

# CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 4H RECOGNITION NIGHT '06

Our annual awards banquet was held on Saturday, November 4th, 2006 at the 4H building at the Ozark City Park.

A delicious pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. Following dinner, awards were presented then all guests played a rousing game of "4-H Jeopardy".

We were delighted to have representatives from the following sponsors attending:

Lots of happy people went home with door prizes.

Utopia Club of Ozark  
Christian Co. Master Gardeners  
University of Mo. Extension  
and Ozark Veterinary Clinic.

Thanks to Byron Morrison Youth Specialist from Greene county who came to help with award presentations.

Awards were given for the following categories:

Year Pins for Clover Kid First Yr. to Member 8th year.

Perfect Attendance

Project Leader of the Year

Friend of 4-H

Outstanding 4H member in a project.

Super 4-H'er

Top Fair Exhibitor

Fair Premiums were also distributed to all members exhibiting in Christian county, Ozark Empire and Missouri State Fair.



## 1ST SGT. JOHN DOWDY COMING TO OZARK

For the past 2 years Christian county 4H has sponsored a "Stamp a Stack for Iraq" event at our county fair and at 4H club meetings.

Cards are decorated and then sent in bundles to 1st Sgt Dowdy of the 110th Combat Engineering Battalion. The

unit is trained to build things, demolish things and locate land mines. They are currently in Guatemala building a school. On April 17th 1st Sgt Dowdy will be coming to Ozark to visit with the Shining Tomorrow 4H club. We want all clubs in the surrounding area to join us.

It will be great to meet him and hear about his unit. He shared with me by phone that the cards were excitedly received and even posted on the wall of the groups barracks.

Hold this date on your club calendars. Time and location will be announced.

*Members in good standing are reimbursed half of all trip and camp fees at Christian County 4H Recognition Night in the fall.*

# R.A.T.T.

**All 4H members 12 and over are invited!!**

**Our SW Regional 4-H Teen Council annually sponsors a one day trip called the Regional Action-Packed Trip for Teens. The trip is Saturday, March 24.**

**All 4-H'ers in southwest region 12 and older may attend.**

Plans call for a visit to the Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, most of the day at the Jones Center for swimming or ice skating, and then Pinnacle Promenade Hills Mall in Springdale. So bring your bathing suit, and extra money for shopping!

Registrations are due March 1. Forms are available at the office. Plans are for two buses and they fill quickly. It's first come-first served, so, the sooner you sign up, the better! Call the office at: **581 3558** we can register you on-line.



## Parent's 4-H Pledge

I pledge

My **HEAD** to give my child the information I can, to help him see things clearly and to make wise decisions.

My **HEART** to encourage and support my child no matter whether he has success or disappointments.

My **HANDS** to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many other important ways.

My **HEALTH** to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H.

For my child's **CLUB**, or **COMMUNITY**, our **COUNTRY** and our **WORLD**.

Parents are important to 4-H work. Without their support 4-H'ers could not make it to meetings, have help with their projects, or be able to attend 4-H events. Take a moment to thank your parents for all their help with your 4-H work.

### THANKS PARENTS!

Thanks to Theresa Bishop

Polk county Youth Specialist for this great rendition of the 4H pledge.



# DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Christian County 4-H has many community service projects:

Food donations, and or monetary gifts are being collected for our **very needy** family. We were able to give them a nice holiday basket on Christmas. More information about the family will be discussed at future meetings. (By the way, that is not the only time these folks need food. We really need to bring a non-perishable item to every 4-H meeting.)



Wouldn't you hate to think that someone is cold or hungry because you didn't participate in these worthwhile service projects? Please make up for lost time and bring your donations in NOW!



Call the Extension office  
**581 3558**

if you are interested in adopting a rabbit.

There are 2 available. One male and one female. They don't both have to go to the same home!!



## SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

**will be** March 30 – April 1 at Camp JoOta, Clarence, MO

Registration forms are now available for the spring workshop. Adult volunteers wishing to lead a 4-H Shooting Sports group have to be 4-H certified. This workshop will provide 4-H certification in Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzle loading and Hunting Skills. Training is also offered for volunteer Coordinators of county shooting programs. Class size is limited so complete and return your registration forms as quickly as possible. Registration forms and details of the workshop are available from the County Extension Center or available online at the 4-H Shooting Sports website:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>.

Pre-registration deadline into the state office is March 15.





#### **4-H JAPANESE YOUTH SUMMER MONTH EXCHANGE**

Unless things have changed from 2006 this is the basic information: ages 12-16 (both male and female students) arrive to your family: July 25, and depart Monday, August 20. (T)

The idea is for the Japanese delegates to have a basic home experience and it is not expected for you to 'entertain them' or make arrangements for any special type of travel except what your own family might have planned. Their language skills will be limited but that should not be a concern – youth adjust very well to communicating in other ways.

Financially, we ask that you only provide room/board and include them for social activities. They will bring their own spending money for souvenirs and other personal items they wish to purchase while here.

The host family application is available on the 4-H website or a copy can be obtained from our office. The deadline to let us know you are interested is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

If you have questions or as you make a decision about hosting you may contact Joyce Taylor, Coordinator, State 4-H Office, Columbia. (573) 882-6393.

#### **"CAMP SMOKEY PRESENTS: 4-H GOES BROADWAY" IS THIS YEAR'S CAMP THEME.**

Before becoming a 'STAR' why not submit a winning design for this year's camp T-shirt. The one page, 8½ x 11 inch design, must be turned in by March 15. Get your sketch to Kathy at the Extension office now! Call 581 3558 for details. If your design is chosen all campers will be wearing camp T-shirts with your design and initials on them!!

If you're 12 or older and want to be a Clover Kid's camp counselor this year, or 13 and older and want to be a counselor at members camp, let me know shortly. Camp directors are planning a special counselor training at Mt. Vernon before camp. No date chosen yet. Like last year, teens may only be a counselor for one camp.

2007 Camp dates:

June 15-18 Teen Camp

June 18-19 Counselor's session for Member Camp #1

June 19-22 Member Camp #1

June 22-23 Crop Till You Drop – new scrapbooking camp designed for adults

June 22-23 Clover Kids Camp counselor's session – June 22-23

June 23-24 Clover Kids Camp - June 23-24

June 24-25 Counselor's session for Member Camp #2

June 25-28 Member Camp #2

For those who'd like to be a counselor at one of the Member Camps, you must attend Teen Camp and a special counselor's training at Mt. Vernon.

Camp applications will be available at the Extension Office soon! We will send them online when we get them. Call and make sure you get one! We need good attendance so 4H camp can continue. Clover Kids Camp filled last year so don't miss out!!

## STATE 4H CONGRESS

State 4-H Congress is designed for Missouri 4-Hers age 14-19. The Missouri State 4-H Council plans and implements the event that is held on the University of Missouri campus.

Registration forms are due at the Extension office by April 2. County registrations must be at the state office no later than April 20.

Check out the website below for full information.

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/>



## CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4H EVENT CALENDAR MARCH 2007

4	Nixa Extreme 4H Club	2:00 PM
6	4H Leader council	Extension Office 6:30 PM Ozark
11	Nixa Extreme 4H Club	2:00 PM
12	W.H.O.A.	Horse Club meets second Monday of each month
20	Shining Tomorrow 4H Club	3rd Tuesday of each month
24	W.H.O.A.	Fun Day every 4th Saturday

Shining Tomorrow has the following project meetings scheduled .

**Woodworking - Second Thursday of each month. (March 8 6:30 PM)**

**Clothing - 2nd and 4th Saturdays ( March 10th and 24th at the Extension Office, 1:00 to 4 PM except the 10th , time will be 10 AM to 12 noon that Saturday only.)**

**Scrapbooking - 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons. 4:30 to 6:00 PM Extension Office**

**Sportfishing - To be announced.**

**Knit and Crochet - 4th Saturday of each month 1:00 PM Extension Office (exception in March we will meet on March 10th during Clothing meeting at 10 AM)**

All county 4H'ers interested in these projects are welcome to meet with us. Be sure and call the office if you plan to join us, so we can give you a materials list. **581 3558**

## Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, 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 learn by doing. Field trips help children explore and appreciate their community.

### Field Trip Ideas

You don't have to travel far or spend a lot of money for a worthwhile field trip. Take a moment and look in your area for:

- Small businesses, such as locally owned stores and specialty shops
- Parks, forests and wildlife preservation areas
- Large businesses, like regional, state and national companies
- Manufacturing and distributing sites
- Commercial recreation areas (bowling alleys, theaters, etc.)
- Community resources (museums, libraries and historical spots)
- Your own backyard and neighborhood

### How Field Trips Fit In:

Field trips can be incorporated in many ways:

Part of a regularly scheduled activity, such as a trip to the grocery store to buy snacks or cooking ingredients

Part of a long-term topic or theme activity, such as visiting a local recycling center as part of a month-long recycling project

One-time activity, such as going to a local leather shop before creating your own works of art

Create awareness. Watch the local papers for "what's happening."

Provide a special opportunity, such as a local theatre performance

Involve families, such as visits to parent work sites

And last but not least, field trips can be just for fun.

*Adapted from National Networks for Child Care Connections Newsletter, Sandra Davin.*

*School-age connections, 1(6), pp. 1-3. Urbana-Champaign, IL:*

*University of Illinois Cooperative Extension*



<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/citizenship>

## Citizenship Youth Forum

**This trip is for 4Hmembers age 14 by Jan. 1. It will be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City Mo. Participants will get a chance to learn about the Missouri legislative and judicial processes.**

**All registrations must be in the Extension Office by April 23, 2007**

**Check out the link above for more information and to download forms.**

