West Central Regional Energizer

It’s West Central Regional Energizer time again! The 2017 Energizer will be January 28 from 9:30 – 3:00 at the Clinton Middle School. There will be three 55-minute workshop on topics such as livestock, scrapbooking, robotics, photography, natural resources, foods, SMQA, entrepreneurship, clover kid room, public speaking, volunteer orientation, gardening, and several others. Workshops will be available for all ages from clover kids to experienced volunteers.

During the Energizer, those wanting to run for State 4-H Council Regional Representative or have been selected for Senior MRFs will be doing their interviews and those selected to go on will be announced at the end of the Energizer.

Cost will be $10 if registration form is received by January 10, 2017 and will be $15 at the door. This cost includes lunch, their interviews and those selected to go on will be announced at the end of the Energizer. There will be no refunds on registrations. Checks should be made payable to Benton County 4-H Council. Payment and the registration form should be given to Kristie Jonson. Registration forms are at the Benton County Extension office.

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)

MOVE is back for 2017! And, youth and adults can register for it on 4HOnline!! Enrollment for new and re-enrollment for current MOVErs begins now and continues until May 1 (please make sure to register by May 1 so you can participate in the competition!). As you know, MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Here’s what youth and adults need to do to participate:

- Enroll in the Move Across Missouri (MOVE) project (HF775) in 4HOnline in their profile. Enrollment in 4-H MOVE does not count as a part of county limits on projects.
- Using a paper tracking system found on the 4-H website at: http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo, youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program (scroll to the bottom of the website page and click “My Move Activity Log”). Record keeping through the paper tracking system is important because the competition period will be from February 1 to April 30. Youth and families will submit their total number of minutes logged and activities (basketball, running, chores, etc.) throughout the 12-week competitive period between May 1 - 15 in 4HOnline.
- 4-Hers and adults can register for the competitive event as individuals and/or as part of a team. An individual MOVEr may also be a part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group. MOVE awards will be provided.

For more information about 4-H MOVE visit - http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/main

Teen Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2017 12:30 pm to Sunday, March 26, 2017 11 am
Pre-registration is required on 4HOnline  Cost is $179.  http://4h.missouri.edu/teen-conference/main

State 4-H Council

The Regional Representative application for prospective State 4-H Council members is now available on the 4-H web site. The State 4-H Council page can be found at http://4h.missouri.edu/4h-4h-council.aspx.

Missouri Youth Civic Leaders Summit March 3-5, 2017

Windermere Conference Center, Missouri  http://4h.missouri.edu/YCLS/main  Register a team of leaders ages 14 & up from your area Nov 20-Feb 1  Cost $150.00 per person—first adult leader free
Experience the Magic of growing leaders and communities

State 4-H Photo Corps: Come Shoot with Us!

The application for the 2017 Missouri 4-H Photo Corps team is now live on 4-H Online in order to complete the application. Applications will be open December 1 to January 1.
http://4h.missouri.edu/photocorps/main

State Meats Judging Contest

February 25, 2017 University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.  This contest is open to all 4-Hers. Youth will register in 4HOnline by February 1.
http://4h.missouri.edu/meatsjudging/main
The Missouri 4-H Mannequin Challenge
Inviting all 4-H Clubs and Programs... Missouri 4-H and FilmFest invite 4-H clubs and programs to share a short Mannequin Challenge video (or link) showing 4-H club meetings where youth experience:
Safety – physical safety, emotional safety, and inclusive practices
Support – welcoming, active learning, encouragement and skill-building
Interaction – cooperative learning and leadership opportunities
Engagement – higher order thinking skills through choice, planning and reflection
Submissions due to State 4-H Office by January 31, 2017
Prize winners announced February 15, 2017
For more information: http://4h.missouri.edu/documents/FINAL-QM-in-4H_mannequin-challenge.pdf

Website for youth and club leaders to help with club meeting:
http://4h.missouri.edu/documents/Club%20Leader%20Kit/LG627.pdf

Go to http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/recognition/graham.shtml to learn how to nominate outstanding 4-H volunteers.

Next Benton County 4-H Council meetings:
January 10, 2017 6:30 pm,
March 14, 2017 6:30 pm,
May 9, 2017 6:30 pm,
July 11, 2017 6:30 pm,
September 12, 2017 6:30 pm.

2017 MCSC-Monsanto High School Scholarship Awards
The Missouri Community Service Commission recognizes eight outstanding high school student-volunteers (by awarding $1,000 scholarships each).
To find out more information and-to access the application and nomination form, please visit https://movolunteers.org/awards.htm

2017 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour
The 2017 Equine 4-H tour, May 22-28, is headed to Oklahoma and Texas.
Applications are available: http://4h.missouri.edu/equine-tour/equineregist
The fifty tour seats typically fill prior to the March 1 deadline. To avoid disappointment, submit complete application packet early! Questions? Debbie Davis, davisdd@missouri.edu or 816-539-3765. Tour fee: $600.

4-H Enrollment
October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 is the new 4-H year. Online registration for 4-H began October 1, 2016. Youth are encouraged to reenroll or enroll at http://mo.4honline.com.
Dues are $25.00 with $5.00 coming back to the Benton County 4-H Council account. The preferred method of payment is with credit card.
New families enrolling in Missouri 4-H: To enroll in Missouri 4HOnline, you need a computer, internet access, a valid email address, and a web browser (like Google Chrome or Firefox). Go to http://mo.4honline.com (there is no “www” in the address). The Benton County Extension Office and 4-H Club Leaders can help you find a club, discuss project selection and complete the enrollment process.

Information for Volunteer Application Process is found at 4h.missouri.edu/volunteer.aspx

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**Newsletter Items**
If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, please email it to wilkend@missouri.edu by the third Monday of the month.

The next meeting of the 4-H Council is scheduled for 6:30 pm January 10, 2017 at the 4-H/FFA building in Lincoln

Save the Date
February 25 Meats Judging Contest
April 8 Horsebowl
April 9 Hippology
June 17 State Poultry Day
August 26 Livestock Judging
Aug 27-30* Horse Judging Contest
(Will be held one day* during the State Horse Show this year—exact date TBA soon)