Breeding Animals | 7/1 |
| • Dairy Goats - | 6/1 |
| • Meat Goats - | 6/1 |
| • Rabbits - | 6/1 |
| • Meat pen | 5-10 weeks prior to show |



KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS... CATCH IT!

We have all seen the destructive consequences of bullying first-hand and in the media. Now we can take a stand for kindness and help programs that provide anti-bullying and other violence prevention education in our community. Small acts of kindness go a long way to spread joy in others' lives.

Join Synergy Services in spreading kindness through 10,000 Acts of Kindness in 10 Days-between **April 1 and April 10!** It's simple. Just do something kind between April 1 and April 10. Learn more at www.synergyservices.org You'll be glad you did!

The race to 10,000 Acts of Kindness in 10 Days is a precursor to Synergy's 21st annual Kindest Kansas Citian Awards Dinner, which honors 20 of the area's kindest citizens selected from more than 5,000 student essay nominations. Special guests at the dinner this year will be the nationally-acclaimed Kindness Crew <http://extremekindness.com>. The dinner raises money for Synergy's STOP Violence programs, providing anti-bullying and other violence prevention education throughout the community. Learn more at www.synergyservices.org

The person or group with the most kindness entries, both large and small, will be entered into a drawing to attend the 21st annual Kindest Kansas Citian Awards Dinner FREE!



4-H SCIENCE VIDEO CHALLENGE

National 4-H Council, National 4-H Headquarters and the University of Arizona 4-H Youth Development invite all 4-H volunteers to produce their own digital video for front line educators and volunteers to better implement 4-H science programs. The purpose of this contest is to build the vault of films to show great 4-H facilitation and learning in practice. They seek films that will help others know what inquiry based learning looks like in real life. For more information visit: www.4-h.org/videochallenge, **submissions are due April 1.** As the saying goes – A picture is worth a thousand words.



JOIN THE REVOLUTION

We are very excited to announce the launch of “Join the Revolution of Responsibility.” This campaign tells the 4-H story in far more compelling terms than ever before. It showcases the stories of real 4-H members making a real impact in their communities, and gives a voice to the uncommon dedication and barrier-breaking commitment of the young people who are 4-H. Visit the website at: www.4-h.org/about/revolution to learn more about Revolution of Responsibility.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

It is scholarship application time. We will try to announce as many as we can each month.

- **Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships** - This year the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer over \$60,000 in college scholarships. Members who are high school seniors and current 4-H members are eligible to apply for 60 different scholarships. The guidelines and application are available at: 4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/

Helpful hint: If you have completed the Missouri Recognition Form, you have already completed most of your scholarship application. **Application deadline is April 1 at the State 4-H Office in Columbia.**

- **Jackson County 4-H Foundation Scholarship** - The Jackson County 4-H Foundation sponsors three of the scholarships awarded through the MO 4-H Foundation process. The Jackson County 4-H Foundation will be offering three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded annually and renewable for up to three years while completing continuous undergraduate study. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and complete 50 hours of service in a Missouri Extension office (preferably the Jackson County Extension office) during each year the scholarship is awarded, to be eligible to receive the scholarship for 4 years.

Scholarship applications will be accepted from any enrolled 4-H member in Jackson County who is a high school senior and has been a continuous 4-H member for no less than the three (3) previous 4-H years.

Members interested in this scholarship should follow the guidelines and use forms from the Missouri 4-H Foundation. These can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/>

Applications must be in the State 4-H Office in Columbia by April 1. Meg must sign your application before it is sent to the State 4-H Office. Please note Meg will be out of the office and March 28-April 1 at a training. Please contact Meg, to schedule a time to get her signature on your application.

- The US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation has a \$2000 scholarship available to high school seniors. More information can be found at: <http://usgif.org/education/scholarships> Scholarships are due to the USGIF by **May 2.**
- Daisy Outdoor Products is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship for 4-H Shooting Sports members graduating in 2011. Eligibility requirements include: 3.0 GPA and 3 years participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports project. Application is due to National 4-H Council by **May 15.** More information can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports>



STATE 4-H CONGRESS

Make plans to attend the 2011 State 4-H Congress “Missouri 4-H...A Leader’s Paradise,” scheduled for **June 1-3 at the University of Missouri-Columbia**. The State 4-H Council plans this annual event for members ages 14-19, as of January 1, 2011. Delegates will get a taste of campus life while attending workshops and getting to know 4-H members from around the state. Delegates will also elect the 2011-2012 State 4-H Council officer team.

Registration is \$160 and is due by April 6 to the Blue Springs 4-H Office, along with your registration and health form. Registration materials are available at the Blue Springs 4-H Office or check the State 4-H website for more information:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/>



MISSOURI CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION-THE CAPITOL

Do you want to become more informed about Missouri government and acquire greater understanding of how it functions for the common good of the citizens of MO? Then Missouri Citizenship in Action (MCIA) is the conference for you! The 2011 MCIA will be held **June 29-July 1 in Jefferson City**. Youth 14-19 as of January 1, 2011, are eligible to attend this conference. Youth can select workshops in the judicial, legislative, executive or media track. More information and registration materials for Citizenship Youth Forum can be found at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/events/mcia/>

Registration Options: \$119 per delegate (4 per sleeping room) or \$145 per delegate (2 per sleeping room). There are a limited number of scholarships that are available.

Scholarship requests, which must include a letter of recommendation from Meg, are due to the State 4-H Office by April 1. Registration forms and fees for the conference are due to the Blue Springs 4-H Office by April 6.



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Jackson County 4-H Public speaking contest will once again be hosted by the Downtown 4-H office. **The contest is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, at 6:00 PM at the Pioneer Community College Auditorium.** Clubs are limited to sending 5 participants per club. Registration forms are available at the 4-H Office and were handed out at the March 4-H Council meeting. **Pre-registration is required by Friday, April 15 by 5:00 PM to the Downtown 4-H Office.**



NEWSFLASH!!!

Please have all of your information for the May newsletter sent to Meg at sagemachm@missouri.edu by **April 15**. Please make sure that the information is 4-H related.



TRACTOR SUPPLY SUPPORTS 4-H

Tractor Supply Stores have a couple of different things that will be supporting the 4-H program.

- ◆ **Paper Clover Campaign...April 15 - 25-** Tractor supply Stores will be selling Paper Clovers at their stores. Paper Clovers are a representation of the 4-H Clover and are sold for \$1 at check-out. The clovers will be prominently displayed in the store during the Paper Clover Campaign. Jackson County will have booths at each store (Independence and Lee’s Summit). We are looking for 4-H Clubs to help staff the booths at each of the stores on **Saturday, April 16 and Saturday, April 23 from 10AM – 4PM** each Saturday. If your club is interested in helping at one of the stores, please contact Meg.
- ◆ **TSC Reusable Bags – Ongoing –** TSC Reusable bags can be found near the check out registers and are an easy and green way to carry all your project supplies. Purchasing a bag will help TSC support 4-H.



NORTHLAND ETHNIC FESTIVAL

Are you interested in learning about other cultures? Excited about trying new foods, watching dances from other cultures, or viewing cultural exhibits? Then you should attend the Northland Ethnic Festival which will be held on **Saturday, April 16 at Park Hill South High School from 11AM – 3:30 PM**. Over 25 booths will be set-up for you to learn all about different cultures and countries. The event is free and open to the public.



SUMMERS@MIZZOU CAMP

How will you spend your summer? With Summers@Mizzou, you can...live like a college student and create your own business; participate in caving and geography; make movies; explore health careers; operate on mock animal patients; and more. There are 7 different camp options available. Camps are open to different age/grade groups. These are based on what grade you will be in starting in the fall of 2011. The week-long experience is scheduled for **July 24-28** at the University of Missouri. **Registrations range from \$400-450 for early bird submitted by May 6 to the MU Conference Center Office. Scholarships are available from the State 4-H Office, fill out the application and return it with your registration and full payment.** If you are a recipient, the scholarship amount will be refunded to you. More information can be found at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/>



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4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING ACADEMY

The 4-H Public Speaking Academy is an exciting new MU Extension event! Extension staff, along with former 4-H volunteers and college professors will provide educational workshops to help youth build their skills and comfort with public speaking. Participants will be guided through the basics and finer points of writing and delivering a speech. Youth will receive individual assistance. The camp is open to all youth ages 11-13 years of age interested in learning more about public speaking. **The Academy will be held June 7-8 and registration is due on May 1, but the academy will be filled on a first come first serve basis with a maximum of 30.** Lodging will be provided on the campus of Central Methodist University, with activities that include swimming. For more information, contact Patty Fisher at fisherp@missouri.edu or (573) 324-5464 or Kathy Bondy at bondyk@missouri.edu or (573) 584-3658. The cost of the academy is \$100.

STATE POULTRY DAY

Join youth from all over Missouri to learn more about poultry on **Saturday, June 11 from 8AM – 3:30PM at the Animal Sciences Center** on the University of Missouri – Columbia campus. The day will include sessions on Show Me Quality Assurance, Poultry Showmanship, 4-H Chicken BBQ contest, production judging contest and more. Registration forms are available at the Jackson County Extension Office. **Registration is \$10 per youth and is due to Columbia by May 6.**

NEW AT MISSOURI STATE FAIR...

New event in 4-H Building at State Fair

You've seen it on television; now experience it in person in the 4-H Building at the Missouri State Fair – CUPCAKE CHALLENGE. **Friday, August 19** will mark the first Cupcake Challenge for teams of 4-H'ers. You can find the detailed guidelines on the left-hand side of the page at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/>. You won't want to miss this exciting event. This event is filling up fast, if you are interested, please go to the website, check out the contest details and get signed up TODAY!

New Show Rules for 2011

For full rules check the State 4-H Office website at: <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/>

Or the State Fair website at:

General Rules:

<http://www.mostatefair.com/premium-guide/Premium-Guide.php>

4-H/FFA Rules:

<http://www.mostatefair.com/premium-guide/4-H-FFA-Guide.php>

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRT ORDER

Don't miss out on your opportunity to own a Jackson County 4-H t-shirt of your very own. This year there will be TWO choices of t-shirt colors, Daisy Yellow and Sapphire Blue, using the winning design by **Veronica Webb of Classy Clovers**. Thanks to **Alex Harvey, Sarah Morris and Sydney Webb** who also submitted designs, the 4-H Council had a hard decision to make with this year's choice. The shirt will be printed with design seen here, the words, tree and people will be printed in black; clover "leaves" will be green; and the 4-H Clover carved into the tree will be in white. Youth and Adult sizes are available. For most sizes shirts will be \$12.00 per shirt. Except for Adult 2X and 3X then the cost of the shirt is \$15. Order forms are available in the Extension Office and will be online at the Jackson County 4-H website, soon. **All orders with payment (check or cash), MUST be in the Blue Springs Office by Monday, May 16 by the end of the 4-H Council meeting.**



4-H DAY WITH THE T-BONES

Mark your calendars, the Missouri and Kansas 4-H programs will be enjoying a night of baseball on **Saturday, June 18** for the Kansas City T-Bones game. Ticket prices should be less than \$10 per person. T-shirts will also be available for \$10. ☆ 4-H members will be able to participate in a pre-game parade on the field. **All ticket orders must be sent directly to the T-Bones by the end of May.** More information will be coming soon.

SHOW ME 4-H WARES AT THE STATE FAIR


The 5th Annual Show Me 4-H Wares is accepting applications for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the Missouri State Fair. Youth marketing a service, such as photography or baby-sitting, can do so with an in-person demonstration, video or PowerPoint presentation at the booth. Youth selling a product may bring items to sell at the booth as well as take customer orders to fill later. Applications require a thorough description of the product or service, a recommendation from an unrelated adult and approval of a 4-H youth specialist. Up to 20 participants will be selected to sell during the fair. **Applications are due May 20 to the State 4-H Office.** For an application, visit the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Web site: 4h.missouri.edu and look for the Show Me Wares info.



FILMFEST 4-H


Youth ages 11-18 will not want to miss the first 4-H film festival with a national invitation, held right here in **Branson, Missouri August 1-3!** Much like other film festivals, *FilmFest 4-H* will be a showcase of talent and opportunity. It will include workshops lead by professionals in the industry, cultural opportunities, and allow our young 4-H filmmakers a venue for showcasing their work. The contest categories are Narrative, Documentary and Music Video.

Registration will be \$66 for 4-H members, lodging will be less than \$100/night, and those who wish to submit films may do so for a \$15 submission fee (**no fee if mailed by April 1**). Please visit the *FilmFest 4-H* website, at <http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest> for more details!



AEROSPACE CAMP


Your Mission.... Prepare to blast off for three fun-filled days on the University of Missouri Science and Technology (formerly Rolla) campus. Experience aeronautics and space flight from a ground-up perspective as you learn about the history of flight, astronomy, and space exploration. Your three days will be filled with computer simulations, interactive team-work activities, and practical hands on experience. **Campers must be age 10-13 (by the start of camp). Camp will be held at the UMS & T Campus and you have your choice of either July 12-14 or July 26-28. Camp cost is \$225.** More information and online registration can be found at: <http://futurestudents.mst.edu/precollege/aerospace.html> Camp is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Transportation to and from camp is your own responsibility.



COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

Community service is an important piece of the 4-H puzzle. Need some community service ideas? Try the community service page, on the state 4-H website at <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/projects/service/>. Don't forget to start filling out your club Service to Communities form in the back of your Clover.

This month we will focus once again on things related to helping the hungry and/or homeless.

1. Prepare a home-cooked meal for the residents of a nearby homeless shelter.
 2. Bake a batch of cookies and deliver them to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
 3. Raid your closet and attic to find toys and clothes to donate to a homeless shelter.
 4. Assist with sorting and organizing items donated to a homeless shelter.
 5. Food drive - set up collection bins in stores, banks, movie theaters, and schools.
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CITIZENSHIP – WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?


Events happening around the world quickly remind us that freedom is never free and the citizens of a country can make a difference in the world in which they live. We are privileged indeed to live in a country where it is not necessary to riot in the streets to have our voices heard. Our American citizenship is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. Citizens pay taxes, obey the law and serve our country's military if called to do so. Citizenship means having freedom and rights, being treated fairly and respecting and helping others. Finally, citizenship is working together to do what one person cannot do alone.

Webster's Dictionary defines citizenship as: 1) The status of being a citizen, 2) *a*: membership in a community (as a college) *b*: the quality of an individual's response to membership in a community. Not only are you a citizen of the city, county, state and country that you live in; but you are also a citizen of your school, church, 4-H club, and most certainly the world. So what can you do in our community to actively participate in your role as a citizen?

When was the last time you talked to one of your elected officials? It a civic responsibility to communicate with your elected officials about what is going on in your community and what concerns you have. They cannot know everything that is going on in the communities they serve. There are certain times of the year that elected officials are back in their home regions and make every effort to make contact with those they serve. Perhaps they are serving the meal at a barbeque, livestock show, or even a community celebration. This is your opportunity to tell them what is going on and ask how you can help them.

The next time you have the chance to talk to your legislators, be ready to tell them your 4-H story. Why is 4-H important to you and your family? What have you learned by being in 4-H? If 4-H did not exist, would that be okay? If not, tell your legislators why it would not be okay if 4-H was no longer available. Again, if you do not tell them, they will not know. We cannot assume everyone knows why 4-H is important and how many families would be affected. Not sure when you might see them in person, then write a letter. Is there a cause that you feel compelled to be a part of? Perhaps people are raising money to build a new animal shelter, or a skate park for the local youth; this is your chance to get involved. Ask the local organizers what you can do to help. Can you pass out fliers? Can you help at fundraisers? Free help is always accepted.

It is your responsibility as a citizen to be active in your community, school, state and even country. Remember the 4-H Pledge? I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, **for my club, my community, my country, and my world.** Now get out there and be a citizen!





4-H HORSE NEWS

EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, April 7, 2011** at 7PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office.

JACKSON COUNTY EQUINE LEVELS PROGRAM

The Levels program in Jackson County has been developed to ensure 4-H members have the basic skill and knowledge necessary to safely care for their horse, and that the member has the riding skills necessary to safely compete with their horse. The Levels Program is divided into four leaves (divisions): **Health, Management, Riding, and Safety**. It is the belief of the Equine Council that certain knowledge is fundamental and necessary for a person to remain safe and to keep a horse safe and healthy.

The Levels Program provides education to youth and a safe environment in which the members can compete with other members of their same skill level. The basic thought that governs the Levels Program is that age and skill level are not necessarily the same thing. A Level 1 Beginner is a beginner whether they are eight or eighteen years old. The same basic skills need to be learned by both. There are three levels; Level One, Level Two and Level Three.

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.

Level One and Two

EACH 4-H member who will be working on Level 1 or 2 must create an account on the Junior Master Horseman website at www.juniormasterhorseman.com 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. Written testing for Level One and Level Two will take place online on the Junior Master Horseman website. If you have questions, contact Meg.

Level Three

For those 4-H members working on their Level 3 testing, please use the website listed below for your study guide, skills test, record sheet, feeds chart and health care chart.

Riding Test for ALL Levels

For the riding test portion of the levels program, all levels will use the Nebraska riding test for their level. The skills tests can be found at:

<http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/advancementlevels.html>

TRADE DAY

Trade Day will be **Saturday, April 16 from 8AM – 1PM, at Sunset Trails Stables in Lee’s Summit**. Trade Day is an opportunity for you to buy, sell or trade equine related items. **Booth spaces and trailer parking spaces are \$29 each prior to April 9. After April 9 the price is \$39.** For more information and to reserve your booth space contact: Corrine Everson at 816-509-0149 or ksucorky@sbcglobal.net.

HORSE ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

May 2 is the deadline for horse enrollment forms.

All 4-H members who are planning on showing horses at any 2011 4-H Horse Shows must complete a horse enrollment form and have it in the Blue Springs 4-H office by **5:00 PM on May 2**. **You must include a photograph, registration form with picture, or a current Coggins with the picture of each of your horses. Before turning in your horse enrollment forms, please make a copy to keep for yourself.** You will need a copy later in the year, for 4-H shows and entries. Club leaders and project leaders, remember here in Jackson County you will sign one month at a time for the member in good standing status.

HORSE CLINIC & LEVELS HORSE SHOW

Based on the results of the horse project survey that was conducted this past fall/winter, the Equine Council decided the Levels Horse Show will be held every other year. The next Levels Show will be in 2012. This year the Equine Council will be hosting a clinic. **The clinic will be held on Saturday, May 7 at Misty River Equestrian Center.** Renee’ Garrison will be the clinician. The proposed plan for the day may include sessions on Showmanship, English Equitation, Horsemanship and Trail. Final details about the clinic will be discussed and finalized at the April Equine Council meeting. If you would like to be involved in the Clinic please attend the April Equine Council meeting to help finalize the event.





**JACKSON COUNTY 4-H
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Dates and times are subject to change, please make sure you have the most recent calendar.

APRIL

- 1 Missouri State 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications due to State 4-H Office in Columbia
- 1 Scholarship application deadline for Missouri Citizenship in Action
- 1 Deadline for FREE submission to Filmfest 4-H
- 1 4-H Science Video Challenge submission deadline to National 4-H Council
- 4 Fair Committee meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 6 County registration deadline for State 4-H Congress
- 6 County registration deadline for Missouri Citizenship in Action
- 7 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 9 Trade Day early bird pricing deadline to Corrine Everson
- 11 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office – changed due to a scheduling conflict**
- 12 Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in May newsletter
- 15 Public Speaking Contest registration deadline, to Downtown 4-H Office by 5PM
- 15-25 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
- 16 Trade Day, 8AM-1PM, Sunset Trails Stables
- 16-17 MU Lego Robotics Camp, Columbia, MO
- 28 Jackson County Public Speaking Contest, 6PM, Pioneer Community College Auditorium
- 30 Robot Challenge, MU College of Engineering

MAY

- 1 Market Hog ownership deadline for exhibition
- 2 Enrollment deadline to be eligible for participating in Jackson County 4-H competitive events (Horse Show, Contest Day, County Fair, etc.), Blue Springs 4-H Office, 5PM
- 2 Horse Enrollment deadline, by 5PM, Blue Springs 4-H Office
- 2 US Geological Society scholarship application deadline to USGIF
- 2 Fair Committee meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 5 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 6 Summers@Mizzou camp registration and scholarship deadline to MU Conference Center, Columbia
- 7 Jackson County 4-H Horse Clinic
- 15 Items due for inclusion in June newsletter
- 15 Daisy Outdoor Products scholarship application deadline to National 4-H Council
- 15 Swine DNA card submission deadline
- 16 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 16 Deadline for 4-H T-Shirt orders
- 21-27 Missouri Youth Horse Tour
- 31 MOVE Across Missouri Competition closes

JUNE

- 1 Pre-entry deadline for Jackson County 4-H Fair
- 1-3 State 4-H Congress, Columbia, MO
- 2 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 3-5 MU Lego Robotics Camp, Columbia, MO
- 6 Fair Committee meeting, 7PM, Grain Valley Community Center
- 7-8 Public Speaking Academy, Central Methodist University
- 11 Contest Day, Blue Springs Freshman Center
- 14 Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in July newsletter
- 15 Lamb and meat goat nose print deadline for entry at State Fair
- 18 Jackson County Fair Horse Show
- 18 4-H Night with the T-Bones
- 20 Fair Committee Meeting, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
- 20 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 22-25 Jackson County Fair, Grain Valley Community Center
- 29-July 1 Missouri Citizenship in Action, Jefferson City

JULY

- 7 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 12 4-H Awards Workshop, 10AM-3PM, Blue Springs 4-H Office
- 12 4-H Organizational Leader Meeting, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in August newsletter
- 16 4-H Awards Workshop, 10AM-3PM, Blue Springs 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 22-24 MU Lego Robotics Camp, Columbia, MO
- 24-28 Summers@Mizzou Camps, Columbia, MO
- 27-31 State Fair Horse Show, Sedalia, MO

AUGUST

- 1 Fair Evaluation meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 1-3 Filmfest 4-H, Branson, Missouri
- 3 State Fair exhibits to Blue Springs Office, 8AM-5PM
- 4 State Fair exhibits to Blue Springs Office, 8AM-7PM
- 4 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 9 Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 10 4-H Awards Workshop, 10AM-3PM, Blue Springs 4-H Office
- 11-21 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia
- 12-14 MU Lego Robotics Camp
- 15 Items due for inclusion in September newsletter
- 15 4-H Council and Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 19 Cupcake Challenge, 4-H Building, Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, MO
- 22 State Fair exhibits available to be picked up from Blue Springs Office, 3PM – 5PM
- 23 State Fair exhibits available to be picked up from the Blue Springs Office, 8AM – 5PM

Move Across Missouri - Monthly MOVEment Activities



And the Beat Goes On.....

Materials: Large room or open space outdoors; music; microphone (optional)

Ask volunteers or 4-Hers to lead dance instructions. Try something new like

Latin samba, Russian folk, clogging, Polish Polka, swing, country line, or ballroom

dancing. Good instructors will help make sure participants learn proper techniques so they are successful! Dancing is fun and good exercise - participants don't even realize they're working out!

The ABCs of Exercise

Materials: None

How do you create every letter in the alphabet using just your body? While participants wiggle, squirm and problem solve, they are also getting good exercise - enhancing flexibility, agility, strength and awareness of their body.

Bounce the Ball

Materials: 2 or 3 wiffle or ping pong balls; 1 sheet

You will need at least four people for this game. Each person holds a corner and side of the sheet - stretched taut. Place the balls in the center of the sheet. Participants shake the sheet causing the balls to bounce in the air. The object of the game is to keep the balls bouncing in the air and keep them from bouncing off the sheet onto the floor.

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

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