



Jackson County 4-H Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM MEG:

New Zealand was amazing. Now we are all ready for the summer events, which are right around the corner. Your 4-H Council and Equine Council committees have been working very hard to get things all planned, we hope to see everyone participating soon. Thanks to the Seven Oaks 4-H Club for inviting me to their meeting.

FAIR BOOKS AND PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE

The Fair books have been available since May 10th. 4-H members, please check with your club leader for your family copy of the Fair Book. The Fair Book and all other Fair information is available at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/Jackson/4H/4-H%20Fair%20Page/4-H%20Fair%20Page.shtml> Please read through your Fair Books thoroughly, there is TONS of valuable information in them. Also please thank our advertisers anytime you are in their businesses.

With Fair Books come pre-entries. **The Pre-entry deadline is Wednesday, June 1 by 5PM.** Pre-entry forms can be found in the back of the Fair Book, and on the Jackson County 4-H website (address above). Pre-entering of ALL indoor exhibits is HIGHLY recommended, although not required. However, for some contests and special events pre-entering is required. **Specifically, pre-entering IS REQUIRED for the following contests, areas and projects:**

- All Animal Exhibits (Small Animal, Livestock, etc.)
- Fashion Revue * Club Carnival Booths
- Demonstrations * Club Carnival Ticket Orders with money
- Club Booths

Completed pre-entry forms can be dropped off, mailed or emailed to Karen colbyks@missouri.edu, or Meg sagemachm@missouri.edu, by 5PM on June 1.

EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, June 2 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. Final details for the County Fair Horse Show will be discussed.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next 4-H Council meeting will be on **Monday, June 20 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. Final details for the Fair will be shared.

CONGRATULATION CLOVERS TO:

- ❖ **Theresa Scheier** who also submitted a design for the t-shirt contest. We apologize for accidentally omitting her name in the past two newsletters.
- ❖ **Sydney Webb** who was selected to interview for a chance to attend National 4-H Congress.
- ❖ **Halle Wild** for being selected for an Honorable Mention in the National Association of Conservation Districts Youth photo contest.
- ❖ **Maggie Everson, Natasha Frost, Jenna Johnson, Brianne Lehnhoff, Abby MacLeod, Rachel O'Neil and Ciera Smith** for being selected to receive the Jackson County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

FIND THE HIDDEN SYMBOL

Congratulations to **Nicole Wild**, of Seven Oaks, she was the first person to find the symbol hiding in the May newsletter. Nicole 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, June 14 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. Questions about shooting sports - contact Susan Smith at smithsusan@missouri.edu.



COUNTY WIDE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Anyone enrolled in the photography projects are welcome to attend the County Wide Photography Project meetings. For more information about the next meetings contact Sandy Sands at: 104145.2065@compuserve.com.



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. Foundation report was given by Meg Sage Mach for Tim Puyear.

Nicole Bricker, Equine Council Chairperson, updated everyone on Trade Day and the Clinic. She also shared the County Fair Horse Show is scheduled for **Saturday, June 18 at Misty River Equestrian Center at 9AM**. Equine Council needs help at the show.

Committee Reports- Fair committee discussed items about County Fair. Fair books available and are on-line. Next Fair Committee meeting is **Monday, June 6th at 7PM at the Grain Valley Community Center**.


Old Business- Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign was lots of fun. We made 284.40 from the fall event. May 2nd enrollment and project change deadline went well. Nicole provided an update on the Equinapy community service project. Operation Military Kids Hero packs – we need help packing about 45 more backpacks. Thanks to Classy Clovers who packed 15. The American Royal Parade is Saturday, September 17th the entry fee is \$150. This will be discussed at Equine Council. 4-H Council officer team gave report on their exciting recycling project. 4-H Council officers will be coming to YOUR club meetings and discussing the competitions with your 4-H groups.

New Business- Pre-Entry deadline for Fair is June 1st. Pre-Entry is recommended for many exhibits and is **REQUIRED** for several contests. Refer to the Fair book for more information on Pre-Entering. **Reminders-**Next Equine Council meeting is Thursday, June 2nd at 7PM, Blue Springs 4-H office. Next 4-H Council meeting is Monday, June 20th at 7PM, Blue Springs 4-H office. **PLEASE COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT 4-H COUNCIL MEETING!!!** Meeting was adjourned.

Lauren Ashton, 4-H Council Reporter



4-H CLUB REPORTS



SUNSET TRAILS

The Sunset Trails club last met on Monday, May 9, 2011 for a brief meeting. We then turned our attention to planting a community garden. The club came together to plant all sorts of vegetables such as carrots, lettuce, spinach, corn and more. We built this garden in hopes to donate the produce, or to sell the produce and donate the profits, to a non-profit food bank/soup kitchen. Club members will take turns to care for the garden such as watering, pulling weeds, etc. Thank you to the **Everson** family for donating the land for the garden.

Kate Davis, Sunset Trails Club Secretary



VALLEY 4-H EXPLORERS

The Valley 4-H Explorers have been busy! On March 26th, we worked at Hope Faith Ministries. We had collected donations of roll-ons, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste from businesses and made bags for the shelter to hand out. We spent a lot of time in the attic sorting clothes, shoes, blankets and other stuff that people had donated. We also delivered the blankets that we had made.

Our April 3rd meeting was used for project groups to meet. Our club is trying to do nice things for the people who are so important to our club so on April 17 we put on an Easter egg hunt for the people of Faith United Methodist Church. We stuffed about 600 eggs in less than an hour! The day was really pretty and the kids had fun. **Meredith** and **Deni** brought their rabbits with them so that the kids could play with them and the parents could take pictures.

On May 15th, we all met at the Blue Springs Roller Rink for a skating and pizza party! This was just a way to have a break from all the things we've been working on and to relax before the craziness of Fair Season starts.

Harrison Perry, Valley 4-H Explorers Club Reporter



KIDS WHO GIVE – CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Farm Rich created Kids Who Give, a national contest that honors young people who are committed to making the world a better place by volunteering their time, raising money, helping a neighbor, or making a difference. We want to hear about kids like these, say thanks and tell the world their stories. If you know a kid who's doing well, encourage them to visit KidsWhoGive.com and enter the 2011 contest. The contest is open to youth, ages 7 to 17. Winners will receive up to \$2,500 to give to their charity of choice, a personal gift card, and a Farm Rich prize. The grand prize winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to NYC this fall to attend the 2011 Kids Who Give Awards Dinner. The contest deadline is **May 31, 2011**. Visit KidsWhoGive.com and share their story with the world!



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RESULTS

The 23rd Annual Jackson County 4-H Public Speaking Contest was held Thursday April 28, 2011.

Truman Elementary's 2nd grader, **Vershai Smith**, dazzled the audience talking about her family. Working the crowd seemed natural for Lee A. Tolbert's **Cheyenne Salary**, as she talked about Earth day and why it is important.

The 3rd & 4th grade field also rose to the task as they focused on family and relationships. Lee A. Tolbert's 1st place finisher, **LeAndre Salary**, and Symington's 2nd place finisher, **Diego Ruesta**, wowed the judges with their speeches on the importance of friendship. Closely behind was 3rd place finisher **Taylor Richardson**.

Not to be outdone, the 5th and 6th graders gave very serious presentations. Lee A. Tolbert's 1st place finisher, **Paul Allen Salary**, talked about what his grandfathers meant to him. Truman Elementary's 2nd place winner, **Octavia Copes**, talked about how much she loved dancing.

Equally as powerful was the presentation by UCLA Charter School's 1st place finisher from the 8th grade, **Havante Robinson**, presented "A Colored Mans Story". The audience thought his presentation was outstanding.

The audience was captured by the performance of 1st place winner, **Mon'eKai Shannon-Thorton** of Cristo Rey High School, with her speech titled "Beauty and the Beast" and 2nd place finisher, **Nehimiah Taylor**, with his speech "Never give up on your Dreams."

After such riveting performances the Drama class took to the stage, 8th grader, **Chrishon Jones**, of UCLA Charter School took center stage with his interpretation of "A Solders Story". He wowed the audience and commanded the stage, which earned him a 1st place trophy. The 2nd place winner was **Nykila Pouncil** of UCLA Charter School, who performed "The Sugar in the Wall". Last but not least was **Maria Johnson** who took 3rd place with "The Story of Mamie Till".

To the parents, teachers, principals, and students who participated in this year's 23rd Annual Jackson County Public Speaking Contest, The Jackson County 4-H Youth Program says, "Bravo Job Well Done!"

Lucinda Carr, 4-H Youth Education Assistant



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 are \$8 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 t-shirt and ticket orders must be sent directly to the T-Bones by Friday, May 27.** Order forms were emailed to club leaders.



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:

- 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**



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.

FAIR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Jackson County 4-H Council Fair Committee has been working away on the plans for the Jackson County Fair. They need your help on a couple of items.

Fair Project Superintendent

The Fair Committee is looking for fair project superintendents to help with the fair. A superintendent helps check in exhibits on Wednesday evening, **June 22 from about 3:30PM - 7:30PM** and assists the judge with the judging process, completes paperwork for that area so that ribbons may be recorded, and assists with displaying exhibits after judging on Thursday afternoon, **June 23 from about 2:30 - 8:30PM.**

The areas that we are currently looking for superintendents in are:

- Aerospace
- Agronomy
- Bicycle
- Citizenship
- Clothing
- Clover Kids
- Conservation
- Consumer Savvy
- Energy
- Entomology
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Sciences
- Financial Champions
- Forestry
- Geology
- Geospatial
- Health & Fitness
- Outdoor Adventures
- Robotics
- Self-determined
- Shooting Sports
- Wildlife

Live Animal Fair Project Superintendents –Saturday shows

- Amphibians & Reptiles
- Cats
- Dog
- Poultry
- Livestock – Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats

If you are interested in serving as a fair project superintendent, please call or email Meg as soon as possible.

Judges

The Fair Committee is looking for volunteers to judge exhibits at the fair. If you know 4-H alumni, past 4-H project leaders, or someone in the community who is skilled in a certain project area. Please forward their name, address, phone number and project area you believe they may be willing to judge to Meg, as soon as possible.

NEWSFLASH!!!

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

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CONTEST DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 11 BLUE SPRINGS FRESHMAN CENTER 2103 NW Vesper Street, Blue Springs

Come and join us for Contest Day 2011! The event will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 AM until the events are completed around 1PM. Events included on this special day will be the Demonstration and Illustrated Talks Contest, Decision Making Contest, and Fashion Revue. Contest Day allows 4-H members more of an opportunity to participate in all of these amazing contests. Specific information about Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks, Decision Making and the Fashion Revue can be found in the Fair Book and on the 4-H website. **You must pre-enter by June 1 to participate in the Fashion Revue Contest and Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks.**

SAVE TIME IN THE ENTRY LINE AT THE FAIR

If you have your exhibit tags completed and attached to your items prior to bringing item to the fair, you will be able to cut down on the amount of time it will take to check in your exhibits. Exhibit tags are available at the 4-H office - you can pick them up when you drop off your pre-entry sheets. **Exhibit tags will be in the 4-H office until 5PM on Tuesday, June 21.** After that, all fair supplies will be moved to the Grain Valley Community Center for the fair.

DECORATIONS AT THE FAIR – WE NEED YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION...

This year the theme for the Jackson County Fair is “Together We Can.” To help decorate for the fair, the Fair Committee is asking every member, leader, and parent to decorate a 4-H boy or girl paper doll. Two paper doll patterns have been created and can be found on the Jackson County 4-H website.

Paper dolls will be available at Contest Day on Saturday, June 11 for people at the event to color. Someone will also be available until 11AM at Contest Day to take your picture for the face of your paper doll.

If you can't make it to Contest Day, please print your own paper doll off of the Jackson County 4-H website. Please do not change the size of the paper doll. They are meant to be printed on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. The paper doll can be decorated as the member would like. EX: pictures, name, glitter, etc... Be creative. Please put a picture of yourself on the face of your paper doll. Leaders or parents you are also welcome to decorate a paper doll for yourself. The paper dolls will not be returned to their owners. After your paper doll has been decorated, please cut it out. **Paper dolls should be turned into the Blue Springs Extension Office by Tuesday, June 21.**





CHECKING IN YOUR EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

Wednesday, June 22, 5-7 PM

Thursday, June 23, 3-5 PM

Here are a few things to remember as you are checking in your items at the Fair:

1. The Extension Office will NOT take exhibits. All exhibits MUST be brought to Grain Valley Community Center, 713 Main Street, Grain Valley, at the above listed times. If you are unable to bring your exhibits at these times, please ask someone else in your club to bring them for you.
2. Make sure that all of your exhibits follow exhibit guide-lines from the Fair Book.
3. Make sure that all of your items are properly labeled, including exhibit tags. Exhibit tags are available in the Extension Office until, 5PM Tuesday, June 21. Starting at 3PM on Wednesday, June 22 exhibit tags will be available at Grain Valley Community Center.
4. When you and your exhibits arrive at the Fair, you will have the opportunity to conference judge. More information about Conference Judging can be found in this newsletter AND in your Fair Book.
5. After conference judging with your exhibits, you will then check your exhibits in with the project superintendents.



CONFERENCE JUDGING WITH YOUR EXHIBITS

Wednesday, June 22, 5-7 PM

Thursday, June 23, 3-5 PM

Conference Judging gives a judge and 4-H member a chance to visit together about a project. Exhibits are not required to be conference judged; this is entirely up to the 4-H member. For those who participate, this is a chance to discuss the learning experience from the exhibit. **For those 4-H members who choose to conference judge, they will receive 5 points for the entire project area. These 5 points will be added to their total point tally for the High Point competition.**

More important than the exhibit itself is the growth and development of the 4-H member. This is an opportunity to build your self-confidence as an exhibitor. 4-H members will have a chance to point out the positive aspects of their project as well as ways they can improve. Conference judging is another way for the 4-H member to share their project or tell their story about project development. It is an opportunity for 4-H members to share some of the mishaps and challenges they may have had while working on their project.

Remember, conference judging is optional. It is not a required part of exhibiting your project at the Jackson County Fair, but it is a great opportunity for you to share your exhibit and what you have learned.

Conference judging takes place on Wednesday of the Fair from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, and Thursday of the Fair from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.



RECYCLING CONTEST DETAILS FROM YOUR 4-H COUNCIL AND EQUINE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

The 4-H Council and Equine Council Leadership team has chosen to focus on recycling this year for their special project. To help get clubs excited about recycling, the team has decided to host a recycling container contest at the 2011 Jackson County Fair.

1. 4-H Clubs who were at the 4-H Council meeting on May 16th received a file box. If you were not at the meeting on the 16th, contact the office to get your box.
2. Put your box together and cut a small opening out of the lid. Clubs are invited to decorate the file box in any way shape or form. Please make sure the lid of your box is easily removed.
3. Start collecting the tabs off of pop cans.
4. Decorated recycling containers should be brought to the fair by **5PM on Thursday, June 23. Each club should bring 10 pop tabs to enter their containers.**
5. People attending the fair will be able to vote for the container they think is the most creative and encourage you to recycle using pop tabs. The voting pop tabs will be put into the boxes they like.
6. All voting will conclude on **Saturday, June 25 at 3PM.** The club whose box has the most pop tabs will win a prize announced at the Awards Ceremony.
7. After the fair, clubs will take their boxes back home and keep collecting pop tabs until Achievement Night. At Achievement Night, clubs will compete to see who has collected the MOST pop tabs since the fair.
8. After the Fair and Achievement Night, collected pop tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. RMH uses 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, they will be placing tips in each of the upcoming newsletters for the rest of the year.

First things first, a little R & R & R The aphorism is so tired it almost seems like "reduce, reuse, recycle" should go without saying. But in fact, most of us have only really heard the last third of the phrase, and they're ranked in order of importance. Reducing the amount that we consume and shifting our consumption to well-designed products and services is the first step. Finding constructive uses for "waste" materials is next. And tossing it in the blue bin is last. (The garbage can is not on the list, for good reason.) Through a balance of these three principals you can easily see your landfill-destined waste dwindle fast. A good example of recycling is setting your empty water bottles in the bin on the curb. But by using a water filter and reusable container you can *reduce* or completely eliminate your need for disposable plastic bottles.




YOUTH TOUR DAY

Friday, June 24, 9:45 AM–2:00 PM

As a community service part of the Fair, the Fair Committee offers Youth Tour Day to youth groups (day cares, summer programs, home school groups) in Jackson County. Do you know a group who might be interested? Groups will be guided by 4-H members through the fair. While on their tour, groups will have the opportunity to watch a fire safety demonstration; explore the world of recycling; view and pet animals; make butter; plant their very own seeds; view 4-H projects ranging from crafts, to vegetables, to working displays; and participate in other amazing hands-on activities.

Groups must be of 20 kids or less with 1 adult chaperone(s) per 10 kids. **All groups must arrive by 9:45am and plan to stay until 1:35pm.** Groups should bring a sack lunch and drinks for each of their kids and chaperones. The best part is the entire day is FREE to the groups. Call 252-5051 to reserve your spot!



CLUB CARNIVAL NIGHT - GAMES, FOOD & FUN!

Friday, June 24, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Members, leaders, families, friends and the general public are invited to join in the fun of a home grown carnival with food, games and prizes. Carnival booths are operated by 4-H members and leaders. Visitors may also view the many fine 4-H exhibits, made by 4-H members.

The Fair Committee will be running a carnival food booth from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Items like chicken wings, popcorn, mini corn dogs, candy, chips, drinks, and more will be offered. Prices will all be under \$3.00 for items in the food booth.

Club booth set up at 5PM and is to be completed by 5:30PM. The Club Carnival will open to the public from 6PM-9PM. Clubs decide number of tickets for their game. Clubs may pre-sell tickets for 5/\$1.00. **Pre-ordered tickets must be requested by June 1, by completing the ticket order form in the back of the fair book, on page 73.** Clubs must have an EIN on file at 4-H office to receive proceeds. Tickets will also be on sale on Friday, June 24 4/\$1.00 starting at 5pm, with proceeds going to the 4-H Council.

Entry Forms: All booths must complete the **Carnival booth form found in the fair book on page 71 and return it to the Extension Office by June 1.** For all of the information on the club carnival booth requirements, please see page 69 in the back of the fair book.

A limited number of games may be available. Contact Selinda Ramsey 816-229-7610. **Club Booth prizes:** Will be given to the club with the most "4-H Spirit" and most "Creative" at the award night on Saturday. Have fun with this fund raiser. Make a creative name for your booth and show off your club name. Sell tickets to friends and neighbors. Encourage them to come to the Carnival, see the Fair and make new friends!



WANTED: AMBASSADORS FOR THE FAIR

The Fair Committee is also looking for clubs to volunteer to serve as fair ambassadors/liaisons to the public. We will need clubs to volunteer to fill at least one three hour shift with 4 club members (minimum). The ambassadors/liaisons will answer questions about 4-H, the fair, and fair exhibits. Ambassadors/liaisons will also assist with general clean-up while at the fair. We are looking for clubs to fill the following spots:

Friday, June 24

- ☘ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- ☘ 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- ☘ 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- ☘ 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, June 25

- ☘ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- ☘ 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- ☘ 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- ☘ 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

If your club is interested in helping out, please contact Meg at sagemachm@missouri.edu.



FAMILY DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, June 25, 5:00 PM

The Fair Committee invites all of our families to join us for dinner on Saturday night at 5PM. The Awards Ceremony will immediately follow the family dinner. ALL 4-H members and their families are invited to attend. Help celebrate the accomplishments of all of those who participated in the 2011 Jackson County 4-H Fair!!



RESOURCES FOR 4-H PROJECTS AT EXTENSION

Besides your 4-H curriculum materials that you can order from the 4-H Clover there are also resources available on eXtension. Yes, that is spelled correctly, with a little "e" and a big "X". eXtension is an on-line community of Cooperative Extension resources from across the country. By going to www.extension.org you can find a wealth of information on topics, also called Communities of Practice, such as horses, goats, rabbits, and science, engineering and technology for youth. From their home page you can go to **Resource Areas** to see the topics that are available. More are being added all the time. Under **Goats** you can find **Instructional Videos**. For example, there is a ten minute video on basic hoof care. If you go to **Horses** and then **Instructional Videos**, you will find twenty-one videos on topics such as Showmanship Etiquette. If you raise rabbits you can look under **Companion Animals**, then **Rabbits** and find a 3 minute YouTube video on how to trim their toenails. If you need project resources on water, geospatial technology, energy and other science topics, eXtension has an entire Community of Practice called **Science, Engineering, and Technology for Youth**. So go on-line and check out these resources from eXtension!

Pat Miller, County Program Director, Vernon County

4-H PROJECT BRIEFS

Are you looking for exhibit or demonstration topic ideas in a certain project area? Check the State 4-H website at 4h.missouri.edu. Go to Projects, then click on Project Briefs on the left side. Project briefs have been written for leaders and members as a supplement to the 4-H project curriculum. They are fabulous tools to summarize project learning objectives, exhibit ideas, and so much more. There are project briefs for nearly every project area, check them out for valuable ideas and resources.

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. There are many different dates available: **June 3-5, July 22-24 and August 12-14**. For more information visit: <http://www.engineering.missouri.edu/lego/index.php>
- **Robotics Camp - Ready for Robotics?** At Missouri University of Science and Technology's (formerly Rolla) Robotics Camp you will explore electronics, sensors, motor and servo control, programming and more for three fun-filled days on campus. Camp is for **youth ages 12-15 from June 27-29**. Camp cost is \$395. **Registration online at summer.mst.edu** Camp is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Transportation to and from camp is your own responsibility.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR INFORMATION

The State Fair Book is ONLY available on-line at: <http://www.mostatefair.com/4-H-FFA-Guide.php> All horse and livestock exhibitors are responsible for pre-entering their own animals for State Fair. Refer to the above website for rules and regulations. **Pre-entry deadline is JULY 1 in the State Fair Office FOR MOST AREAS. Please refer to the website for specific guidelines.**

AEROSPACE CAMP

Prepare to blast off for three fun-filled days on the University of Missouri Science and Technology 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 on **July 12-14 & July 26-28**. Camp cost is \$225. Register soon, camp fills fast. More information and online registration can be found at: <http://futurestudents.mst.edu/precollege/aerospace.html>. Transportation to and from camp is on your own.

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. Workshops will be held on **Tuesday, July 12 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM** and **Saturday, August 6, 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 either session, please call 252-5051 by Friday, July 8 to reserve your spot.**

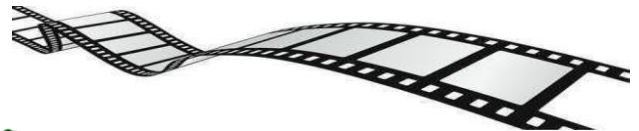
ORGANIZATIONAL/CLUB LEADER MEETING

If you are the organizational/club leader for your club, you are asked to attend the Club Leaders' Meeting, which will be held on **Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 PM** at the Blue Springs Office. **Dinner will be provided at 6:00 PM**. At this meeting we will hand out awards packets, review any changes for 2010-2011, discuss end of the year reporting requirements, and update you on new information for the 2011-2012 4-H year. **If you cannot attend the meeting, PLEASE have another leader from your club attend.** This information is essential for each and every club to have. **Please call 252-5051 by Friday, July 8 to reserve your spot.**

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 – **Final Deadline for submission is June 1**. Please visit the *FilmFest 4-H* website, at <http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest> for more details!





4-H HORSE NEWS

EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Equine Council meeting will be on Thursday, June 2, 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>

JACKSON COUNTY FAIR SHOW BILL

The Jackson County Fair Horse Show Bill is available at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/Jackson/4H/4-H%20Equine/2011/2011%20County%20Fair%20Showbill.pdf>



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

MAY

- 27 Deadline for 4-H Day with the T-Bones for t-shirts and tickets – to the T-Bones office

JUNE

- 1 Pre-entry deadline for Jackson County 4-H Fair by 5PM, Blue Springs Office for all live animal exhibits, fashion revue, demonstrations, club booths, club carnival booths, club carnival ticket orders
- 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
- 21 Decorations for the fair due to the Blue Springs Office
- 21 After 5PM – Exhibit tags no longer available at the Blue Springs Extension Office
- 22-25 Jackson County Fair, Grain Valley Community Center
- 23 Recycling Contest Containers due to the Fair by 5PM
- 25 Voting closes for the Recycling Contest Containers 3PM at Grain Valley Community Center
- 27-29 Robotics Camp, UM S & T campus
- 29-July 1 Missouri Citizenship in Action, Jefferson City

JULY

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

AUGUST

- 1-3 FilmFest 4-H, Branson, MO
- 6 4-H Awards Workshop, 10AM-3PM, Blue Springs



The 81st Annual Jackson County 4-H Fair
 June 22-25, 2011 at the Grain Valley Community Center
 713 Main Street, Grain Valley, Missouri 64029



“Together We Can”

2011 Fair Schedule

Saturday, June 11, 2011 – Contest Day - Blue Springs Freshman Center, 2103 NW Vesper Street, Blue Springs

- 9:00 AM Demonstration Contest
- 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Decision Making Contest
- 11:00 AM Fashion Revue
- 12:30 PM or conclusion of all Events (whichever is earlier) Style Show followed by Contest Day Awards Ceremony

Saturday, June 18, 2011 – Misty River Equestrian Center, 21400 East Eureka Road, Independence

- 9:00 AM County Fair Horse Show

Wednesday, June 22 – Grain Valley Community Center

Fair NOT open to the Public

- 5:00 – 7:00 PM Indoor Project Exhibit Entry-**NO LIVE ANIMALS ACCEPTED!**
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM Conference Judging – for the 4-H/FFA members only – Small Meeting Room

Thursday, June 23 – Grain Valley Community Center

Fair NOT open to the Public

- 3:00 – 5:00 PM Indoor Project Exhibit Entry-**NO LIVE ANIMALS ACCEPTED!**
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM Conference Judging – for the 4-H/FFA members only – Small Meeting Room
- 6:00 PM Judges' Orientation – Small Meeting Room
- 6:30 PM Judges' Dinner – Small Meeting Room
- 7:00 PM Judging Begins – Judging is closed to the public, 4-H/FFA members & families

Friday, June 24 – Grain Valley Community Center

NO LIVE ANIMALS ACCEPTED!

- 9:00 AM Fair Open to the Public
- 9:45 AM – 2:00 PM Youth Group Tours running, *Call 252-5051 for more info.*
- 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Fair liaisons at the Fair to provide information and tours
- 4:00 PM Ham Judging
- 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Club Carnival Food Stand open for sales
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Ham Auction
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Club Carnival Games & Fun (no rides)

Saturday, June 25 – Grain Valley Community Center

**ALL LIVE ANIMALS MUST BE ON THE GROUNDS AN HOUR PRIOR TO THEIR SHOW.
 ANIMAL SHOWS MAY OR MAY NOT OCCUR BASED ON ANIMAL PRE-ENTRIES.**

- 9:00 AM Fair Open to the Public
- 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Fair liaisons at the Fair to provide information and tours
- 9:00 AM Rabbit Show
- 9:30 AM Small Animal (Amphibians, Reptiles, Hamster, etc) and Cat Show
- 10:00 AM Dog Show
- 11:00 AM Poultry Show
- 1:00 PM Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep and Swine Shows
- 3:00 PM Shooting Sports Archery competition
- 5:00 PM Dinner for our 4-H/FFA member and their families
- 6:00 PM Awards Ceremony

All exhibits are released and clean-up begins immediately following the Awards Ceremony.

Clover Kids Activity

Garden Stones



Supplies

- Model Magic (one tennis ball size amount per child)
- Flat gem stones, shiny beads, rocks or other items (can be found in discount stores)

What to do

1. Shape model magic into a ball and flatten it to a half inch shape (circle, square, etc.).
2. Place gem stones and beads on the shape and let it dry overnight. The model magic dries hard so the garden stone will withstand outdoor weather.
3. Once dry, give as a present and/or place the garden stone in a garden or yard.

Source: Donna Garcia and CHOICES 4-H program in St. Louis County

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

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