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4-H OFFICER TRAINING - NOVEMBER 11

4-H Club officers can learn more about how to do the job they were elected to do at the county 4-H Officer Training workshop on Saturday, November 11, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Clark-Vitt Elementary School in Union.

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

Christmas Break doesn't have to be boring! Join us on Wednesday, December 27, 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 8 years and older, parents, leaders, and 4-H Alumni are welcome! And you can even bring a friend who isn't a 4-H member.

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 citizenship listing for your County 4-H Report Form.

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.

SONG SHEETS AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Song sheets for Christmas Caroling are available from the University of Missouri Extension Center. Contact us if you would like copies.

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 24, 2007.

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. Any 4-H member 8 or older by January 1, 2007 can represent your club as a St. Pat's King or Queen candidate.

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 since 2002.

The 100 years may include direct-line family members such as parents, siblings, and grandparents. Aunts, uncles, and cousins may not be considered. Stepparents, stepchildren, and adopted children may be considered. Supporting documents are not necessary (we trust you). Years as a 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 for a form if you think your family may qualify as a 4-H Century Family. Applications must be returned by July 4, 2007.

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 January 5.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

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State 4-H Teen Conference -Ages 12-13

4-H members who will be age 12 or 13 by January 1, 2007, can participate in State 4-H Teen Conference. The trip will be held February 3-4 in Columbia. The trip is a great introduction to state-wide leadership conferences and provides a chance for young 4-H teens to get better acquainted with other teens in the county, and meet some new friends from across the state. Members will be getting a letter in the near future telling them how to apply. The 4-H Council provides 10 full scholarships for the trip. Learn more about State 4-H Teen Conference at:

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

Kansas City 4-H Global Conference Ages 15 and older

Older teens will find the Kansas City 4-H Global Conference to be one of the most rewarding 4-H experiences. The conference will be held March 7-10 in Kansas City. The conference is available for first or second time participants who will be age 15 or older by January 1, 2007. The conference features tours to businesses and agencies, workshops showcasing a variety of careers, service learning opportunities, and cultural events. Group events include dances and other programs with participants from all over Missouri, and from Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, and Oklahoma. Missouri delegates will be treated to a night out at a restaurant at the Country Club Plaza with a comedy improvisation. The 4-H Council provides four full scholarships for the trip

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

WIN A QUARTER HORSE!

Buff's Quarter Horses announce a one-time only Win A Quarter Horse Competition to all Missouri 4-H members. Those wishing to apply will need to submit a one-page typed essay describing what ownership of the horse would mean to them and including how they plan to provide care for the horse. The winner will receive a two-year old filly registered with the AQHA. For more information about the horse go to:

<http://www.buffsquarterhorses.com/>

For complete details on how to enter go to the Franklin County 4-H website

HELP FOR NEW PROJECT LEADERS

New and fairly new 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 27, 5:30 p.m. at the Union Knights of Columbus hall. 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. Come to learn and stay to eat!

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

Local 4-H clubs can apply year-round for community service grants from the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Matching grants of up to \$750 can be used for projects to make communities safer, healthier, happier places to live.

Some examples of service projects funded in the past include: repairing, expanding or beautifying public facilities such as fair grounds, parks and community centers; renovation of historic buildings; creating teen centers; developing programs for senior centers and day cares; and roadside and stream clean-up.

The grants are made possible through donations by the William T. Kemper Foundation and Pioneer Hi-Bred International. For more information, contact the University of Missouri Extension office or see:

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

STAATS FAIR SCHOLARSHIP

4-H members who have participated in a fair that is a member of the Mo. Association of Fairs and Festivals (MAFF) can apply for a MAFF Past President Scholarship. The Union, Washington, and Sullivan fairs are MAFF members.

Members who will be a graduating from high school in 2007 are eligible to apply. Applications are due December 12, 2006. For complete details and forms contact the Extension Office or go to:

<http://www.missourifairsandfestivals.org>

4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

Jim Luecke was elected to serve as President of the Franklin County 4-H Council, and Heather Frey was elected to serve as Vice-President of the council at the October 23 4-H Council meeting. They join Terry Luecke, Secretary, and Pat Misuraca, Interim Treasurer as our Franklin County 4-H Council Officers. We will be taking nominations to elect a new council treasurer at our January meeting.

11¢ HAS POWER TO HELP VETERANS

Honor those who serve our country through the Power of 11¢. Operation: Military Kids (O:MK), a 4-H effort to support deployed military families, is challenging Missouri 4-H members to contribute 11 or more cents in honor of Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

I encourage clubs who wish to participate to collect funds at their November or December meeting. The club can then write a check to "Missouri Military Family Relief Fund" and on the memo line of the check put Power of 11¢ OMK". Mail the check to: Missouri Military Family Relief Fund, JFMO-J1/SSP-N, 2302 Militia Drive, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.

Contact our office to let us know you sent a donation so we can keep track of how much Franklin County 4-H Clubs contributed to the effort.

The Power of 11¢ helps Missouri military members who are suffering a loss or injury.

The Power of 11¢ was inspired by three-year-old Abraham Kerr, who contributed his own 11 cents to military men and women who need it. Abraham's generosity was in response to watching his grandmother, Pat Kerr, work to raise funds. Kerr is a member of the O:MK state board and state veteran ombudsman for the Missouri Veteran's Commission.

The Missouri Military Relief Fund is a state-administered fund to assist families of Missouri National Guard or reserve members.

To learn more on the Power of 11¢, see

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

	Head	Hands	Heart	Health	
Competence	Confidence	Character	Caring	Connection	

4-H DEVELOPS HELPS KIDS DEVELOP THE 5 C's

We all know what the 4 H's stand for. But what 4-H is all about is developing the 5 C's! When you boil down all the research about what makes an effective youth development program, you will find that effective youth development programs help kids develop Competence, Confidence, Character, Caring relationships, and a Connection to their community and the world around them. And if you go a step further you will see that when you put the five C's together it leads to the 6th C - contribution. Contribution is giving back to the community. A recent study done at Tuft's University is discussed below. The study shows that 4-H is the best youth development organization for helping kids reach the 6th C!

RESULTS OF TUFT'S UNIVERSITY STUDY

Though we refer to it day-by-day as just "4-H," our full name — 4-H Youth Development — is truly descriptive of what we do. We help young people become caring, competent, contributing members of their community.

Results released in October from the first five years of a national study shows that in 4-H we really do just that. In fact, 4-H stands out from other organizations in how effectively we help young people gain the skills and attitudes that define youth development. Those skills include:

- competency in mastering new skills
- confidence to become independent
- the importance of being connected to others
- character
- generosity toward others.

What sets 4-H apart is that young people also learn to contribute to their community. 4-H is the **only organization** that provides young people with the opportunity to grow to this next level.

Richard Lerner, a Tufts University faculty member who is leading the study, also discovered that when 4-H teams up with other youth groups, those young people can gain the skills and attitudes of contributing to others.

In Missouri, we provide 4-H members with a lot of opportunities and support to contribute in meaningful ways. Many of our clubs are just like yours and include several activities throughout the year that helps their community.