



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

March 10- Steer Weigh-In, Fruitland Auction Barn

March 15-Steer Nose Prints Due

March 17-BBQ/Sheep Roast

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

March 24-25- Teen Conference

April 4- Livestock Judging Contest, Flickerwood Arena

April 11-22- Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

April 28-29-State Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Columbia

May 17- Deadline for Public Speaking Academy

Host Families Needed-

Would you be willing to host a Japanese student (ages 12-14) from July 22nd or 23rd (depending upon airline schedule) to August 17th? We have 12 youth coming to Missouri that need host families. We prefer that they have an 'everyday' type of experience rather than being entertained or travel. We need to match to Missouri families with same gender and within two years of Japanese delegate.

Check out <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> for starting the application process or contact Joyce Taylor for more details. TaylorJL@missouri.edu

Missouri 4-H Foundation Community Service Grants-

Through generous grants from Crader Distributing and local STIHLdealers.com as well as DuPont Pioneer, the Missouri 4-H Foundation offers grants up to \$1000 to match funding for a 4-H community service project. Projects are youth-driven and provide a great opportunity for youth to serve, work and develop life skills. For more information and to apply visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/community-service.aspx>

Attention Stoddard County 4-H Families-

Dennis and Laurie Reed from the Crowley Ridge 4-H club are once again inviting all Stoddard County 4-H families to their annual BBQ/Sheep Roast on March 17 beginning around 10 am. It will be held at their farm located at 16068 CR 585 Essex, MO. Dress accordingly, which usually means mud boots and maybe extra clothes for the kids. Bring sides and desserts, drinks and lawn chairs. There will be many activities for the kids, including the now famous anatomy lessons. If you have any questions, please contact Angie at angieparks39@gmail.com

Cost Saving Tax Tip from MU Extension-

If you are looking to file your taxes this season and your total income is less than \$66,000 for 2017, then you can access the free tax filing service, MyFreeTaxes.com. United Way partners with industry leader H&R Block to help people easily and accurately file their federal return and up to three state tax returns through MyFreeTaxes.com. Taxpayers can save an average of \$200 in fees by using MyFreeTaxes instead of a paid tax preparer, and they have saved \$180 million dollars in filing fees since 2009. If you have trouble, you can get free customer support from IRS-certified specialists; you can call, email or use the chat box to get assistance from a real person in real time. To get started, just visit MyFreeTaxes.com.

Steer Weigh in-

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Fruitland Livestock Auction
Barn from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. REMEMBER: You must have your steer weighed on March 10 if you plan to show at the SEMO District Fair. Also, please bring \$1.00 per steer for tag costs.

Steer Nose Prints for State Fair-

The ownership deadline for steers to be exhibited at the Missouri State Fair is March 1. Steer nose prints for the State Fair are required and will be taken at steer weigh in on March 10. You must tell the volunteers to take a nose print. These are due to the state fair office March 15.

State 4-H Congress-

May 30—June 1, 2018 Fee: \$225
Registration: You must be at least 14 years of age before January 1, 2018 to attend. We cannot accept registrations after April 15.

Shooting Sports: Save the Date-

- *March 23-25: Spring Shooting Sports Workshop at Camp Jo Ota in Clarence. Registration open.
- *March 17: Shot Gun Rules Clinic at the Boone County Extension Center. Email Jim Sappington for information. No online registration.
- *April 14-15: Advanced Shotgun Workshop at River Hills Sporting Clays in Boonville. Registration Open.
- *April 13-15: Hunter and Outdoor Skills Workshop Camp at Windermere in Roach. Registration Open.
- *April 27-29: Western Heritage Leader Workshop in Marshall. Registration Opens Feb 5.
- *September 21-23: Fall Shooting Sports Workshop at Life Change Camp in Clinton.
- *State Shoots:
 - o August 18: State Skeet Shoot at Gateway Gun Club in St. Louis.
 - o August 25: State Trap Shoot at Missouri Trap Shooters in Linn Creek.
 - o August 25-26: Archery NFAA 300 round at Prairie Grove in Columbia.
 - o September 8-9: Western Heritage State Shoot in Marshall.
 - o September 15-16: State Shoot All Disciplines in various locations.

Reminder-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.

2018 True Leaders in Service / National 4-H Day of Service, April 28-

National 4-H headquarters is pleased to announce the 2nd annual True Leaders in Service / National 4-H Day of Service initiative.

Go to www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service for all the information and resources.

4-H'ers from around the nation will register for and engage in service projects throughout April 2018. The month of service will culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Planning and promotional resources are available on the above website. Reach out if you have questions.

Attached is an infographic highlighting the involvement for the 2017 True Leaders in Service Initiative.

Missouri 4-H Clubs have tons of service project ideas they can choose from!

- Plant a Liberty Tree
- Raise and donate money to a food bank
- Grow a community garden
- Work at an animal shelter
- Honor local veterans with a meal
- Organize a farm tour or ag literacy event
- Clean up a stream, trail, or highway
- Hold a 5K run to promote physical activity
- Host a drug take back program
- Conduct a poll about broadband access

For tips on how to plan an outstanding service project, or to apply for project funding for your club, visit:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/service/main>

April 2018 can be a month of Show Me 4-H Service across the state!

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." - Milton Berle



Shamrock Sun Catcher



Supplies

Supplies Needed:

- Wax Paper
- Shamrock Printable - download it [HERE](#).
- Scissors
- Green Tissue Paper
- Mod Podge
- Paintbrush

Instructions

1. Cut small pieces of the green tissue paper. To make one shamrock, you won't need an exceptional amount of tissue paper - maybe cut up a square foot's worth of paper.
2. Print off the Shamrock Printable and cut it out. Trim around both black edges - inside and out. Cut a square of wax paper that is slightly larger than your shamrock outline.
3. Use a brush to spread Mod Podge all over the wax paper. The kids especially loved this part. Tip: tape down the edges of the wax paper to the table so it does not

slide around while the kids are using a glue-covered brush.

4. Cover the Mod Podge with tissue paper pieces. It may take a few applications of Mod Podge before the whole thing is covered.

5. Once your wax paper is mostly covered, paint a layer of Mod Podge over the top of it all. Next, use Mod Podge or glue to add the shamrock on top of the green tissue paper pieces.

6. Allow the Mod Podge to dry, then trim around the outside black shamrock edge. Hang however you desire - punch a hole and hang with ribbon or just tape it to a window!

Source:

<http://www.directorjewels.com/2016/02/shamrock-sun-catcher-st-patricks-day-craft-tutorial.html>

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
State Council Meeting	Feb 10-11, 2018	NA	NA
Meats Judging Contest	Feb 17, 2018		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 4
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
4-H Day with the Cardinals	May 19		Postmarked by April 19
State 4-H Congress	May 30-June 1	For chaperones: Feb 1 For delegates: Mar 1	April 15
Sportfishing	June 2	April 1	May 15
Public Speaking Academy	June 20-21		May 17

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