



BOLLINGER COUNTY IN-4-MER



GOATS! GOATS! GOATS!



Clay Maintz shows a goat, 2006 SEMO Fair.

Missouri Youth Meat Goat Camp

Feb. 10, 2007

Springfield, MO

MSU Darr Agricultural Center
(near the corner of Kansas
Expressway & Sunshine)

An exciting educational event for those 4-H & FFA members interested in meat goats. University of Missouri Extension/4-H & Missouri State University Agriculture Department are facilitators of this event. Experts in the field of nutrition, selection & carcass composition as well as producers with years of experience in the meat goat industry will guide participants through the basics & finer points of choosing & feeding commercial, registered or show herds. Youth & adult leaders will work in small groups to ensure individualized attention.

Registration forms available soon!




Calendar of Events



- Dec. 6 – Leopold Club meeting
- Dec. 11 – Castor River Catfish meeting
- * Extension Council meeting
- Dec. 13 – Ride if You Dare 4-H Rodeo Club meeting
- Dec. 18 – ABC Club meeting
- Dec. 21 – Cheerful Workers Club meeting
- 2007**
- Jan. 16 – GPS Planning Session
- Feb. 3-4 – Teen Conference
- Feb. 10 – Missouri Youth Meat Goat Camp
- March 2-4 – Youth Civic Leaders Summit
- March 7-10 – Global Conference
- April 1 – 4-H Scholarship applications due in state 4-H office
- May 30-June 1 – 4-H Congress
- Late June-Early July – Missouri 4-H Youth Forum

SAVE THE DATES!


March 2-4, 2007
Youth Civic Leaders
Summit



"Stepping Out in Your
Community"

Camp Windermere, Lake of the Ozarks
Open to all 4-H Teens & Youth EXCEL Graduates Ages 14-18
and Their Adult Sponsors



This event is sponsored by the 4-H Center for Youth Development

Happy New Year!

Happy January Birthday!

**Kristi Hays, Roberta
Holley, Hannah Martin,
Lila Monie, Erica & Kim
Overton, Kenny
Simpson, Charee Whaley
& Stephen Winingear**

2007 Missouri State Congress

May 30, 31 and June 1

Cost: \$130.00

Registration deadline is **April 15.**

SHOTGUN COACHES CLINIC

February 9-11, 2007

Higginsville, MO

4-H Shooting Sports volunteers are invited to further their coaching skills at a NRA/USA Shooting Shotgun Coaches Clinic. After successful completion of the course participants will become an appointed NRA/USA Shooting/CMP Coaches. This clinic includes advance mental training, shooters diet, getting the most out of your student, and more. The Coaches Clinic is sponsored by the Range Masters 4-H Shooting Sports club in Lafayette County. The \$180 fee includes all materials and lunches. Registration is

due January 15.

[Flyer](#) and [registration form](#) are available from the county extension office. For more information: contact 4-H State Instructor Rod Zeller at 660-259-6455 –evenings or 660-232-1484-daytime; or zeller@myturbonet.com

“COMPUTERS ON THE FARM” FEATURES TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Mary Jo

Williams

This year’s Computers on the Farm Conference in January will feature a 4-H computer lab. Participants can explore computer software during open lab time or can learn about specific applications during scheduled sessions.

Presentations include:

- Audio and video production editing
- Power Point Presentations
- Robotics
- Geospatial technologies
- Automated weather stations

Participants may also play games and write or video a message to military members serving in Iraq.

Lunch provided through the conference registration fee. The computer lab will be set up during the Computers on the Farm Conference. There are special rates at Tan-Tar-A for rooms and the indoor water park for people attending this conference and computer lab. For information about

Computers on the Farm, visit the conference website at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/coff/index.htm>. Computers on the Farm is sponsored by the University of Missouri and Farm Credit Services

COMPUTERS ON THE FARM CONFERENCE:
Tan-Tar-A Resort
Saturday, January 6, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend this session, please contact John Travlos at 573-882-4827 or travlosj@missouri.edu.

CLOVER KIDS CORNER

Alison Copeland

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, and work in groups, explore their interests, and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce five-to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing. This activity combines cooking, sensory and tasting experiences. Now there is finally a food that you can play with!

Clay Candy

Supplies:

3 cups powdered sugar
¼ cup corn syrup
½ teaspoon salt
½ stick (1/4 cup) margarine, softened and cut into pieces
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Different colors of food coloring
A large bowl
Mixing Spoons

Small Bowls

Steps:

1. Begin by combining the powdered sugar, corn syrup, salt, margarine, and vanilla in a large bowl.
2. Mix these ingredients until the dough is not sticky. More powdered sugar may need to be added to make it less sticky (from ¼ to 1/3 cup). However, add the extra sugar in slowly and be sure to stop when the dough feels dry.
3. Now divide the dough into balls and place each ball into separate bowls.
4. Add different colors of food coloring into each bowl.
5. Mix in the food coloring with a spoon to begin with. Once the coloring begins to blend, use your hands to really blend it together.
6. Now you can make all kinds of sculptures out of your edible clay!

*Be sure to eat the sculptures soon after you make them so they do not turn into candy rock sculptures!

Source: “Candy Clay.” [Zoom](http://pbskids.org/zoom)
13 July 2006 -
<http://pbskids.org/zoom>.

Annual State Horse Judging Contest and Annual Horse Judging Workshop Clinic

Contest Details

Each year the State 4-H hosts the horse judging contest to pick the

top junior and senior county teams in the state. For the past two years we have sent an all star team on to National but **in 2007 we are going to send the top senior county team to represent Missouri 4-H at the National Contest. in Louisville, KY.**

In addition to awarding the top junior and top senior teams medals, we also award the top ten individuals with certificates and give belt buckles to the top junior and top senior individual. Members do not have to be placed on teams but they do have to be divided by age (Jr. by Jan 1; 13 and under and by Jan 1; Sr. 14 older) on the registration form. Counties have no limit on entries. We will use the computer to pick your top members as your county team which will include 3 plus and alternate. For example, Boone County could enroll 50 members in the senior division horse judging contest. At the conclusion of the contest, once all the scores are entered, the computer scoring program will rank all the members by score and the top three scores will be used to determine the Boone County team. The same process would be used for the junior division and to determine individual ranking. Coaches will be given a print out reflecting placing and scoring for all members from their county.

Workshop Details

We also have a "how to judge horses" clinic going at the same time in a different section of Trowbridge Livestock Center. Members must choose to be in either the contest or clinic but can't do both as they are at the same time. There is no limit on the number of members a county may enter in the clinic.

How do you register?

The forms are available from your University Extension Office.

Other information about the event

Date: March 17, 2007

Where: Trowbridge Livestock Center on the UMC campus

Who: All regular 4-Hers (not Clover) interested in horse judging are invited.

Time: Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the event beginning at 9 and normally we finish by 4 p.m. Pre-register youth will receive an information letter with maps, details, etc.

Cost: \$15 per individual for the contest and or \$15 per individual for the clinic.

Registration Deadline: To the state 4-H on or before February 1, 2007. Registration forms are available at the University Extension Office. Please note local entry deadlines vary so don't wait till February 1 to register. Call your Extension Office for enrollment assistance.

December meeting notes.....

Leopold Club – Everyone bring finger food/appetizer of some kind & a wrapped 'white elephant' gift to exchange.

Rodeo Club – Pizza & beverage provided; members to bring desserts/appetizers; those who wish to participate in gift exchange bring a wrapped gift for same sex (\$5 limit)

Castor River Catfish Club – Please note change from regular date..... 2nd Monday, not 1st...

Cheerful Workers Club – Caroling & brief meeting, followed by finger foods, on Tues., Dec. 21st. Meet at 6 pm.

A.B.C. Club – Chili at the leader's home w/members bringing other refreshments; Christmas caroling & ornament exchange to follow



GPS Planning Session

January 16, 2007

Marble Hill

United Methodist Church
6:30 p.m.

Open invitation to become involved!

"Kodak Moments" ***Recognition Banquet***

A message from Mary Jo Williams.....

Making the Character Connection in 2007

In 2007 my goal for the Character Connection is to provide you more complete information on each pillar of character. It is important to know that the Six Pillars of Characterism are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. It is even more important to understand what each of those pillars means and how they relate to decisions we make every day. I wish for you a happy, healthy and successful year; one where every day you make sure CHARACTER COUNTS! It's up to You

You know how it is. Your woodworking project goal has always been to make a desk for your family. After several years in the project you get started. Building the desk is harder than you thought and there are so many other things to do. Your project leader and your parents encourage

you to finish the desk and offer suggestions on how to make the project easier and more interesting. Even with all of their encouragement the final decision on completing the desk is yours.

That's the way it is with character. Parents, caring adults and even your peers can tell you what it takes to be a person of character but in the end the decision to act as a person of character is yours. You alone will decide how to treat others, what your work ethic will be and what criteria you will use for making even the smallest of decisions. Choosing to be a person of character means not always doing what you want to do but doing what is right regardless of what others may say. Others may provide you with important information but ultimately your character is up to you.

Kansas City 4-H Global Conference March 7-10, 2007

If your future plans include a job or career be sure to attend the Kansas City 4-H Global Conference March 7-10 for youth age 15+ who want to learn more about careers, technology, environment & cultural diversity. Enjoy tours to Kansas City area business, corporations & service agencies including the Kansas City Board of Trade, Black & Veatch Engineering, Hallmark, Federal Courthouse, Harley Davidson Motors, Nelson Atkins Art Museum & much more. Participate in workshops focusing on topics such as veterinary medicine, geoscience engineering, international careers, journalism, U.S. Secret Service, FBI careers, fashion, law, careers in NASA, business & much more.

Meet people from Denmark, Germany, Mexico, India, Japan, Gambia & points beyond at an Ethnic Enrichment Festival that includes ethnic food, dance &

crafts. Enjoy a special dinner on the Country Club Plaza & a comedy improvisation. A keynote presentation, dances & other activities round out the experience.

Cost is \$250 for youth & \$315 for adults. Youth may attend this conference no more than two times if they meet the age requirement.

Online registration is January 1 – 15, 2007. Visit <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/globalconf/> for more details & a link to the online registration site.

This particular trip gets rave reviews from everyone who goes - great opportunity if you have the time & funding!

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4-H Youth Specialist