STATE FAIR

To be eligible to exhibit a steer in the state fair you must own the animal by March 1. Please contact your local extension office so nose prints can be taken. Nose prints are due March 15.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: CITIZENSHIP

Discover public issues important to you and others and make things happen. Plan a project. Create, change, or improve something that is valuable to many people. Learn to be an active citizen in a democracy through exploring possibilities and taking action! The Citizenship project can be taken alongside other 4-H projects when you apply skills you are learning, such as conservation, filmmaking or geospatial to making a better community!

SEMO 4-H CAMP

This year’s camp is coming soon! Camp is June 23-25 and theme is “Shoot for the Stars!” Camp is for ages 8-13, and ages 14-18 can apply to become counselors. For more info contact your local extension office.

SEMO FAIR

Steer weigh in has been scheduled March 15, 2014 at Fruitland Livestock Auction from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm for SEMO Fair. All youth need to bring $2.00 cash for tag fees per steer.

Deadlines

March 1: Horse Judging State Contest, Equine Trip, Tennessee Walking Horse Award
March 15: Shooting Sports Certification Workshop Forms
March 31: MOVE Log Forms due to local Extension office
April 4: State 4-H Congress Applications
May 23: Deadline for SEMO Camp Counselor Applications (Ages 14-18)
June 6: Deadline for SEMO Camp Applications (Ages 8-13)
SHOOTING SPORTS DATES

March 28-30   SS Certification Workshop: Clarence, MO
April 11-13   Hunting Skills Leader Certification: Roach, MO (Lake of the Ozarks)
April 12-13   Advanced Shotgun Clinic: Columbia, MO
August 23    4-H State Trap Shoot: MTA, Linn Creek, MO
August 23-24  State Archery – Basic NFAA 300: Columbia MO
Sept. 6-7     Western Heritage & Cowboy Shooting: Marshfield
Sept. 20     4-H State Shoot: Columbia, MO
Sept. 21     4-H State Shoot (archery 3D, Sporting Clays, Muzzle loading) - Columbia, MO

STATE 4-H CONGRESS
MAY 28–30, 2014

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-Her’s ages 14-19. 4-H’ers will learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops & learning opportunities! Experience campus living in residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, you name it! Applications are due April 4 to your local office. For more info visit: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO 4-H & FFA YOUTH

The Shaping Rural Missouri grant program offers MO 4-H and FFA $500 grants to implement projects that will benefit their rural communities & youth development.

Funds will be awarded to assist club or chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make their local communities better places to live. Applications are due April 15, 2014. For more info contact Sarah Gehring at 573-636-7809 ext. 1173.

REACHING OUT:

A young Clover Kid member in Virginia has a rare form of cancer and is undergoing lots of treatment. Her youth specialist wants to see how many “pick-me ups” she can mobilize for Savannah from cards to letters, etc. She has a Facebook page: Support for Savannah. The address is: P.O. Box 30 Orange, VA 22960. Email the specialist Kaci: Kaci@vt.edu.

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H participation & involvement leads young people to explore various careers and educational options. In 2014 thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 54 college scholarships ($500 - $2,500/scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible. The scholarship guidelines and application are available on the MO 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/. Applications are due March 24, 2014.
**FILMFEST 2014**

This event connects young filmmaking enthusiasts with film industry professionals and with other youth who share those same interests. Festivalgoers are free to make the arrangements for travel, lodging, and meals that best fit their needs. Your $129 All Access Pass is your ticket to the event and includes film screenings, field trips, festivities, meetings, exciting workshops with film industry professionals, and other opportunities. Now is the time to get started! The film submission form has been posted online, and films will accepted through July 1, 2014. As with last year, there is a 10-minute time limit on films, so that we can screen as many as possible in the most interesting ways. We continue to urge filmmakers to avoid scenes that involve youth pointing guns at each other! This will help us give your films the widest possible exposure through 4-H channels, without creating unnecessary complications. This year’s film categories are:

- Narrative
- Animation
- Documentary
- 4-H Promotional
- Voices of 4-H History

If you have any questions about FilmFest 4-H, please email filmfest4h@missouri.edu.

**4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS**

May 17, 2014 the National League Champion Cardinals will play the Atlanta Braves. Tickets for the game will be $25.00 each and includes a t-shirt and the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Families can take part in a raffle for great prizes, a chance to throw out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, & tickets to Cardinals games provided by the St. Louis Cardinals. Orders must be postmarked by April 7, 2014. Tickets usually sell out before the deadline so families are encouraged to order early. 4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope. Forms are available at: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/cardinals/ or at the Extension office.

"Try to be like the turtle - at ease in your own shell." - Bill Copeland

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Irish Soda Bread

Ingredients
- 4 cups flour (unsifted)
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 4 tablespoons butter

Directions
1. Mix flour, soda, sugar and salt in large mixing bowl.
2. Stir in raisins.
3. Make a well in the mixture and pour in buttermilk. Stir until well blended.
4. Knead dough 8 to 10 times on floured wax paper. Roll dough into a ball.
5. Use 1 1/2 tablespoons of butter to grease cookie sheet.
6. Place dough ball on cookie sheet and pat into thick circle. Use floured knife to make an X on top of loaf (keeps loaf from cracking). Spread remaining butter on tops and sides of bread.
7. Bake loaf in preheated 375 degree oven for about 40 minutes.
8. Check periodically to see if top of loaf is golden brown.