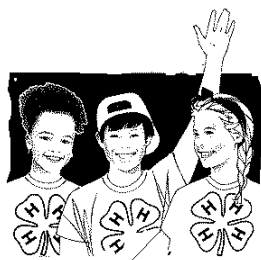


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## COUNTY 4-H PICNIC—OCTOBER 10 Come when you can, leave when you must!

All Franklin County 4-H Families and their guests are invited to join us to celebrate National 4-H Week at the Franklin County 4-H Picnic. The picnic will be held Saturday, October 10, at Robertsville State Park. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. with games and other fun. Play Hillbilly Golf, take a ride on the six foot earth ball, fly a kite, bring your bicycle and take a ride through the park, and try your hand at the cup stacking game. Stick around for the hayride!

We will eat at 5:00 p.m. and you can stay as long as you would like. The 4-H Council will provide the meat (hamburgers, hot dogs, brats), buns, and dinner ware. Families should bring lawn chairs, their own soft drinks, and a side dish or dessert.

We ask that families let us know if they plan to attend by October 2 so we can make sure we have enough to eat. You can RSVP by calling the Extension Center at 636-583-5141 or by e-mailing me at [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu) We look forward to seeing you at the Franklin County 4-H picnic.

Directions: Take Highway O to the Robertsville State Park Entrance. Follow signs to the State Park Entrance. Turn into the park on State Park Drive and follow it to the first gravel road on the left. Follow the gravel road to the pavilion.

## 2009-10 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Franklin County 4-H Council meets five times each year to plan county 4-H events, establish county 4-H policies, and set county 4-H goals. Each 4-H club is allowed three voting representatives at each meeting, but anyone is welcome to attend. The 2009-10 council meetings are scheduled for October 26, 2009, and January 25, March 22, May 24, and August 23, 2010. All meetings will be held at the Scenic Regional Library in Union, and the usual starting time is 7:00 p.m.

## 4-H SKATING PARTY

All 4-H members, families, and friends are invited to Skaterz in Union to celebrate National 4-H Week on Tuesday, October 13. The event, which is sponsored by Maverick 4-H Club, will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The fee of \$8.00 per person includes admission, skate rental (in-line or regular) and one slice of pizza and a soda. This is a great chance to reconnect with the friends from other clubs that you made at 4-H Camp, the fairs, or other 4-H activities. It is also a great chance for new families to get involved in our county-wide 4-H program.

## 4-H CLUB OFFICERS WORKSHOP & PIZZA

The Franklin County 4-H Officer Workshop and Dinner will be held Thursday, November 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Clark-Vitt Elementary School in Union. 4-H Club Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Reporters, Historians, and Song and Game Leaders are invited to eat pizza and learn more about how to perform their duties. Parents of the officers are also encouraged to attend so that they can better support their young person (you get to eat pizza too). Clark-Vitt Elementary School is located on the hill overlooking the Franklin County Youth Fair grounds in Union. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center if you need a map to the school.

Please contact the Franklin County Extension Center by Friday, November 6 to let us know how many to expect from your family so we order enough pizza. You can call 636-583-5141, or e-mail [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu).

## NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR HUMPHREY CONSERVATION & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

4-H members can win a \$50 savings bond for their community service efforts. The 4-H Council will award two Humphrey Community Service awards in memory of Bill Humphrey, late husband of Arlene Humphrey, retired Franklin County YEA. Parents, leaders, or others can nominate a 4-H member for their efforts in helping others or the community.

One of the awards will be for community service related to wildlife conservation, and the other will be for general community service.

To nominate a member, send a letter to the University of Missouri Extension Center telling what the member did, when and where they did it, and how much time they spent. A nomination can be for a single effort, an ongoing effort, or a series of community service efforts provided by the member. Provide the name of a contact person so that we can follow up on the information if we need to do so. Nomination letters are due November 1. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for more information.

## IS YOUR 4-H CAMPER MISSING SOME SHOES?

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A Wal-Mart bag containing two pairs of girls shoes was left in the parking lot after 4-H Camp. The shoes are a pair of size Y5 Nike tennis shoes and a pair of size 5 American Eagle canvas sandals. Contact the Extension Office if these belong to you.

## COUNTY WIDE PROJECTS OFFERED

County-wide projects give members a chance to take projects not offered by their club. To enroll in the project you should contact the county-wide project leader for details. Then contact your club leader to have the project listed on your enrollment form. A summary of county-wide projects will be enclosed with the October newsletter. You can also find a current list on the Franklin County 4-H website:

<http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>

Adult volunteers should contact the Extension Center if you wish to offer a county-wide project.

## FALL SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION

Adults who are interested in leading a 4-H Shooting Sports project must be certified to do so. The next certification opportunity will be October 9-11 at Camp Gallilee near El Dorado Springs, Mo. The Franklin County 4-H Council will pay the \$50 registration fee for any volunteer who wishes to attend. Contact the Extension Center or your Club Leader for a registration form, or go to:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/>

## FAMILY COPY OF COUNTY RULES ENCLOSED

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the [Franklin County 4-H Rules](#). This is a copy of the form you signed and turned in to your club leader as you enrolled. Please keep this copy for future reference.

## THANK YOUR LEADER AND WIN A PRIZE!!

4-H members can thank their 4-H leaders and win cash prizes at the same time by entering the Letters to Leaders Contest.

To enter, members write a letter of appreciation to an adult club leader, project leader, or activity leader who has helped or inspired them. Send the letter to the Extension Center. The letter must be hand written and not more than one page in length. At the bottom of the letter the member must print their first and last name, 4-H Club, and age on December 31, 2008. Be sure to write the first and last name of the leader on the letter. Letters must be received by November 1.

Prizes will be awarded to the top letter in four age categories: 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 & older. A \$5 cash prize will be awarded to the member whose letter is selected. The leader the letter is written to will be recognized at the county Leader Appreciation Dinner. After the contest, all letters will be forwarded to the leader they were written to.

Of course, in this contest everyone is a winner. Those who write thank you letters will show their character, and those who receive the letters will be more willing to serve as leaders in the future.

Note: Members are also encouraged to write letters of appreciation to teen project leaders. These are not eligible for the contest, so you should send them directly to the teen.

### 4-H WEB SITES

4-H families with access to the internet, can get 4-H information at many web sites. Here are a few I recommend:

<http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>

This is the Franklin County University of Missouri Extension web site with information especially for Franklin County. Click on the clover to go to the Franklin County 4-H web page.

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu>

The Missouri State 4-H web site with information about state 4-H events and activities, resources for volunteer leaders, a calendar of state events, and much more.

<http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov>

The National 4-H Headquarters has lots of information about 4-H and links to other state 4-H sites.

<http://www.4hvolunteersusa.org>

A place where volunteers can connect with each other and find 4-H resources.

<http://www.4h.org/>

An interactive 4-H online community and a resource for 4-H information. Here you can connect with and share stories and get new ideas, and check out the [4-H Facebook page](#). From this site you can also learn about 4-H opportunities such as grant programs and 4-H promotional efforts. This is also a link to the [4-H Mall](#) where you can purchase 4-H items.

