January 4-H meetings:

**Saturday 11:**
Rabbit Club Meeting, 2pm at the Ripley Co. Fairgrounds

**Wednesday 15:**
Neelyville 4-H Club Meeting, 4pm

**Wednesday 15:**
Rombauer Rascals Meeting, 5:30pm

**Saturday 18:**
Poultry Club Meeting

**Monday 20:**
Steppin’ Up 4-H Club Meeting, First United Methodist Church, Poplar Bluff 5:30 pm

**Monday/Wednesdays:**
ASI Club Meetings, Sacred Heart Church, Poplar Bluff 3pm

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**Deadlines**

**Local Events/Projects:**

- **January 1:** MOVE Across Missouri, State Excellence Awards I, II, III
- **January 2:** MFA Saddle Award Application
- **January 15:** 1st payment of dues, Teen Conference Application Due
- **February 1:** Meats Judging Contest, Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Teen Conference, Agribusiness Academy

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**4-H Winter Trip**

On January 2, 2014, 4-H members ages 5-18 will travel to St. Louis, MO & experience the City Museum, the aquarium, and jump at Sky Zone. Youth must come with a prepared sack lunch and additional money for dinner and souvenirs. Snacks and water will be provided. Forms are due by Dec. 17 and the cost is $40 per person. Contact the 4-H office at (573) 686-8064 for more information.

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**4-H Council Meeting**

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 at the Bread Company in Poplar Bluff.

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**Simply Swirled Fundraiser**

Simply Swirled in Poplar Bluff will be donating 20% of its
profits to Butler County 4-H on Monday, January 6th from 5:00 - 8:00PM. Come out and enjoy the frozen yogurt and support Butler County 4-H!

**AG EXPO**

Ag Expo 2014 will be held Friday, January 24 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, January 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff. Admission is free and both days are packed with activities for the whole family. There will be 118 booths available to visit and learn first-hand about agriculture and natural resources and their importance to the area’s economy. 4-H will host a Youth Farm Safety program Saturday afternoon 12 pm to 2 pm.

**Where:** Kelly Schools in Benton, MO

**When:** February 15, 2014 1:00 pm-10:00 pm

Dance/Movie starts at 7:00 pm, everyone welcome

**Who:** ANY 4-H MEMBER!! 8-18 as of January 1, 2014!!!!

**Cost:** $15 Registration Fee

Checks Payable to Cape Girardeau County 4-H Council

Forms and Money due January 17, 2014 To:
Cape Girardeau County Extension Office
P O Box 408, Jackson, MO 63755

Any questions, email Bridget Schumer, Southeast Regional Representative at schumerb@hotmail.com

All profits made will go to Kids Helping Kids.

**Statewide Events:**

**MISSOURI PORK EXPO**

The 2014 Missouri Pork Expo will be February 11-12 in Columbia. There is usually a session called “In the Show Ring” for youth. Youth that attend the entire day of “In the Show Ring” normally receive Show-Me Quality Assurance certification/ recertification. For more information visit http://www.mopork.com/events_MissouriPorkExpo.asp

**SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP**

Dates and location for the spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop are set: March 28-30, Camp JoOta near Clarence, MO. Look for details and registration forms to be available in mid-January. Look online at: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

*If you are interested in attending, the cost of the workshop will be reimbursed afterwards!**
2014 MISSOURI 4-H EQUINE TOUR
WESTWARD BOUND!

Are you dreaming of combining your equine passion with a future career, interested in learning more about the horse industry, and enjoy making new 4-H friends who share your love of horses? The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Annual Equine Tour may be just for you! The 2014 tour, May 20-26, will be exploring the horse industry in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado and is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. Tours will include collegiate equine education departments, working cattle and horse ranches, and a possible Colorado trail ride. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, entertainment, outfitters, training, art, rodeo, saddle making, and equine welfare. In its eighth year, the tour has proven to be a great opportunity for participants to expand and clarify their possible equine related career paths. The $600 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff chaperones, and all travel related expenses. Applications are available at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/ and are due before March 1, 2014. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765, davisdd@missouri.edu.

YOUTH CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT
MARCH 7–9, 2014

Event website: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit
Team registration – Nov. 2013 - Feb. 1, 2014
$125/person – some recreation options extra
Adult chaperone fees, youth partial scholarships available

Who should attend?
The Summit is a statewide retreat for teams of youth ages 14-18 and adult leaders and decision-makers. Groups of new(existing leaders, representing a club, council, afterschool site, leadership team, countywide program, or organization. Groups working in youth-adult partnerships and involved in local community civic engagement. Youth do not have to be current 4-H members to attend; adults must be approved as 4-H volunteers by the event.

Theme
The Summit will gather youth and adult leaders to celebrate 100 years of Cooperative Extension, explore the changing landscape of careers/workforce skills, envision the future, and travel the highway to stronger clubs, councils, & communities!

Team registration
Counties can register one or more teams starting Nov. 2013. Registration packets will be mailed to county offices. Teams of 3-10 people (2-8 youth, 1-2 adults), any group that will be working together in 2014.
Individual youth registrations, or youth without adult team leader, cannot be accepted (contact others in your region). Team registration deadline is Feb. 1, 2014.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI
4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Using an online system, youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. MOVE awards will be provided. Sign up on the 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

STATE MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

When: February 15, 2014
Where: UMC Eckles Hall, Meat Lab
Time: Registration 8:30 and the contest starts at 9 a.m. and will conclude about noon with lunch provided for all participants, coaches and parents.
Cost: $15 per member – Make the check to University of Missouri, and mail it to 4-H Center, 1110 S. College, Columbia, MO 65211
Details: The top Senior team identified in this contest will advance to National. The State 4-H Meats Contests does not require a pre-qualification. Counties may enter any number of teams and or individuals.
*Please see the meats judging attachment for more information.

WHITE HOUSE STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

The White House is launching the first-ever White House Student Film Festival. K-12 students from around the country are invited to create and submit one- to three-minute short web videos. Finalists could have their videos screened at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, and posted on the White House website. The topic: Highlighting the importance of technology in the classroom -- and imagining how technology will change the educational experience for kids in the future. Films can be submitted now through January 29th, 2014. Learn more at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/filmfestival?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=email265-text1&utm_campaign=filmfest

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.” – Henry Ford

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Oobleck Supplies
- Corn Starch
- Water
- Bowls
- Measuring cups
- Table covering

What you do

COVER THE TABLE! Then, each child can measure ½ cup water with ¾ 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.