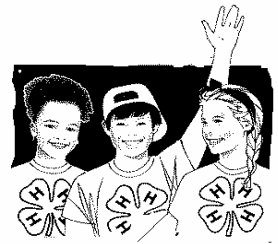


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COMPLETE PROJECT PAPER WORK TO COMPLETE 4-H YEAR

4-H members must complete project paper work in order to complete the 4-H year. Those who complete the year will receive a completion medal for the number of years they have completed. First year members will receive a first year pin, second year members will receive a second year pin, and so on. The county rules that you signed when you enrolled specify the minimum requirements a member must meet in order to receive a completion medal. Among the requirements is the completion of at least one project, including the paperwork. See the attached sheet to determine which form or forms you need to complete for each project.

Special Note for Livestock Project Members:

Members who were enrolled in a Beef, Sheep, or Swine project this past year, must complete the paperwork for those projects in order to be eligible to sell at the 2008 Washington Town and Country Fair.

Special Note for Teens: Teens must turn in the paperwork to complete the 2006-2007 4-H year to remain eligible to apply to be a 2008 4-H Camp Counselor.

IMPORTANT TO ENROLL EARLY

The 2007-08 4-H Year begins September 1. Members must re-enroll to remain in 4-H. Most clubs conduct re-enrollment at their September or October meetings. If you miss those meetings be sure to let your club leader know if you intend to re-enroll.

I want to remind you that it is important to re-enroll in September or October. We will accept an enrollment at any time, but because we have to close out last year's enrollments, and we get our address list from the enrollment information, those who enroll later may not receive notice of some opportunities.

Also remember that to be enrolled you must complete an enrollment form or re-enrollment form, give the club leader a signed copy of the county rules, and pay the enrollment and county insurance fees.

ENROLLMENT FEES TO STAY THE SAME

The enrollment fees for the 2007-08 4-H year will be the same as last year: \$9.00 for members without a horsemanship project, and \$10.00 for members with a horsemanship project. The fee includes the \$8.00 state enrollment fee, and the insurance fee of \$1.00 for those without a horse project, and \$2.00 for those with horse projects.

CLUB REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR CLUB LEADERS

4-H Club Leaders and others interested are encouraged to attend a 4-H Club Reorganization Meeting before or after the August 27 4-H Council Meeting. At the meeting we will give re-enrollment instructions and provide all the materials needed for re-enrollment for the 2007-08 4-H year. Volunteers can attend a 6:30 to 7:30 meeting just before the 4-H Council meeting, or an 8:30-9:30 meeting right after the 4-H Council meeting. Both meetings (and the 4-H Council meeting) will be held at the Scenic Regional Library in Union.

4-H COUNCIL TO MEET

The Franklin County 4-H Council will meet Monday, August 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. Agenda items will include a review of the Franklin County Youth Fair, new requirements for 4-H volunteers, Club reorganization, and more. Each club is encouraged to have three representatives (adults, teens, pre-teens) at the meeting, but anyone is welcome to join us for the meeting.

NORTH CENTRAL LEADERS FORUM

The 2007 North Central Region Volunteer Forum will be held October 12-14 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Registration fee is \$200 if sent by September 20.

You can find out all about the conference at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/ncvlf/index.cfm>

The site will give you information on workshops, speakers, and other activities associated with this wonderful opportunity for 4-H parents and volunteers.

You can also request a copy of the conference registration book from the University of Missouri Extension Center. The 4-H Council has budgeted \$400 to help pay the conference registration fees. It is appropriate for the 4-H Club to provide some help with hotel and other expenses if they wish to do so.

The State 4-H Office has arranged for a charter bus to transport volunteers to the conference (you will have to meet the bus in Columbia).

YOU CAN BE A PROJECT LEADER!

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I encourage parents to consider leading a project group for the new 4-H year. You don't have to be an expert to lead a project, all you need is a little knowledge and a lot of interest in working with kids.

Please consider sharing the very precious gift of you with the young people in your 4-H club.

LEAD A COUNTY-WIDE PROJECT

Anyone interested in offering a county-wide project should contact Dave or Jenny by September 1 so we can put information about the project into re-enrollment packages. Any project can be offered on a county-wide basis. That simply means that the project members will come from more than one club. The project leader still determines when and where the project meets, can set a limit on the age range and number of kids participating in the project, and often require an adult from each club to attend project meetings.

THANK YOUR LEADER AND WIN A PRIZE!!

4-H members can thank their 4-H leaders and win cash prizes by entering the Letters to Leaders contest sponsored by Franklin County Farm Bureau and Bank of Washington.

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 as of January 1, 2007. 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: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14 & 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.

**National 4-H Week
October 7-13**



ARTICLES NEEDED FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

I need 4-H members, leaders, parents, and alumni to write short articles for the Missouri National 4-H Week supplement. Members can write about their favorite project or activity, or tell what 4-H means to them. Leaders can write about why they choose to volunteer their time for 4-H. Parents can write about the importance of 4-H in the development of their young people. 4-H Alumni can tell how their 4-H experiences have affected their lives, career choices, leadership ability, etc. The articles do not have to be typed. I will edit and submit them to the Missouriian or another news paper. Articles are due in the Extension Center by September 15.

4-Hers NEEDED TO TAPE RADIO SPOTS

I need 4-H members to tape 4-H promotion spots for KLPW, KSLQ, and KTUI radio. The spots will be aired during National 4-H Week, October 7-13, 2007. I will write the spots and send them to you in advance so you can prepare. The taping will either be after school or on a Saturday. Let me know by September 15 if you would like to read a spot on the radio.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION

The next Shooting Sports Leaders Certification workshop will be October 12-14 near Fredricktown, Mo. Anyone interested in becoming certified should contact the Extension Center so we can send additional details as we receive them.

HORSE BOWL COACH CERTIFICATION

Volunteers interested in becoming certified to coach a 4-H Horse Bowl team should plan to attend the Certification Training on Saturday, October 13 in Columbia. The one-day certification training will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Contact the Extension Center if you wish to attend. The Franklin County 4-H Council will pay the \$25 registration fee for anyone who attends.

Those who have already been certified in the past are not required to attend the training.

TEENS CAN APPLY FOR AWARDS

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Forms available from
University of Missouri Extension Center or at
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Key Award - 4-H members who were 14 or older by January 1, 2007 may apply for the Key Award. The award is presented to any 4-Her in Missouri who completes the leadership, community service, and personal growth requirements and demonstrates proficiency in their projects. Completing the requirements can take 2-3 years, so get the form now and begin the journey that ends with the Key Award. Members are recognized for each part of the process they complete.

I Dare You Award - Members 14 and older by January 1, 2007 can apply for the I Dare You Award. To apply, members must complete an "I Dare You" Award Form and return it by October 1. Two awards will be presented.

BIG CHANGES FOR 2007-08

There are some big changes in Missouri 4-H for the 2007-08 4-H year for volunteer leaders and members of livestock projects.

4-H Volunteer Leaders must complete *Making the Best Better: Volunteer Orientation* by January 1, 2009 to continue as a 4-H Volunteer. Since this is new to Missouri 4-H, all volunteer leaders, regardless of your years of service, must complete this orientation. Volunteers will be able to meet this requirement by attending a face-to-face orientation, or they can complete the requirement on-line. This is a one-time orientation. The goal is to provide all 4-H volunteers with a greater understanding of the true meaning of 4-H and help us all to work toward the same goals.

The second change is for members with "food" animal projects. This will not be a change for swine project members, but will be for beef, sheep, dairy cattle, meat/dairy goats, rabbits, and poultry members. Members in these projects must complete the appropriate level of the Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance by June 1, 2008 in order to be in good standing in their project (you must be in good standing to show at fairs). We will provide workshops for members to attend to acquire the certification. Members may also complete the certification on-line.

Watch future newsletters for more details about these changes.

FORMS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE 4-H YEAR

Forms available at <http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>

Members must complete at least one project in order to complete the 4-H year. This includes attending at least one over half of the project meetings, and completing the project paper work. Thanks to efforts started by Sharon Strubberg and completed by the Franklin County 4-H Council, the paperwork should be easier this year. Read below to see which form or forms you need to complete. All forms are available from the University of Missouri Extension Center, or from your club leader. Teens and livestock project members who fail to complete the 2005-2006 4-H year will not be eligible for some opportunities in the next 4-H year (selling at premium auctions, being a camp counselor, etc.).

For all members:

To complete the club year and qualify to receive a year pin, members must complete the *Franklin County 4-H Member Participation and Project Record Form*. A member can report on up to five projects on the form. **The form should be returned to your Club Leader at the September meeting.**

(Members who want to apply for a county project medal should see instructions below.)

For members who have at least one project that includes a live animal:

Members who had projects that involved live animals must also complete the *Animal Project Record Add-on Page*. Members can report on more than one of their animal projects on the same "Add-on Page".

Note: Livestock project members should take note that you must complete your livestock project this year in order to be eligible to sell at the 2007 Washington Town and Country Fair.

For members who want to apply for a county project medal:

In addition to the year pin, 4-H members can apply for medals in their 4-H projects. To apply for a project medal you must complete a Franklin County 4-H Report Form and turn it in to the Extension Center by October 1. The forms are available from the Extension Center. Also be sure to ask for the instruction sheet which includes a sample form to better help you understand how to complete the form. Franklin County 4-H Report forms will be judged in mid-October.

Members applying for a project medal in an animal project should attach a copy of the *Animal Project Record Add-on Page* to their Franklin County 4-H Report Form.

Questions? Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center, or ask your club leader if you are not sure which form to use, or if you need help in completing the forms.