



"THE CLOVER GROWER"

Barton County 4-H Family Newsletter



4-H Families..... "Making The Best Better"

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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations!!! to each of you for a outstanding job at Ozark Empire Fair, Mo. State Fair and Lamar Fair. There were many compliments through out the fair on the quality and variety of projects exhibited.

September 1, brings a new 4-H year . I will look forward to visiting each of your clubs over the next few weeks. Volunteers are the heart of the 4-H program. Without you we don't have a program. Barton County is very blessed to have such dedicated volunteers that want only the best for the 4-H youth. We have the opportunity to have longtime volunteers and new people stepping up pot the plate to help assume responsibility in each club. With new volunteers coming on board over the last few years we have been asked to provide a series of volunteer orientations that will help volunteers learn from each other and share creative ideas.

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 and will be at little or no cost to the lead- ers. 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 orienta- tion also.

You will also find in your newsletter a page to 4-H volunteer orientation over the next months . I think you will find this information very helpful in com- pleting this process. I f you have question I will be happy to answer then to the best of my ability.

I would also like to encourage 4-H families participate in the M.o.u.s.e trip September 22, 2007 to Dickerson Park Zoo & Incredible Pizza This is a new trip for younger members I have included a flyer Mail in your registra- tions by September 8, 2007

Have A Great September!

**Thanks to all for your time and effort in making a difference with
Barton County 4-H'ers.**

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

Barton County 4-H YEAR END REPORTS DUE October 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 a signature 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 member's 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.

HORSE BOWL LEADER CERTIFICATION

When: October 13, 2007

Who: Horse leaders who would like to be certified as a coach to work with a horse bowl team. (Please note: a certified coach is required to accompany teams attending regional or state events) Previously certified coaches are welcome but not required to attend this training.

Where: Room 147 of the Animal Science Center on the University of Missouri Campus.

Time: 9:30 a.m. registration. The training will conclude at 3 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person

Details: Sue Knautz, Missouri 4-H Horse Bowl coordinator, will conduct the training. Special emphasis will be given to reviewing and discussing the rules and process of conducting the contest. All pre-registered participants will receive an information packet with driving instructions, etc.

Individuals, check with your county office for the local registration due date. The form you submit



Barton County 4-H Information

CHECK THE DATES

4-H Council Meeting

September 11, 2007

Barton County 4-H Council will meet September 11, 2007 at the Wolf center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm . 4-H club reenrollment packets will be ready. All clubs need to send a representative to pick up the materials.

**New 4-H Year 2007-2008
Begins September 1, 2007**

Lamar Democrat 4-H Week Supplement

4-H Club Leaders– Please write a article about your 4-H club and its activities

4-H Youth -Please write a short article about yourself and submit a picture if you have one doing some of your project work .

Please submit these articles by September 20th the Lamar Democrat or the Wolf center.

Barton County 4-H Report Forms Due October 9, 2007. I have copied in the office or if you have it saved on your computer you are good to start. If you need help please let me know .

M.O.U.S.E.

Mighty
Opportunity for an
Utterly
Sensational
Experience



is coming
Sept. 22, 2007
to Springfield, Mo.

It's especially for new and nearly new families to 4-H. Come join us for an afternoon of special activities at the Dickerson Park Zoo and Incredible Pizza. All families with members 11 and younger are invited. Tours, fun, games, make your own T-shirts and more. Registration included in newsletter. **Sign up By September 8, 2007**

Let's Celebrate

Barton County

4-H Banquet

November 3, 2007

**Lamar Methodist Church
Family Life Center**

6:00 pm– Dinner

7:00 pm– Awards

National 4-H Week

October 7-13, 2007

Barton County 4-H
will be having a
Pedal Tractor Pulling

And

Homemade Pie Stand

At

Apple Days

October 6, 2007



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.



Barton County 4-H Flag Schedule 2007

September 3 Labor Day

Learn-A-Do

September 20 Citizenship Day

Range Masters.

October 8 Columbus Day

Irwin

November 11 Veterans Day

Rough Riders



4-H "Making The Best Better"



September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September– 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.

September 1– New 4-H year begins

11– 4-H Council meeting Wolf center 7:00 pm

22– Mouse Trip– Dickerson Park Zoo– Springfield, MO.

October 6 - Apple Days—Lamar Square

4-H Pedal Tractor Pull– Homemade Pie stand

9 - Barton County Report Forms Due Wolf Center

9– 4-H Volunteers Orientation– Springfield, Mo.

7-13– National 4-H Week

12-14 Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Fredrick ton, MO.

November 3– Barton County 4-H Recognition Banquet

10– 4-H Volunteer orientation, Carthage, Mo.



4-HVolunteer Orientation Information

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

4-H is largely an out-of-school, volunteer-led, educational program that supplements the teachings of home, church, and school. 4-H is an informal educational program for all boys and girls 8 to 19 years of age whether they live in large cities, a town, or on a farm. The "Clover Kids" 4-H program allows 5,6 & 7 year olds to have fun and learn with their friends in a non-competitive environment.

What Is the Primary Objective Of 4-H? The basic objective of 4-H is to provide an educational program that makes a significant contribution in the mental, physical, moral and social development of boys and girls, therefore helping develop more productive citizens and leaders. The primary objective when 4-H club work began was to improve farming and homemaking skills. Today, the primary objective is the development of boys and girls. This is accomplished through participation in projects, events, and various 4-H activities. 4-H endeavors to supplement, not replace, the three primary educational institutions...namely the family, church and school. 4-H provides an opportunity for individual and group participation and thus the chance to practice skills and knowledge learned in 4-H as well as in the principal learning institutions.

Why Do Youngsters Enjoy 4-H? While all youths are different, they are also alike in many ways. Five inner desires are shared by all youths: (1)They want to belong.(2)They want to achieve. (3)They want to become independent.(4)They want new experiences and adventures. (5)They want affection. The wide variety of "learning by doing" projects, activities and events, which make up the 4-H program contribute to meeting these desires. Decision-making, individual responsibility, achievement and recognition further help to make 4-H satisfying to a growing and developing youngster.

Why, When and Where Did the Idea of 4-H Originate?4-H club work, as we know it today, began around 1900 as a means of reaching dad and mom with improved farm and home practices. It was based upon a sound assumption that if new ideas and information were instilled in the minds of the youngsters, they would in turn convince their parents to try these innovations. The second primary reason 4-H club work was developed was that schools were not fully meeting the needs and interests of youth. The first organized 4-H work was started by a number of county superintendents of schools. The boys and girls attending country schools were organized into small clubs covering a single topic such as beef, corn, garden, canning, bread making, etc. Mr. O.H. Benson of Iowa, County Superintendent of Schools, was one of the earliest to conceive the club work idea and in 1907; he presented the 4-leaf clover to his boys' and girls' clubs as an emblem of their organization. Similar groups had also been organized in Illinois, Ohio, Texas, Georgia and elsewhere. In the 4-leaf clover, Mr. Benson saw the four-fold development of the physical, social, mental and spiritual development of the individual. here were corn, poultry and garden clubs known to exist in Kansas as early as 1905. The first County Agents were hired in Missouri about 1919 and the first State 4-H Leader for Missouri was hired in 1914.

Have the 4-H Objectives Changed Since Early Days? Yes! Following the "teach improved practices to farmers and homemakers through their children" idea, came World War I and the "food-for-victory" theme prevailed. Following the war, the "keep them on the farm" objective was foremost. During World War II, the production of food was again emphasized. Today the primary objective is the personal development of boys and girls. Put another way, **the mission of 4-H is creating environments in which young people are valued and contributing members of their community.** 4-H today is for all kids, whether they live in the city or in the county. Almost 50 percent of Missouri 4-H'ers have an urban address.

Who is Responsible for Administering the 4-H Program? To fully understand the organizational responsibility we must go back to 1862 when Congress passed the Morrill Act. This act provided land to each state for the purpose of establishing and supporting a state university. These became known as land-grant universities. These institutions were designated to provide educational opportunities in the following areas: resident instruction, research and extension. The first land-grant university in Missouri was the University of Missouri at Columbia. Later, Lincoln University in Jefferson City was added to the system. Some identify the official beginning of 4-H club work with passage of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, which made Cooperative Extension work nationwide. The Cooperative Extension Service is a cooperative undertaking by the United States Department of Agriculture, the land-grant universities, and the county extension councils. The University Extension Service has the charge of carrying up-to-date information from the classroom and laboratory to the people of the state and to bring back to the university those problems that can be solved only by careful study and research. The purpose of the county extension service is to provide instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture, marketing, home economics, and 4-H Club and youth work, community and resource development to all persons in the county. University Extension hires college-trained agents in 4-H and Youth development to work with para-professionals and volunteer leaders to plan and conduct youth development programs in multiple counties.

What is a 4-H Club? A 4-H Club is a group of boys and/or girls organized with officers appropriate to the group and one or more leaders under University Extension sponsorship. The Club is organized with a purpose or a set of goals, which are determined by the members. A club may be organized within a neighborhood, a school, a church, a business or social unit in which members of the families' function around a common interest. The size of the club should be suitable to the age of the members, meeting places and leadership available. This type of 4-H Club is commonly called a Community 4-H Club. Club members may, and are encouraged to, take part in a wide range of educational and community service opportunities, including: 4-H camp, fairs, judging contests, demonstrations, canoe trash pickup, tours, trips, Share-the-Fun, fashion revue, public speaking contests and more. Also, youth are 4-H members by taking part in single project clubs, special interest groups, school enrichment projects and T.V. 4-H programs. Adults (many are parents of the 4-H'ers) serve as club (organizational) or project (subject matter) leaders for the club. Also, parents serve as advisors on the club's committees for activities and events. Parents and often members too, serve on county planning boards or committees, such as: 4-H Council, Fair Board, Achievement Day Committee and others.

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Clover Kids Corner

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.

Kick off the 4-H year with balloons, balls and Frisbees. These games also help children get acquainted while being physically activity.

Balloons, Balls and Frisbees

Supplies: Balloons, balls, Frisbees, bed sheet

Balloon Balance – See who can balance a balloon on the end of his/her finger the longest.

Balloon Wind – Stand in a circle and try to keep a balloon in the air by blowing on the ball.

Balloon Volley – Standing together, children keep a balloon in the air using their hands only. Try introducing several balloons at a time.

Catch the Balloon – Stand in a circle, toss a balloon in the air and call someone's name. That person catches the balloon before it falls to the ground.

Sheet Bounce – Hold the edges of a bed sheet and bounce the balls in the air from the center of the sheet. See how many times the ball bounces before it falls to the ground.

Toss a Name Game – Sit a circle. The leader introduces the game by saying his/her first name and tossing the ball to the person on his/her right or left. Continue until the ball reaches the leader. On the second round, the leader calls out someone's name and tosses the ball to that person. After a few minutes of tossing the ball, add a second ball and then later a third one.

Ball Roll– Sit across from one another, partners roll the ball back and forth to one another.

Catch – A good, old-fashioned game of catch.

Throw High/Throw Low– Each child tosses the Frisbee as high and as low as possible.

Throw in a Circle – Stand in a circle and toss Frisbees to one another.

Catch– Play a game of catch.



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