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**DEAR 4-H FAMILIES . . .**

We are at the beginning of another 4-H year. What a year we just finished! My pledge to you is to keep everyone informed about 4-H happenings. But you have to do your part! Please read the monthly newsletter. This should keep you up-to-date and informed. If you have questions, you can always call 407-3490 or email me at [mensen@missouri.edu](mailto:mensen@missouri.edu).

As an incentive to read the newsletter each month, a hidden 4-H Garfield with a clover will be placed somewhere in the newsletter. Send an email or call and let me know where it is. Names will be taken until the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. A drawing of all the names will be held and the winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate from the 4-H Source Book. Join the fun! Read, learn and take part in the excitement of 4-H.

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**4-H COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**Business conducted at the August 4-H Council meeting.**

Voted to keep selling 4-H ads or give a donation of \$60 plus \$10 membership. If a 4-H member wants to attend trips they will have to pay more. Here is the breakdown:

Fair ads sold	Dues	Trip
\$60	\$10	None
\$100	\$10	4-H Camp
\$100	\$10	Citizenship/Jeff City
\$120	\$10	Teen Conference
\$140	\$10	State 4-H Congress
\$200	\$10	KC Global Conference
\$240	\$10	Citizenship & State Congress
\$340	\$10	Washington DC Trip
\$470	\$10	Wash DC & State Congress

4-H Council delegates also voted to pay 47cents a point for premiums for 4-H Fair exhibits. Plan to participate in the Open House – September 24<sup>th</sup> at Earnest Shepherd Youth Center National 4-H Week is October 4-10. We need volunteers to serve on the 4-H Fair committee for next year’s fair. Volunteer NOW.

**4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

September 21, Extension Office, 7 p.m.

Agenda items:

1. Election of Officers
2. National 4-H Week
3. Open House
4. Enrollment

**CLUB LEADERS MEETING**

September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. plan to attend a leaders meeting. We will discuss enrollments for members, leaders and requirements for your club, and answer questions. Every club leader and assistant leader should plan to attend! **Make this a priority to attend!** A packet of material will be given out for your club’s enrollment.

**CLOVER TOSSES TO**



- All 4-H members who completed this past year!
- All the 4-H members who completed MRF’s - Marchelle Debus, Paige Carter, Cheyenne Sibell, Danny Sibell, Bryan Sibell, Whitney Kinder, Brock Longley, Mark Wiese, Isaiah Wiese, Griffy Kesler, Kristina Jordan, Jacob Peters, Karlie Peters, and Travis Zimmer.

## READY FOR SOME 4-H!

September starts a new 4-H year. Member re-enrollment forms will be printed in the office and sent to each 4-H club leader. 4-H leaders and members will fill out their forms at the October club meetings. **It is very important that you make sure you attend the September and October meetings to get off to a good start.** (Independent members and leader will receive your forms directly to your home.)

1. Look over the Clover (club leaders will pass these out at the September meeting). Parents and members decide which projects you are going to take and/or lead.
2. As a parent, to lead a project you **MUST** complete the one-time online certification course. If you have already completed it, you do not need to do it again. If you have not completed the course, go to <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>. Select Login and the user name is `_kids` and the password is volunteer. Select "Yes" any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items. Select the link located on the left side of the screen "Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation." A welcome screen appears and will guide you through the course. If you do not have access to the internet you can check out a CD from the Extension Office to take the Volunteer Orientation. A written test is required if you choose this option. **You must complete this course to be a project leader, be covered by liability insurance, and to work with 4-H members.**
3. Fill out the 4-H Volunteer Application Form (LG636). You **MUST** complete this form each year to be covered by liability insurance. This form will generate a mandatory background check.
4. 4-H members, find out what projects leaders are leading in your club. Complete the enrollment form that your club leader gives you (at the October club meeting). Returning members have a re-enrollment form printed out by the office; new members have a Member Enrollment Form (Y630).
5. Look your re-enrollment form over to make sure all the information is still accurate. Correct any incorrect information.
6. Return your enrollment form and financial agreement to your CLUB LEADER (**not** the extension office).

7. **Club leaders will turn in all member and leader enrollment forms and financial agreement forms by November 30.**

8. Parents and/or project leaders – order 4-H literature from the Clover. There is an order form in each book.

9. **Start your projects as soon as you can!**

## COUNTY-WIDE PROJECT LEADERS

We are looking for leaders who are willing to share their skills and talents, not only with their own club members, but with all 4-H members in the county in a specific area. Could that be you? Call 407-3490 or email [clayco@missouri.edu](mailto:clayco@missouri.edu) to let us know. Your name will be listed in the new 2009-2010 4-H Family Handbook and well as in the newsletter for several months. It will be your responsibility to set up county-wide meetings.

### 4-H OPEN HOUSE

September 24 at 6 p.m. you will find 4-H members, leaders and parents at Earnest Shepherd Youth Center. Here is the plan – we are having a 4-H Open House to invite new 4-H members to join 4-H. You can help by –

- Showing past 4-H projects at your club booth
- Presenting a working demonstration
- Inviting a friend
- Pass out flyers (included in this newsletter)
- Have a smiling face!

Questions? Call the office to see how you can help!

## 4-H RECOGNITION BANQUET

All 4-H families are invited to the 4-H Recognition Banquet on **October 24, 6 p.m.** Save the date! 4-H members and leaders will receive their completion pins for the year and other 4-H awards will be presented.

**Watch your mail for your special invitation.**



## 2009-2010 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers will take place at the September 21<sup>st</sup> 4-H Council meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, contact Nancy.

### Qualifications of Clay County 4-H Council Officers

1. 4-H member must be at least 14.
2. The member must have been an officer in their club or been a member of a committee in their club or 4-H Council.
3. The member must have completed the previous year in 4-H.
4. The member must plan to attend the majority of the meeting.

### Election Procedure

1. A qualified 4-H member who desires to run for an office must notify the Extension Office by the Friday prior to the election.
2. If no qualified 4-H member has notified the Extension Office expressing desire to run for a particular office, then volunteer nominations from the floor will be accepted the night of the election for the office.
3. Nominations or volunteers will not be accepted the night of the election for a particular office if at least one qualified 4-H member has submitted their name by the Friday prior to the election.
4. Voting will take place by secret ballot.
5. Election of officers will take place at the September meeting.
6. Officers will take office at the October meeting.

## TERESA PORTER MEMORIAL STICK HORSE RODEO

Clay County 4-H will be hosting the Teresa Porter Memorial Stick Horse Rodeo on September 26<sup>th</sup> during the Liberty Fall Festival. 4-H members and leaders are needed to help with this event. Please show up at 4:30 the event starts at 5:30 pm. *Call 407-3490 or e-mail [mensen@missouri.edu](mailto:mensen@missouri.edu).*

## COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS

AWARDS NIGHT – September 10, 6:30 p.m.

To all of the Shooting Sports members and parents there will be an award presentation of ribbons received for the shooting event! Bring a covered dish to share with other families to the pot luck dinner on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Earnest Shepherd Youth Center. See you there.



## FALL STATE SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION

Date: October 9-11, 2009  
Location: Camp Galilee  
El Dorado Springs

To be a Shooting Sports Project leader you **must** attend this training. We have 2 certificated leaders now and one more person taking the training. Thank you to **Craig Johnson, Rick Kesler and Larry Gouldsmith**. We will only accept a limited numbers of 4-H members to participate in Shooting Sports. We are looking for more leaders to be certificated.

Check out the web at

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm> - call the office to have the information sent to you.

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK 2009

This year's National 4-H Week will be from Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10. This year's National 4-H Week promotional kit will have a theme of "Celebrate 4-H." How can you promote events going on in your community? What do you need to get it all done in time? Where can you hold an event? The National 4-H Week 2010 Kit contains a wide variety of materials for you to successfully promote National 4-H Week events and activities in your community. Go to <http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/> to see materials on the web.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1 – New 4-H Year begins  
September 10 – Shooting Sports Award night  
September 12 – State Fashion Revue  
September 19 – Missouri 4-H State Shoot  
September 21 – 4-H Leaders meeting – 6 p.m.  
September 21 – 4-H Council meeting – 7 p.m.  
September 24 – 4-H Open House @ ESYC  
September 26 – State Public Speaking Contest  
September 26 – Stick Horse Rodeo  
October 3 – Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch 4-H Fun Day  
October 4-10 – National 4-H Week  
October 19 – 6 p.m. Teens Taking Action  
October 19 – 7 p.m. 4-H Council meeting  
October 24 – 4-H Recognition Banquet  
November 14 – Club Officer Training  
November 16 -6 p.m. Teens Taking Action  
November 16 – 7 p.m. 4-H Council meeting  
November 30 – 4-H Enrollments due

## HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY



- 1 – Lydia Harris – 4-Corners
- 1 – Sarah Schroeder – Kearney Klovers
- 2 – Alex Abend – Golden Clovers
- 5 – Marchelle Debus – 4-Corners
- 6 – Jennifer Keefe – Kearney Klovers
- 12 – Courtney Snider – 4-Corners
- 18 – Denise Debus – 4-Corners
- 22 – Kathleen Lewis – 4-Corners
- 23 – Charles Gamble – Sunny South

## CLUB NEWS

The **Happy Northeasterners** met August 10 at the Rogers home. Paige led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and David led the 4-H Pledge. We talked about wind and uses of it, then each member made two pinwheels. The meeting was adjourned after juice, fruit chews and ice cream sandwiches. Our next meeting is September 14, 2009 at the Rogers house.

The **4 Corners Club** met on August 18th at Earnest Shepherd Youth Center. We recognized state fair exhibitors; kids gave reports on 4-H camp, and our Smithville Lake field trip to War of the Lilies reenactment. Carol signed MRF's and encouraged everyone to fill theirs out. The state shooting sports competition is coming up on Sept. 19th for those participating. The county office is in need of volunteers for the Stick Horse rodeo on Sept. 26 and we asked everyone to put Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch on their calendars for Oct 3rd. National 4-H week was discussed but no final decision has been made as to what we are going to do yet. The new 4-H year begins Sept. 1st and we encouraged members to bring a guest to the next meeting. We will be holding club election at the Sept meeting, and looking at what projects will be offered. At the end of the meeting we had an ice cream social with bananas, lots of ice cream, and strawberry, caramel, and chocolate toppings. YUM.

Reported by Griffy Kesler.

## YOUNG EAGLES

When: October 10, 8 a.m. to 12 noon  
Where: South KC Aripport, TBA

Kids get to fly up front with the pilot and see what it takes to fly. They will go over ascend/descend, flight path, and other flying concepts. At the end of the day kids can receive a coupon to take an online flight course (ground course) for free if they are interested. Young Eagles encourages kids to learn about flight and trains kids to fly.  
Call Carol Kesler, 628-5369.

## 4-H FUNFEST AT CAROLYN'S PUMPKIN PATCH

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual 4-H Funfest will be held at Carolyn's Country Cousin's Pumpkin Patch, just south of Liberty. The Raasch family is members of the Golden Clovers 4-H club.

The 4-H Funfest will be held October 3<sup>th</sup> to help celebrate National 4-H Week! *The event will happen rain or shine, hot or cold.*

Carolyn says on a good weekend she expects 5,000 to 10,000 people a day to visit the pumpkin patch.

With so many people coming to Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch, we need for your whole club to help volunteer to work. 4-H families get into the Pumpkin Patch free this day. Just let the front gate know that you are working at the 4-H tent!



## Saturday – October 3<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 – 11:30 – 4- Corners
- 11:30 – 1:30 – Golden Clovers
- 1:30 – 3:30 – Kearney Klovers
- 3:30 – 5:30 – Sunny South, Happy Northeasterners, Linden Livewires and Independent Members

The 4-H tent will have rag dolls as a make-and-take project for the kids; button making and the walking green clovers. 4-H informational display will be in the in the Red Barn.

# 4-H Offers...



Arts & Crafts



Small Animals



Photography



Foods



Clothing



Computers



Horses



Shooting Sports



Leadership



Woodworking

**...Plus LOTS  
more!**

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Make the 4-H Connection 

## Want to join 4-H?

Clay County 4-H  
invite you to join them

Thursday, September 24th  
Earnest Shepherd Youth Center  
610 E Shepherd Road, Liberty, MO

The fun begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Informational parent meeting  
Held at 6:30 p.m.

Please have your parent or guardian complete this section.  
Return this form to your county Extension Office.

**Yes!** I am interested in joining a 4-H Club. Please send me more information about the clubs in Clay County.

If you would like information about how to start your own club please check the box below. Give us a call at the Extension office if you have any questions.

Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am Interested in starting my own club.

## **CLOVER KIDS CORNER      Alison Copeland**

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.

### **Graham Cracker Creation**

#### **Supplies Needed**

Graham crackers

Creamy peanut butter (cake frosting for those with peanut allergies)

Assorted foods for decorations: marshmallows, pretzel sticks, animal crackers, cereal, candy

Plastic Knives

Disposable Plates

Show and tell your Clover Kids that you have brought some materials that they can use to create a snack. Brainstorm about some of the things they could build with the ingredients - a house, truck, animal, book, etc. Ask what they could use to hold the parts of their creation together. Let them use their imagination to create their snack. Invite them to talk about their creation before they enjoy it. Consider serving ice cold milk as the beverage.

(Source: Ohio 4-H Clover Bud Connection <http://cloverbudconnections.osu.edu/summer2009.htm#story5>)

## **THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO 4-H DAY AT ARROWHEAD!**

We have made arrangements with the Chiefs to offer a limited number of group tickets to all 4-H members for the New York Giants game on October 4 for **\$39** in Red View and **\$54** in the Red Reserve sections of the stadium. This is a savings of over \$23 in comparison to Ticketmaster! There are a limited number of seats available at this price, so order your tickets today!

### **To Redeem This Offer**

Go to [www.kcchiefs.com/mygroup](http://www.kcchiefs.com/mygroup) and scroll down to 4-H Weekend then click on GIANTS. Simply fill out the online order form and your tickets will be mailed out within a couple of weeks. To plan a group outing or organize a tailgate party for this special day, please contact BJ Supple at 816-920-4817 or [bsupple@chiefs.nfl.com](mailto:bsupple@chiefs.nfl.com) and mention the 4-H Day discount.

Attached is [4-H Chief Weekend](#) flyer and [4-H Weekend order form](#)

For more information contact:

B.J. Supple, Group Sales Account Executive at 816-920-4817 at [BSupple@chiefs.nfl.com](mailto:BSupple@chiefs.nfl.com)

GO CHIEFS!!!