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Design time for 2009 Logo

4-H council selected two themes for 2009, with final selection made by *KC Star*, which prints the winning essay during National 4-H week. Thanks to those who suggested themes:

Kathy & Elly Anderson, FJW

Krysten Turner, PCPR

Cody Hankins, HH

The one selected as well as two others were not signed, so thank you too.

State Fair exhibits are back—clovers to all of you that shared yours with thousands of State Fair visitors.

Each exhibit earns \$2 and a nice purple ribbon; they are here at the office and can be picked up anytime, even at the September 5th Family Fun Event!

All 4-H Volunteers

Just a reminder that all volunteers must attend orientation by January 1, 2009.

All 4-H volunteers must complete training. It is available online at:

<http://blackboard.missouri.edu>.

Select Login and for the user name use _kids and the password is volunteer. Select "Yes" any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items. Select the link located on the left side of the screen "Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation." A welcome screen appears and will guide you through the course.

There will be local training offered in October/November & a CD available for loan.

Logos/designs are needed by next 4-H Council meeting, September 18th

Look to the Future with 4-H

A design for that theme, selected by 4-H committee & T-shirt artist, will be used on shirts, displays, certificates, etc.

Please submit by next council meeting, September 18th

You can send via email, mail, on disk, but please no faxes since they don't reproduce well

Any 4-Her, or 4-H parent or volunteer is invited to design a logo for our new year!

Selection criteria:

- Shows the theme in words or images/symbols
- Show 4-H prominently/has impact
- Visually appealing, easy to see at 5-10 feet (for t shirt should patch)
- Design should be suitable for youth and adult
- One color, suitable for 2x 3 shoulder patch

**WET 'N WILD
4-H FAMILY FUN**

September 5th

This Friday, August 29th is the original registration deadline for this wet and wild and fun, and educational event for families, but you can email or call in your family name and number over the long Labor Day Weekend. Invite a family to come with you to meet others in 4-H too.

Rain barrel give away, water garden display, free rain gauges and rain garden info, examine macro invertebrates from a local waterway, watermelon seed spitting contest, water tag, frozen t shirt relay, bubbles, chalk art, water balloon (or sponge) volleyball, boat designing, plus a great potluck dinner. (Meat, plates, drinks provided by 4-H council; each family should bring a side or dessert and a blanket or chairs, if they want to sit elsewhere than on curb or sidewalk.)

We hope you come for the entire event, but if you can only come for part of it, please do so. We will be setting up about 4:30 and can always use help as well as greeters.

This will be in the 4H office/Platte Resource Center parking lot; in case of bad weather, the potluck and some activities/displays inside.



**OCTOBER 11TH
HOLIDAY FAIR &
RECOGNITION
EVENT POST/SHARE
ENCLOSED FLYER**

HORSES

Platte County 4-H Horsemanship Plans Notes from Lynn Crader

On Sunday, September 21, at the fair grounds from 2 to 5. We will have open arena riding and cookout. Parents are welcome to ride also. The horsemanship group will provide hotdogs, buns and paper goods. I ask that everyone bring a covered dish and drinks.

We will plan on eating around 4:00. If you know of anyone interested in joining 4-H and doing the horsemanship project, please invite them to come. Barrels, poles, flags, etc. will be there to use, if you wish, and plates for your our show plaques will be there to pick up.

On October 5 is our St. Jude trail ride at Smithville Lake at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at Jack Rabbit Bend. If you want to bring some snacks for after the ride, that will be fine. If you have not rode the trails at Smithville, they have really nice trails. I would say they are easy trails. Friends and family members are welcome to ride with us. Once again, if you know anyone interested in 4-H, please invite them. I will have prizes for all riders who participate in the St. Jude ride with pledges. If you need pledge sheets, please let me know. You do not have to have pledges in order to ride. Our rain date will be the following Sunday, October 12.

We will probably have another bedding delivery in late September or early October. Once I get something set up, I will let you know.

If you have any questions, drop me a note or give me a call. My cell number is 719-9952.



Parelli Seminar Free Admission

There will be a two-day Parelli 2008 Tour Seminar at the American Royal Hale Arena on September 20th. Free admission will be given to all FFA and 4-H members. If you would like to attend this seminar for free please call the office with the number of members planning on attending. When you arrive at the event you will need to present your copy of the fax at the gate and your group will be admitted free. More Information at www.parelli.com or 800-642-3336.

Unbelievable Horse Happenings

There will be an Open 4-H Horse Show held at the American Royal, Hale Arena. This event will be held the same weekend as the PRCA Rodeo. Entry information can be found at:

<http://betterhorsesnetwork.com/>.

They must be postmarked by October 1st.



FOOD

4-H Camp Foods and Fitness

The fifth annual 4-H Camp Food and Fitness is set for Nov. 15-16, 2008 on the MU campus. The primary audience for the camp is youth ages 12-14 enrolled in 4-H foods projects; however, young people associated with any Extension program are eligible to attend if they meet the age criteria. The cost is \$70 per person and includes lodging at the Quality Inn Hotel, meals, and take home materials. Start time is 10 a.m. on Nov. 15 and the camp adjourns at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 16. 4-H faculty and staff serve as chaperones. Registration is due by October 10th.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports Leader Certification

Shooting Sports leader certification will be held on October 10-12 at Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, MO. If you are interested in becoming a certified shooting sports leader please contact our office.

Think Public Speaking & more in 2009

The State Public Speaking contest, in September each year, includes several categories for members of all ages to consider: prepared speech, extemporaneous, public service announcements, dramatic interpretation, pantomime, & humorous, and technology assisted .



Discover the Clover

Fall Leader Forum

The event will be held on October 18th in Columbia, Missouri. The registration fee is \$40.00 (includes Saturday Recognition Breakfast with a gift for every volunteer, lunch, snacks, some project literature from workshops they attend, conference bag and pen). Registration is due to our office by September 15. Forms at our office or at www.Missouri 4-H.com

Recognition Breakfast (Reynolds Alumni Center) will begin at 7:30 a.m. Workshops will begin between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. depending upon location. We currently have 35 workshops. The times will give everyone a nice variety to select from.

\$40.00 will be reimbursed to those who attend.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership

4H Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 21, 2008

Those in attendance: Yvonne Wright, Kaela McKenzie, Ben Clark, Monty Kay Clark (HH); Regina Turner, Valerie Eber, Addie Eber (PCPR); Lori Matthews, Mariah Matthews (FJW); Susan Byergo, Jamie Byergo (LBB), and Sharen Hunt.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ben Clark. Pledges were said.

Minutes: printed in July newsletter. Motioned by Regina, seconded by Mariah. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report given by Mariah Matthews. Our current balance is \$3,184.82. Approved as read.

Budget discussion: agenda item addition of fee increase. The council discussed raising membership fees. Currently, the fee is \$8.00. The Council discussed having both an individual and family rate, and making the fee only effective for the current year, in case fund raising was more successful than anticipated. Regina motioned to raise the membership fee from \$8 to \$12 members for the 2008-09 year and to be revisited in January '09. Kathy proposed an amended motion that Clover Kids stay at \$8 while the regular members go up to \$12. Jamie seconded; motion passed.

Family Fun Event (agenda addition): Regina said she needs to know what event each club will be responsible for. Hoover Heroes is doing a frozen T-shirt relay; Lady Bugs and Beetles will do a Clay boats project. Park Rangers will help out with the Water gardener. Farley Jolly Workers will help with the Chalk art. Other help needed include meat/food serving, rain barrel, cleanup, bubbles, and watermelon seed spitting.

Completion option (agenda addition): Council discussed an issue of a member who did not have an opportunity to show at the Fair, but participated extensively throughout the year. The issue is whether or not the member can be in good standing for the year for 4H, and is appealing to get credit for the year. Susan moved that we approve the member's completion in good standing for the year. Kathy seconded it. Motion passed.

Award for Essay Contest: Sharen showed the Council a flashing pen that will be used to give for the essay People's Choice winner. No savings bonds from the KC Star will be given this year. Monty Kay made a motion that we give the pens for the People's Choice winner; Mariah seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2008-09 4-H Theme suggestions: Submissions were: "Look to the Future with 4-H", 4-Hology = Bettering our Community", "4-H Forever", "4-H Doing fine in 2009", Why I am a 4-Her?" "Go Green" "What's in 4-H?" Voting for the top two favorites narrowed the top choice down to "4-H: Go Green" with "Look to the Future with 4-H" as a second choice.

Holiday Fair: Regina Turner, Michelle Rawlings and Marilyn Whitacre are primarily handling this. Sharen shared some thoughts of a possible agenda for the day. She also showed us the brochure which will be printed up for the day (the Council proofread the brochure prior to printing). There will be a need for several volunteers from clubs for that day, especially since the Recognition Event follows directly after it. (Holiday Fair is October 11). Sign up for duties will occur at the September Council meeting. Regina moved that we continue having the Clover Shop and auction during the Recognition Event and that the Council give each club \$25 to spend as they see fit. Monty Kay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sharen showed the County Wide Projects Member Roles and Responsibilities sheet and asked if we wanted to continue to distribute this to members as a reminder of the responsibilities. The council also discussed possible county-wide projects and leaders. Kathy indicated that she might be willing to do food preservation. There are some other possibilities, such as welding, dog obedience and veterinary science.

Volunteer Forum scholarships: Volunteer leader forum in Columbia on October 17-18. \$40 entry fee is due by September 15th.

Leadership certification dates: Every leader has to be certified by January 1, 2009. It is required. You can also do it online, and Sharen also has a CD to do the certification. Call Sharen if you are interested or need the training. This could be announced at the Recognition Event.

National 4-H week display/contest: Council discussed participation in this. Prize money is \$15, \$10 and \$5 for first, second and third places respectively. This would be for the month of October (beginning October 5-11). Monty Kay moved that we continue to do the display contest as in the past: each club has a display, take a photograph, get to Sharen, and prize money will be awarded as written. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Club officer training: County wide or for individual clubs? If county wide, it would be held at the extension office. Sharen said there is some written material that can be shared as well. After discussion, training will be county wide, arranged sometime after the Holiday Fair.

Winter fair/events: the council agreed to table this event until next year.

Gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble and/or Borders Bookstores: Sharen had information. Regina motioned that we do gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble for visibility purposes. Monty Kay seconded; motion passed. (Dates approved by Barnes & Noble are: 12/19, 6-11 pm, 12/23, 9 am-2 pm, 12/20, 9 am-11 pm)

New Clovers, enrollment forms, leader packets: Sharen has this information available for clubs.

Manuals to take for club libraries: Sharen had these available for clubs to take.

Mariah moved for meeting adjournment; Lori seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

National 4-H Week Thoughts

4-H membership is a honor and responsibility, for youth and families. What makes 4-H special for you and your family? What benefits do you receive that you may not realize right away?


A quote from a new 4-H parent, after seeing one 4-H club meeting recently:


“to see the youth run the meeting, and work together is so impressive”

Another quote: “4-H requires a lot of time and commitment, more than other groups, but that is what makes 4-H so meaningful and important for our kids and families’

If you have gained skills in being a group member, planning and working out your own learning, trying a new event, or making new friends, or appreciate even more the importance of citizenship, community service, courtesy (thank you notes, etc), or increased sense of responsibility and team work, then you know the true value of 4-H’s motto of ‘Make the Best Better’ and meaning of our pledge.

More 4-Hers in Platte County would make it even better and more fun for all of us:

 Share the clover spirit and invite others to join your club and then mentor them through the year.

 Help with club displays and promotion events, during the entire fall, but especially during National 4-H Week, (October 5-11).

Displays will be evaluated on the overall attractiveness, eye catching, the variety/scope of 4-H activities or projects shown, and easy to find and take information on how to join 4-H, as well as choice(s) of sites for maximum exposure. These can be put up earlier, but need to be up through the 11th and a digital photo sent to 4-H office by October 6th the location identified.

A small cash award will be presented to the top three displays. Clubs can choose to have more than more display, each will be evaluated

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT IDEA



“ **Family Readiness Group** “ is a program to support families of deployed soldiers with a variety of services. A new community service project for a club or individuals is to make/decorate cards with the inside blank. These would be sent in bulk to soldiers to use to write to their children in the states.

If interested and need further information, contact: Joan Zeller, 660-232-1485 or email zellerc@missouri.edu

Cards can be mailed to:

Chrissy Kindell National Guard Armory, 2323 S Crysler Ave Independence, MO 64052

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES- Platte County 4-Hers age 12 and older are encouraged to help with events coming up:

Family Fun event: set up, 4:30 pm or clean up/take down at 8 pm, or help with games/ activities.

Help with Holiday Fair, 8 am-10 am or 10-12noon or 12-2, or 2-3 take down.

Help set up Clover Shop on October 11th (set out, sort, display items for the Clover Point program).

Help plan/present leader recognition October 11th (practice beforehand may be required).

Volunteer to help with Officer Training in late October or early November.

More Than You Ever
Imagined!

CLUB REPORTS

HOOVER HEROES:

Hoover Heroes met August 12 with 18 members, 5 leaders and 10 others present.

Roll call was “what was the most fun you had this summer?”

County forms (due September 1) and Family Fun Event (September 5th) were discussed

The community service project planned for September is a work day at Smithville Lake. Mr. Termorshuizen will coordinate and communicate the details.

Officer nominations should be sent to one of the leaders before the next meeting. Attendance awards were distributed; a large number of our members were showing their dogs at the State 4H Dog Show in Sedalia.

Mark Roe demonstrated how to make an electro magnet. School supplies were brought to donate to Della Lamb Neighborhood House, which helps homeless families.

Clint Greenough gave a shooting sports update; the State shoot will be August 16 at Linn Creek.

Next meeting is September 9th at 7 pm at Hoover Christian Church



Legislative Academy Application Information

The Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy has been set for February 16-18, 2009 in Jefferson City. The only cost for the selected delegates is transportation to and from Jefferson City.

Applications are available on the website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/academy/#forms> and are due to the state office by December 1, 2008

Background

The Academy was founded by Lowell Mohler and the Missouri 4-H Foundation's Board of Trustees as a one-of-a-kind experiential learning opportunity for promising 4-H youth leaders. Desired outcomes are strengthened relationships between Missouri 4-H and key lawmakers and donors, as well as youth participants acquiring skills in legislative advocacy.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:
Able to attend the entire Academy;
14-20 years old on December 31st;
and
Recommended by their local 4-H youth specialist.

Selection

Between 8 and 12 young people will be selected for the Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy. Selection will be based on: 1) satisfactory completion of the application, 2) a personal interview with the selection committee, and 3) ability to positively represent Missouri 4-H to state-level decision-makers and contributors.

Up to 20 applicants may be invited to participate in the interview process. The selection committee will select up to 3 alternates to participate in the event selected members cannot attend.

Recognition Event

Why you need to be there!!!

Celebrate your own, your family and your club's efforts and successes this past year by participating in the **October 11th Recognition Event, from 3-5 pm**

What happens during this finale:

- Members who attend a majority of meeting and exhibit at fair earn a completion pin
- Members who fill out award applications are honored with county medals, or I Dare You book and pen, or t-shirts or jackets
- Adults who volunteer as project and club leaders are recognized and thanked
- Club officers can earn savings bonds in a drawing (attendance required)
- Club Seals based on programs, completion percentages, service projects and the secretary book are announced
- Traveling trophies for community service and project completion are awarded to clubs
- See the 2008-2009 logo for: Look to the Future with 4-H.
- Express appreciation to your club leaders for all of the work they do for 4-H
- You may be able to learn about some county wide projects for the new year

Clover Awards Update: store or auction???

Platte County is unique and wonderful in many ways, one of which is this special way to recognize participation in a wide variety of 4-H events and opportunities. This fun way to keep track of your 4-H work year by year is designed to get you started in the record and award system, and to reward your work each year.

Cash in your Clover Award points (from Clover Award Form in last months newsletter and in Family Handbook) at either the Clover Store, from 2:30-3 pm or after the event, or at the auction.

Turn in your award forms by October 5th and earn an extra 10 points!

Congress 2009 Dates Set

State Congress 2009 will be held June 3-5 in Columbia, MO. This event is for youth ages 14 and older. Mark your calendars!

HAPPY



NEW YEAR!!!



Platte County 4-H Events

September 1	Happy 4-H New Year
September 5	Wet'N Wild Family Fun Event 5:30-8PM
September 8	Lady Bugs & Beetles Club Meeting
September 9	Hoover Heroes Club Meeting 7 PM
September 11	Platte County Park Rangers 7 PM
September 15	Deadline: Entry fee due for Discover the Clover Volunteer Forum registrations
September 18	4-H Council Meeting—Logo Designs due
September 20	Parelli Tour Seminar
September 21	4-H Horsemanship Open Arena Riding 2-5 PM at Platte County Fair Grounds
September 23	Pet Power temperament testing
September 26	Farley Jolly Workers Club Meeting
October 1:	Deadline: Unbelievable Horse Happenings Registration due
October 5	St. Judy Trail Ride at Smithville Lake 2 PM
October 5-11	National 4-H Week
October 10-12	Shooting Sports leader certification at Camp Galilee, El Dorado Springs, MO
October 11	Holiday Fair & Platte County 4-H Recognition Event
October 17-18	Fall Leader Forum "Discover the Clover" in Columbia
November 15	4-H Camp Foods & Fitness
January 1	Deadline: Volunteer Training must be completed
February 16	Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy
June 3	State Congress in Columbia