

# The Fair Times!

## July 6-12, 2009



Only one short month before your projects need to be complete! Better get busy! Read your Fair Book cover to cover – it has all the information you need for a successful Fair. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the office at 407-3490 for assistance.

### VOLUNTEERS RUN THE FAIR

All the chairmen of the events that take place during the week-long 4-H Fair are volunteers! But these volunteers need your help. Carol Kesler and Sherri Peters will be calling leaders and parents and asking for helper during Fair Week. If you are asked to help – JUST SAY YES!



### REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration forms for events at the 4-H Fair are available on the web at <http://extension.missouri.edu/clay/4h/index.shtml>. We are not mailing forms unless you call and ask for them.

- Events requesting pre-registration are:
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| Public Speaking   | Fashion Revue  |
| Dog Show          | Demonstrations |
| Small Animal Show | Pet Show       |
| Poultry Show      | Rabbit Show    |
| Horse Show        |                |

**Deadline for pre-registration is June 30!** Pre-registration is not required, but it is most important in planning a successful, efficient Fair. If you do not let us know you are coming, we may not have enough judges. Please pre-register before June 30!

### JUDGES MEAL – Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 P.M.

Each club is asked to donate 3 salad-like dishes to compliment the meal that is served to the judges and assistants. Food dishes should be at the Youth Center between 3 and 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Let your club leader know that you would like to provide one dish for your club.

The judges appreciate the meal. This is a simple, easy way to say “thank you.”

### STATIONARY EXHIBITS

Remember – you enter your exhibits on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 p.m. Each club has a time to arrive. Be on time and be ready with all your exhibits ALREADY tagged!

- 4-Corners..... 6 p.m.
- Linden Livewires ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Kearney Klovers ..... 7 p.m.
- Sunny South, Happy Northeasterners & Independent members ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Golden Clovers ..... 8 p.m.

When you arrive, if your stationary exhibits are not already tagged, go directly to the pavilion to fill out exhibit tags for each one of your projects. Once your tags are completed, attached and checked by a volunteer, you will be directed to the exhibit hall for judging. You will take all of your projects in at once to the exhibit hall. ***Parents and siblings will not be allowed in the exhibit hall during judging.***

## EXHIBIT TAGS & ID NUMBERS

Exhibit tags are available from your club leader or the office. Tags will also be available at the Youth Center during the Fair.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H CLUBS  
EXHIBIT TAG

Class Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Project \_\_\_\_\_  
Award: B R W State \_\_\_\_\_  
Alt. \_\_\_\_\_

Tags must be completely filled out, including your **4-H ID number**. If you do not know your number, it is available from your club leader or by calling the office.

They will also be posted on the wall at the Youth Center during the Fair. Each item you exhibit **MUST** be tagged and have your ID number on it.

## MORE PROJECTS = MORE MONEY

SHOWING STATIONARY ITEMS IS EASY AND GETS YOU MORE PREMIUM POINTS. Even members showing animals can also do stationary items. Also, remember you should be showing at least one item for each project you are enrolled in to be in good standing.

## CHECK THE FAIR BOOK

The Fair Book has rules for all stationary items. Also, there are specific rules for different project groups. Know the rules in the projects you are showing. For example: Know how many cookies to place on a plate in cooking. Is the answer three, four, or six? Look in the fair book!

## 4-H FASHION SHOW 2009 Friday, July 10

The theme for this year's Fashion Show is Groovin' Along Rt. 4-H! We will be decorating the stage to a 1950's theme. So if you have any 50's memorabilia such as poodle skirts, records or any other items we would love to have them for our decorations. Volunteers are needed to help decorate and set up the stage too. Contact Meredith Brunkow at (816) 628-3081 to make any donations or to volunteer. All items will be returned after the Fashion Show.

## 4-H BASKET SILENT AUCTION

We are having the Silent Auction baskets again during the Fair with each 4-H club providing a basket of goodies to auction. Each basket has a value of \$50.

We need baskets from each club and/or individuals if they would like to donate. Please e-mail the theme of your basket to Nancy Mense at [mensen@missouri.edu](mailto:mensen@missouri.edu) or call the office at 407-3490.



ALL baskets will need to be at the Youth Center by 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. Bidding will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and will close at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 10. Each basket will



have a bidding sheet. Minimum bid starts at \$25. To place your bid all you have to do is write down your name, phone number and how much you are bidding. Bidding will be done in \$1 increments. I am sure there will be bidding wars! Winners can pick up and pay for their baskets at the end of the night. The money raised will go to the 4-H Council. Come bid and support this great cause!

## CLUB DISPLAYS

Bring your club display on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. Refer to the Fair Book, page 19, for details. Be creative, unique and show why kids should join your 4-H Club!

## 4-H SPOTLESS IMAGE

Help Clay County 4-H look good at the Fair. Think how you can reduce waste and reuse materials at the Fair. Let's make a good impression on our friends, guests, families and the media. Keep the Youth Center grounds tidy. If you see trash, pick it up – even if you didn't drop it! Because doing the right thing is the right thing to do.

## 4-H AMBASSADORS

The 4-H Council voted to have 4-H Ambassadors. Here are the requirements. If you are interested, please apply by June 30.

1. Be a 4-H member of a Clay County Club.
2. Have at least two projects entered in the fair.
3. 8-11 year old; 12-14 year old or 15-18 year old – as of January 1, 2009 – One 4-H member will be selected in each of the age group.
4. Attended at least five club meetings since the beginning of the 4-H year in August, 2008.
5. Be able to be at the 4-H Fair on Saturday and Sunday after announced at the 4-H Awards meeting on Friday night.
6. Application form will be to create a poster (11” X 14”) about yourself and some of your 4-H work which will be due on June 30, plus the registration for the PSA Public Speaking Contest. Form must include:
  - Name:
  - 4-H Club:
  - Age as of January 1:
  - Signature of the club leader showing you are in good standing.

7. Write a 60 second PSA on why you like 4-H and present it at the Public Speaking Contest on July 14th.
8. The three winning PSA’s will be giving and announced at the Awards program on Friday at the Fair.
9. The Ambassadors must be available in the coming year to serve as an Ambassador at 4-H events - Carolyn’s Pumpkin Patch, the Awards Banquet, the Energizer and the 4-H Fair.
10. Be a positive role model to other 4-Hers in Clay County.

## CLUB WORK SCHEDULE

	Clean up / Set up (Team effort!)	Concession Stand (1 adult & 2 members)	Watch Exhibits (Woods Hall) 1 adult (no youth)
<b>Thursday – July 9</b>	----	<i>Kearney Klovers</i> – 5 - 8 p.m.	<i>Linden Livewires</i> - 5 – 7 p.m. <i>Happy Northeasterners</i> - 7 – 9 p.m.
<b>Friday – July 10</b>	----	<i>Sunny South</i> - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<i>4-Corners</i> – 1 – 3 p.m.
		<i>4-Corners</i> – 6:30 – 11:00 p.m.	<i>Sunny South</i> – 5– 7 p.m.
<b>Saturday – July 11</b>	<i>Kearney Klovers</i> –Clean up Woods Hall – 4:00 p.m.	<i>Linden Livewires</i> - 7:30-11:30 a.m.	<i>Golden Clovers</i> – 8 a.m. – Noon
		<i>Golden Clovers</i> – 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<i>Kearney Klovers</i> – Noon - 4 p.m.
<b>Sunday – July 12</b>	----	<i>Happy Northeasterners</i> - 9 a.m. – Noon	----
		<i>Independent Members</i> - Noon – 4 p.m.	

## Club Checklist for the Fair

1. Encourage all members to finish stationary exhibits
2. Organize club display
3. Remember 3 dishes for judges
4. Turn in basket for silent auction
5. Encourage members to preregister for events as needed
6. Find workers for concession stand duty
7. Organize session for mini-energizer
8. Fill time slots for watching the exhibit hall
9. Encourage everyone to participate in the Fair
10. Have fun at the Fair

## FAMILY FUN DAY

Have you ever been to the Regional 4-H Energizer? The Energizer is an opportunity for 4-H families to get together and share project and club ideas and just have fun getting to know each other better!

This year we are having our own Clay County Mini-Energizer at the Fair. This will be the program for Family Fun Day, Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 2:30 pm.

Our Energizer will kick off with a group activity for all ages where we will be developing and making roller coasters.

Following that, we will have 2 rounds of 20 minute mini-sessions. The first round will be 1:45 to 2:05 and the second round will be 2:10 to 2:30. We hope to have 5-6 different classes for you to pick from each round.

We need every club to be responsible for and present one 20 minute class. You will only have to do it one round. Independent members also need to be involved in presenting a session to fulfill their independent member requirements. Several independent members could plan a session together!

What should these sessions be about? Anything that could be useful at a club meeting or teaches others a new skill! Be creative.

- Teach fun games that could be used at club meetings.
- Do a project skill-a-thon. Check out the Missouri 4-H website that already has these developed for many project areas. <http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/>
- Line dance.
- Teach basic first aid.
- Find an expert to come share a skill – a master gardener, a balloon artist, a professional photography, an interior designer, a nutritionist, etc.
- Bring a rabbit and tell about its care and feeding.
- Share ideas on recruiting new members and publicizing 4-H.
- Teach a simple craft.

The range of topics is endless. You can run your ideas by Nancy Mense or event chairperson Sherri Peters ([smpeters@wildblue.net](mailto:smpeters@wildblue.net) or 635-3727). We need to know what you have planned by June 25<sup>th</sup> so that we can assign spaces and time slots.

# CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR DAYS

## Schedule of Events

Earnest Shepherd Youth Center  
610 E. Shepherd Rd., Liberty, MO

### MONDAY, JULY 6

Dog Show ..... 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 7

Public Speaking Contest (open to all 4-H members) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Followed by Power Point Presentations

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Check-in with Stationary Exhibits (see schedule in the Fair Book)..... 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
4-H Club Information Table Exhibit  
Bidding begins on Silent Auction baskets..... 6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 9

Fashion Revue (open to clothing, crochet, knitting projects)..... 9:30 a.m.  
Ice Cream Social (open to all families) ..... 5 - 7 p.m.  
Exhibits Open to the Public ..... 5 - 9 p.m.  
Small Animal & Pet Shows ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Working Demonstrations (open to all 4-H members) ..... 7 - 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JULY 10

Demonstrations (open to all 4-H members) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Exhibits Open to the Public ..... 1 - 9 p.m.  
Fashion Show & Awards ..... 7 p.m.  
4-H Ambassadors announced during Awards presentations  
Family Entertainment ..... 8:30 p.m.  
Silent Auction bidding ends ..... 9:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

Exhibits open ..... 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Poultry Show ..... 8 a.m.  
Rabbit Show ..... 10 a.m.  
Club Fun (open to everyone) ..... 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
4-H Information Booth ..... 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
Exhibits Released ..... 3 - 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JULY 12

Horse Show ..... 10:00 a.m.

Pre-registration and check-in ½ hour before scheduled time for all events.