



# Jackson County 4-H Newsletter



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## MESSAGE FROM MEG:

It is time for the new 2011-2012 4-H Year to begin! I hope as you look forward to your new year in 4-H you are setting your 4-H goals. Check out some ideas later on in the newsletter. Club leaders, I would really like to visit your club meetings, and maybe provide an officer training, or a training on parliamentary procedure for the whole club. Please contact me at [sagemachm@missouri.edu](mailto:sagemachm@missouri.edu) to get your next club meeting on my schedule.

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The 4-H Council meeting will be on **Monday, September 19 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. At this meeting we will be electing our NEW 2011-2012 4-H Council Officer team. If you are interested in being an officer, please contact the office to get an officer application. **All officer applications are due to the Blue Springs Office before 5PM on Wednesday, September 7.**

## EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

There will NOT be an Equine Council meeting in September. The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, October 6 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. The meeting agenda will focus on planning for the 2011-2012 year.

## END OF THE 4-H YEAR

Here is your last 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, Trip Scholarships for members and leaders, and all other award applications are due **Thursday, September 1 at the Blue Springs 4-H Office BEFORE 5PM. No late applications or paperwork are accepted.** Everything in the office will be packed up at 5PM on September 1 and taken with Meg on her vacation, while she is out of the office until September 12.

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/](http://extension.missouri.edu/Jackson/). Click on the 4-H clover, then click on "2011 Jackson County Awards Information and Forms." Trip scholarships can be found under the "Trip Scholarships for Members and Leaders" link.

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.

## FIND THE HIDDEN SYMBOL

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Stone**, of Home's Cool, she was the first person to find the symbol hiding in the August newsletter. Elizabeth 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](mailto: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, October 11 at 7PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office. This will be the kickoff meeting for the 2011-2012 4-H year.** At this meeting the dates of mandatory shooting sports safety meetings, which will be held in October, will be shared. 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 [smithsusana@missouri.edu](mailto:smithsusana@missouri.edu).



## COUNTY WIDE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Anyone enrolled in the photography projects are welcome to attend the County Wide Photography Project meetings. **The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM at George Owens Park.** Members will discuss work created over the summer, goals for the new year and start on new ventures. For more information about the next meetings contact Sandy Sands at: [104145.2065@compuserve.com](mailto:104145.2065@compuserve.com).



## NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1 - SUGGESTED 4-H NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS...


For Members:

1. Thank leaders and parents for their help.
2. Accept leadership opportunities and responsibilities.
3. Be a member in good standing.
4. Attend at least 2/3 club and project meetings.
5. Enter at least one exhibit at the county fair.
6. Participate in at least one community service project.
7. Always use the Six Pillars of Character in everything I do and model good character.

For Parents:

1. I will spend more quality time with my children.
2. Thank leaders and other volunteers for their efforts.
3. Volunteer to help be a project leader in at least 1 area.
4. Encourage my children to complete at least 1 project.
5. Assist my club in at least 1 community service project.
6. Always use the Six Pillars of Character in everything I do and model good character.

For Leaders:

1. Make sure all members feel valued.
  2. Give members as much leadership opportunity and responsibility as possible.
  3. Schedule club meetings at least once a month.
  4. Encourage project leaders to hold meetings regularly.
  5. Thank members, parents and other leaders for their assistance.
  6. Ask parents and other leaders for help.
  7. Always use the Six Pillars of Character in everything I do and model good character.
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## 4-H COUNCIL AND EQUINE COUNCIL REPORT


The meeting was called to order by President **Mackenzie Schuette** of Greenwood Hustlers. Pledges were lead and the meeting was explained because of the combination of the Equine and 4-H Council meetings. Roll call was taken by both Councils. Both council minutes were read approved. The treasurer's reports were reviewed and filed for audit. **Committee Reports-** The Fair Committee is holding an evaluation meeting on **Monday, September 12 at 7 PM at Blue Springs Extension Office.** Longview Committee – Show at **Longview Horse Park is August 27 at 6PM.** We need help at the show. If you are available to help, please let Meg know by **Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.** **Achievement Night Committee's next meeting is Monday, September 12 at 6PM at the Blue Springs Extension Office.** We need volunteers to serve on the committee. Also the date for **Achievement Night is Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Old Business-** Operation Military Kids Project still needs help packing about 30 more backpacks. The **American Royal Parade is Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>,** Equine council will have a float and horse kids will be able to ride horses. All clubs are welcome! Keep collecting pop tabs until Achievement Night for our recycling project! Motion was made to add a Reporter to the Equine Council. Councils voted and the motion was passed. End of the 4-H Year is August 31<sup>st</sup>. September 1<sup>st</sup> before 5PM is the DEADLINE for: End of the Year reports from Club Leaders; Project Records; All (General and Equine) award applications and Missouri Recognition forms; Trips and Event Scholarships applications; Equine Levels Testing complete and all paperwork. 4-H Day with the Tigers is **Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> with an 11AM game time.** **4-H Council officer applications are due Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**New Business-** Equine Council Officer Nominations and Elections were held. New officers: Chairperson- **Katie Williams**; Co-Vice Chair - **Nicole Bricker** and **Sidney Sykes**; Secretary-**Kate Davis**; Co-Reporter – **Clea Curnett** and **Audrey Powell.** Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign runs September 21 through October 2. Please try and promote the program to EVERYONE you know. National 4-H Week is October 2-8, this week is made to promote 4-H and increase membership for each club.

**Reminders – September 1, before 5PM** this is the deadline for all end of the year reports and award applications. **4-H Council Officer meeting is Monday, September 19 at 6PM at the Blue Springs Office. Next 4-H Council meeting is Monday, September 19, at 7PM at the Blue Springs Office.** No Equine Council meeting in September, **NEXT Equine Council meeting will be Thursday, October 6 at 7PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office.** The meeting was adjourned.

*Lauren Ashton, 4-H Council Reporter*



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### NEWSFLASH!!!

Please have all of your information for the October newsletter sent to Meg at [sagemachm@missouri.edu](mailto:sagemachm@missouri.edu) by **September 15**. Please make sure the information is 4-H related.

### 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.

#### 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.

**JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY**

### 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...September 21 – October 2**– 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, September 24 and Saturday, October 1 from 10AM – 4PM** each Saturday. If your club is interested in helping at one of the stores, please contact Meg, ASAP, if even if it is for a ½ a day. Through participating in this event, the Jackson County 4-H program has been able to raise around \$600 (last fall and this spring). Please help promote this event to everyone you know!

### RECYCLING CONTEST CHALLENGE

The 4-H Council and Equine Council Leadership team has chosen to focus on recycling this year. To help everyone get excited about recycling, the team has challenged each and every 4-H Club in Jackson County to collect pop tabs. At Achievement 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.

### 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.

- **Recycle your water** - If you're a homeowner, consider rearranging your plumbing so that rainwater or wastewater from your shower and tub is used to flush your toilet. If you have a garden, water it with leftover bathwater or dishwashing water (as long as you use a biodegradable soap)
- **If you don't love something, let it go** - Lots of charities welcome your donations. Groups like Freecycle and Recycler's Exchange exist to help you get rid of useful objects that you just don't want to make use of. If you're in a Craigslist city, make use of the "free stuff" section. Give away clothes that don't fit, the boxes you used in your last house move, or scented soaps that don't appeal to your sensibilities. Make it a rule in your house that nothing useable goes in the trash until you've given the community a fair shot at it.



## **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/or 4-H in general. Great promotional items are available online at: <http://www.4-h.org/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2011-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/>

This year the theme is all about Joining the Revolution of Responsibility. Some ideas to 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.
- ☘ Ask your teacher if you can talk about the 4-H program in class. Wear your 4-H t-shirt and bring some of your exhibits.
- ☘ Share your 4-H Story, with the newspaper, radio station or other media. How are you Joining the Revolution of Responsibility?



## **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 STORIES FROM THE HEART**

4-H Stories from the Heart presents inspirational and heartfelt stories by 4-H'ers, volunteers, and staff that will inspire, amuse, and bring back fond memories. In a little over a century, 4-H has evolved from a program primarily designed for training rural youth in new agricultural technologies to the world's largest youth development program. The 4-H experience creates amazing tales best told by those who lived them.

4-H Stories from the Heart offers a wide variety of stories by current and former 4-H'ers, volunteers, and professionals; some as young as six years old and others eighty plus! The stories are sometimes funny, sometimes poignant, and often inspiring, but they all come from the heart.

4-H Stories from the Heart is a project of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Books are available at the Jackson County office at \$25 per book.



## **SAVE THE DATE FOR DISCOVER THE CLOVER MISSOURI VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM NOVEMBER 4-5 IN COLUMBIA**

You give your time and commitment directly from the Heart! For our wonderful volunteers, we offer a conference designed especially for you. Come experience, learn, refresh, and meet others who give so much to the 4-H program. More information will be available soon at: <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/discoverclover/index.htm>



## **2011 NORTH CENTRAL REGION VOLUNTEER E-FORUMS**

Join other 4-H Volunteers here in Jackson County to learn cutting edge information from experts across the North Central Region. Gain new knowledge you can share with your 4-H members throughout the year.

**Each session will be two and a half hours in length beginning at 6:00 PM at the Blue Springs 4-H office.** Each session will include 3 separate presentations to help everyone learn more about each general topic.

- Monday, **November 7**–Positive Youth Development. To include: “Quality Matters: In Chocolate and 4-H Programs.” “The Teen Brain: A Work in Progress.” “Tools and Techniques for Growing Youth/Adult Partnerships.”
- Thursday, **November 17**–4-H Program Management To include: “4-H Club Basics.” Keeping your Cool While Working With Youth.” “Reducing the Risks of 4-H Club Meetings.”
- Tuesday **November 22**–New & Emerging Curriculum To include: “4-H Science.” Get Connected to Your 4-H World.” “Community Service Learning.”

These sessions are open to all 4-H volunteers in Jackson County. You can attend all three, or just one or two if that is what interests you. Everyone must be pre-registered for these sessions. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please contact the Blue Springs office to reserve your space.



## **MORE VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Jackson County will be hosting even MORE volunteer development opportunities. If you are interested in attending these, please contact the Blue Springs 4-H Office.

- Volunteer Orientation Face to Face session – **Saturday, November 12 from 9AM – noon.**
- Project Leader training – **Saturday, November 12 from 1PM – 4PM.**





## 4-H HORSE NEWS

### *EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING*

The next Equine Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 6, 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](http://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 before 5PM, September 1. Hard copies of all riding tests must also be in the Blue Springs Office before 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.

### 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  
**All must be in the Blue Springs Office before 5PM**
- 3 4-H Day with the Tigers, 11AM, Columbia
- 7 4-H Council Officer application deadline, 5PM
- 12 Achievement Night Committee meeting, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
- 11 Hippology and Horse Bowl practice begins, 4-7PM, contact Cynthia Calbert
- 12 Fair Evaluation Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in October newsletter
- 17 American Royal Parade, downtown KC
- 19 4-H Council officer meeting, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
- 19 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 21 – October 2 – Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Stores.
- 24 4-H Clubs stationed at Tractor Supply Stores 10AM – 4PM, Independence and Lees Summit

### OCTOBER

- 1 4-H Clubs stationed at Tractor Supply Stores 10AM – 4PM, Independence and Lees Summit
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 5 National Science Day Experiment
- 6 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 8 Achievement Night, 5:30 PM
- 10 Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 11 Shooting Sports Club meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs
- 15 Items due for inclusion in 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
- 7 Volunteer e-forum, 6PM – 8:30 PM, Blue Springs Office
- 12 Volunteer Orientation, 9AM-noon, Blue Springs Office
- 12 Project Leader Training, 1-4PM, Blue Springs Office
- 14 Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in December newsletter
- 17 Volunteer e-forum, 6PM – 8:30 PM, Blue Springs Office
- 21 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 22 Volunteer e-forum, 6PM – 8:30 PM, Blue Springs Office

# 4-H Clover Kids - Thank You Notes

Here are a couple of suggestions to help you get your Clover Kids going:

- ☘ Be positive. Briefly explain that the gift-giver will feel good knowing the present is appreciated. Talk about what the words "thank you" mean.
- ☘ Give choices and help make writing thank you notes fun. Provide a variety of interesting and colorful paper, pens/pencils, crayons/markers, glitter and glue.
- ☘ Make the handwritten note a special message from the heart.
- ☘ Be a good example and write letters! Children learn to be courteous and responsible by watching other adults.

## Ideas for Making Thank You Stationery

- ☘ Stamps and pads
- ☘ Stickers
- ☘ Decorate plain note cards
- ☘ Stencils
- ☘ Use decorative-edged scissors
- ☘ Cut thank you postcards from card stock
- ☘ Make thumbprints with washable ink pads (make balloons, flowers, patterns, people, words, or a clover)



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

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