January 2012
4-H meetings include:

**Wednesday, January 11 -**
Leopold 4H Club, Leopold Elementary School cafeteria, 6:30 pm/Clover Crafts & Kids in the Kitchen 7:00 pm/Meeting.

**Thursday, January 5 -**
Crooked Creek 4H Club – Extension Office, 7 p.m.

**Monday, January 23 -**
Cheerful Workers 4H Club, Sedgewickville City Hall

**County Line, Country Club 4H & Bollinger County Ride if You Dare 4H Rodeo Club meetings –TBA**

ATTENTION RODEO CLUB MEMBERS!
Please complete the forms mailed to you & return to the Extension Office by January 18th. IF you have misplaced them request a second set.

Leopold Club members repeating pledges in December.

**Calendar of Events**

January 7 – Leopold 4H meets
January 14 – Food/Fitness Camp
January 21 – Recog. Awards, 4H Building, Cape Girardeau
January 23 – Cheerful Workers
January 30 – Volunteer Orientation, Jackson
Feb. 18 – Southeast Regional Energizer
March 2-4 – Youth Civic Leaders Summit
March 14-17 – Kansas City Global Summit
March 24-25 – State 4H Teen Conference (ages 11-13)
May 12 - 4-H Day With The World Series Champion Cardinals!!
May 30- June 1 – 4H Congress
June 26-28 – Missouri Citizenship In Action
June 27-29 – Cape County 4H Camp

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

January 30
7 pm
CAPE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, Jackson

ATTN: VOLUNTEERS

If you are a new parent to 4H this is a one-time requirement you MUST complete to be a project leader, Club Leader or help with activities in your own 4H Club. You can also do the training on-line if this is not a convenient meeting for you to attend.

PLEASE attend the session if at all possible.
**FUN FUN FUN!**

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ENERGIZER**

Feb. 18

1 – 11 pm

Kelly High School, Benton

(For members age 11-18)

Registration deadline is January 9.

Info/forms were sent out in mid-December – let the office know if you need additional ones.

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**7th Annual Youth Civic Leaders Summit**

“Join The Revolution Of Responsibility!”

March 2-4, 2012

Windermere Conference Center - Lake of the Ozarks

- Youth/adult team registration closes Feb. 1
- Fee $120/person (some recreation options extra)

The Summit is a statewide retreat for teens who are active/aspiring leaders and decision-makers in their communities, and the adults who support them.

Youth (ages 13-18) with 4-H Councils, Jr/Sr Leaders, Youth EXCEL, or similar programs are encouraged to attend, along with adult staff and volunteers. Workshops by/for Council Youth Liaisons (CYLs), County Extension Council Youth Leaders (ECYL), and Missouri 4-H Homegrown Community Leaders (MOHOCOLA) communities.

4-H and non-4-H individuals and groups are welcome.

Theme - Join the Revolution of Responsibility!

Teen and adult leaders will discover and discuss how 4-H holds solutions to issues facing youth and their communities, and how to capture and share those stories of impact.

The Summit will highlight how teens and adult leaders are impacting and improving their local communities through the three 4-H mission mandates: Citizenship, Healthy Living and Science.

Other highlights include youth-led issues forums, Kids Voting Missouri election, and 4-H trips.

Recreation options include EDGE Challenge Course, Ha Ha Tonka Hiking, Drama & Acting Day Camp, and more!

Teams will learn how to capture and share their Revolution Stories in 2012 and receive a $100 mini-seed grant.

**Team registration**

Teams may consist of 3-10 people (2-8 youth, 1-2 adults), any group of youth/adults that will be working together in 2012.

Registrations from individual youth, or youth w/o an adult team leader cannot be accepted. Counties with individual youth wanting to attend should contact others in their region.

For more information, visit [4h.missouri.edu/events/summit](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit)

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**BIRDWATCHERS -**

If you enjoy feeding and watching birds, visit [feederwatch.org](http://feederwatch.org) to sign up or to explore bird-feeding tips, bird identification help, and more.

**Useful Websites**

For canning/preserving, cooking check out [BHG.com/yesyoucan](http://BHG.com/yesyoucan). Lots of downloadable instructions, recipes, etc.

Or [Delish.com](http://Delish.com) for lots of recipes.

Leopold 4H members learn about nutrition from the FNEP rep.
TEEN CONFERENCE 2012
March 24-25, 2012
Columbia’s Stoney Creek Inn.
$129/person (youth or adult chaperone) with t-shirt included
For 4-H’ers aged 11-13 (as of January 1, 2012)
Teen Conference that (in addition to all of the life skills development that all 4-H programs do) focuses on keeping youth excited about staying in 4-H as they enter their teen years. The event is planned and lead by the older teens of the State 4-H Council, with strong support from Adult Advisors and the event Chaperones. Strong role modeling and youth leadership components are central to this event, which is the first big trip away from home for many delegates. Find fillable .pdf registration forms at 4h.missouri.edu/go/events/teenconf or at the Extension Office.

MISSOURI CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION (MCIA)
MCIA: The Capitol
June 26-28
Jefferson City
Please contact the extension office for more information or visit the website at 4h.missouri.edu/go/events/mcia to look for updates. There will be a new track this summer tentatively called Social Action.

2012 Bollinger County 4H Photography Contest
January 1 – June 25
Get your cameras ready! No limit on submissions – but photos must be prepared the same way you get them ready for the SEMO Fair every year. They will be judged locally – with the top 6 going on to Sedalia for the Missouri State Fair. (IF you have more than 1 entry placing in the top 6 you will need to select the 1 you want to be displayed.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
**CLOVER KIDS CORNER**

**Snowflake Impressions**

**Materials:** A large piece of glass (an 8” x 10” picture frame works well); Can of hair spray; Magnifying glass; Falling snow

**Directions**

Chill glass and hair spray before doing this activity. Putting both in the freezer for an hour before this activity works well. While snow is falling, take glass and hair spray outside. Hold the can about 10 inches away from the glass and spray it with a quick sweeping motion. Spray from side to side once, then up and down. Use very little spray; only spray 1-2 seconds. Collect some snowflakes on the sprayed glass. Go back indoors and let the glass dry for 15-20 minutes. Ice crystals should have formed on the glass. Look at the results with a magnifying glass.

*Willie Saputo, 4-H Youth Program Assistant*

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**Missouri History Lesson**

December 16 was the 200th anniversary of the New Madrid Earthquake, one of the largest recorded in the U.S., ringing church bells in Virginia, and rattling tea cups in Boston. If you are interested, the USGS and others have some great info here:

- [http://www.dnr.mo.gov/geoLOGY/Geosrv/Geores/Techbulletin1.html](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/geoLOGY/Geosrv/Geores/Techbulletin1.html)

Lots of folks left the bootheel after the earthquakes. It was not until the mini ice age of the early 1800's (1810 to 1819) that froze people out of the New England and upper mid-Atlantic regions that people started to move back. They called 1816 the year without a summer.