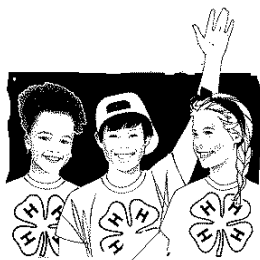


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4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS

Order Tickets by April 7

More Seats this year - but still order early!!

4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 17, 2008 for the seventh annual 4-H Day With the Cardinals. The Cardinals will be playing the Tampa Bay Rays in a 12:10 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be \$21.00 each which includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front. In addition, May 17 is Kid's Plate Day at the ballpark, so all fans 15 and younger will receive a 10" dinner plate featuring Albert Pujols.

Those who purchase 4-H Day With the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Families can also take part in a scholarship raffle for great prizes including the chance to throw out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to Cardinals baseball games provided by the St. Louis Cardinals. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member.

Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day With the Cardinals order form. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 7, 2008. Please note that we have a limited number of tickets, and tickets have sold out before the order deadline the past two years. So you are encouraged to order early. **4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who want to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.**

Complete information about 4-H Day With the Cardinals is on the ticket order form. The order form is available from the Extension Center or at:

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/events/cardinals.htm>

COME...COME...COME...

TO THE 2008 ST. PAT'S CORONATION & FAMILY DANCE

Our annual St. Pat's Coronation and family dance will be Saturday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Union Middle School Auditorium (see enclosed flier with map). We will crown our 2008 King & Queen, recognize the Poster Art Contest winners, county project medal winners, and the members who represented us in 2007 state contests. Then we will take a short break for refreshments and begin our family folk/circle/square dance.

Dave will lead the circle dances. Don't worry if you have never had any experience with this type of dancing, you will have no problem catching on. **To protect the gym floor, we ask that you wear, or bring, tennis shoes if you plan to dance.** Each family should bring 1 dozen cookies for refreshments. The 4-H Council will provide beverages.

HELP PLAN ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

4-H parents, volunteers, and teens are invited to help plan Franklin County Achievement Night and the Educational Tour. Those who want to help plan the events should join Jenny Wallach on Monday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. The 4-H Council will meet following the Achievement Night planning meeting. It would be great if we had a representative from each club at the meeting.

PREPARE FOR ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Franklin County 4-H Achievement Night will be held Friday, May 2 (probably in Washington), beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. I will include a final location and map in the April newsletter. Members should begin planning now to participate in the event. Those receiving blue ribbons at Achievement Night in any event can participate in the Franklin County 4-H Educational Tour this summer.

Members who receive blue ribbons in the Demonstration and Illustrated Talk events are also eligible to participate at the Missouri State Fair.

To help you prepare, a summary of Achievement Night events is included with this newsletter.

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Franklin County Senior 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held at Franklin County Achievement Night, Friday, May 2 (see article above).

The contest is open to any 4-H member age 14 or older as of January 1, 2008. Participants may speak on any topic. Speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length. The top two seniors will represent Franklin County in the state competition in September.

Those who wish to participate in the contest must pre-register on the form we will provide in the April 4-H Newsletter.

4-H COUNCIL TO MEET

The Franklin County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. We will review St. Pat's, hand out Franklin County Youth Fair exhibit tags, and discuss 4-H Council funds.

NOW HIRING 4-H CAMP STAFF

Teens who are at least 16 years of age, college students, and adults who love to work with kids can apply to work at 4-H Camp this summer. Camp Staff will work from June 8-June 25. We have paid positions for Kitchen Helpers, Program Director, Camp Assistant, Lifeguards, and Health Aide. Contact Dave if you are interested in working at 4-H Camp.

REGIONAL HORSE BOWL RESULTS

Four Franklin County 4-H members participated in the Regional Horse Bowl contest on February 9 in Lonedell.

The Junior Team of Emma Knickmeyer, Chris Kahlenbeck, Spencer Crumbaugh and Kristy Cox placed first in the regional contest and will go to state to compete. Emma was top individual, Chris was second, and Spencer placed fifth.

The Rockford Rebels did an outstanding job in hosting the regional event, and many past contestants from Franklin County assisted as moderators, judges, and scorekeepers.

STATE SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST

The 2008 Missouri State 4-H Shooting Sports contest will be held Saturday, September 20, at the Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club located 10 miles east of Columbia. There have been some changes in the contest rules. Information about the state contest, including the 2008 contest rules, is available on the 4-H website at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>

APPLY FOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 60 college scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$2500. Franklin County 4-H juniors and seniors will be receiving information about the scholarships. Some scholarships are also available for kids who are already in college, so please make them aware of the opportunities as well. Those who want more information about the Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships can go to the Missouri 4-H web site at:

<http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>

SHOW-ME QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

4-H members with a beef, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit, dairy, or bucket calf project must have a valid Show-Me Quality Assurance certification to show in fairs this summer. Below are scheduled opportunities to meet the requirement.

March 10: 7-8:30 p.m., Union Memorial Auditorium (Room 3 in basement).

April 16: 7-8:30 p.m. Union Memorial Auditorium (Room 3 in basement).

May 3: Clearview Feed and Seed, Hwy. 47 between Union and St. Clair as part of the Rabbit and Poultry Seminar and Show. Time to be announced.

May 10: 9:00 a.m., Washington Town and Country Fair Grounds. Swine show clinic will follow at 10:30 a.m.

BEEF SHOW CLINIC

A Beef showing clinic will be held Saturday, March 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Washington Town and Country Fair Grounds. This would make an excellent project meeting.

COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Franklin County Cattlemen's Association is offering at least two \$500 scholarships. To be eligible to apply, students must be in their senior year of high school, and have a beef project or be involved in beef promotion activities. Applicants must plan to work toward a four-year degree, two year associates degree, or a one-year intensive technical program in an accredited institution. Applicants' parents must be residents of Franklin County, current members of the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, and must have been a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association for two years prior to the application deadline.

Contact a Franklin County Cattlemen's member, or the University of Missouri Extension Center for an application. Application deadline is April 15.

HOW CAMP DATES ARE SET

Some of you may be curious as to why Franklin County 4-H Camp will be held over Father's Day for the second year in a row. It is never our first choice to be in camp during Father's Day, and it is very rare that we would be in camp for this special day two years in a row.

Franklin County is a part of the Northeast Missouri 4-H Camp Committee. The committee is made up of Extension 4-H Staff from several counties in the East Central and Northeast regions. As a group we work together to plan five camp sessions: a counselor camp, and four camps for younger kids. Franklin County 4-H Camp is one of the four.

We camp at a State Park Group Camp Ground that is used by many other groups as well. That limits the dates available for us to apply. Because we have always had the camp for a 17-18 day period in early June, it is easier for us to get those dates. When the State Park sets the dates we can have, the staff from the four camp groups discuss which dates they prefer. We try to keep the same group from always having the first or last camp, and from always camping over Father's Day.

The committee also prefers to start our camp dates after State 4-H Congress to make it easier on our teens, and also easier to hire quality staff members. Because State 4-H Congress is a week later this year, and because it was our turn to have the first camp, we ended up camping June 13-16, which includes Father's Day. Last year we had the third camp, and as you know, we were in camp for half of Father's Day.

As a father who has been in camp when my daughter was at home, I fully understand the tough decision parents have to make when we camp over Father's Day. I hope this helps you understand that we do not have complete control over our camp dates.

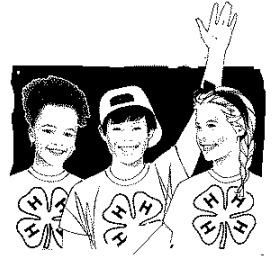
SHARE THE FUN - APRIL 19

So far we have two acts for the 2008 4-H Share the Fun which is scheduled for April 19 at the Beaufort Elementary School. If we do not have at least four acts by March 1, we will cancel the event. Club leaders should contact the Extension Center immediately if your club plans to participate in the 2008 event.

COME TO 4-H CAMP

June 13 - 16, 2008

Camp Derricotte in Cuivre River State Park



Dear 4-H Family,

It is time to sign up for 4-H Camp! Camp will be held June 13-16 at Camp Derricotte in Cuivre River State Park near Troy. All 4-H members 8-14 are encouraged to attend. Campers will participate in fun activities including making crafts, exploring hands-on activities, swimming, playing games and singing fun songs, meeting new friends, learning about our environment, and more. All the while campers will be developing social skills and building confidence in their ability to take care of themselves. Add traditional camp ceremonies to the mixture, and you have the perfect recipe for summer fun!

Campers will stay in cabins with other kids about the same age. This allows campers to stay in a cabin with their friends. Daytime activity groups (color groups to experienced campers) will be divided by age as well. That will allow kids to stay with their friends all day, and still meet other kids in the county that share their interests. All of the campers will be together for evening activities, meals, and special programs.

Our camp will have only Franklin County 4-Hers. Because we will have extra room we will allow non-4-H members to attend camp. That means your child can invite their best friend or friends who are not in 4-H to come to camp with them (even if they do not live in Franklin County).

The Franklin County 4-H Council provides busses to take our members to camp. The busses will leave from, and return to, the Union Middle School parking lot. Departure and return times will be detailed, along with a list of items campers should bring with them, in a follow-up letter closer to camp time. (The bus usually leaves at 12:30 p.m. and returns at noon.) Camp Derricotte facilities include a full size swimming pool and comfortable cabins with showers and restrooms in the cabin. Campers are supervised by our county 4-H Staff (Jenny Wallach and me), Franklin County 4-H teens, and our camp staff, including a health aide, and two certified lifeguards. The camp fee is \$55 if registration is received or postmarked by May 1, or \$75 if the registration is received or postmarked between May 2 and May 15. After May 15 we can only take a registration if another camper cancels. **Please note you can now drop your camp forms in the locked mail box in the front of the Extension Office at any time.**

Enclosed with this letter is a 4-H Camp Health Statement and Parents Consent form. If your young person wishes to attend camp, simply complete the form and return it, along with a check for \$55.00 (made out to "Franklin County Extension Council". I encourage 4-H members to register early. Forms are due by May 1 for the \$55 rate, and May 15 for the \$75 rate. Send your forms today. After the May 15 deadline, we can put you on a waiting list in case an opening occurs. Please register only one child per form. The enclosed forms may be copied. Additional forms are also available from the University of Missouri Extension Center or from the Franklin County web site: <http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>

Please note that special financial arrangements can be made for families sending more than one child, or those who have other financial hardships. Please call me and we will do what we can to assure your child has the opportunity to experience 4-H Camp. Scholarships may also be available for your child's friend who is not a 4-H member. Please do not let the cost determine whether your child comes to camp.

Do not hesitate to call if you have questions about 4-H Camp.

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Achievement Night activities offer 4-H members an opportunity to show what they have learned in their 4-H projects. By participating in Achievement Night, 4-H members can qualify to present demonstrations at the Missouri State Fair and to participate in the Educational Tour planned by the Achievement Night Committee. To qualify to go on the Educational Tour a member must earn a blue ribbon at Achievement Night. Please note that for all events, **no live animals may be used** (sometimes you can substitute a stuffed animal to demonstrate a livestock procedure). Below is a description of Achievement Night events:

AWARDS: Each member will receive a ribbon based on the quality of their participation in each event. Top contestants in each event will receive a special rosette ribbon. Those receiving blue ribbons will be invited to participate in the Educational Tour. Those giving demonstrations may qualify to give their demonstration at the Missouri State Fair.

EXTEMPORANEOUS TALK: An Extemporaneous Talk is one that you do not prepare for in advance. Members will draw a topic, spend a few minutes deciding what they want to say about the topic, and then give the talk. Talks should be 2-3 minutes in length for members 13 and older, and 1-2 minutes for those 13 and under.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT: In personal development, you have a chance to talk about something you know about...YOU! You can talk about your pets, school, family, hobbies, interests, likes and dislikes, etc. You will start by telling the judge your name and age. Then tell the judge about yourself for 1 minute if you are 10 or younger, or 2 minutes if you are 11 or older. The judge will then ask you some questions about you.

SHOW AND TELL: Show and Tell is for first year members only. You show and tell about something you have made or grown in your project. Tell briefly what the item is, and how you made it. You might also tell why you chose the item, and the easiest, and most difficult parts about making it. Keep the object visible at all times. Finish by reviewing what you have told the judge.

FASHION REVUE: For members in Clothing, Knitting, and Crochet projects. Members model a garment they have made. The judge looks for modeling skills, poise, posture, accessories chosen to be worn with the garment, how the garment looks on the member, etc. The judge may ask the member some questions about their outfit. The contest is divided into Senior (14 and older) and Junior (13 and younger) divisions. The contest is also divided into sewing, crochet, and knitting divisions. County Fashion Revue winners will represent us at the State Fashion Revue contest.

FASHION SELECTION: For members enrolled in Clothing levels 3 or 4. The contest is the same as Fashion Revue except that members model an outfit they have selected instead of one they have made. The garments do not have to be newly purchased. The outfit should fit into one of 5 categories: Sports of Sorts, Temperature Control, Everyday Stuff, Dressing Up, or Work Wear. Call the University of Missouri Extension Center for complete guidelines.

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST: Members 14 and older can qualify to represent Franklin County at the State Public Speaking Contest by presenting a speech at Achievement Night. The two top speakers at Achievement Night will earn that honor. Members must prepare and present a speech on the topic of their choice. Speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length. No visual aids are allowed.

POWERPOINT CONTEST: Juniors or seniors can prepare a 5-7 minute PowerPoint presentation on any topic. The speech presentation must fit unpacked on a CD the member has made. Presentations will be evaluated based on the delivery of the message, message content, and overall effectiveness of the presentation. A computer and projector will be available. Think of this as an illustrated talk with the PowerPoint as the visuals.

DEMONSTRATIONS: A demonstration is showing and telling how to make something, or do something, you have learned in your project. Demonstrations should be 8-10 minutes in length (4-6 minutes for 1st to 3rd year members). Posters should be used to show recipes, outline steps in the process, or otherwise help the audience understand what is being done. Those who earn a blue ribbon at Achievement Night can take their demonstrations to the Missouri State Fair.

Illustrated Talk: An illustrated Talk is a type of demonstration, but instead of **showing** how something is done, you **tell** about something using illustrations to help the audience understand. For example, a beef member might give a talk on the different breeds of cattle, telling about their strengths and shortcomings. A poster, posters, or large photos of the different breeds could be used to illustrate the talk. Time limits are same as demonstration.

Team Demonstrations or Talks: A team of two 4-H members present a demonstration or illustrated talk. Follow the same guidelines for a demonstration or illustrated talk, but coordinate so that each member has a doing/showing and a talking part. Try to plan the presentation so both members have about equal responsibilities.

SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS: There are several special demonstration contests open to Missouri 4-H members. Most of the contests are held at the Missouri State Fair in August. Awards range from trips to participate in National Contests to cash prizes. Members may want to consider these when choosing a demonstration topic for Achievement Day. Additional guidelines and information can be found at:

<http://www.4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/demoguidelines.htm>

Egg Demonstration Contest: Contact the Extension Center for contest rules. Top senior demonstrator will participate in the National Contest in Louisville, KY. Information to help prepare for the contest can be obtained by contacting: Jesse Lyons, UMC Animal Science Extension, S-103 Animal Sciences Center, UMC, Columbia, Mo. 65211; phone (573)882-0247. More information at: <http://national4hpoultryandegg.psu.edu/eggprep.html>

Pork Demonstration Contest: Must be enrolled in Foods or Swine Project. Demonstration may be on any facet of pork including food, nutrition, production practices, or by-products. Prizes awarded for 1st - 3rd place in three age divisions. Animals may not be used.

International Demonstration Contest: Demonstrations can be about an item that is made in another country, used in another country, or originates from another country. Should include information about the place where the item originates and the people who use the item. If the item is a food item a copy of the recipe, nutrition information, and a sample of the finished food should be given to the judges. Time limit: 7-10 minutes.

Agri-Missouri Foods Demonstration Contest: Demonstration must use a food product produced by a Missouri company, give background on the company, and provide nutrition and preparation information. Three awards will be given in each age category. Time limit: 7-10 minutes. You can get a copy of the Agri-Missouri Buyers' Guide by calling 1-888-MOBRAND or at <http://www.agrimissouri.com>

Sheep Demonstrations: The Missouri Sheep Producers will provide a monetary award for any demonstrator presenting a general or working demonstration about lamb, wool, or sheep at the Missouri State Fair. The title of the demonstration must include a specific reference to sheep to qualify. Members must earn a blue ribbon at county Achievement Night to be able to present their sheep demonstration at the state fair.

Soyfoods Demonstration Contest: Member can prepare any recipe that involves soyfoods. Must be no less than 5 minutes and no more than 20 minutes. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for complete details. Call 1-800-MOBEAN-1 or e-mail mosoy@mosoy.org for additional information.

Specialty Ham Curing Contest: Demonstration must include use of a ham, provide background and preparation information, and must be at less than 3 minutes in length. Members must be enrolled in a cured hams project.

Electric Theatre Demonstrations: Demonstration must use electricity, include information on electricity, or be about a phase of the 4-H Electricity Project. Can be on any subject. For example, a visual arts demonstration on wood burning might include some information on safety involving an electric wood burning tool.

PowerPoint Presentation—see previous page for details or go to the website listed above.