



The Bootheel 4-H Bulletin

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Dunklin/New Madrid County 4-H & Stoddard County 4-H

4-H Clubs

South Dunklin County 4-H Meeting times vary in Cardwell. Contact Sherry McClelland for times and location.

4-H Youth in Action

Meets on the second and fourth Fridays in New Madrid.

Risco 4-H

Meeting times vary. Contact Christi Pipkin for times and location.

Advance Clovers

Meets 2nd Friday of each month Contact Ronnie Martin (573-382-2979)

Crowley Ridge 4-H

Meeting time and place varies. Contact Angie Parks (573-421-2888)

Puxico Warriors

Meets first Thursday s at 7 pm in the Vo-Ag building at Puxico School

Richland Rebels

Meets periodically. Contact Rose Vandergriff (573)820-7384

Show Me 4-H Club

Meets once a month. Club leader is Jeanie Huey.

Star Banner 4-H

Meets 1st Monday of each month Contact Robinn Daves-Huey (573) 820-6127

Stoddard Co Swine Club

Meets periodically Contact Eddie Sifford (573-222-3729)

Deadlines & Events

February 17- Regional Energizer

February 24- State Horse Judging Contest, St. Louis

March 2-4 -Youth Civic Leaders Summit

March 10- Steer Weigh-In, Fruitland Auction Barn

March 23-25- State Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Clarence

March 24-25- Teen Conference

What is 4-H and how to promote-

- 4-H is a youth organization that promotes learning by doing.
- It began as an agriculture organization, and still is but has grown into so much more.
- Provides youth the opportunity to become career ready adults
- Youth can cater their projects to fit their interests.
- A wide variety of projects are available including, animals, foods, robotics, entomology and so much more.

Clubs can work to gain new members by asking families their interests and what they are looking for in a youth organization. Clubs are welcome to do drives or join school functions to help promote to gain new members!

Awards & Recognition Banquet Rescheduled-

February 9, 2018 at 6 pm at the Faith Lutheran Church 1002 Saddle Spur Rd Dexter, MO 63841

Greetings! Another is complete and it is time to recognize our members, leaders and those that have achieved outstanding accomplishments during the previous club year. Star Banner 4-H is hosting the event this year and each family is asked to bring a snack that is enough to feed several people. Also, do not forget to bring items for the silent auction. Proceeds go to the Green Clover Scholarship.

Last Chance! Teen Conference-

Lights, Camera, Leadership is the theme for this year's Teen Conference. This is the first big trip away from home for many, and it's an awesome choice that you'll be talking about the rest of the year. Why? Because you'll make new friends, learn how to be a better leader and get a heads-up on all the exciting things waiting for you as a 4-H teenager! Teen Conference is for youth ages 11-13 and is March 24-25 in Columbia. Cost is \$179 and registration will be through <http://mo.4honline.com>. **Deadline to register is February 15.** For more information, go to: <http://4h.missouri.edu/teen-conference/main>

Last Chance! 4-H Foundation Scholarships-

In 2018 thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer over 50 college scholarships (\$500 - \$2,500/scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>. **Applications are due to your local Extension Office by February 16, 2018.**

Last Chance! Green Clover and Stoddard County Fair Scholarships- see attached

Missouri Livestock Judging & Grading Contest & Clinic-

We are pleased to announce this year's Missouri Livestock Judging and Grading Contest and Clinic, our 30th year at the University of Missouri. This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday, March 3** and will continue the long-held traditions of Missouri Livestock judging and offer students the ability to develop their judging skills. Co-sponsored and coordinated by the University of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, and the Ag

Education Advisory Team, this is a great opportunity to support and develop Missouri's youth involved in animal agriculture.

The clinic is designed for participants in 8th grade or younger and will focus on hands-on learning, working in small groups to learn more about the basics of livestock evaluation, and understanding the importance of USDA grading of cattle. The contest will provide students the ability to develop and test their skills in a contest-like setting.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit

<https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=7513> or contact Britton Francis at bwfx4@mail.missouri.edu or Dr. Bryon Wiegand at wiegandb@missouri.edu.

State 4-H Congress-

Save the Date: May 30—June 1, 2018
Fee: \$225

- All New Leadership Sessions
 - New Focus on college/career sessions
 - Delegates will select two sessions
 - Congress Dodgeball Tournament! Make a team of 5 or a team can be made for you. Register and pay for your team at check in for Congress. \$5 per person.
 - Registration: You must be at least 14 years of age before January 1, 2018 to attend. **Registration through 4HOnline will open on March 1, 2018 and extend through April 15, 2018.** We cannot accept registrations after April 15. Chaperones start registering February 1.
- Scholarships Available for a limited amount of delegates. \$50 will be awarded to each selected delegate. Please contact your county youth specialist for the application.

College Guide for Low-Income Students:

<https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/low-income-students/>

Are you going to exhibit a steer this year at the SEMO District Fair?

Steer Weigh in is Saturday, **March 10, 2018** from 9:00 am – 10:30 am at Fruitland Livestock Auction Barn. Youth will need to bring \$1 per steer for the tag. Steers to be shown at the SEMO District Fair must be weighed in at this time.

Nose prints for the Missouri State Fair will be taken at steer weigh in. The youth must tell the volunteers at the chute to take a nose print when the steers are tagged.

Each youth will be able to weigh in 4 steers total. Steers can be designated to an individual child or designated under the immediate family name. This is so families with multiple children weighing in multiple steers do not HAVE to pick which child will show/sell which steer in March. If a steer is designated under the family name at weigh in, the steer must be designated in one youth's name at fair entry time in August.

4-H and FFA youth will be able to show TWO steers again this year. You will only sell one steer, same as in the past.

If you have any questions, you can contact Erin Larimore, Livestock Specialist, at the Cape Girardeau County Extension office.

Shooting Sports Leader Certification-

The spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop is taking place **March 23-25, 2018** at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence, Missouri. Registration is open via 4HOnline until March 1. Registration is limited and will close when a discipline class reaches maximum number; or when the camp is full. All registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis when accompanied by a \$85 fee. Workshops usually fill up before the deadline, so do not procrastinate-register ASAP! For more

information about the workshop click on the following link:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/shooting-sports-events/shooting-sports-leader-certification>

JOANN 4-H Opportunity-

Join hundreds of 4-H youth **February 3, 2018**, from 11am-2pm to make and deliver custom Valentine's Day cards to local children's hospitals, senior citizen centers, and others in the community. Visit your local JOANN store to participate.

Don't miss out show your love for 4-H Today.

Monarchs and Pollinators: Saving the Monarch Mini Grant Opportunity-

This project will provide matching mini-grants to 4-H Clubs across the state to plant and maintain monarch habitat gardens on highly visible public properties such as county courthouses, city parks, fairgrounds and highway ROWs. Such demonstrations would be used to publicly promote plantings to help restore monarch habitat and engage city mayors, town councils or county commissions and local media. Interested 4-H Clubs and 4-H project leaders would be issued \$50 vouchers by the state 4-H office that could be redeemed at GrowNative! plant retailers covering up to ½ of the cost of landscape plantings. Some GrowNative! retailers will offer additional discounts to 4-H Clubs. The GrowNative! retailers would submit reimbursement invoices to MCHF. Plantings must meet specifications provided by the Department. Additional information and links to the application can be found here:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/monarchs/main#gsc.tab=0>

The 2018 Missouri State 4-H Horse Judging Contest-

February 24th, 2018 at the National Equestrian Center in Lake Saint Louis. This year we are excited to partner with the Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association. MQHYA will also be hosting a horse judging clinic on Friday afternoon for any youth interested (see attached flier for further information on timing and registration for the clinic).

The 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be part of the contest on Saturday 2/24/18 mentioned on the information attached but will also have other area youth participating. Contest registration will begin at 8am, with the contest beginning at 9am. The contest will consist of four conformation classes and four performance classes. Juniors will give reasons on one conformation class, while seniors will give reasons on one conformation and one performance class. Jamie Gross will serve as the official for the contest and lunch will be provided to participants. Awards will be presented in both the Junior and Senior divisions. **The top senior county team will be selected to represent Missouri in national competition.** Registration is open until February 8th and is done through [4HOnline](#).

COMO Swine Clinic-

Open to all 4-H and FFA members who are interested in learning more about Swine. Guest speakers will cover topics in evaluation, showmanship, soundness, nutrition, management, health, and more topics to be determined. The clinic will take place on **March 10, 2018** at the Trowbridge Livestock Arena in Columbia. There is a small registration fee of \$25 and we ask that members pre-register by March 2, 2018 to animalnutr@gmail.com or via text at (573) 228-8571. If you have questions please contact Janet Snow at animalnutr@gmail.com or Tevin Uthlaut at uthlautt@missouri.edu.

2018 Missouri Pork Expo-

February 6, 2018- Those youth attending also receive Show Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification. We are **strongly encouraging** attendees to pre-register, as it will make registration at the event much smoother and quicker for our staff as well as the students.

All information can be found on our website, <http://www.mopork.com/events/missouri-pork-expo/>. They can click on the Register Now button to register and pay (if necessary) online.

If you have any questions, contact Diane Slater **Director of Communications** at the Missouri Pork Association diane@mopork.com

Shooting Sports: Save the Date-

- March 17: Shotgun Rules Clinic
- March 23-25: Spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop
- April 14-15: Advanced Shotgun Workshop
- April 13-15: Hunting & Outdoor Skills Leader Certification Workshop
- April 27-29: Western Heritage Workshop

17th Annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals-

Missouri and Illinois 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on **Saturday, May 19, 2018** for the 17th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will be playing the Philadelphia Phillies 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. 4-H members, leaders, alumni, and their families who purchase 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an

added bonus the Cardinals give-away item for the game is a replica 1968 National League Championship ring. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive this one-of-a-kind item.

Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Cardinals order form. Ticket order forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension office, or on the web at www.mo4h.missouri.edu. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 9, 2018. Tickets usually sell out before the order 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.

4-H GROWS HERE

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Mini Heart Box



Supplies

- Mini Heart Boxes (cardboard boxes can be purchased at local craft stores)
- Red Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Ribbon/Lace
- Gemstones (can be purchased at local craft stores)
- Tacky glue
- Scissors
- Child's Photo

Instructions

Each child paints a box. As the boxes are drying, help each child cut a heart shaped photo of him/her to glue on the box lid. Decorate the box with ribbon, lace and gemstones.

Children can fill with candy or small treasures to give to someone for Valentines Day.

If you have pictures from your club please submit them to the office by the 15th of each month.

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State Dates

Event	Date of Event	Registration Opens	Registration Closes
4-H Online Training for 4-H Volunteers (see above article)	Jan 30, 2018	Open now	Jan 26
State Council Meeting	Feb 10-11, 2018	NA	NA
Meats Judging Contest	Feb 17, 2018	Open now	Feb 1
Opportunity Scholarship Applications for State Congress due to State Office	Due Feb 20		
Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy	Feb 19-21, 2018	Application period over	
Horse Judging Contest	Feb 24, 2018	Open now	Feb 8
Sportfishing mini-grant proposals due	Due March 1		
Scholarship Applications due to State Office	Due March 1		
Youth Civic Leaders Summit (YCLS)	March 2-4, 2018	Open now	Feb 1
Shotgun Rules Clinic	March 17, 2018	Pre-registration accepted until March 15 or when full	
Spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop	March 23-25, 2018	Open now	March 1 or when full
Teen Conference	March 24-25, 2018	Open now	Feb 15
National 4-H Conference	April 7-12, 2018	Delegate selection over	
Advanced Shotgun Workshop	April 14-15, 2018	Feb 1	March 30
Hunting & Outdoor Skills Leader Certification Workshop	April 13-15, 2018	Feb 1	March 30
Western Heritage Workshop	April 27-29, 2018	Feb 1	April 15
State Council Meeting	April 28-29, 2018	NA	NA
Horsebowl	April 28, 2018	March 1	April 1
Hippology	April 29, 2018	March 1	April 1
State 4-H Congress	May 30-June 1	For chaperones: Feb 1 For delegates: Mar 1	April 15