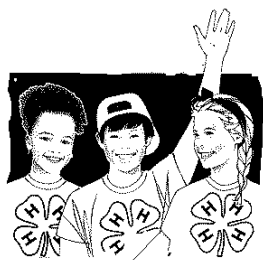


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Christmas Smile

A snowflake froze upon my nose,
Cold wind sent a chill down my spine.
Numbed appendages could not feel
As pained ears heard the wild wind whine.
I felt I would surely freeze to death,
or, at least, be caused great harm.
Then I saw your Christmas smile,
And somehow I was warm.

Dave Hileman



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

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.

This year, every kid that helps stuff envelopes will have a chance to win a 4-H bag!

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.

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.

TRAINING FOR NEW PROJECT LEADERS
Returning project leaders
are welcome, too!

New and fairly new project leaders, and yes, even veteran project leaders can learn more about what is expected of them at the Franklin County 4-H Project Leader workshop. The workshop will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the East Central College Training Center in Union. We will discuss how many meetings you need to have, information resources, different teaching techniques, project paperwork, and more.

The 4-H Volunteer Recognition dinner will be held following the workshop.

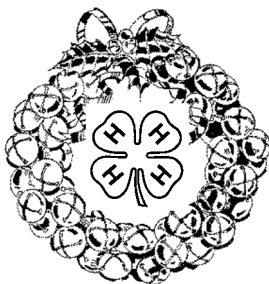
Note: This is project leader training. Attending should be very helpful but will not meet the Making The Best Better Orientation requirement.

COOL GROUP OUTING OPPORTUNITY

Monsanto is offering 4-H groups the opportunity to see the 2009 U.S. Short Track Speedskating Championship at no cost. The event will be held December 19-21 at the Hardee's Iceplex in Chesterfield, Mo. You will be able to see top speedskaters including Olympic gold medalist Apolo Anton Ono!

Tickets are available for December 19, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., December 20, 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and December 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you want tickets you should e-mail Danielle Jany of Monsanto at dcjany@monsanto.com by December 5. Be sure to include the address where you want the tickets to be sent. So call a group of 4-H friends and order your tickets for this great event.



4-H LEADER RECOGNITION DINNER
JANUARY 24, 2009

New and returning 4-H volunteers should save Saturday evening, January 24 on your calendars now for the Franklin County 4-H Leader Recognition dinner. We will present leader recognition cards and medals, announce Letters to Leaders winners, and recognize outstanding supporters of Franklin County 4-H. Invitations will be sent in late December or early January.

KANSAS CITY 4-H GLOBAL CONFERENCE

4-H members age 15 and older by Dec. 31, 2008 can attend the Kansas City 4-H Global Conference. The conference features workshops and tours to help members explore career possibilities and discover other cultures. The Franklin County 4-H Council provides four scholarships to cover the registration fee. Dave will provide transportation, and will serve as advisor for the experience. Teens will be receiving more information about this opportunity in the mail. You can also find out more by visiting the Missouri 4-H Website:

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

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS
 Applications Due December 15

We are looking for a county 4-H teen age 14 or older by December 1, 2008, to be the local contact for the Missouri State 4-H Council. Each county has been asked to select a County Youth Liaison (CYL).

The County Youth Liaison will work with the State 4-H Council Regional Representative, county 4-H staff, and 4-H Club Vice-Presidents to help get the word out about 4-H opportunities. The CYL may be asked to visit other clubs to talk about 4-H trips, or to talk to other 4-H teens to see how they think 4-H could better serve kids their age.

If you think you might be interested in this opportunity, contact the Extension Center for an application, or print one off the Franklin County 4-H web page at:

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

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT CREATING A 4-H CLUB WEB SITE?

Is your club interested in having its own web page? A great resource that does not require special software or knowledge of html is Clubspaces at <http://www.clubspaces.com>. This site provides online tools to build your club's web page in a way that is interesting for older youth but accessible for younger 4-H'ers as well. In addition to web space, there are a variety of club formatting types from which to choose and tools to support club operation.

The site generates revenue through advertising dollars, so there is no charge to your club for the web space. Ads appearing on the site are "kid-appropriate" and are fairly unobtrusive.

Please note that this is only a suggested resource. Missouri 4-H is not affiliated or partnered with Clubspaces, does not endorse or oversee the content of 4-H clubs with a presence on this site, and cannot provide technical assistance.

Please review the new *Guidelines for Missouri 4-H Club Websites*, available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/links/>.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI Physical Activity Program Starting January 2009



Wouldn't it be great to get credit for all the physical activity in your life?! By joining 4-H Move Across Missouri, you can! 4-H members and adults can join as an individual, a group of friends, a family, or as a 4-H Club. Then every time you "get physical" whether having fun or working, you can go to an online system and "log" the number of minutes/miles you accumulate throughout the year. Missouri 4-H will provide prizes and awards. Stay tuned to your January newsletter for more details.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP Applications due February 15.

High school seniors who will graduate in the spring of 2009 can apply for a \$1000 to \$2500 college scholarship. The Youth in Agriculture Committee will provide thirty \$1000 scholarships and one Supreme Scholarship for \$2500. To be eligible to apply for the scholarships you must be a senior in high school, an active 4-H or FFA member, and have participated in the Missouri State Fair as an FFA or 4-H exhibitor (at some time). You must also plan to enroll in an accredited Missouri college or university with a major in agriculture.

The application is available on the Missouri State Fair web site:

<http://www.mostatefair.com/via2.html>

4-H FAMILIES CAN GET DISCOUNT TO SEE BULL RIDING

4-H families can get a discount of \$6.00 per ticket to see the Professional Championship Bullriders at the new Chaifetz Arena (on the St. Louis University campus) on January 9. The best thing is you do not have to gather a group, you can purchase the discounted tickets as an individual or family! To find out how to order tickets go to the Franklin County University of

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

What happens if requirement not met by January 1, 2009.

For the last several months we have been reminding 4-H volunteer leaders that they must complete the *Making the Best Better Volunteer Orientation* requirement by January 1, 2009. As of today, more than 125 volunteers have met the requirement. So what happens to those club leaders, project leaders, and activity leaders who do not meet the requirement by January 1?

Those who fail to meet the volunteer orientation requirement by January 1, 2009 will have their volunteer status suspended on that date. That means that they should no longer work with 4-H members until they meet the requirement. Project leaders should be aware that your members cannot be in good standing or complete their project unless you meet the orientation requirement. That means, for example, that a beef member whose leader does not meet the requirement would not be allowed to show their animals at any fair.

Club Leaders who do not meet the requirement must turn the club over to another volunteer who has met the requirement until the club leader complies. Otherwise, no member in the club will be in good standing, since a club must have a club leader who is a Recognized Volunteer (completed an application form, was screened, and met the orientation requirement).

Remember that you can meet the requirement in different ways:

- ✓ You can attend a face to face orientation session. Look at dates below, or Club Leaders can set one up in their own area by contacting Dave.
- ✓ You can go online to meet the requirement. Details are available at the Franklin County Extension website: <http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/>
- ✓ You can borrow a CD from the Extension Center (the online version without having to tie up your phone line) and then take a written test or go online to take the test.

Currently we have the following face to face orientation sessions that you can attend:

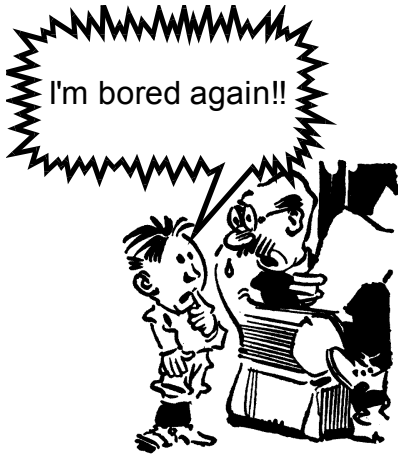
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| • November 25 | Peoples Savings Bank, New Haven | 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| • December 6 | Scenic Regional Library, Union | 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. |
| • December 11 | Peoples Savings Bank, New Haven | 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| • December 18 | Beaufort Elementary School | 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. |

You do not have to pre-register to attend these sessions. Just show up.

Regional Session Also to be Held in Warrenton on December 11

State 4-H Staff will be leading an orientation session on December 11 at the Warren County Extension Center in Warrenton. They will serve dinner at 5:15 p.m. and begin the orientation at 6:00 p.m. You should be finished by 8:30 p.m. If you wish to attend this session you must contact Jenny or me by December 5 so they will know how much food to order. Get directions at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/warren/>

If you are having difficulty attending one of the sessions because of the day of the week or the times offered, or some other reason we should be aware of, please let us know so we can try to meet your needs.



DON'T PANIC MOM & DAD!!!
HELP YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE GET OVER

**"THE CHRISTMAS VACATION
I'M BORED BLUES!!"**

BRING THEM TO THE ANNUAL:

**4-H CHRISTMAS BREAK ENVELOPE STUFFING
& PIZZA PARTY**

UNION CITY HALL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM BASEMENT

(Map on back)

8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 30, 2008

ALL 4-H MEMBERS 8 AND OLDER ARE INVITED

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

PARENTS, LEADERS, AND 4-H ALUMNI ALSO WELCOME

We will stuff envelopes for the Extension Council Election. Pizza, sodas, and snacks will be provided by the Franklin County Extension Council. Every kid that helps has a chance to win a 4-H bag! This is our chance to thank the Council for their support of our 4-H program. Bring the kids and enjoy a day to yourselves.

Parents, please check with one of the adults in charge when you pick your young people up, so we know they are safely on their way home.

MAP TO UNION MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM

NORTH



Hwy 47 to Washington

Union Memorial Auditorium

Locust Street

Parking

Springfield Ave.

McKinley Ave.

Linden Street

Conoco Station

Hwy. 50 to I-44

Hwy. 50 to Jefferson City

Hwy. 47 to St. Clair

