



“THE CLOVER GROWER”

Barton County 4-H Family Newsletter



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Dear 4-H Family,

The holiday season is here. Many clubs have holiday parties, gift exchanges and family gatherings. During the holidays we often help others less fortunate and thus more fully appreciate the many blessings we have to enjoy ourselves. Let’s remember the reason for the season and spread peace and joy to all.

Here are just a few ways that clubs around the state are sharing this holiday season.

- Carol at a local nursing home
- Help decorate a tree at a homeless shelter
- Collect toys for a local toy drive
- Volunteer to ring bells for the Salvation Army
- Bake cookies for community leaders
- Adopt a family from your local community action center
- Serve a meal at soup kitchen

Send cards and letters to military members serving in foreign countries

Remember, January 1 is the due date for all member enrollments to be in the 4-H office We have several new members. Be sure and welcome them to your club. Remember, they are learning about 4-H and how it works. Be sure to share with each new family the many opportunities for growth and learning that comes to all those in your club. Encourage them to read “Clover Talk” and to ask questions. Asking is one of the very best ways to learn.

About 150 4-H volunteers have now completed the Volunteer Orientation. The next opportunity for a group session will be Jan. 19 and 26 at Bolivar and Mt. Vernon. See the enclosed flyer for Bright and Bold and Making the Best Better workshops. There are sessions for all members of our 4-H families.

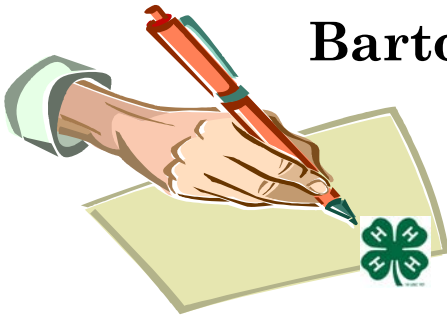
Look over the registration form, fill it out or make copies as needed and get them back to us on time. We’re expecting 200 or so at each event.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year and Best Wishes to all.

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Barton County 4-H Club Information



Merry Christmas

When sending your Christmas cards this year, Please include the following—or think about sending a couple of new ones that you don't usually send

**A Recovering American soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical
Center**

**6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001**



**Barton County Arts
Council**

Christmas Open House

December 8, 2007

**If you can donate cookies please
bring them to the Wolf center by**

December 7, 4:30 pm

Your help will be appreciated !

**CLUB LEADERS ...Members.. Volunteers
4-H Council Meeting January 8, 2008,
7:00 pm Wolf Center**

Please return All returning 4-H enrollment and volunteer forms to the 4-H office by in by January 1, 2008. These are the material you received in September. You may continue to accept membership unto the county until May 1, 2008 to be eligible for State, Regional, and County project participation.

4-H members can add and drop any project until May 1, 2008

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Dixie Stampede Tickets

**If you or your family ordered tickets you
will need to pick up your tickets after**

December 1 at the Wolf Center

**before you go to Branson. Call me before
you come so I can have them ready for you.**

Red Cross Cookie Donations Schedule

Dec 17, 2007- City Clovers

Feb 18, 2008 - _____

Please call the office with the day your club would like to donation cookies. Cookies need to be dropped off at the First Baptist Church, Lamar, Mo.

DISCOVERING 4-H 2008 – A Member, Leader and Family Workshop

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Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO

Make A Wish Community Service



MAKING THE BEST BETTER VIII, Sat., Jan.26

Mt. Vernon Middle School, Mt. Vernon, MO

Volunteer Orientation Workshop

Registration Forms enclosed

SEE YOU THERE



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DECEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 
9	10	11	12	13	14 	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Merry</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31	<i>Christmas</i>				



December 2007- January 2008



Place this calendar in your home when every one can use it to share other dates on the calendar that your family will be involved in. Take your newsletter to your club meeting and add dates that your club will be involved in.

- December
- 1- KC Global Conference—on line registrations open Dec 1
 - 7- Arts Council Christmas Open House.. Drop off cookies at the Wolf center by 4:30 pm
 - 8- SW Regional 4-H trip- Dixie Stamped Trip
 - 14- Registration Deadline- State 4-H Teen Conference trip
 - 21- 4-H club news deadline for Clover Grower
- January
- 8-4-H council Mtg. Wolf Center 7:00 pm
 - 10 KC Global Conference- On line registrations close January 10,
 - 19- Member /Leader training and Volunteer Orientation—Bolivar, Mo.—Plan on Attending
 - 26- Member/Leader training and Volunteer Orientation—Mt Vernon, Mo. - Plan on Attending
 - 28- 4-H club news deadline for the Clover Grower



Barton County 4-H Club Information

Regional Teen Council News

The Regional Teen Council met Nov. 18, and began planning for a Barn warming get acquainted and fun event from 2-4 pm, Feb. 16 at Aurora. All 4-H'ers 12 and older may attend with a canned good donation and finger food. More details to follow.

The annual teen RATT is being decided between Tulsa and St. Louis. We've never gone to Tulsa.

4-H Camp themes suggested were: Extreme Sports, Color Wars and Australia.

Teen Council meets again Jan. 19 at Bright and Bold in Bolivar when officer nominations are due and Jan. 26 at Make the Best Better in Mt. Vernon.

Ashlyn Sisk

Barton County

Teen Council Representative

Irwin 4-H Club

The Irwin 4-H club meeting was held November 20, 2007 at Ruth Bunton's house. 13 member were present. Our meeting was called to order by President Luke Proctor. Minutes were read by Tanner Darrow, club secretary. old Business was discussed. Luke informed members and enrollment forms and dues. Need to be turned in. New Business was discussed. All 4-h members received their 4-H checks from the fair. Member pins were handed out. Our club decided to sponsor a BARCEDA Family for Christmas. Our next meeting will be held December 18 a the Wolf Building. We will focus on our sponsor family and go christmas caroling. Following the meeting.

4-H Club Reporter

Chelsea Schiltz

Meat Goat Camp– February 9, 2008

University of Missouri Extension 4-H and Missouri State University will hold a meat goat camp Feb. 9 at the Darr Agricultural Center in Springfield. The camp is open to 4-H and FFA members. The deadline to register is Feb. 1. Registration is \$15 per person . Camp is filling up, don't wait

2008 MISSOURI AGRIBUSINESS ACADEMY

Students must be high school sophomores from a farm family or active 4-H or FFA member. Details are not yet available but June 9-13, 30 participants will meet in Jefferson City and travel by chartered bus to St. Louis to meet agriculture industry representatives of agribusiness, journalism, finance, farm management, and career personnel placement services.

Applications are due Feb. 1, are will be available on line at: www.mda.mo.gov/Most expenses are paid. For current information contact: MO Dept. of Ag at 573-751-5618.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

For All Teens: 14 OR OLDER, INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE 4-H WASHINGTON FOCUS TRIP IN THE SUMMER OF 2008? A GROUP FROM MISSOURI PLANS TO GO I'LL BE GLAD TO COORDINATE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION CALL TODAY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

City Clover 4-H Club

Invites all county 4-H clubs to save these date in 2008

February 1- Crop till you Drop– Wolf Center– 6:30 pm

April 14–Learn More about Demonstrations & Judging
Wolf Center– 7:00 pm

July 7– 4-H Summer Fun—Scavenger Hunt—
Lamar City Park

4-H Club News

Reporter / Club Leaders

Submit your 4-H club news



For Clover Grower and Lamar Democrat



4-H ...Volunteer Orientation Information

Basics To Success.....The 4-H Youth Development Program

Here is my fourth of several articles on leader orientation. As a reminder, Making the Best Better and Bright and Bold Trainings (held in the region in January) will have a section on leader orientation.

4-H Projects – The 4-H project has been described as the member's "gateway" to the 4-H program. From our standpoint, it might be better to turn the description around to say that the project is the "gateway" to the boy or girl.

Projects provide the basis of the 4-H program by offering various educational experiences. Carrying out a project will help the member "Learn to do by doing" as well as learn "why" things happen the way they do.

WHY PROJECTS? - The project is a teaching tool that can be used to develop many desirable traits in the boy or girl in addition to the obvious project skills of how to make it, groom it, feed it, show it, etc.

Project work is important in developing boys and girls to their maximum potential so long as we view project work as a "means to an end" and not the "end in itself." What? This means that the basic objective of 4-H ... the development of the boy and girl ... is the most important product, not the dress made or the calf shown.

WHAT ARE PROJECTS? - Projects are real-life experiences that help 4-H'ers learn to make sound decisions. Projects put the hands and mind to work in a positive, creative way.

The selection of 4-H projects has expanded greatly in the past few years. There are now more than 40 different subject areas with over 150 different projects. Most of the projects have been planned with several phases so that a member may advance to more difficult and challenging activities.

4-H projects involve a wide variety of interests and activities that are designed to attract boys and girls regardless of their place of residence, economic status, race, etc. 4-H offers something for all youngsters. The need for learning and developing positive self esteem is not confined to kids on the farm, or kids in big cities, but is a need we all share. Adults also, gain, grow and learn through leading or assisting their youngsters in a project.

WHAT SHOULD PROJECTS DO FOR THE 4-H'ER? - Through projects, the member receives many satisfactions in his needs for: A feeling of Accomplishment, Attention, Prestige, Challenge, Striving for Excellence, and Pride of Ownership. Therefore, the objectives of 4-H projects are to:

1. Create a sense of ownership.
2. Give satisfaction of achievement.
3. Provide opportunities for club members to:
 - a. Learn skills connected with the project.
 - b. Develop and understand knowledge related to the project.
 - c. Develop desirable attitudes for a satisfying life.
 - d. Assume responsibilities.
 - e. Provide healthful competition.
 - f. Make meaningful decisions.
4. Provide a leisure time activity to help keep youngsters from running the streets and getting involved in undesirable or otherwise harmful activities.
5. Explore the career opportunities and thus the need for continued education. All the projects are in a sense, career explorative, giving each member a taste of the work, responsibilities and rewards involved.

WHAT ARE SOME GUIDES TO SELECTING PROJECTS? - Parents and the member should know and fully understand what is expected of the 4-H'er before he or she enrolls in a project.

Projects are selected in the early fall (Sept.-Oct) when enrollment forms are filled out. Younger members should limit their projects to not more than three. Two is a good number. Older, experienced members may be able to do several different ones, including those that are more difficult. Six is suggested as a maximum for anyone. Quality, not quantity, is the goal.

Factors that parents and leaders should consider in helping a club member to select a project are:

1. Meets the needs and interests of the member...the fallacy here, however, is that in many cases, the youngster doesn't really know if he would like a particular project without first giving it a try.
2. Project is in keeping with age and ability (physical and mental) of the member. Will it challenge him/her educationally?
3. How much time does the member have and how much time does the project require? What season of the year is most of the activity of the project?
4. Is the project acceptable to you as parents and does it fit into the family needs and situations?
5. How much will the project cost?
6. Is there adequate space and equipment available?
7. Is there an opportunity for ownership and management responsibilities?
8. Are there leaders to help with project in the club or are the parents willing to help the member with the project?

CLOVER - The "Clover" lists guidelines and suggested learning experiences for the various projects. If you do not have a copy, check with your club's leaders or the Extension office.

HOW ARE PROJECTS CONDUCTED? - Project work is conducted through various activities and events such as:

1. Project meetings (in addition to the regular club meetings).
2. Regular club meeting (demonstrations, project reports, etc.).
3. Tours - to visit projects of members.
4. Tours - to places directly related to the project (clothing project - fabric store).
5. Family activity at home (includes continuing to work on item started at project meeting).
6. Exhibiting items made at community fair/event, county 4-H fair, Achievement Day, etc.
7. Record keeping (beginning with first project meeting to end of year project record complete).
8. Apply for awards using the Missouri Report Form or other means as appropriate.

WHAT ARE PROJECT LEADERS AND WHAT DO THEY DO? - Project leaders are people just like you and me. They have an interest in a particular project area and are willing to share some of their time, talents, and efforts with a small group of 4-H members. Project leaders are expected to take the initiative in organizing their project group. This includes getting the members together, discussing the project, setting goals, planning and conducting at least 6 hours of learning time for the members, encouraging the members to complete the project, show any exhibits made at the Fair or Achievement Day, complete the project report, turn it in to the club and re-enroll for next year.

Encourage member participation in demonstrations, member judging, 4-H camp, trips, and the various awards that are available. To learn about these things project leaders are to attend county, district or regional training meetings and ask questions of their club leader and extension center staff.

YOU COULD BE A PROJECT LEADER!! It doesn't take an expert in photography to be a photography leader; the same with most projects. The one most important ingredient for project leaders is that they be sincerely interested in working with boys and girls. If you would consider being a project leader, visit with your club's leaders or club advisory committee members. Training meetings are conducted on the county level for project leaders. Also most projects have leader guide booklets for assistance. For protection of 4-H members and volunteers, all volunteer applicants will be screened for child abuse and neglect and criminal records prior to their acceptance for a volunteer position.

4-H RECORDS -- Each 4-H member must keep a record of his/her 4-H work. Records are not an extra task, but are a part of 4-H work. Few young people (adults are no exception) enjoy record keeping. However, in our society, the record keeping habit is quite valuable.

The next and Orientation letter will discuss the types of 4-H records, the 4-H awards system and how to apply



**4-His a community of young people across America,
who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.**



State 4-H Teen Conference

Registration: Registration deadline is December 20, 2007. No availability is guaranteed after that date.

Age Change: The event is still for youth ages 12 and 13, but the State 4-H Council wishes to include 11-year-olds this time around. Beginning December 10th, 11-year-olds are welcome to enroll as long as spaces are still available.

Cost: \$110 for youth, T-shirts will be available at the event for \$12 each, and we ask that when registering, you indicate which sizes your attendees will need. (This is for ordering purposes; do not send money with the registration.)

Lodging: The event will take place at the Stoney Creek Inn. Lodging arrangements will prioritize safety and supervision; youth will be rooming with other youth from their region and Chaperone rooms will be located in close proximity to the rooms of the youth they are supervising. Therefore, we will not be soliciting roommate requests this year.

Content: This will be much like past Teen Conferences, and the State 4-H Council is looking forward to providing an experience that builds enthusiasm for the 4-H among this age group!

KANSAS CITY



4-H GLOBAL CONFERENCE

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2008 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference (March 12-15). The five states that coordinate and implement this conference (Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri) are using an online registration process again this year. The online site is hosted by Kansas State University 4-H. The goal is to create less work for county offices by utilizing technology. A more thorough explanation of the process and a link to the registration website can be found on the Missouri 4-H website at

<http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/globalconf/>. Here's the gist of it:

If your future includes a job or career be sure to sign up to attend the Kansas City 4-H Global Conference on March 12-15. This conference is for youth age 15 and older who want to learn more about careers, technology, environment, and cultural diversity. Enjoy tours to Kansas City area businesses, corporations and service agencies that include the Kansas City Board of Trade, Black and Veatch Engineering, Hallmark, Federal Courthouse, Harley Davidson Motors, Nelson Atkins Art Museum, and much more. Participate in workshops that focus on topics such as veterinary medicine, geosciences engineering, international careers, journalism, U.S. Secret Service, FBI careers, fashion, law, careers in NASA, business, and much more.

Meet people from Denmark, Germany, Mexico, India, Japan, Gambia, and points beyond at an Ethnic Enrichment Festival that includes ethnic food, dance, and crafts. Enjoy a special dinner on the Country Club Plaza and a comedy improvisation. A keynote presentation, dances, and other activities round out the experience.

The cost is \$275* for youth (4 per sleeping room) and \$360 for adults. Youth may attend this conference no more than two times if they meet the age requirement. Online registration is December 1-January 10, 2008.

* Youth can pay an additional \$100 to guarantee that they have their own bed. This means that the youth will not share a bed with another youth. If a youth chooses this option his/her registration fee is \$375.

Visit <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/globalconf/> for more details and a link to the online registration site. Don't miss out!

The Spirit of Christmas

I have a list of people I know
All written in a book
And every year at Christmastime
I go and take a look
And that is when I realize
That those names are a part
Not of the book they're written in
But of my very heart

For each name stands for someone
Who has crossed my path some time
And in that meeting they've become
A treasured friend of mine
And once you've met some people
The years can not erase
The memory of a pleasant word
Or a friendly face

So when I send a Christmas card
That is addressed to you
It's because you're on that list
Of folk I'm indebted to
And you are one of many folk who
In times past I've met
And happen to be one of those
I don't want to forget

And whether I have known you for
Many years or few
In some way you have a part in
Shaping things I do
This, the spirit of Christmas, that
Forever and ever endures
May it leave it richest blessing
In the hearts of you and your..

.....Author Unknown

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DISCOVERING 4-H 2008 – A Member, Leader and Family Workshop

BRIGHT AND BOLD XIV, Sat., Jan. 19

Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 Welcome—Rick Mammen, Southwest Regional Director

10:00 V-1 Making the Best Better Volunteer Orientation (will last until lunch)

10:30 A-1 The Perfect 4-H Program

A-2 Project Leader Curriculum

A-3 Club Officer Workshop – President and V.P.

A-4 Club Officer Workshop - Secretary

A-5 Club Officer Workshop– Treasurer

A-6 Club Officer Workshop– Reporter

A-7 Club Officer Workshop– Game and Song leaders

A-8 Clover Kids Activities (CKs only)

11:15 B-1 How to Give a Winning Demonstration/Public Speech

B-2 Clover Kids Leaders Training

B-3 4-H Camp Get-A-Way

B-4 Where in the World is 4-H– International Travel

B-5 Clover Kids Activities (CKs only)

B-6 New 4-H Family Orientation

B-7 4-H Regional, State, and National Trips

B-8 Setting up a Dog Agility project

B-9 Setting up a Horse Trail Ride project

B-10 Understanding Photography Exhibit guidelines

12:00 Lunch - 4-H Youth and Our Future

1:00 & 2:00 C-1 Make It and Take It for Quilting D-1

C-2 Make It and Take It for Foods International D-2

C-3 Make It and Take It for Sport Fishing D-3

C-4 Make It and Take It for Leather Work D-4

C-5 Make It and Take It for Robotics D-5

C-6 Make It and Give It for Scrapbooking D-6

C-7* Show-Me Quality Assurance Beef, Dairy, Swine

C-8* Show-Me Quality Assurance Sheep, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry

C-9* Making the Best Volunteer Orientation

* Participants must complete both sessions to be certified

3:00 Wrap Up and Evaluations and more Door Prizes!!

3:10 Regional Teen Council will meet to plan the 2008 RATT on both Saturdays

MAKING THE BEST BETTER VIII, Sat., Jan. 26

Mt. Vernon Middle School, Mt. Vernon, MO



4-H CAN HELP

Are you looking for a community service project to add to your Report Form?

Well, look no further. Help restock depleted food pantries by bringing non-perishable items to Making the Best Better and Bright and Bold. Each person who brings a food item will receive one extra door prize ticket. Limit one extra ticket per person.



Make A Wish

Community Service

Would you like to make a child smile? Would you like to give them a memory. We have an opportunity for a different type of community service project. When “Make a Wish Foundation” grants a wish to a young person they also give them a scrapbook to put their pictures in. During Bright and Bold and Making the Best Better you will have an opportunity to help make a scrapbook.. Since we won’t have time for each to do a whole book you may make as many pages as you can. The books are 8 x 8 and will be a Disney theme. Most of the wishes are to go to Disney World. If you have any supplies that you would like to donate please feel free to bring them. Have questions? Contact Deanna Stuckey stuckeyd@missouri.edu for more information.

-----Clip and Mail-----

Advanced registrations due **Jan. 7, for Bolivar** program and **Jan. 14, for Mt. Vernon**, at \$6 per person and includes lunch. Registration at the door is \$10. This form may be copied.

Make check to: Barton **County 4-H** and mail to: **801 east 12th, Lamar, Mo. 64759**

Name _____ County _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Mt. Vernon ___ Bolivar ___

List the number of each session you plan to attend. At 10:00 ____ 10:30 ____, 11:15 ____, 1:00 ____, and 2:00 ____

Sessions not receiving advanced registrations will be canceled. Thank You for registering early!

How To Get To “Bright and Bold XIV” at Bolivar, January 19

Southwest Baptist University, McClelland Dining Facility, Bolivar

From the North on MO-13 or west on Hwy 32: take Hwy 32 east and go to the second light on the square and turn right on Springfield Avenue/Business 83. Go about 0.8 miles and turn right at ESTEP DRIVE onto the SBU campus. McClelland Dining Facility is the first building on your left.

From the South on MO – 13: take the first Bolivar exit, Business 83. Go north and turn left at ESTEP DRIVE onto the SBU campus. McClelland Dining Facility is the first building on your left.

From the East on MO-32: Turn left onto Business MO-13/MO-83 at the first traffic signal on the square. Go south approximately 0.8 miles. Turn right onto ESTEP DRIVE onto the SBU campus. McClelland Dining Facility will be the first building on your left



How to get to “Making the Best Better VIII” at Mt. Vernon; January 26

Mt. Vernon Middle School, 731 S. Landrum Street, Mt. Vernon

From the North – While traveling South on Hwy 39, turn left on Sloan Street (at the football field. The school is on your left.

From the South – While traveling North on Hwy 39, turn right on Sloan Street (at the football field). The school is on your left.

From the East—While traveling West on I-44, take Exit 46 (highway 39). At the top of the off ramp, turn right onto the business loop. Turn right (north) on Highway 39. Turn right on Sloan Street (at the football field. The school is on your left.

From the West—While traveling East on I-44, take Exit 44 (highway H). At the bottom of the off ramp, turn left. Turn left (north) on Highway 39. Turn right on Sloan Street (at the football field. The school is on your left.