



Cedar County Clover

July 2009

The Danish System:

A method of judging also known as the "group method"

Definition - A method of evaluating exhibits, entries & participants in a particular class or contest according to the standards developed for that class or contest.

How to Use- After the evaluation of each item in the class, the entire class is subdivided into 4 groups according to their own merit (If the performance of an individual is being evaluated give due consideration to their age).

The Four Groups:

- Blue: excellent, does not indicate perfection. Example of numerical score = 85-100
- Red: good, things that are good in relation to the class standards. Enough specific shortcomings have been found to cause the placing to drop from excellent to good. Example of numerical score= 70-84
- White: fair, this group contains those things (exhibits or contestants) who upon evaluation are found lacking & rate only average or moderately Satisfactory. Example of numerical score= 69 or below. Does NOT mean failure.
- No Award: those exhibits or contestants who for one reason or another fail to produce that level of achievement which can be reasonably expected.



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Important Dates to Remember

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Project Leader Attendance Forms Due	1
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Extension Office Closed	3
Regional Shooting Sports Event	7
LOL Youth Fair	7-12
Reg. Achievement Day	20
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OEF	31-9

Don't Forget that Non-Livestock Exhibit Judging at the Land O Lakes Fair requires that the member bring in their item and includes a conference with the judge in that category. No one else can bring in your items for you. Judging will be on July 7th from 4-7pm.

LOCAL NEWS

JUST A MINUTE!! CLUB NEWS

Stockton Seekers-The Stockton Seekers 4-H Club met on Tuesday, June 9th at Stockton Christian Church. Various fair deadlines were discussed and entry forms and tags were handed out. Project reports were given in shooting sports, swine, beef, sewing, theater arts, and dogs. New member barbecue will be on September 8th with the families of Davis, Locke, Hall, Stacy, Pitts, Elder in charge.

Clayton Locke, Reporter

End of Year Reporting!!

The end of 4-H Year 2009 is fast approaching. Begin working on your end of the year reports! They are due to the Extension Office by September 15th. Forms are available on our website at:

www.muextension.missouri.edu/cedar/forms.htm

or from the Extension Office or your club leader. If you have questions please don't hesitate to ask. Instructions and Q & A are included with each form. To complete the year the member must fill out one Part A form. To be eligible for recognition the member must fill out both Part A and Part B completely as described in the instructions on the above website. The recognition banquet is held in the fall. Watch the newsletter for more information on the banquet as that time approaches. If you have questions about the forms, please contact the Extension Office or your club leader.

OEF Non-Livestock Entries Due to the Extension Office

Non-Livestock entries selected for the **Ozark Empire Fair** will need to be brought to the Extension Office by **July 27th**, with OEF tags on. Bulky items may need to be transported by the exhibitor to OEF, but must be entered into the fair through the Extension Office. **Multi piece exhibits need name and county on all pieces.** Volunteers will be needed to transport exhibits to OEF grounds. If you are available to

deliver or pick up exhibits, please let the Extension Office know ASAP.

State Fair Exhibits Due to the Extension Office

Non-livestock Exhibits selected for the State Fair will need to be brought to the Extension Office by **noon on August 7th**. Items will be tagged by the Extension Office. There is a refrigerator at the Extension office to keep perishable items. **Multi piece exhibits need name and county on all pieces.** There is a limit of 2 entries per member to go to the State Fair. If you have more than 2 entries selected please contact the Extension Office by **July 20th**, extra State Fair exhibits might be able to be sent to the District Fair.

AROUND THE CORNER

****Regional Achievement Day is July 20th at Ozark Technical College, Springfield.****

State News

STATE HORSE SPEAKING AND DEMONSTRATION CONTEST - CHANGE OF DATE

Ben Gallup

Due to conflicts on the original date, the State Horse Public Speaking and Demonstration contest will move to **September 12, 2009**. Information letters will be sent to all who pre-registered. Registration forms are obtained from your county Extension office with a county due date. I apologize for the confusion.

<http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#speaking>

STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING - CHANGE OF DATE

Ben Gallup

Due to schedule conflicts, the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be moved to **October 3, 2009**. Your help in advertising this change is greatly appreciated. Registration forms are obtained from your county Extension

office with a county due date.
<http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/#contest>

4-H ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER!

Steve Hennes & Adam Loftin

We would like to remind everyone about two upcoming opportunities for 4-H youth interested in participating in entrepreneurship events this summer.

Build a Business Camp, July 26-29

Applications are still being accepted for remaining camper slots for the Summers @ Mizzou "Build-a-Business Camp." The camp is for young people ages 12-15 (grades 6-9) interested in exploring entrepreneurship. Youth participants will explore what it takes to be an entrepreneur, learn from 4-H members who have turned their projects into income, gain skills for planning and starting their own business, and make connections with community entrepreneurs and MU faculty.

There are still some spots available for both the overnight camp and day camp options. We would like to emphasize that there are many scholarships available for all campers, even more for campers from counties where an ExCEED project is working (and especially the NE region). Scholarships can subsidize 40% of the total cost of camp, and in some cases more.

For more information, contact Teresa Bishop, Summers @ Mizzou coordinator at 573-884-0554 or bishopta@missouri.edu.

Show-me 4-H Wares at the State Fair, August 13-16

We still have some youth exhibit spaces available for 4-H entrepreneurs who want to market and sell items at the Show Me 4-H Wares booth at the State Fair. We currently have 7 youth who have been accepted to sell at the Show-me 4-H Wares at the State Fair booth. There is possible room for 9 more participants. One or more slots are open for most time slots (9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm) for the 4 days the booth is open (August 13-16).

Any 4-H member is eligible. Youth do not have to have completed any particular project, but youth enrolled in the entrepreneurship project are especially encouraged to apply. Applications require a thorough description of the product or service, a recommendation from an unrelated adult, and approval of their 4-H Youth Specialist or YPA. We will notify any applicants, who meet the necessary criteria and are accepted, as soon as we receive their applications.

Please check out the Show Me 4-H Wares website for more details and the downloadable application at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/showmewares.htm>

STATE SHOOT INFORMATION

Gerry Snapp

Pre-registration form and details about the 2009 State Shoots on August 29 & September 19 are available from your local MU Extension Center or on the web at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>. The deadline for receipt of forms to the state office is July 24. Please keep in mind that September 19 is a MU home football game, so room reservations should be made well in advance.

This year, instead of a Sunday Fun Day following the state shoot, there will be an opportunity to try out for some of the state teams. Read the information on the website to find out more.

MOre FUN IN SCIENCE AT THE STATE FAIR

Bill Pabst

Come have "MOre Fun in Science" on August 20-22 during the Missouri State Fair. This Missouri 4-H co-sponsored event will include interactive and educational activities and fun displays about technology, robotics, sustainability, and other hands-on science. Two highlights of the three-day event will include Thursday's Show Me Robots and Saturday's world record breaking Mentos Soda Launch.

The **Show Me Robots** on August 20 in the Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall from noon to 6:00 p.m. will feature robots and robot education in Missouri. There will be exhibits, robot demonstrations, competitions, and hands-on robot activities. More information can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/robots.htm>.

Be part of a world record attempt during the **Mentos Soda Launch** on August 22 as 2,500 participants attempt the launch simultaneously. Participant check-in will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the launch at 2:00 p.m. on the Infield of the Pepsi Grandstand. More information for interested participants will be coming SOON! Many volunteers are needed for the event, so please contact Mike Razim at mrrb6b@mizzou.edu if you are interested in volunteering.

For more information about “MOre Fun in Science” during the Missouri State Fair, please visit <http://www.mostatefair.com/press/PR05202009.htm> or contact either Bill Pabst at pabsta@missouri.edu or Mike Razim at mrrb6b@mizzou.edu.

CLOVER KIDS DAY AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR

Alison Copeland

Calling all Clover Kids! A special day for Clover Kids is scheduled during the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia on August 16 in the 4-H Building from 9:00 - 3:00. Clover Kids will have an opportunity to:

- Display one item made during a Clover Kids meeting or event in the 4-H Building that day
- Receive a State Fair participation ribbon
- Give a demonstration (sign up that day in the 4-H Building)
- Participate in arts/crafts, science and other fun activities
- Make balloon animals

Please encourage Clover Kids to attend!

Monthly MOVEment Activity

Participants reach their left hand behind their back, placing it on their right back hip. Place the other hand on top of their head and gently tilt to the right. They should feel a stretch down the neck and across the upper shoulder. Hold for 30 seconds. Repeat on the other side. This is a good activity if a group has been sitting for a long period of time.

JULY CLUB LEADER TIPS

Diana Duncan

During the month of July we celebrate our nations freedom and express thanks to those whom have dedicated their life to protecting our freedoms. While we celebrate these many great gifts celebrate your success as well. You have helped many 4-H members reach for the stars and accomplish their goals and learn many life skills that will enhance their lives forever. As you prepare to celebrate this years many successes consider the following suggestions and ideas:

1. State Fair entry forms due in Sedalia by July 1. Make plans for transporting the county's non-livestock exhibits to Sedalia [if applicable].
2. If you have not already done so, pass out award forms and remind members of county due dates for state and local awards.
3. Nominate a leader for Frank Graham Award from your club, submit the clubs nomination to the local extension office.
4. Start recruiting project and assistant club leaders for the coming year. Share descriptions of expectations and time commitments with potential leaders.
5. Visit with project leaders about experiences leading projects this year and ask for suggestions for next year.
6. Begin working with club Treasure on closing books and completing required reports to submit to the local extension office.



CLOVER KIDS CORNER
Alison Copeland

Bike or Scooter Games

Bike riding – or scooters – is a fun way for children to be physically active. Determine a safe and flat area large enough for riding bikes. Ask Clover Kid members to bring a bike to the meeting and try these games (scooters work for those without bikes or unable to ride a bike). Remind children to follow bike/scooter safety tips before riding:

1. Always wear a helmet
2. Obey all traffic laws

Line Biking

Draw a chalk line on the flat top surface for each child. Each one can then try to keep their front and back wheels on his/her chalk line from start to finish.

Fun Obstacle Course

For each child, spread several carpet squares, paper, soda cans or other items in an obstacle course arrangement. Tell children the beginning and ending points and have them ride through their own fun obstacle course.

Circle Biking

Draw a large chalk circle on the flat top surface. One or two at a time, encourage children to keep their front wheel on the circle as they ride.

Other

Ask children to think of other fun and safe bike/scooter games to play.