



# Cedar County Clover

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### CLOVER KIDS CORNER

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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.

### **Sugar Crystals**

#### **Supplies**

- Water
- Sugar
- String
- 1 pencil per child
- 1 glass jar or other heat-proof container per child

#### **Directions**

Boil 1½ cups of water for each child. Add ¾ cup of sugar per child and stir until dissolved. Pour the sugar solution into each jar. Tie a piece of string to a pencil. Lay the pencil over the jar and submerge the string in the solution. The string can be weighted at the end to hang straight in the jar. Over a period of several days, sugar crystals will grow slowly on the string!

#### **Steppin' Out!**

Youth can do this activity outside, in a large room or hallway. How many giant steps does it take to get across a yard or room? How many "baby steps" does it take to get back? Can youth walk backward doing baby steps? Can they do this without falling or losing their balance? Participant can make a list of different steps for the group to try. Next to each one they can write how many steps it took for each trip up and down the yard or room. Compare and discuss the results!

(Source: Missouri 4-H Couch Potato Challenge -

<http://www.4h.missouri.edu/projects/health/>)

### **Important Dates to Remember**

	<u>May</u>
Horse Enrollment Due	1
Achievement Day	9
Deadline to register for SMQA	13
Camp Applications Due	15
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#### **4-H Council Meeting**

**The next county council meeting will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Land-O-Lakes Fairgrounds at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend. These meetings are where important Cedar County 4-H news and decisions are made.**

## JUST A MINUTE!!

### CLUB NEWS

**Stockton Seekers-** The Stockton Seekers 4-H Club met on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Stockton Christian Church. At Share the Fun Night our club received 3 royalty awards and several performed in the talent competition. The top sellers during the fundraiser will be going skating and pizza. Land O Lakes sheep, goat, and swine market animal check in is April 25<sup>th</sup>. A community service project consisting of a Petting Zoo will be held at Church on the Hill on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Achievement Day will be held Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in Eldorado Springs. Applications for summer 4-H camps will be due May 15<sup>th</sup>. Project meeting reports were given in several projects. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Stockton Christian Church.

*Clayton Locke, Reporter*

**Pony Express-** The Pony Express met on April 1, 2009. We had the raffle drawing. The winners were Nautasha Robison and Jerry Taylor, each receiving half a hog. All market animals need to be registered by April 25, 2009. Horse enrollment forms are due by May 1, 2009. Achievement Day is May 9, 2009. There will be project meetings for shooting sports. Shotguns are on every Monday at 6:00 P.M. and .22 rifles will start April 19, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Our next meeting will be on May 6, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. located at Camp Gallilie in El Dorado Springs.

*Hannah Robertson, Reporter*

## LOCAL NEWS

### **Show-Me Quality Assurance!!!**

There will be a SMQA class on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm at the Stockton Library. This class will give you the certification that

you need to be eligible to show in all food animal projects at the fair. Everyone wanting to complete this training should call the Extension Office (276-3313) by May 13<sup>th</sup> to register. If there are no pre-registrations, class will not be held.

### **Land-O-Lakes Jackpot Show**

The LOL Jackpot Show will be held on May 22nd, 2009 in El Dorado Springs, MO. It will be held at the Youth Fair Grounds. This jackpot show is for Market Lambs and Market Hogs. This show is open to any youth 21 and under. There will be a local class for Cedar and St. Clair County residents only. Weigh in for both species is 4pm to 6pm. Scales and books close at 6pm. There will be NO LATE ENTRIES. The show will start at 7:00pm. There is an entry fee of \$15, a stall fee of \$10 (refundable), and a \$5 fee for Showmanship. For more information call 876-1717 or 876-1109. No health papers are required, but diseased and sick animals will not be allowed to show and will leave the premises IMMEDIATELY!

## REGIONAL INFO

### **“National Treasure” IS THIS YEAR’S CAMP THEME at Camp Smokey.**

Do you enjoy solving hidden mysteries? Or how about finding treasure? If so, this year of 4-H camp is just right for **YOU**. This year’s camp is shaping up to be one of the most fun ever with our National Treasure theme! We will be doing our traditional activities like swimming, fishing and hiking. We also have some new activities planned too!!!

### **2009 Camp dates:**

**Teen Camp-** June 12-16- ages 13 and over;  
**Member Camp 1-** June 16-19- ages 8-12;  
**Clover Kids Camp 1-** June 19-20- ages 5-7;  
**Clover Kids Camp 2-** June 20-21- ages 5-7;  
**Member Camp 2-** June 22-25- ages 8-12.

All camp applications are due before May 15, 2009. Applications can be found online, in the Extension Office, or from you club leader. Please sign up as soon as possible. Space is limited. Also, be sure to include a health form with your application.

## State News

### **NEW 4-H CONGRESS OPPORTUNITY: JR. IRON CHEF CONTEST**

**Jim Ronald and Alison Copeland**

For 4-H Congress participants with an interest in foods and cooking, a new Learnshop opportunity may be just the recipe. Please share with your attendees that the Jr. Iron Chef Contest will be held on Thursday, June 4 for Congress teams of 3 to 5 members.

Each team will prepare a recipe featuring ingredients primarily grown in Missouri. The Missouri Department of Agriculture is helping to sponsor the event with prizes to be awarded in three categories.

Details about the contest are available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/>. Pre-registration forms are due by Friday, May 15. Eric Cartwright, executive chef at MU's Plaza 900, will help lead the program with instruction on knife skills and safety and a discussion of possible careers in the culinary arts.

To get a "flavor" of the event, check out the YouTube video link of a similar contest that has become a very popular in Vermont at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52sPm16FOP4> For Jr. Iron Chef questions, please contact Jim Ronald at [ronaldj@missouri.edu](mailto:ronaldj@missouri.edu)

### **4-H MISSIONS IN SPACE**

**Don Nicholson**

Don't miss your chance! Seats will be filled first come, first serve for the **4-H Missions in Space trip October 8-11, 2009 in Huntsville, Alabama**. Applicants must be in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above at the time of the trip with first time applicants given priority. The cost for the trip is \$385 for 4-H members and \$400 for non 4-H members.

4-H Missions in Space is a popular trip for adults as well! Although adult chaperones have been lined up, registration for parents/adults will be open between June 22 and 30, if space permits. Adults may send in an application now; however, applications will not be processed until the June dates.

Flyer with registration form is available at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/marion/SpaceCamp/>. If you have questions, contact [nicholsond@missouri.edu](mailto:nicholsond@missouri.edu).

### **FAIR FANS IT'S TIME TO HAVE "MORE FUN THAN EVER!"**

**Ben Gallup**

Source: State Fair News Release  
The 2009 Missouri State Fair promises to provide you with another first-class agricultural showcase.

If you are a competitive exhibitor, you need to act now by previewing the Premium Guide on the Fair's Web site. Entry forms will be available on line May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Follow these steps:  
Go to [www.mostatefair.com](http://www.mostatefair.com) to view entry information.

1. Click on competitions to find the Premium Guide.
2. Select the category you want to enter.
3. Find all the rules and schedules.

4. Download entry forms, available May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.
5. Fill out forms, print and send with entry fee to the Fair.

Daily discounted exhibitor admission tickets are back again this year and available to all competitive entrants for \$4 each. The former Livestock Exhibitor Pin is no longer available. The tickets can be purchased through August 12 from the Missouri State Fair business office and will not be available at the gate. Each exhibitor can purchase up to 40 tickets; admission is free for exhibitors age 12 and under and so these exhibitors do not need admission tickets. The tickets do not include parking. Be sure to see special promotions on the Fair's Web site for any daily admission specials.

Consider camping on the fairgrounds for a memorable family vacation. Reserved campgrounds open Sunday, August 9, and are only available for livestock exhibitors, concessionaires and persons with disabilities. Camping reservations will be accepted with completed entry forms beginning May 4; forms are available on-line.

Public campgrounds open Thursday, August 6 at 9 a.m. with a \$20 a day per vehicle fee and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

E-mail and text message your friends so you can start making plans to attend the 2009 Missouri State Fair. Fair Fans will receive an opportunity to purchase concert tickets prior to the general public, so watch your E-mail. The concert line-up includes Brooks and Dunn presented by Toyota Tundra, Cross Canadian Ragweed, LoCash Cowboys and a free concert by the legendary band Kansas, along with many other headliners!

Visit [www.mostatefair.com](http://www.mostatefair.com) for more details, and be ready for "MOre Fun Than Ever!" at the 2009 Missouri State Fair, August 13-23 in Sedalia.

### **INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION EARTHKAM SPRING 2009 MISSION**

**Bill Pabst**

Middle school educators are invited to join NASA for the International Space Station EarthKAM Spring 2009 Mission on **April 28-May 1, 2009**. Find out more about this exciting opportunity that allows students to take pictures of Earth from a digital camera on board the International Space Station.

ISS EarthKAM is a NASA-sponsored project that provides stunning, high-quality photographs of Earth taken from the space shuttle and International Space Station. Since 1996, ISS EarthKAM students have taken thousands of photographs of Earth by using the World Wide Web to direct a digital camera on select spaceflights and, currently, on the International Space Station.

For more information about the project and to register for the upcoming mission, visit the ISS EarthKAM home page [www.EarthKAM.ucsd.edu](http://www.EarthKAM.ucsd.edu). If you have questions about the EarthKAM project, please e-mail [ek-help@earthkam.ucsd.edu](mailto:ek-help@earthkam.ucsd.edu).

### **STATE 4-H VIDEO CORPS APPLICATION ONLINE**

**Bradd Anderson**

Do you have a unique point of view? Do you have access to a digital device that can record video? Would you like to have your voice be heard in new and interesting ways? If so, Video Corps may be for you!

Video Corps is a team of 4-H videographers ages 12 and older from across Missouri, building skills, exploring career possibilities,

and capturing the 4-H world through their own personal narrative. Each month, from June to December 2009, State 4-H Video Corps members find something in their world that relates to 4-H or MU Extension to create a short 30-90 second video to show to the world through their unique perspective.

For more information, check out the Video Corps announcement and application at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/videocorps/>.

### **SHOW ME 4-H WARES AT THE STATE FAIR**

**Adam Loftin & Steve Henness**

Applications are currently open for the third annual Show Me 4-H Wares at the State Fair booth! Youth **marketing a service** (such as babysitting or lawn mower repair) can bring promotional materials and/or an exhibit to share with State Fair goers. Youth **selling a product** (such as soap or ornaments) can offer pre-made items for sale at the booth, and/or receive orders from customers to fill later.

**Any 4-H member is eligible to apply. Teams of up to three 4-H members may also apply if representing a club-based venture that is selling original items as a fundraiser.** (Youth who have completed or are enrolled in the 4-H entrepreneurship project are especially encouraged to apply.)

Selected exhibitors will sign up for a space at the **Show Me 4-H Wares booth on Aug. 13, 14, 15, or 16.** Applicants are encouraged to apply early in order to have more time slots to choose from.

The application requires a thorough description of the product or service, a recommendation from an unrelated adult, and approval of the 4-H staff from the county.

**Applications are due to the 4-H state office by May 15. Selected youth will be notified by June 1.** Selected youth will also receive an information packet to assist them in preparing a high-quality presentation and sales pitch, interacting with potential customers, and being an outstanding example of Missouri 4-H.

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

Questions? Contact Steve Henness at [henness@umsystem.edu](mailto:henness@umsystem.edu) or (573) 884-6618 or Adam Loftin [ACL7F4@mizzou.edu](mailto:ACL7F4@mizzou.edu) or (573) 884-7929.

### **State Fair DNA Information for Market Barrows**

Just a reminder the State Fair requires 4-H/FFA members who show market barrows to collect DNA samples and submit a card on each hog they could potentially enter for the market barrow show. The deadline is **May 13<sup>th</sup>** to the Extension Office. DNA cards are available at the Extension Office. Each DNA card is \$2.00. Just to clarify: If you use a card and then decide not to send it in, it is still \$2.00.

The collection process does not have to be verified by staff. The exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their own cards and the exhibitors are responsible to bring cards for all potential barrow entries to the Extension Office to be mailed to the entry department at the state fair. Submission of the DNA sample cards does not constitute an entry. The State Fair Premium catalog is scheduled to go online May 1, 2008.