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Dear 4-H Families,

With the pleasant temperatures , the colors changing turn fall is just around the corner... I have visited some of the clubs and plan to visit all in the next few months. I have shared the a volunteer orientations has been organized for all volunteers that need to be experienced by Jan 2009. Each of the newsletters will have a section with information on volunteers orientation.. I think you will find this information very helpful in completing this process. Please be sure and read that section.

In the upcoming months orientations will be available especially for you to attend. The first of these orientations will be held in Springfield on October 9, another one is scheduled to be held on November 10 in Carthage at the First United Methodist Church starting at 6:00 p.m. (Meal will be provide); these first training will be held by State 4-H Staff Also in addition to these Making the Best Better and Bright and Bold Trainings (held in the region in January) will have a section on leader orientation also. Your personal invitation I included in the newsletter.

October is National 4-H Week -October 6, 4-H planning on have a Pedal Tractor Pull and Homemade pie stand at Apple Days . Youth are needed to help with the Pedal Tractor Pull. Pies are needed for the stand if each family could bring two pies that would be wonderful. We will be setting up at 8:30 Saturday morning and start immedatly All of these proceeds will be going to the 4-H youth so plan on helping.

Bob, has gracious provided volunteer orientation information as well as a descriptions of our jobs . We both love 4-H and want the best for our 4-H families. Thank you for you leadership

Who Provides Leadership? Parents are usually the best source of adult leaders...but not the only source; other friends of 4-H such as parents of former 4-H'ers, retired people and young adults are often willing to help the 4-H'ers. Leadership for monthly club meetings is provided by the club leader(s).

What is a 4-H Youth Specialist? The 4-H youth specialist provides leadership for 4-H and youth activities on a countywide basis...conducting leader training, planning activities and just keeping things organized and moving forward. In addition, the 4-H Specialist provides leadership and support for special interest youth programs and school enrichment projects throughout the county. The 4-H specialist is available to answer any questions you might have concerning the 4-H youth program in the county. The 4-H specialist often works with 4-H programs in three or more counties. With some programs, their responsibility extends to several counties or even state wide. **What is a YEA?** Youth education assistants (associates) help the 4-H specialist with program planning and organization. They usually work in one county and often work closely with club leaders and the large number of county contests and events. Because of their knowledge of the county 4-H program, they are often the first person called with a question about an event, activity or problem of some kind. With some programs such as 4-H camps and trips, their responsibility goes beyond one county also.

IN CLOSING --Ask! Asking is probably the key to a successful 4-H experience. The key to asking, is asking the right person. Ask experienced leaders. Always feel free to call us or come by the office. If we don't know, we'll find out. We want your 4-H experience to be as successful and rewarding for you and your youngster(s) as you do! Just ASK!!!

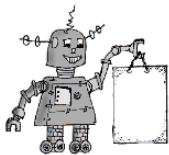
Have a Great October!

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



4-H ROBOTICS LEADER TRAINING.....Saturday October 20, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Greene County Library, 4653 South Campbell, Springfield. Mo. -- Harrison Room

The Missouri 4-H Robotics committee will be conducting leader training at regional locations listed below. The training will be hands-on with robotics kits supplemented with video conference discussion and demonstrations among the sites. This training is open to adults and older teens who will be leading or are interested in starting a 4-H robotic project group.

Facilitator – Bob McNary Map - <http://thelibrary.org/about/maps/tlcmmap.cfm>

Driving directions - <http://thelibrary.org/about/maps/tlkdir.cfm>

**Barton County4-H YEAR END REPORTS DUEOctober 9, 2007
to your club leader or bring to the 4-H office**

Project reports are due October 9. A member must submit a Barton County Report Form to be eligible for a project award which is given based on the information reported. The forms are in the 4-H office. Special instructions include the following:1. Use up to 3 pages of pictures 2. Report on the 2006-2007 4-H year only

3. If you need a form you may pick one up at the 4-H office or if you have it on your computer you may use that form

4. make sure your forms have all signatures from yourself, and club /project leaders

ADDITIONAL AWARDS There are special awards for which a 4-H member may apply. Listed below are the awards and how to apply for them.

Outstanding Office Awards. These awards should receive a nomination from the club leaders or the 4-H club. Secretary , Treasurer Reporter , Historian need to submit the workbooks used to keep minutes, transactions , reports and information during meetings.

Outstanding 1st and 2nd Year Member the applicant places a note on the completed Barton County Report Form asking to be considered for 1st or 2nd year outstanding member.

Outstanding 3rd Year & Over To be considered, a member should fill out the application which is included in this issue and give to the club leader who then writes a letter of recommendation. Some clubs may vote on their nominees if they wish. Awards are given to a 13 and under boy and girl and a 14 and over boy and girl. Every club should submit a name for each of these awards if the member qualifies.

The Electricity Award– Sponsored by Barton County Electric Cooperative A 4-H member should submit a written essay on “How I Used Electricity In My Project” . 4-H member does not have to be enrolled in electricity project .

I Dare You Award The Danforth I Dare You Award is for a member who is a 14 years of age and older. This award is given for outstanding leadership and moral character. It is not based on the members project work, although project activities certainly attest to the leadership abilities of the applicant. .

4-H Key Award A member must be 16 years of age and complete a Key Award form which is available in the 4-H office.



Barton County 4-H Information

4-H Report Form Judging

Barton County 4-H report form judging will be October 9, 2007 at the Wolf center. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm . 4-H club report need to be turned in and signed by a your club leader by this time . They will be judged that night. Please bring helpers to judge the Report forms, volunteers from your club, former 4-H friends and volunteers . I will give a quick

Let's Celebrate!!!!!!!

"Growing Blue Ribbon Kids!"

Barton County

4-H Banquet

November 3, 2007

Lamar Methodist Church

Family Life Center

6:00 pm- Dinner

7:00 pm- Awards



Red Cross Cookie

Donations Schedule

Oct 22, 2007- _____

Dec 17, 2007- _____

Feb 18, 2008 - _____

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

National 4-H Week

October 7-13, 2007

Barton County 4-H

will be having a

Pedal Tractor Pull



And

Homemade Pie Stand

At

Apple Days

October 6, 2007



Lamar Community Theatre

November 8-9-10

4-H has been asked to serve the intermission as we having the past. I you would like to see the show and help you would need to be a the Thiebaud Auditorium at 6:30pm .

All clubs are asked to provide 4 dozen cookies and helpers for each Evening. 6-8 youth and 2 adult volunteers are needed each night.

Please let me know how your club can help out . All donations received will be used with the county 4-H program

Celebrate !!!!Holiday season with the Dixie Stampede!

December 8th at Dixie Stampede -Cost is \$20 per person. This includes the Carriage Room 2:00 pre show, and 3:00pm main arena Dixie Stampede Dinner & Show with fabulous four-course feast.

Everyone who experiences Christmas at Dixie falls in love with fun and excitement of the grand performances during our spectacular extravaganza! Nothing compares to the way we bring the holiday season to life. It will truly warm your heart and touch your soul. From the romance of softly falling snow to the breathtaking live nativity scene, the Dixie Stampede is magically transformed into a holiday fantasy with twinkling lights, evergreens, poinsettias, old-fashioned holiday costumes and familiar holiday music.



Reservation need to be made by October 30, 2007 ..

Call the Extension office today if you want to go .. It should like fun for the entire family



October 2007

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



October– November



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.

October

- 6 - Apple Days—Lamar Square
4-H Pedal Tractor Pull– Homemade Pie stand 9:00 am– 12:00 pm
- 8- Columbus Day Irwin 4-H club put up Flags
- 9 - Barton County Report Forms Due Wolf Center
- 9- 4-H Volunteers Orientation– Springfield, Mo.
- 7-13– National 4-H Week
- 30– Dixie Stampede Christmas Show registration deadline
- 31– Registration for “ Making the Best Better Volunteer Training Party” Carthage, MO.

November

- 3- Barton County 4-H Recognition Banquet 6:00 pm Lamar Methodist Church Family Life Center
- 8-7-10– Community Theatre 4-H Community Project
- 10– 4-H Volunteer orientation, Carthage, Mo.
- 11– Veterans Day- Rough Riders puts up Flags
- 18– Regional Teen Council Mtg.



4-HVolunteer Orientation Information

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

What is a Club Meeting Like? The 4-H meeting is balanced between business, educational program and recreation.

4-H meetings normally last 1 to 1 ½ hours, with the time divided about equally between the three parts. (Business, Program and Recreation) Regular monthly meetings should adjourn by 9:00 p.m. or earlier on school nights. Often clubs begin their meetings at 7:00 p.m., during the school year so they are finished by 8:30 p.m.

Project Reports Project talks (reports are given by selected members). It is a short talk about the member's projects. The project talk can relate things experienced in the project or give information relating to the project. For example: When the project meeting was held, where, how many attended, what was accomplished, where and when the next meeting will be held.

What is the Education Program? This part of the program is designed to help members learn more about the subjects of general interest in the entire 4-H program. 4-H teaching is unique...it is "learning by doing." Good 4-H teaching includes: hearing, seeing, and doing or experience. Generally the educational program will include talks and demonstrations by the 4-H members. Outside speakers may present programs for 4-H meetings.

Demonstrations Demonstrations are "show and tell" type presentations where the 4-H'ers share some of the fun things they've learned in their 4-H projects. Actual articles are used for showing the steps necessary for a finished product. Often, some or all the steps are actually completed as part of the demonstration. Most demonstrations consist of five parts (1) INTRODUCTION (explains the purpose of the demonstration), (2) BODY (outlines subject step-by-step), (3) SUMMARY (reviews important points) (4) QUESTIONS (gives opportunity for questions from the audience), and (5) CONCLUSION (an ending statement).

Illustrated Talks are just like demonstrations, they only differ in that they only tell how something is made or done without the actual doing of any of it.

Business Session The business portion of the meeting should be short and snappy. It should be a small democracy in action. This will require some planning and preparation on the part of the club officers and club leader.

Recreation Session The recreation portion of the meeting distinguishes the 4-H meetings from other educational activities, e.g., school classes. Recreation will vary from; group singing, dodge ball, relays, guessing games, table games, to group challenges and contests.

Refreshments Some clubs in the county serve refreshments at meetings, although they are not essential. Usually different members/families are hosts each month. The learning experience for the members who select, prepare and serve refreshments is the prime concern. Club members should learn how to select simple, nutritious, inexpensive refreshments and how to serve them graciously. Parents can and should help by giving suggestions and guidance.

How are Good Monthly Meetings Accomplished? Planning - This is the key word. It takes considerable thought, initiative, creativeness and the making of plans well ahead of time. Most of the clubs outline their educational programs for each month early in the 4-H year. The program planning is often done on a calendar year basis rather than the 4-H year. This allows the officers and leaders to get their feet on the ground before starting the new programs. Generally the club officers and assistant club leader(s) and the adult advisory committee do program planning. The exact program planning committee will vary from club to club. This is an excellent opportunity for the vice-president, in particular, to gain leadership experience.

Who is Responsible for Conducting the Club Meeting? Each club normally elects the following officers at the start of the 4-H year: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, game and song leaders. Others may be elected if needed or desired; such as parliamentarians & historians.

Information Provided by :Bob Mc Nary 4-H Youth Specialist Barton, Jasper, Newton and Mc Donald Counties



Clover Kids

Through University of Missouri Extension 4-H Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, work in groups, explore their interests and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce 5-to 7-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing. This activity provides a hands-on science experience!

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Supplies:

Corn Starch Water Bowls Measuring cups Table covering

What you do:

COVER THE TABLE! Then, each child can measure $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cornstarch and put into a bowl. Have them mix it up with their fingers. Let them explore it for a while and talk about how it changes from a solid to a liquid. Ask what they think would happen if they changed the amount of either ingredient. Let them try different combinations. Talk about their experience. What did they do? How did that work? Did anything they did surprise them? Why? What changes did they make to the experiment? What did they think would happen? Why? What did happen? Why?

For extra research add some food coloring ...how many colors can you make

HAVE FUN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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