April 2014
Cape Girardeau County 4-H News

Dates to Remember:

April 1  – 4-H Camp Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm, Upper Level
April 3  – 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, 8:30 am, Flickerwood Arena
April 7  – 4-H Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upper Level
April 22 – Camp Counselor Training, 6:00 pm, Upper Level
April 23-May 4 – Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign, Cape Girardeau

May 17 – 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis
May 28-30 – State 4-H Congress, Columbia

June 1  – Dortha’s Day Camp, Cape Girardeau
June 7  – State Poultry Day, Columbia
June 7  – Goat and Sheep Showmanship and Fitting Clinic, Park Hills
June 21 – Quad County Competition Shoot, Apple Creek Conservation Range
June 25-27 – 4-H Camp, Pine Crest Campground, Fredericktown

July 11-12  – Achievement Day and County Fair, Jackson
July 15  – Nominations for SEMO Fair due to Extension Office (goat, sheep, pigs)
July 26  – Cape County Prospect Show, Cape Girardeau

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Orientation
If you are a new volunteer or have not previously completed a volunteer orientation, you will need to do so before working with youth. To be a recognized volunteer, you must complete this training. It can be completed online or in person. The link to the online training has changed. It is now located at: http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteerorientation/index.html. The quiz at the end must be completed. **Orientation must be completed by March 31st.**
Camp Applications
Camp applications will be available on the Cape County website after the April 7th 4-H Council meeting. Each 4-H family will also receive a camp application in the mail. The deadline to register will be Thursday, May 8.

4-H Camp
The theme will be Olympics! The next camp planning meeting is Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 pm in the Upper Level of the Extension Office. All youth and adults who are interested in planning are welcome to attend.

Livestock Judging
The 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will take place on Thursday, April 3 at Flickerwood Arena. It will be held in conjunction with the FFA contest. Registration will be from 8:30 – 9:00 am. The contest should conclude around noon. You will need to call the Extension Office for a school excused absence letter if you want it before the event.

Poultry Judging
Wanda Aufdenberg and Jill Peters are working with youth interested in participating in the State Poultry Contest on June 7. Entries will be due to the Extension Office on April 21. If you are interested, please contact Wanda or Jill.

Dortha’s Day Camp for Clover Kids
The 16th annual Dortha’s Day Camp for Clover Kids will be held Sunday, June 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Cape County Park North. All Clover Kids will receive information in the mail about this opportunity in mid-April. The cost is $10 and registration deadline is May 2. This year’s theme is “A Bug’s Life at Clover Kid Camp.”

Sheep and Goat Showmanship & Fitting Clinic
St. Francois County will be hosting a sheep and goat showmanship and fitting clinic on June 7th at the St. Francois County Fairgrounds from 8 am to 2 pm. The cost is $10 and includes lunch and a t-shirt. Registration forms are on the Cape County website and are due by May 17th.
http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau/4H.aspx

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover
The next paper clover promotion at Tractor Supply Company will be April 23 – May 4. We received $230 from the Fall campaign. This is a great way for people to show support and thank TSC for partnering with 4-H. Encourage everyone you know to visit TSC in Cape and buy a clover.

State 4-H Congress
State 4-H Congress is designed for Missouri 4-Her’s ages 14-19. The State 4-H Council plans this event on the University of Missouri campus. The theme is “A New League of Super Leaders.” Registration will be due April 4. Registration and information is available at the Extension Office or online at: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/index.htm#forms.
Missouri Sheep Producers Starter Flock Grant
Applications are now available for the Starter Flock grant and are due May 1st. For information about this program, visit their website at: http://www.missourisheep.com/youthprograms.htm.

Public Speaking Academy
The Public Speaking Academy will be June 17-18 at the Central Methodist University in Fayette. It is open to all youth ages 11-13 years of age who are interested in learning more about public speaking. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend, but academy spaces are limited to a maximum of 20 and will be filled on a "first come" basis. Cost is $100 and registration is due May 16th. For more information go to http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/

Sportfishing Event and Leader Certification
Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual 4-H State Sportfishing Event to be held May 31, 2014. Online registration will be open from April 1-May 15, 2014 and can be found on the 4-H Sportfishing website: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/sportfishing/

Aerospace Camp
Missouri University of Science & Technology in Rolla will host their annual Aerospace Camp on July 15-17 for youth between the ages of 10-13. The cost is $275 and registration is due July 7th. Visit their website for more information and registration forms: http://futurestudents.mst.edu/summercamps/

State Fair Market Barrow DNA Card
All market barrows entered for competition must be owned by May 1. A DNA Sample Card must be mailed to the State Fair by May 15, 2014 from the Extension Office for each market barrow entered. If you are considering entering a barrow in the State Fair, please contact the Extension Office to get a DNA card.

State Fair Market Lamb and Meat Goat Nose Prints
If you are considering exhibiting your market lamb or meat goat at the State Fair, it must be owned by June 1st and a nose print must be taken and submitted by June 15th. Contact the Extension Office to get this set up.

4-H Quad County Shoot
The Quad County Shoot will be held June 21st at Apple Creek Range in northeast Cape Girardeau County. This year events will be held in Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun. Members are required to compete in this event if they plan to compete at state. You are not required to compete at state, if you compete in this event. Shooting Sports members will be mailed entry forms.

Summers @ Mizzou
Summers @ Mizzou offers nine different camps: Director’s Cut, Scrub-In to a Health Career, Build-a-Business, Dog Days of Summer, The Stress of Life, Through Artist’s Eyes, Future Internet Apps, Meet the “Big Muddy” and GeoTech. These camps are offered as residential or day camps. Camps are available for a wide range of ages beginning with 12 year olds; check the registration information for the age range of each camp. Early registration is due by May 7th. For registration and available scholarships see http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers
National Volunteer Week
April 6-12 is National Volunteer Week. Without our volunteers, 4-H would not be the amazing program it is. Make sure to let your volunteers know you appreciate their time, hard work, and effort by saying thank you, writing a note, sending an email, or anything else you think of so they feel appreciated.

Shooting Sports
The State Contests dates are set as follows: Trap Shoot – August 23; Archery – August 23-24; Muzzleloading – September 21; all other events – September 20. For training opportunities and state rules, visit the 4-H Shooting Sports website at: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm.

Horse Enrollments
For those enrolled in the horse project, enrollment forms are due to the Extension office May 1st. Contact your project leader or the Extension Office for this form. This must be on file in order to participate in the 4-H Horse Show at the SEMO Fair.

Cape County Prospect Show
The Cape County Prospect Show will be Saturday, July 26 at the SEMO Fairgrounds. Animals will need to be in place by 8:00 am. Additional information will be in the June newsletter.

Announcements

Congratulations
Congrats to Sara Gholson who was selected to be a member of the 2014 Missouri Agribusiness Academy!

Junior Leaders
Did you know once you turn 14 years old you can join the Junior Leaders group? This is not based on your 4-H age, but your actual age! They meet on the 4th Monday each month at the Extension Office, Upper Level at 7:00 pm. This group does community service, organizes the Celebration Party, and participates in Exchange Trips to name a few things. Talk to current members to learn about all the fun they have.

Chip Bags and Yogurt Cups
The 4-H Council continues to collect chip bags and yogurt cups to recycle with TerraCycle. Money received will support the 4-H program in Cape County. DO NOT bring them to the Extension Office; give them to your Club Leader to bring to the April 4-H Council meeting. Let your family, friends, and neighbors know about this opportunity. All containers must be CLEAN! TerraCycle is having a promotion for the dairy tubs – we can get extra money by sending in more if we are one of the top collectors in our region.

We Care About YOUth Conference!
Adults are invited to this conference on Saturday, April 26th at the Extension Office, lower level. The keynote speaker will be Peggy North-Jones, PhD and her topic will be “Why are they (youth) acting that way and what are we supposed to do about it?” It is a free event and starts at 8:30 am. To register or for more information, contact the Extension office or visit: http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau.
Due Dates

March 31 – Volunteer Orientation must be completed
April 4 – State Congress Applications
April 21 – State Poultry contest Registration
May 1 – Horse Enrollments Due
May 2 – Dortha’s Day Camp Applications Due
May 8 – Camp Applications Due

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As with any event or activity mentioned in this newsletter, if you need forms or additional information, contact the Extension Office. We often have the needed information in our files, or we can access the information on the web for you, available.

2014 Teen Conference Attendees

2014 Youth Civic Leaders Summit Attendees
Thank you 4-H Volunteers for all you do!