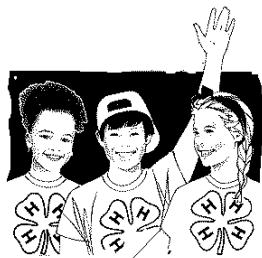


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## COUNTY 4-H PICNIC—OCTOBER 5 Come when you can, leave when you must!

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 Sunday, October 5, at Robertsville State Park. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. with games and other fun. Play parachute games, take a ride on the six foot earth ball, fly a kite, bring a carved pumpkin for the Jack-o-lantern contest, and try your hand at the cup stacking game. Stick around for the early evening 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 1 so we can make sure we have enough to eat. You can RSVP by calling the Extension Center at 636-583-5141, my home, 636-583-7817, 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.

## 2008-09 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 2008-09 council meetings are scheduled for October 27, 2008, and January 26, March 23, May 26, and August 24, 2009. All meetings will be held at the Scenic Regional Library in Union, and the usual starting time is 7:00 p.m.

## VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION SESSIONS SCHEDULED

4-H Volunteer Leaders and parents can meet the *Making the Best Better Volunteer Orientation* requirement at the following meetings:

September 18	Union Scenic Regional Library, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
September 29	Union Scenic Regional Library, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
October 6	Strain Japan School, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
October 11	Union Scenic Regional Library, 9:30 a.m.-noon
October 15	Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
October 20	Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

## 4-H CLUB OFFICERS WORKSHOP & PIZZA

The Franklin County 4-H Officer Workshop and Dinner will be held Tuesday, October 7, 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, October 3 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.

### **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.

## FAMILY COPY OF COUNTY RULES ENCLOSED

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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.

### **\$500 GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

The Mo. Department of Agriculture is offering \$500 grants to 4-H Clubs through the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. Application forms are available at the Extension Center and are due December 1, 2008.

You can complete the application on line by logging on to:

<http://www.mda.mo.gov/Financial/boac.htm>

The grants are for community service projects such as improvement to existing facilities, grounds, or buildings, which are used by various groups or organizations in the community. Examples of appropriate projects would be improving meeting places, fairground structures, playgrounds or parks, etc., or making a place handicap accessible. Rules now allow for improvement of school grounds as well. Projects must be completed by September 1, 2009.

The application is not difficult, but it does require some information gathering. Don't wait until the last minute to apply for a grant.

### **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 is enclosed with this newsletter and we will keep an updated copy 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.

## THANK YOUR LEADER AND WIN A PRIZE!!

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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 as of December 31, 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: 8-10, 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.

## HORSE BOWL COACH CERTIFICATION

There will not be a statewide Horse Bowl Coach certification workshop this year. Instead, those interested in becoming a certified coach will be able to take the training online after October 1. Previously Certified Coaches can also train new coaches. I expect we will have a regional training sometime this fall. Watch the newsletter for more details.

### 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 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>

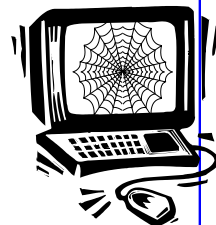
A place where volunteers can connect with each other and find 4-H resources.

<http://www.4husa.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.

<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/>

The National 4-H Council was organized to give support to the 4-H program nationwide. From this site you can 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.



## COUNTY WIDE PROJECTS

4-H members from any club can belong to county-wide projects. To become a member of a county-wide project a member should follow the following three steps:

1. Contact the project leader to let him/her know that you want to join the project group.
2. Contact your Club Leader and let him/her know that you have enrolled in the county-wide project.
3. Call or e-mail the Franklin County University of Missouri Extension office to let us know so we can add the project to your enrollment.

A member can join a county-wide project even if they have already turned in their enrollment or re-enrollment form. It just takes a few phone calls or e-mail messages.

Below are a few county-wide projects. Check future newsletters and the Franklin County 4-H web page for additional projects.

**Cake Decorating** - This group will have limited membership so call early. The group will meet 3-4 times in Washington to learn to decorate cakes. Call Vince Mueller at (636) 239-5936 if you would like to join the group.

**Line Dancing** - Learn the steps to many line dances. This is an active and fun project that will meet in Union. Call Dorothy Keence, 636-583-5777.

**Knitting** - Dorothy Keence will also lead a Knitting Project to teach members how to knit. Call her at 636-583-5777. Meetings will be in the Union area.

**Knitting** - Kathy Straatmann will lead a Knitting Project in the Washington area. She can only take 6 members so call her early. Call her at 636-239-1835.

**Sports Fishing** - Kids who want to learn more about the sport of fishing should contact Jim Luecke at 573-860-4675. The project may include camping out and fishing trips.

**Shotgun** - Contact Mark Burns if you are interested in belonging to the county-wide shotgun project. Due to the nature of the project, enrollment may be limited, so call early. Phone: 636-583-5098. Limited to members age 12-18. Members must have their own shotgun, and there will be added expense for targets and ammunition.

**Archery** - Rich McDaniel, 636-239-5807 to join the county-wide Archery project. Members will learn archery safety and skills.

**Clothing** - For those who want to learn to sew, Terry Luecke invites you to join her Clothing Project group. The meetings will be in the Sullivan area. Call Terry at 573-860-4675.

**Quilting** - Terry Luecke will also lead a county-wide Quilting Project. The meetings will be in the Sullivan area. Call 573-860-4675.

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**Miniature Rose Project** - Have you heard your parents or grandparents say “roses are too hard to grow” or “we don’t have the space for roses”? Join the county wide Mini Rose Project and you’ll learn that you CAN grow roses. And since the project is to grow a miniature rose in a container, you won’t need lots of space. You will purchase a miniature rose from the Tri County Rose Society at their cost (last year the cost was \$6.00 per plant). From April – July you’ll be guided on how to grow your mini in a container of your choosing. If you bring your LIVE plant to the Washington Town & Country Fair Rose Show, you’ll be reimbursed your cost of the rose. Naturally you’ll also have the fun of exhibiting at the fair. The project is led by Kerry & Wanda Weirich, 636.239.7380; [wweirich@yhti.net](mailto:wweirich@yhti.net).

**Growing Herbs** - Kids who want to learn more about growing herbs and how they are used should contact Dortothy Stumpe at 636-239-4767. Meetings will be held in Washington.



**GREAT IDEAS FOR PROJECT LEADERS**  
**Registration deadline - Sept. 15**

The Discover the Clover Missouri Volunteer Forum will offer many great workshops for project leaders. For your convenience I have listed the projects that will offer training at the forum. In addition there will be some more general workshops to help any project leader add value to the projects you lead. The forum will be held in Columbia on October 17-18. You can spend the night in Columbia, or just go up for the

workshops on the 18th. The Franklin County 4-H Council will provide 1/2 of the \$40 fee for the first 20 volunteers to register! To get registration information contact the Franklin County Extension Office or go to:

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/training08.htm>

There are Forum workshops for the following projects:

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| Aerospace           | Beef  | Child Development |
| Clover Kids         | Computers   | Conservation      |
| Dog                 | Electricity   | Entrepreneurship  |
| Financial Champions | Foods   | Gardening         |
| Goats               | Ham Curing  | Health            |
| Heritage Project    | Home Environment  | Horse             |
| International       | Knitting/Crochet  | Poultry           |
| Quilting            | Rabbit  | Robotics          |
| Sewing              | Sheep   | Sports Fishing    |
| Swine               | GPS – Global Positioning System, GIS, & Community Mapping |                   |

**General Information:**

- Using Teens to help lead
- 4-H SET – Science, Engineering, & Technology
- Judging and Demonstrations
- PowerPoint in Projects
- Give Your Project Meetings a Boost
- Facing the Challenge (physical disability simulation)
- Marketing Your Program
- You’re a Project Leader, Now What?
- Preparing for Change – how to enhance your project meetings.