Please turn in club reports by March 31!

**Deadlines**

**Local Events/Projects:**

**March 6-8** – Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Windermere

**March 7**- Livestock Judging and Grading Clinic, Columbia

**March 14**- Steer Weigh In, Fruitland

**March 28-29**- Teen Conference

**April 1** – Scholarship Applications due to the State Office

**May 30** – State Sports Fishing Event

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**PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: RABBITS**

Weather you see rabbits as a soft and cuddly pet or a business opportunity, the rabbit project is flexible for your interest. Beginning level rabbits include activities that include selection, handling, breeds, parts, management, equipment, feeding, health, breeding and kindling. At the intermediate level through hands on activities you will learn how to select, judge, give oral reasons, show rabbits, tattoo, keep records and detect diseases. In the advanced level of the rabbit project you will have the opportunity to learn more about breeding, genetics, culling, determining pregnancy, designing a rabbitry, anatomy, teaching others, and registering a rabbit, and marketing your product. The rabbit pattern is a great model for identifying parts, determining sex, checking for disqualifications, practicing handling, trimming nails, showing, and many other management practices.

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**NAME AND EMBLEM USE**

As a reminder, there are certain rules regarding using the 4-H
clover emblem on T-shirts and displays. A helpful guide is located at:
http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/res/pdfs/user_guide_2014R.pdf and

When in doubt, ask 4-H staff to approve your design before printing.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI
This is a last reminder! If you have not yet enrolled there is still time! This is a project you can do in your own time and you are probably already doing it! 4-H can participate in teams or individually. Youth and adults fill out the MOVE log each month and turn it in to your local Extension office. All participants usually win a prize! Bonus: the office has 10% cards for Dunham’s for anyone who enrolls in the project!

SCHOLARSHIPS
Do not forget to apply! The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers educational scholarships for 4-H youth and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study. Sixty scholarships are available, each ranging from $500 to $2,500. One scholarship application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor. Applications are due to the extension office on March 18.
Applications are at http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/#forms.

STATE FAIR WILL AUGUST 13–23, 2015
Only 187 more days. Here’s the State Fair web page:

4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS
Saturday, May 16, 2015 the National League Central Champion Cardinals will be playing the Detroit Tigers in a 1:15 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be $25.00 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front and a parade will be held before. Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Cardinals order form attached and must be postmarked by April 6, 2015.

SEMO FAIR
4-H / FFA Steer weigh in for the SEMO District Fair is Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Fruitland Livestock Barn. Youth will need to bring $1.00 per animal for tag fees.
SHEEP STARTER FLOCK GRANTS

This year MSP has teamed up with FCS Financial to offer up to three $600 starter flock grants to 4H or FFA youth to purchase ewes.

Applicants must not currently own sheep, be involved with Missouri 4H and/or FFA, work with a current MSP member in a mentorship program and submit a completed application to include a letter of recommendation from their mentor. The successful applicants must purchase their ewes from a current MSP member by September 1, coordinate with their mentor on a breeding program for the ewes to lamb the following spring, maintain possession of the ewes for at least one year, and maintain records of income vs expenses to be presented at the annual MSP membership meeting the fall of 2016. These youth’s presentations are always a highlight of the annual meeting.

Grant eligibility, requirements and applications can be view and downloaded from the MSP webpage at www.missourisheep.com. Questions can be directed to Scott Kaden at rollakadens@embarqmail.com or 573-578-9801. Applications must be postmarked by May 1 and mailed to:

Scott Kaden
15850 CR 7200
Rolla, MO 65401

The Wildlife Habitat Education Program is a hands-on environmental education program. WHEP provides participants an opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge in a friendly competition. The winning senior (14-19 years of age) team from each state earns the right to attend the annual National WHEP Contest, typically held the last full week of July.

4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT EDUCATION

March 14 – WHEP Training Clinic
April 18 – WHEP State Contest

WHEP is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to junior and senior level (ages 8-18) youth in the United States.
Make this healthful, green smoothie for St. Patrick's Day.

**You Will Need**
- 2 (peeled) kiwis
- 1 frozen banana
- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
- Splash of milk
- Dab of honey
- Green food coloring (optional)

**Here's How** Adults and youth work together to put all of the ingredients into a blender and puree until smooth. Serve in a chilled glass.

*Source: National Geographic*

[http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Activities/Recipes/Lucky-smoothie](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Activities/Recipes/Lucky-smoothie)