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## ON LINE ENROLLMENT OPENED OCTOBER 1 Let's Get Everyone Enrolled by Thanksgiving

Families can log in to their family 4-H Online account and re-enroll beginning October 1. For those already in the 4-H Online system, you will just need to check the information and make sure it is accurate for the new 4-H year.

Returning 4-H Families: please use the same e-mail and password that you used to set up your family profile last year. PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ONE. Guidelines to re-enroll are found at the [Join 4-H web page](#) (scroll down to "Re-enroll").

New Families: go to the [Join 4-H web page](#) and scroll down to "Enroll" to get enrollment instructions and a link to the Missouri 4-H Online site. Using a valid e-mail address, create a family profile, then enroll your children in 4-H.

**Important: Be sure the credit/debit card in your 4-H Online account is still active!** If your card has been replaced since the last time you enrolled, you will need to enter the new card!

## ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE [BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT FORM](#)

Missouri 4-H is switching to the Family Care Registry to complete background screening in 2018-19. As a result, all 4-H volunteers will need to complete and sign a background consent form this year. We only need volunteers to complete the highlighted parts of the form, or those with black arrows (>) pointing at them. **Note that we do not need a copy of your social security card.**

[Instructions for completing the form](#) are on the Missouri 4-H website.

There are three parts to becoming a 4-H Volunteer:

1. Enroll in 4-H Online as a volunteer.
2. Complete the one-time [4-H Volunteer Orientation](#).
3. Complete the background consent form and return it to the Franklin County MU Extension office.

Do not enroll as a volunteer unless you plan to complete all three steps.

### 4-H Council Officer Election

4-H Council officers were elected at the November 6 4-H Council Meeting in Cuba. 2018-19 Council officers are:

Bethany Donnell, President  
Alyson Staples, Vice-President  
Abigail Tavenner, Secretary  
Faith Hana, Treasurer

## DECEMBER FAIR PASS SPECIAL

2019 Crawford County Season Passes will be on sale the week of December 16th to close of business on December 22nd for \$25.00, or [on-line](#) for \$27.00. Locations will be People's Bank, Mace and Shelter Insurance-Dana Richter. This will be the only time they will be \$25.00 or \$27.00.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

#### [Citizenship Washington Focus](#)— Register by December 3

4-H teens age 15 and older (on Dec. 31, 2018) can join 4-H members from across the state for the 2019 Citizenship Washington Focus experience. The group will travel to Washington D.C. for a week long experience of touring the nation's capitol, meeting their elected representatives, interactive citizenship workshops, and stops at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, and New York City. The trip is scheduled from June 22 to June 29, 2019. This is one of the premier 4-H experiences available to 4-H teens. You can find registration information and details for the experience on the [Missouri 4-H web site](#).

Cost for the experience, including transportation and meals, is \$2000.00 which you can pay in four installments of \$500 each. The Crawford County 4-H Council will pay half (\$250) of the last payment. Space could be limited, so register early. The first deposit of \$500 must accompany your registration form and must be mailed by December 3.

#### [Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy](#)—Register through 4-H Online by December 15.

4-H teens and alums age 14-20 (on December 31, 2018) who have an interest in government are encouraged to apply to be a member of the 2019 Missouri Legislative Academy. Only 15 applicants will be selected for this exciting opportunity.

Legislative Academy is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for 4-H teens to be ambassadors for Missouri 4-H at the heart of Missouri state government in Jefferson City. Youth delegates from across the state are selected by 4-H to meet with executive, legislative, and judicial state government leaders. Highlights also include shadowing state legislators, and meeting with commodity groups, state agencies, and major supporters of the 4-H program.

The Academy provides teens with opportunities to share their 4-H experiences and success stories, while gaining leadership and citizenship skills for careers in public service, law, journalism, public relations, lobbying, and related fields.

### [EAST CENTRAL REGION 4-H ENERGIZER](#)

#### December 1 in Owensville

Join us on, Saturday, December 1 for the East Central Region 4-H Energizer at the Owensville Middle School. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. The day will feature workshops and activities for adults, 4-H members age 8-18, and Clover Kids. See the attached registration form and flier for more information. As a special treat, [Andrew McCrea](#), nationally syndicated television and radio host will present workshops for members and adults. The early-bird fee is only \$5 (includes a hot lunch) if you register by November 26. After that the fee is \$10. Registration forms are available on the [Crawford County 4-H web page](#). Registration forms and fees should be returned to the Crawford County MU Extension office in Steelville

### BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES GRANTS

The Missouri Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Business Development division is taking applications for the 2019 Building Our American Communities Grant (BOAC) Program. This program provides grants annually to Missouri 4-H clubs and FFA chapters for projects aimed at developing and advancing Missouri's rural communities. Twelve \$500 4-H grants will be awarded annually.

Eligible projects must benefit an agricultural community and/or promote community development. Projects may also include improvements to existing facilities, grounds or buildings that are used by various groups or organizations in the community.

Applications must be submitted by Dec. 1, 2018. Recipients awarded funding will be notified in early January. All eligible projects must be completed by Aug. 1, 2019.

For more information on BOAC grants, visit <https://agriculture.mo.gov/connect/youth/boac.php>

**FINAL NOTE**  
**New 4-H Specialist for Crawford County**

It has been a great pleasure for me to work with Crawford County 4-H for the past two years. I have been very impressed by the volunteer leaders who are the backbone of a strong 4-H program, and have had the privilege of working with some great kids as well.

That being said, I am very happy to announce that Kendra Swee will become the County Engagement Specialist in 4-H Youth Development on November 15. That is, happy for you. I have heard some very nice things about Kendra, and believe she will help grow the 4-H programs in Crawford, Dent, and Phelps Counties. I know that you will do all you can to make her feel welcome, and to help her quickly adjust to the new role. She will need your help, just as I did, to better understand the 4-H activities and events in the county.

I also want you to know that Kendra will have some county duties that were not part of the job when Karen Branstetter served you as 4-H Youth Specialist. Please be understanding if she is not quite as available as Karen was because of her added responsibilities in the County Engagement Specialist role.

As many of you know, I have decided to end my 36 year 4-H Specialist role, and transfer into a Human Development Specialist role in Franklin County. In that role, I will still be serving Crawford County, and hope I run into you from time to time. I will also still be somewhat available to assist Kendra if she has questions.

Finally, I could not end this without reminding you what a wonderful asset you have in Presha Earney. Her support for me, and for you, was instrumental in any success I had serving as your 4-H contact person. I would encourage all of you to thank her the next time you come to the office, call the office, or email the Crawford County MU Extension office.