



Jackson County 4-H Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM MEG:

Where oh where did July go? It is always amazing how fast time flies. We had a great July with an Awards workshop and Organizational Leader meeting. The 2010-2011 4-H Year is coming to an end on August 31. The end of the year is a great time for everyone to reflect back on the past 4-H year. What was your favorite 4-H memory? What did you learn? Is there something that you would like to do better next year? Take some time to think about these questions as you prepare to start the 2011-2012 4-H Year. Reflecting back and looking forward gives us all a chance to grow & "Make the Best Better!"

EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, August 4 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 focusing on details for the American Royal parade. Please bring your ideas to the meeting.

4-H COUNCIL AND EQUINE COUNCIL COMBINED MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Combined 4-H Council AND Equine Council meeting will be on **Monday, August 15 at 7PM**, at the Blue Springs Extension Office. 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. Equine project focused clubs should also have an adult present at the meeting to represent your club. End of the 4-H year and award information will be shared at this meeting. The nomination process for officers for both Councils will be started at this meeting.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS


If your county fair exhibit was chosen to represent Jackson County at the 2011 State Fair, you will bring your exhibit back to the Blue Springs 4-H Office on either **Wednesday, August 3 (between 8:00AM-5:00PM)** or **Thursday, August 4 (between 8:00AM-7:00PM)**.

Remove all ribbons from your item. You may leave the Jackson County Exhibit tag. If you leave your Jackson County Exhibit tag, please make sure you securely attach this Jackson County Exhibit tag to the back, inside or bottom of your exhibit. Please also label your exhibits on the back, inside or bottom with your name, phone number and county. **Make sure that your exhibit meets all of the exhibit guidelines as were listed in the County Fair Book.** If you don't have your Fair Book, you can find it online on the Jackson County website.

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 **Monday, August 22 from 1:00-5:00PM**, or **Tuesday, August 23 from 8:00AM-5:00PM**.

FIND THE HIDDEN SYMBOL

Congratulations to **Marisa Brown**, of Home's Cool, she was the first person to find the symbol hiding in the July newsletter. Marisa 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, August 9 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. Question about shooting sports - contact Susan Smith at smithsusan@missouri.edu.

4-H COUNCIL REPORT

The meeting was called to order by President- **Mackenzie Schuette** of Greenwood Hustlers. Pledges were led, roll was called and minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed and filed for audit. Equine Council Report was given by the chair **Nicole Bricker** of Silver Spurs. County Fair Horse Show went well. State Fair Horse Show is July 28-31st in Sedalia. Jackson County has about 40 members who will be showing! **Committee Reports-** Fair Evaluation meeting is Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM at Blue Springs. Achievement Committee- Needs Volunteers to serve on the committee. Set date for Achievement Night it was suggested to be held during National 4-H week, on Saturday, October 8th.

Old Business- Hero packs – Operation Military Kids Project - need help packing about 35 more backpacks. Still need packs back from Silver Spurs - 10, Trailblazers - 10. American Royal Parade is Saturday, **September 17th**, equine council will have a float. All clubs are welcome to join on the float. Pop tabs from the fair were turned in already and we received a Thank You from the Ronald McDonald House. Keep collecting pop tabs until Achievement Night. Lock in was Friday, July 8th- Report out from those who attended. It was a blast! Hamster balls and laser tag were A LOT of fun. Awards workshop was held last week, another is set for Saturday, August 13th from 10AM to 3PM. If you are interested in attending, contact Meg to reserve your spot.

New Business- Exhibits chosen for the State Fair need to be brought up to Blue Springs Office Wednesday, August 3rd from 8AM- 5PM or Thursday, August 4th 8AM to 5PM. Exhibits need to be picked up Monday, August 22nd from 1PM to 5PM or Tuesday, August 23rd from 8AM to 5PM. 4-H day with Tigers is Saturday, September 3rd at 11AM. Start thinking about new officers, applications are due Wednesday, September 7th.

Reminders- Next Equine Council meeting is Thursday, August 4th at 7PM, Blue Springs 4-H office. Next 4-H Council AND Equine Council meeting is Monday, August 15th at 7PM, Blue Springs 4-H office. September 1st by 5PM – deadline for all end of the year reports and award applications. PLEASE COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT 4-H COUNCIL MEETING!!! Meeting was adjourned.

Lauren Ashton, 4-H Council Reporter

4-H CLUB REPORTS

SEVEN OAKS

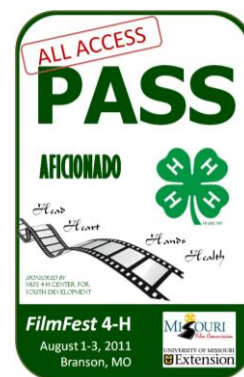
Seven Oaks held its business meeting on July 13th. **Audrey Powell** led the pledges and read the minutes from last meeting. Minutes approved. Treasurer's report was given and filed for audit. Club voted on removing old leader and treasurer from account. Motion was made to add **Valeria Powell** and **Laura Sykes** to the checking account. **Laura Sykes** is taking pictures for the club scrapbook. **Audrey Powell** brought snacks and game for club to play and enjoy. 4-H Council talked about the fair and is looking for new youth officers. Equine council, adults and kids can become officers. Good job on our recycling box at the Fair. Our club box got 2nd place with 8lbs 20 oz. of pop tabs. Keep saving those pop tabs!!! Need community service before September 1st. The club voted to help the Ronald McDonald house. For next year fundraiser, the club decided to do a trail ride to support cancer research. The club t-shirts will be done before state fair. The club is having a meeting at **Powell's** house July 17 at 3 p.m. For the stall boards, bring lots of pictures of you and the horse. Next meeting will be July 20th.

Sidney Sykes, Seven Oaks Club Secretary

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 \$69.99/night. Please visit the *FilmFest 4-H* website, at <http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest> for more details!

ROBOTICS, ROBOTICS, ROBOTICS

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

- **MU Lego Robotics Camp** – Learn more about Science, Engineering and Technology at MU Lego Robotics Camps. The last dates available: **August 12-14**. For more information visit: <http://www.engineering.missouri.edu/lego/index.php>

4-H AWARDS WORKSHOP

Awards, awards, and more awards. What do you do? How do you fill them out? If you are full of questions, then plan on attending the Awards Workshop. Workshop will be held on **Saturday, August 13, from 10AM - 3PM.** Those in attendance will have one on one help with their own awards applications. The workshop will help you understand the award application process and more. Parents should attend with their 4-H members.

We will discuss project records, Missouri Recognition forms, and the Jackson County applications. Bring all of your records, notebook paper, a CD or jump drive and plan on getting your awards applications complete or pretty close that day. Bring \$5 for lunch. A minimum of 5 members must be pre-registered to hold the workshop. **If you are interested in attending this workshop, please call 252-5051 by Monday, August 8 to reserve your spot.**

2nd ANNUAL 4-H DAY WITH THE TIGERS

**Saturday, September 3, 2011
Faurot Field, Columbia, MO
Game Time: 11AM**

4-H members, volunteers, alumni and their families are invited to join the excitement of Missouri Tigers Football! This is the Second Annual 4-H Day with the Tigers. Don't miss it!

Tickets are only \$20 each – discounted for 4-H from their regular \$47 price. To receive the discount, 4-H groups must use the special Group Ticket Order Form. Clubs or groups who want to sit together need to complete ONE form. The order forms are available at the 4-H Office and will be emailed to club leaders.

There's more... All who order a **4-H Day with the Tigers T-shirt** for \$8 each will be eligible to walk in the parade around the infield of Faurot Field approximately one hour before the game. The big message board will play a special video salute to Missouri 4-H during the parade. One dollar will be donated to the **Missouri 4-H Kids Helping Kids Joplin Relief Fund** for each t-shirt ordered.

There is an order form for tickets and an additional order form for t-shirts. **Tickets and t-shirt order forms with payment are due to the Jackson County 4-H Office by Wednesday, August 10 by 5PM.**



NEWSFLASH!!!

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

MISSOURI STATE FAIR - AUGUST 11 - 21, 2011

Choose the Missouri State Fair as your family destination **August 11-21** in Sedalia. 396 acres of "It's A Show-Me Thing" awaits you as an affordable family event. Be sure to see "special promotions" at www.mostatefair.com for daily admission specials. Admission for youth 5 and under is free, youth 6-12 are \$2.00, and those 13 to adult are \$8 every day. See special promotions on the website for more discounts.



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

- o August 11-21 - Working and General Demonstrations
- o August 11 – Show Me Wares booths 9-1 & 1-5
- o August 12 - Soyfoods Demonstrations
- o August 13 – International Contest Demonstrations
- o August 14 - Egg Demonstrations & Clover Kids Day
- o Show-Me Salutes – Military Appreciation
- o 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- o August 16-18 – Electric Theatre Demonstrations
- o August 17 – Robot Demonstrations – Show Me Robots in Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall
- o August 20 - Agri-Missouri Demonstrations

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 complete a one-time volunteer orientation session BEFORE working with youth.

Leaders may complete this session different ways: Online orientation, or using the Orientation CD.

The 2010-2011 4-H Year ends on August 31, we would like any volunteers who have NOT yet completed volunteer orientation to do so by August 31, so we can start the new year with all of this completed.

Online Orientation

- o <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/#orientation>
- o Scroll down till you see the heading: **Online version**
- o You may want to use the optional [Study Guide \(PDF\)](#) to track your progress.
- o Begin the [Online Volunteer Orientation](#)
- o After completing the Online Volunteer orientation – follow the link to the Required Quiz.

Volunteer Orientation CD

Each club leader has a copy of the volunteer orientation CD. Copies are also available at the Blue Springs Extension Office. You must have internet access to complete the online quiz.



RECYCLING CONTEST CHALLENGE

The 4-H Council and Equine Council Leadership team has chosen to focus on recycling this year for their special project. To help everyone get excited about recycling, the team has challenged each and every 4-H Club in Jackson County to keep collecting those pop tabs. Pop tabs will be turned in just before Achievement Night. At Achievement Night, clubs will compete to see who has collected the MOST pop tabs since the fair. After the Achievement Night, collected pop tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. RMH recycles the pop tabs to raise money for their houses.



RECYCLING TIPS FROM YOUR 4-H COUNCIL AND EQUINE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

To help other 4-H members, leaders, and families get involved, recycling tips will be in each newsletter till the end of the year.

- A running faucet can waste 2.5 gallons of water a minute.
- In 500 years, the foam coffee cups that you used this morning will still be sitting in a landfill.
- If every household in the U.S. reused a paper bag for one shopping trip, about 60,000 trees would be saved.
- Recycling a four-foot stack of newspaper saves the equivalent of one 40-foot fir tree.
- If all the morning newspapers read in the U.S. were recycled it would save 41,000 trees daily and 6 million tons of waste would never end up in landfills.



END OF THE 4-H YEAR

Here is your friendly reminder to be mindful that the end of the 4-H year is just around the corner. Club officer award applications, Secretary and Treasurer Books, Missouri Recognition Forms, Equine Award Applications and all other award applications are due **Thursday, September 1, at the Blue Springs 4-H Office by 5PM.** No late applications are accepted.

For a complete listing of all the awards available, along with descriptions and applications check the Jackson County 4-H website: extension.missouri.edu/Jackson/ Click on the 4-H clover, then click on "2011 Jackson County Awards Information and Forms."

While working on your applications here are some things to keep in mind:

- Utilize the information on the Jackson County Awards webpage. Make sure you have the most recent applications. Follow the directions on the applications.
- Make sure your applications are complete including all signatures and supplemental materials.
- Emphasize the skills, knowledge and lessons learned. Provide specific details about all of these items.



4-H TRIP AND EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jackson County 4-H Council & 4-H Foundation are again sponsoring scholarships for youth and adults interested in attending any 2011-2012 4-H events. Check the trip scholarship information available on the Jackson County 4-H website. **Applications due September 1 by 5PM.** Scholarships are available for:

- Discover the Clover (Adult Leader)
- Teen Conference (Youth)
- State 4-H Congress (Youth)
- Missouri Citizenship in Action (Youth)
- And more...



4-H COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATIONS


The 4-H Council is looking for youth who are interested in serving as officers at the county level. 4-H council youth officers help shape the direction of the Jackson County 4-H program through committee work and council meetings. The officer positions that are available are: President-elect, (2) Vice President positions, Secretary, and Reporter. Youth should be able to commit to attending 4-H Council meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month. 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 Wednesday, September 7.**



START PLANNING NOW FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is scheduled for October 2-8, 2011. Each club can plan something to promote Jackson County 4-H, your club and 4-H in general. Great promotional items will be available soon online. Until then, clubs can start planning. Some ideas to help get you started:

- ⌘ Invite a friend to join your 4-H Club.
- ⌘ Give someone clover shaped cookies, with a 4-H brochure attached.
- ⌘ Set up a 4-H booth at a grocery store, library, or other place of business.



4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY OCTOBER 5, 2011

The kit for this year's 4-H National Youth Science Day Experiment – *Wired for Wind* – is now available for pre-order on the 4-H Mall website at <http://www.4-hmall.org/Product/newitems/4h-national-youth-science-experiment-kit/NYSD3.aspx>. 4-H is proud to partner with John Deere and The KidWind Project to bring you an affordable, turn-key way for young people to participate in *4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD)*.

You can now also purchase additional youth or facilitator workbooks to supplement your kit. Each book can be purchased for \$1.



4-H HORSE NEWS

EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Equine Council meeting will be on Thursday, August 4, 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. 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 basic thought that governs the Levels Program is 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 One or Two must create an account on the Junior Master Horseman website at www.juniormasterhorseman.com and join the Jackson County, Missouri 4-H Group. 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. 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 Three testing, please use the website listed below "Riding Test for ALL Levels" for your study guide, skills test, record sheet, feeds chart and health care chart.

Riding/Skills Test for ALL Levels

For the riding/skills 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://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/ANSC4HHorseProgramAdvancementLevels>

To be recognized at this year's Achievement Night, all Levels testing must be completed online by 5PM, September 1. Hard copies of all riding tests must also be in the Blue Springs Office by 5PM on September 1.



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

AUGUST

- 1-3 FilmFest 4-H, Branson, MO
- 3 State Fair Exhibits to be brought into the Blue Springs Office, 8AM-5PM
- 4 State Fair Exhibits to be brought into the Blue Springs Office, 8AM-7PM
- 4 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 8 Registration deadline for 4-H Awards workshops by 5
- 9 Shooting Sports Club meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 10 Ticket & T-shirt orders due for 4-H Day with Tigers to the Blue Springs 4-H Office
- 11-21 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia
- 12-14 MU Lego Robotics Camp
- 13 4-H Awards Workshop, 10AM-3PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in September newsletter
- 15 4-H Council AND Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 22 State Fair Exhibits available to be picked up from Blue Springs Office, 1PM-5PM
- 23 State Fair Exhibits available to be picked up from Blue Springs Office, 8AM-5PM

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Deadline for: End of the Year Reports, 4-H Project Records, 4-H Award Applications, Equine Award Applications, & Missouri Recognition Forms, Trips and Event Scholarships, Equine Levels tests **All must be in the Blue Springs Office by 5PM**
- 3 4-H Day with the Tigers, 11AM, Columbia
- 7 4-H Council Officer application deadline, 5PM
- 12 Fair Evaluation Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in October newsletter
- 17 American Royal Parade
- 19 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office

OCTOBER

- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 5 4-H National Youth Science Day
- 6 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 11 Shooting Sports Club meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs
- 15 Items due for inclusion in the November newsletter
- 17 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office

NOVEMBER

- 3 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 4-5 Discover the Clover, Columbia
- 12 Volunteer Orientation Face to Face session, 9AM-noon, Blue Springs Office
- 12 Project Leader Training, 1-4 PM, Blue Springs Office
- 21 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office

4-H Clover Kids Day at the State Fair

Calling all Clover Kids! Youth age five to seven can participate in Clover Kids Day at the State Fair in Sedalia on August 14, 2011! In the 4-H building from 9:00AM- 3:00PM



Clover Kids will have an opportunity to:

- Display one item they made during the year.
- Receive a State Fair participation ribbon.
- Give a demonstration (just show up that day, no need to sign up ahead of time)
- Participate in arts/crafts, science and other fun learning activities
- Make balloon animals
- And more!!!

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

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