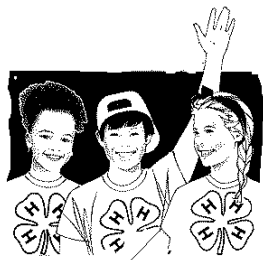


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4-H MEMBERS & FRIENDS NEEDED TO EAT PIZZA AND STUFF ENVELOPES Win a 4-H Bag

Christmas Break doesn't have to be boring! Join us on Tuesday, December 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Union Memorial Auditorium, for the annual Extension Council Ballot Stuffing. Help us stuff envelopes, and stuff yourself with pizza provided for lunch. Snacks and soda will also be provided. All 4-H members age 8 and older, parents, leaders, and 4-H Alumni are welcome! And you can even bring a friend who isn't a 4-H member. See the enclosed map to the Union Memorial Auditorium.

Most of all, you will be helping the Extension Council. What a great way to show how much you appreciate their support of our 4-H program. So, come join us, have fun, eat pizza, and leave with a great community service listing for your County 4-H Report Form or to meet school requirements.

Finally, all young people who help with the effort will have their name placed in a raffle with the chance to win a 4-H duffle bag!

For those of you who will need to pick your kids up early, you might note that we usually eat lunch about 1:00. We wouldn't want them to work all morning and then miss out on the pizza.



REMINDER: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE ORIENTATION BY JANUARY 1

This is a reminder that all volunteers (including parents who "just help out") must complete the *Making the Best Better Volunteer Orientation* by January 1, 2009. This is a one-time requirement. If a volunteer fails to meet the deadline, their volunteer status will be suspended until they complete the requirement. That means they must stop working with 4-H members until the requirement is met. Contact the Extension Center or e-mail hilemand@missouri.edu to find out when and where face-to-face orientation sessions will be held, or go online to complete the requirement at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/>

SELECT ST. PAT'S CANDIDATES

Although we won't actually hold our St. Pat's Coronation for several months, clubs may want to select their candidates at their November or December meetings. That will help you to avoid delays that occur if we have bad weather in January and February. The St. Pat's Coronation Ceremony and dance will be Saturday, March 28, 2009.

Each club can have two St. Pat's candidates. It is preferred that a club have one male and one female candidate, but clubs are allowed to have two king or two queen candidates. Also, any past candidate that was not crowned King or Queen can be selected to try again.

Any 4-H member 8 or older by December 31, 2008 can represent your club as a St. Pat's King or Queen candidate.

STATE 4-H COUNCIL CANDIDATES NEEDED

The Missouri State 4-H Council is looking for 4-H teens to represent our region on the council. Three Representatives will be elected for our region during State 4-H Congress, June 4-6. As a State 4-H Council member, you will meet 5-6 times a year where you will plan State 4-H Congress and Teen Conference and represent Missouri 4-H at regional and state events.

4-H members 14-17 as of December 31, 2008, are eligible. You must plan to attend State 4-H Congress if you are selected as a candidate. Applications are available from the Extension Center or at:

www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin

Applications are due to the Extension Center by January 1, 2009.

Learn more about the State 4-H Council at:

www.mo4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/council/



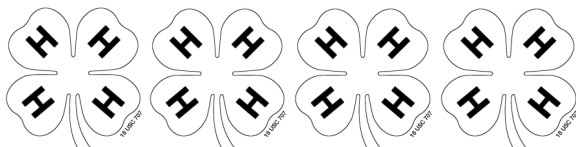
ARE YOU A 4-H CENTURY FAMILY?

The Missouri 4-H Century Family program recognizes 4-H families with a long history of involvement in the 4-H program. Missouri 4-H families with a combined 100 years or more of membership and/or volunteer leadership in 4-H will be recognized as a 4-H Century Family. Five Franklin County Families have been recognized as Century Families.

The 100 years may include direct-line family members such as parents, siblings, and grandparents. Aunts, uncles, and cousins can not be considered. Stepparents, stepchildren, and adopted children may be considered. Supporting documents are not necessary (we trust you). Years as paid 4-H staff do not qualify.

In the early days of Franklin County 4-H the program was directly connected to the Farm Bureau and local Extension Homemaker clubs. Years of service to 4-H in these capacities can be included. Years of volunteer service at any level (county, regional, state, etc.) can be included, but do not include the same year more than once. (Example: A county project leader who also served on a state committee to plan State Leaders Forum in the same year can only count the year one time.) Years of 4-H membership or leadership in a state other than Missouri can be included. Years as a Clover Kid can be counted.

Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center or the 4-H website www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin for a form if you think your family may qualify as a 4-H Century Family. Applications must be returned by July 4, 2009.



SAVE 10% AT ORSCHELN'S ALL YEAR

4-H Club or project leaders can ask for 4-H and FFA discount cards for their members at their local Orscheln's Farm and Home store. The card must be signed by the member and leader. Then, any time the 4-H member purchases supplies to be used for their 4-H project, they will get a 10% discount. Please note that the member must be present when the purchases are made.

A GREAT PROJECT LEADER RESOURCE

4-H project leaders looking for more ideas should check out the new Project Briefs located at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/get/projects/briefs/>

The briefs are full of ideas for fair projects, demonstrations, and field trip ideas. They also help project leaders with ideas to include community service, critical thinking, science and technology, character education as part of the project.

TEENS CAN APPLY FOR STATE RECOGNITION Apply to Attend National 4-H Congress

4-H members age 14-18 by December 31, 2008 can apply to attend the premier 4-H trip: National 4-H Congress. You could be one of the 35 Missouri 4-Hers who represent the state at this premier event held in Atlanta, Georgia each November.

Participants attend fun and interesting workshops and tours. They help with organized community service efforts. They listen to outstanding speakers such as Miss America, and they get to meet 4-H members from all over the country.

You can get more information about this exciting opportunity by going to: www.mo4h.missouri and clicking on "National 4-H Congress."

To apply, a member must complete the Missouri 4-H Recognition Form Level 3 and return it to the Franklin County Extension Center by January 1, 2009 and attend an interview in February, 2009.

Forms are available from the Extension Center or online at:

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/Y2200.doc>

MFA SADDLE AWARD

4-H members 14 and older who are enrolled in a 4-H Horsemanship project can apply to win a new saddle provided by MFA. To apply for the MFA Saddle Award a member must complete the Missouri 4-H Recognition Form (available from the Extension Office) and the MFA Saddle Essay Questions available from the University of Missouri Extension Center or on our web site:

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

The forms must be returned by December 20.

STATE 4-H CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG TEENS

All 4-H members age 12-13 as of December 31, 2008 are invited to attend the Missouri State 4-H Teen Conference, January 31 to February 1 in Columbia. The weekend conference is designed to help young teens explore leadership opportunities in 4-H, and to just have fun with other kids their age from all over the state. Registration for the event is \$119. The Franklin County 4-H Council provides 10 full scholarships for teens. Dave Hileman will serve as advisor for the trip, and will arrange transportation for the delegates. Young teens should watch their mailbox for details on how to apply for scholarships and register for this exciting 4-H experience.

MAVERICK 4-H'ers COMPETE At National Event

Maverick 4-H Club members Spencer Crumbaugh, Chris Kahlenbeck, and Kristy Cox participated in the Invitational Youth Judging Contest at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show in Oklahoma City. They judged mares and geldings at hand, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Classic Pleasure, and Hunt Seat Pleasure classes. They were named Reserve National Champion Youth Hi Point Team against all ages of youth. Spencer was Individual National Champion in the Youth Age 13 & Under division and Chris was Reserve Champion. Kristy was 7th.

In the overall competition among all age youth, Spencer was second in Performance Judging and Chris was 3rd. As a team they placed 2nd in Performance Judging and 3rd in In Hand Judging.