



CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

New 4-H year starts September 1

Happy New year to all 4-H members and families!

It's time to think about what fun and exciting projects you want to sign up for this year.

Time to get those project record forms filled in and be ready for Recognition Night. This year Christian County Recognition Night will be Saturday November 3.

Club Leaders, our Leader Council meeting on Tuesday September 4th at the Extension office in Ozark will be very important. We will start at 6:30 PM. We have much to discuss for the upcoming year.

We have had lots of fun this last year and made many memories, new camp friends and experienced various contests and fair competitions.

Let's remember our motto and...

“ MAKE THE BEST BETTER “ !!



HORSE BOWL LEADER CERTIFICATION

When: October 13, 2007

Who: Horse leaders who would like to be certified as a coach to work with a horse bowl team. (Please note: a certified coach is required to accompany teams attending regional or state events) Previously certified coaches are welcome but not required to attend this training.

Where: Room 147 of the Animal Science Center on the University of Missouri Campus.

Time: 9:30 a.m. registration. The training will conclude at 3 p.m. Cost: \$25 per person

Details: Sue Knautz, Missouri 4-H Horse Bowl coordinator, will conduct the training. Special emphasis will be given to reviewing and discussing the rules and process of conducting the contest. All pre-registered participants will receive an information packet with driving instructions, etc.

Registrations due September 25. Call us or go to <http://4h.missouri.edu> under events/horse/horse bowl coach certification for a registration form.

Fair Project update



Christian County Fair:

Rikki Adams: Horse—Blue
 Matthew Baird:—
 Woodworking 4 Blue, Sport
 Fishing—Blue, Scrapbooking
 1 Red and 1 Blue (Reserve
 Champion),
 Isabella Biondo: Foods—3
 Blue(1Grand) 1 Red
 Hope Balisle Horse: 2 Blue
 Taylor Cook: Foods 1 Red, Elec-
 tricity 1 Blue, Photography 2
 Blue
 Zach Gregory: Foods 1 Blue
 (Grand), Electricity 1 Blue
 Nathan Gregory: Foods 1 Blue,
 Photography 3 Blue
 Tally Hagood: Horse 1 Blue
 Joey Hill: Woodworking 2 Blue
 Kelly Hill: Sportfishing 1 Red,
 Clothing 1 Red
 Breanna Hogan: Horse 2 Red
 Caleb Kerr: Foods 3 Blue
 Jacob Kerr: Foods 1 Blue, 1 Red
 Shaina King: Scrapbooking
 1 Blue, Home Environment
 2 Blue
 Abigail Larino: Horse 1 Red
 1 Blue, Vet Science 1 Blue
 Hannah Larino: Horse 1 Blue
 1 Red, Poultry 1 Blue
 Robert Powell: Woodworking
 2 Blue
 Julia Schmidt: Horse 1 Blue
 McKenna Werner: Photography
 4 Blue
 Caitlin Wilcox: Horse 2 Red

(Christian County Fair ribbons were distributed before Grand and Reserve placings were recorded. Sorry I don't have that here for all to see!
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Ozark Empire Fair

Matthew Baird: Woodworking
 3 Red 1 Blue, Scrapbooking 1
 Blue, Sport Fishing 1 Blue
 (Reserve Champion)
 Hope Balisle: Horse 1 Blue
 Isabella Biondo: Foods 2 Blue
 1 Red
 Taylor Cook: Photography 2
 Blue, Electricity 1 Blue (Grand)
 Nathan Gregory: Photography
 2 Blue 1 Red, Foods 1 Blue
 Zach Gregory: Electricity 1
 Blue, Foods 1 White
 Tally Hagood: Horse 1 Red
 Caleb Kerr: Foods 1 White 1
 Red 1 Blue
 Jacob Kerr: Foods 1 White
 Shaina King: Home Environ-
 ment 1 White 1 Red Scrap-
 booking 1 Blue
 Abigail Larino: Horse 1 Blue
 (Grand) Vet Science 1 Red
 Hannah Larino: Poultry 1 Blue,
 Horse 1 Blue
 Sara Prosser: Horse 2 Red
 Julia Schmidt: Horse 1 Blue
 (Reserve)
 Mc Kenna Werner: Photogra-
 phy 2 Blue 1 Red
 Becca Wood: Horse 1 Blue

Missouri State Fair

Matthew Baird: Sport Fishing
 and
 Woodworking:
 Hope Balisle: Horse
 Isabella Biondo: Foods
 Taylor Cook: Photography and
 Electricity
 Nathan Gregory: Photography
 Zach Gregory: Electricity
 Tally Hagood: Horse
 Abigail Larino: Horse and Vet
 Science
 Hannah Larino Poultry and
 Horse
 Sara Prosser: 2 Horse
 Julia Schmidt: Horse
 McKenna Werner: 2 Photography
 Becca Wood: Horse
**All State Fair entries received
 purple ribbons**
 Fair Premiums will be awarded
 on Recognition Night.



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.

Making the Best Better – Basics for Success - -

A new training session for all 4-H volunteers

Missouri 4-H is a leader in positive youth development. As a 4-H volunteer, you are a key person in this work. Our mission is “4-H ... Creating environments where young people are valued, contributing members of their community.” We do this through planned learning experiences around four essential elements. 4-H provides youth with:

- supervised **independence**;
- a sense of **belonging** with a positive group;
- a spirit of **generosity** toward others; and
- a wide variety of opportunities to **master** life challenges.

Lots of things make 4-H successful. As a 4-H volunteer, you are the most important ingredient. For that reason, Missouri 4-H is focusing new and enhanced resources on volunteer support and training. Beginning this fall, we will introduce an orientation for all 4-H volunteers—new and experienced—that is intended to help you help kids.

The new orientation sessions, “4-H Foundations: Basics to Success” will be offered those of you who like the camaraderie of learning in groups. There will also be on-line and DVD versions of the orientation for those of you cannot attend in-person training.

Through the orientation, you will be linked with direct access to the information and technology of the University of Missouri. You'll meet and learn from other 4-H volunteers, and discover a world of resources available to you. Once you are a recognized Missouri 4-H volunteer, you are also included in the umbrella of liability protection of the University of Missouri. Most importantly, you'll be helping to provide a safe and positive environment for the children and youth in 4-H.

Sessions begin in Fall 2007. By January 1, 2009, all recognized Missouri 4-H volunteer must do the following:

- Successfully complete the annual volunteer screening process. - Missouri 4-H has required back-

ground screening for 4-H volunteers for more than a decade. This policy helps provide a safe environment for the children and youth who are members and the adults who contribute their time and talents.

Successfully complete the 3 hour 4-H Foundations: Basics to Success orientation. This is a one-time only requirement for all 4-H volunteers. The orientation will provide a common understanding of the 4-H organization, what we stand for, and the science we bring to helping young people grow and thrive. It will answer questions, share resources, and connect you with other caring adults who serve as 4-H volunteers.

Fall dates and locations are just now being determined. I expect the January leaders workshops will also provide a second opportunity to attend. I'll also let you know how to access the on-line/DVD versions later this year.

Together, dedicated faculty, committee volunteers and spirited 4-H'ers will create environments where young people are valued, contributing members of their community. It is great to have you involved in this important work.



Shooting Sports Leader Training

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Shooting sports certification

University of Missouri Extension 4-H will hold a shooting sports certification workshop, Oct. 12-14, at Pinecrest Camp, near Fredericktown, Mo.

Volunteers interested in becoming a leader in the 4-H shooting sports program must

successfully complete a certification workshop. Enrollment is limited for the workshop and individual discipline sessions.

Registration is due by Oct. 1 to the MU 4-H Center for Youth Development. For details and forms, contact the MU Extension office in City or go online (4h.missouri.edu).

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



Clover Kids Corner

Through University of Missouri Extension 4-H 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 leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce 5-to 7-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Kick off the 4-H year with balloons, balls and Frisbees. These games also help children get acquainted while being physically activity.

Balloons, Balls and Frisbees

Supplies: Balloons, balls, Frisbees, bedsheet

Balloons

Balloon Balance — See who

can balance a balloon on the end of his/her finger the longest.

Balloon Wind — Stand in a circle and try to keep a balloon in the air by blowing on the ball.

Balloon Volley — Standing together, children keep a balloon in the air using their hands only. Try introducing several balloons at a time.

Catch the Balloon — Stand in a circle, toss a balloon in the air and call someone's name. That person catches the balloon before it falls to the ground.

Balls

Sheet Bounce — Hold the edges of a bedsheet and bounce the balls in the air from the center of the sheet. See how many times the ball

bounces before it falls to the ground.

Toss a Name Game — Sit a circle. The leader introduces the game by saying his/her first name and tossing the ball to the person on his/her right or left. Continue until the ball reaches the leader. On the second round, the leader calls out someone's name and tosses the ball to that person. After a few minutes of tossing the ball, add a second ball and then later a third one.

Ball Roll— Sit across from one another, partners roll the ball back and forth to one another.

Catch — A good, old-fashioned game of catch.

Frisbees

Throw High/Throw Low— Each child tosses the Frisbee as high and as low as possible.

Throw in a Circle — Stand in a circle and toss Frisbees to one another.

Catch— Play a game of catch.



Food project members should consider Camp Food and Fitness

The fifth annual 4-H Camp Food and Fitness is set for Nov. 3 and 4 at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

At the camp, you will prepare a steak dinner, tour the MU meat lab, make ice cream, learn about My Pyramid and physical activity, swim, play games and receive a pedometer.

Campers should be 12-14 years old and enrolled in 4-H food projects or another MU Extension program. The cost is \$70 per person and includes lodging at the Quality

Inn, meals and take-home materials. Enrollment is limited to 40, and scholarships are available. Contact the MU Extension office in Ozark at 417 581 3558.

Registration is due by Oct. 1 to the MU 4-H Center for Youth Development. Forms are available online (4h.missouri.edu).



**Step up to the challenge –
create digital mayhem!**

University of Missouri Extension 4-H is inviting all youths, ages 8-18, to produce their own digital photography, digital audio, digital video or mixed-media production for the 4-H Digital Mayhem Challenge.

More than a contest, the Mayhem Challenge is about building technology skills and learning about video, audio and graphic production. You select the theme and message to promote a 4-H opportu-

nity or any other great thing about 4-H. Top entries may be used in various promotions. Contest entries should be submitted by the quarterly deadlines. The first deadline is Oct. 30. Later deadlines will be in January, April and October 2007.

Winning entries will receive a \$100 Amazon gift certificate. For details, visit the MU Extension 4-H Web site (4h.missouri.edu).

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M.O.U.S.E.

A Mighty Opportunity for an Utterly Sensational Experience is coming Sept. 22, to Springfield.

[http://
extension.missouri.edu/
christian](http://extension.missouri.edu/christian)



It's especially for new and nearly new families to 4-H. Come join us for an afternoon of special activities at the Dickerson Park Zoo and Incredible Pizza. All families with members 11 and younger are invited. Tours, fun, games, make your own T-shirts and more. Call or check our website for the registration form today. Forms are available at the Extension Office. 581 3558



CONGRATULATIONS TO REGIONAL 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY WINNERS

Over 260 4-H club members, parents, staff and volunteers signed the registration sheets at Southwest Missouri's annual Regional 4-H Achievement Day on July 16 at the Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield.

"At Regional, we get each county's outstanding 4-H members. They are the best and at this event they compete to test the skills they have learned in 4-H."

A welcome to Regional 4-H Achievement Day was extended by Dr. Higdon, president of OTC, and Rick Mammen, University of Missouri Extension Regional Director. Both congratulated the 4-H members on their present achievements and challenged them to build on them for the challenges they would face in the future. Regional 4-H Achievement Day serves as a testing ground for members to improve their skills in five areas of personal presentations and decision making. These include: Public Speaking, Fashion Revue, Project Demonstrations,

Winners from Christian County were:

Demonstrations—

Animal Sciences: Hannah Larino silver ribbon
and

Natural and Plant Sciences: 1st Tucker Virnig

Member Judging— Decision Making

Horse 13 and under:

1st Rikki Adams

2nd Ella Tooth

3rd Cady Ramlow

Also placing was Abby Larino

Horse 14 and over:

2nd Jordan Yoder

CHRISTIAN COUNTY MADE A GREAT SHOWING AT REGIONALS THIS YEAR. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!