**Deadlines/Upcoming Events**

**July 1**- Entries for MO State Fair

**July 15** – Nominations for SEMO Fair due to Extension Office (goat, sheep, pigs), MO State Fair Demonstrations, Filmfest

**August 1**- State Shoot Deadline

**August 5**- SEMO Fair Livestock Entries

**August 15**- Fashion Revue

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: HORTICULTURE**

**Flowers:** Greenhouses, flower arrangements, and flower beds, flowers can bring a smile to many faces. Enjoy activities working with flowers both inside and outside. Learn techniques in flower arranging, pest management, and plant science. **Gardening (fruits and vegetables):** Get outside and dig in the soil!

You can grow your own fruit and vegetable garden with this project. Create rows of vegetables and fruit that you enjoy and are good for you and your family! Learn basic gardening techniques, how to plan a garden, learn about horticulture careers, and how to clean and cook your own food!

**Did you know?**

Did you know that you are learning in your 4-H clubs and projects? You learn science and life skills in almost everything 4-H! Next time you are doing your project or sitting in a meeting, think...What is it? Are you
learning?

**SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE (SMQA)**
If you are exhibiting livestock at the SEMO District Fair, you must be SMQA certified. Please complete it online at: http://agebb.missouri.edu/smq. You will not be allowed to show if this is not completed.

**SEMO FAIR**
SEMO fair will be here before you know it! Here is some pertinent information you should know: Livestock entries are due August 5th. Nomination forms for sheep, goats, and swine are due to the Cape County Extension Office on July 15. The forms are all posted at: http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau/4H.aspx

*4-H Livestock Shows for beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be September 10.*
*4-H Poultry, rabbits, guinea Pigs show is September 6.*
*4-H Dairy and Dairy Bucket calves show is September 7.*
*4-H Horses, mules, ponies, and draft horses show is September 12.*
*The 4-H Exhibit Hall will be accepting entries September 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and September 6 from 8 am to 12 pm.* For more information please contact your local office.

**4-H AND HUGHESNET WANT TO INSPIRE A FUTURE SCIENTIST**
To continue growing future scientists, 4-H and HughesNet are excited to announce the Inspire A Future Scientist Video Contest. We are challenging youth to explore the wonders of science in 15 seconds. Simply share a 15 second science video using the hashtag #4HFutureScientist or email us at: 4hmarketing@4-h.org, and tell us why you love science. Participants could have the chance to win $1,000 and a trip to the 2014 4-H National Youth Science Day in Washington, D.C! Learn more and register now.

**STATE 4-H FASHION REVUE**
The date is September 13 on the MU campus in Columbia.

The state registration due date is August 15. Cost is $25 per person and Registration and health forms are available at: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fashionrevue/.

**STATE SHOOT INFO**
Online registration will close at 4 pm on Friday, July 25. Paper registration for September 20-21 events of the State Shoot are now available on the 4-H SS website. Paper registration for September 20-21 State Shoot is due to the State Office August 1.

**STATE FAIR– CALL FOR ENTRIES IN CONTESTS!**
Entries in the Largest Homegrown Tomato Contest will be accepted in one age division, youth 3-12 years old. Entries in the Fun on the Farm Poster Contest will be accepted in two age divisions, youth 5-8 years old and youth 9-12 years old. Winners in both contests will receive the following prizes:
1st place will receive 22 gate
admission tickets and 2 unlimited carnival ride wristbands; 2nd place will receive 16 gate admission tickets; 3rd place will receive 12 gate admission tickets; and 4th place will receive 8 gate admission tickets; each winner will also receive a coupon for a free funnel cake or corn dog. Every contestant will receive a participation ribbon for their efforts and a coupon for a free snack from the AgriMissouri Market, located inside the Ag Building. Complete details for the contests are available at: www.mostatefair.com/special-contests.

SHOW-ME 4-H WARES AT THE MO STATE FAIR

The Show Me 4-H Wares booth is accepting applications May 1–July 1 for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the MO State Fair on August 7, 8, 9, or 10. 4-H’ers who are not in the project can also apply to sell wares at the fair.

Those who apply by July 15 will likely receive their preferred time slots. Last day we can receive applications is July 30. For more information, please contact:

hennesss@missouri.edu

ATTENTION: 4-H MEMBERS WHO GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL IN 2014

The 4-H Alumni Study is a research study that is being conducted at the University of MO about your participation in 4-H Youth Development Programs.

If you graduated high school in 2014, participated in Missouri 4-H at any time during grades 9-12, and you are currently at least 18 years old, you are eligible to join this study.

The study will involve taking a total of 5 online surveys (one each year for 5 years) about your experiences in 4-H and other activities during your high school years. Each year’s survey will take roughly 30 minutes of your time to complete.

If you choose to complete the 2014 survey, you will be entered into a drawing for one of four $50 cash prizes (in the form of a check). To participate in the study, please visit the link below or scan the QR code by Tuesday, July 15.

http://surveys.missouri.edu/Missouri4H

If you have additional questions about the study, please contact Kimberly Keller at 573-882-7396 or KelerKJ@missouri.edu

"Believe you can and you’re halfway there."

Theodore Roosevelt

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Dandelion Fun

Dandelion Search-What you need:

- Magnifying glasses
- Whole pulled dandelions (with the roots)

- What you do: Access prior knowledge by asking the children what the flower is. Ask them what they know about dandelions? Where do they grow? How do they get there? What do we use dandelions for? Next, let them explore the dandelions by taking them apart – ask questions about what they are doing and encourage them to use all their senses – what does it smell like? What does it feel like? What does it sound like when you rub them together? Etc. If you can, include a dandelion that is seeding – and let them blow them and plant the seeds. Talk about how the seeds get around.

Dandelion Painting-What you need:

- Dandelions
- Paint
- Paper

- What you do: Paint a picture using the dandelion as the paint brush. You can talk about how the different parts of the dandelions make different patterns, textures, etc in the art work.

Dandelion Seed Pictures-What you need:

- Paper
- Markers
- Glue
- “Seeded” dandelions

- What you do: Draw an “outdoors” picture on paper. As they draw, you can tell a story taking a walk in a field and coming upon a HUGE patch of dandelions. All of the sudden a big wind came up and blew the dandelion seeds around. Fill in a few of the areas of the paper with glue and blow the dandelion onto the paper. It takes a lot of dandelions to fill a whole sheet so consider using half sheets.