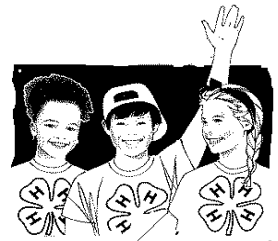


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COMPLETE PROJECT PAPER WORK TO COMPLETE 4-H YEAR

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.

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 2010 Washington Town and Country Fair.

Special Note for Teens: Teens must turn in the paperwork to complete the 2008-2009 4-H year to remain eligible to apply to be a 2010 4-H Camp Counselor.

IMPORTANT TO ENROLL EARLY

The 2009-10 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.

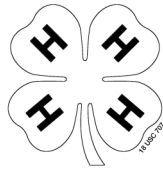
I want to remind you that it is important to re-enroll in September or October. We will accept an enrollment at any time, but because we have to close out last year's enrollments, and we get our address list from the enrollment information, those who enroll later may not receive notice of some opportunities.

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 2009-10 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.

National 4-H Week October 4-10



ARTICLES NEEDED FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

I need 4-H members, leaders, parents, and alumni to write short articles for the Missouriian 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. 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 1.

4-H'ers 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 4-10, 2009. 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 1 if you would like to read a spot on the radio.

COUNTY MEMBER SELECTED TO MISSOURI 4-H PHOTO CORPS

Congratulations to Savannah Barnes of the Maverick 4-H Club for her selection to the 2009 Missouri 4-H Photo Corps. The Photo Corps is a collaborative effort between Missouri 4-H and Rural Missouri Magazine. The Photo Corps team of 12-18 yr old 4-H'ers submit 4-6 photos each month depicting rural living. These photos are shared with *Rural Missouri*, and at least one photo from each team member is selected each month to be displayed in the Photo Corps Gallery at the Missouri 4-H web site. You can see Savannah's and other photos at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/photocorps/>

VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE ORIENTATION BY JANUARY 1, 2010

4-H Volunteer Leaders (Club Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Project Leaders, Activity Leaders) must complete *Making the Best Better: Volunteer Orientation* by January 1, 2010 to continue as a 4-H Volunteer. Remember, this is a one-time requirement, so if you have already attended a face-to-face or online orientation session, you have already met this requirement.

Again this year, volunteers will be able to meet this requirement by attending a face-to-face orientation, or they can complete the requirement on-line. 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.

PARENTS SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER ATTENDING ORIENTATION

It is the nature of 4-H parents to jump in and help club and project leaders when they need assistance. These "parent helpers" don't consider themselves to be volunteer leaders, but they are essential to the success of a 4-H Club. But what if something happens that injures a 4-H member or someone else, while you are helping out?

The University of Missouri offers liability insurance coverage for all **recognized volunteers**. To be a recognized volunteer an adult must complete the volunteer application form and go through the automatic screening process each year, **and have completed the *Making the Best Better: Volunteer Orientation* one time**. So I encourage parents to go through the process for their own protection and to offer peace of mind to your Club Leader.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION

The next Shooting Sports Leaders Certification workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 9-11 near El Dorado Springs, Mo. Anyone interested in becoming certified should contact the Extension Center so we can send additional details as we receive them.

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 24 4-H Council Meeting. At the meeting we will give re-enrollment instructions and provide all the materials needed for re-enrollment for the 2009-10 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 24, 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, a review of how we divide United Way Funds, 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.

4-H VOLUNTEERS TO BE INDUCTED INTO MISSOURI 4-H HALL OF FAME

Ila Faye and Norman Stumpe will be inducted into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame on Sunday, August 16, 2:00 p.m. at the Mo-Ag Theatre Building on the Missouri State Fair Grounds. The couple have a combined total of 69 years as Franklin County 4-H volunteers. Please congratulate Ila Faye and Norman when you have a chance, or better yet, attend the induction ceremony at the Missouri State Fair.

Ila Faye and Norman join Elizabeth Bruns and Dorothy Stumpe as Franklin County 4-H representatives in the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame.

MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI WINNERS

Congratulations to Casper Becker for being named the Move Across Missouri individual winner for Franklin County! Also congratulations to Ann Smith's Soaring Eagles 4-H team for being named as team winners for 2009. Finally congratulations to Jamielee Buenemann for qualifying to receive a Presidential Champions Bronze Award in the competition.

YOU CAN BE A PROJECT LEADER!

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 August 20 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 December 31, 2008. 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.

TEENS CAN APPLY FOR AWARDS

Forms available from

University of Missouri Extension Center or at
<http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>

Key Award - 4-H members who were 14 or older by December 31, 2008 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 December 31, 2008 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.

4-H CAMP FOR TEENS

4-H teens age 13 and older can attend the Regional Teen Camp to be held August 28-30 at Camp Mo-Val near Union. The camp will feature swimming, paddle boating and canoeing, dance, and an opportunity to meet teens from other parts of the county and the East Central Region. Cost for the weekend adventure is \$75. For additional information and registration form, go the Franklin County Extension web page:

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

Registration is due by August 15. After that, call to make sure there is still room.

LAKEBRINK CROWNED AS QUEEN

Emery is First Runner-up

Congratulations to Krystin Lakebrink of the Union FFA Chapter for being crowned as the 2009 Franklin County Youth Fair Queen. Also congratulations go to Marianne Emery of the Spring Bluff 4-H Club for being named first runner-up in the Contest. Marianne also won the prize for writing the best essay. Shelby Enke and Heidi Stahlman were other county 4-H members who participated in the contest.

4-H NIGHT WITH THE RIVER CITY RASCALS

See the enclosed flier for details about 4-H night with the River City Rascals at T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon, Mo.

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

TEENS ON THE MOVE

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Several Franklin County teens have been on the move attending out-of-county 4-H trips. Hannah Plowman, David Marrocco, Rachele Elbert, Kevin Cronin, Lynnette Thiel, Lauren Hileman, Alysia Carey, and Katie Wells attended State 4-H Congress in Columbia. Nancy Vaughan and David Marrocco attended the Missouri Citizenship Youth Forum in Jefferson City.

WASHINGTON STATE 4-Hers VISIT FRANKLIN COUNTY

Six 4-H teens and three adults from Stevens County, Washington spent a week in Franklin County to complete our latest Interstate Exchange. The Washington delegation stayed with Franklin County 4-H families during the week. Activities included visiting the Arch and Grant's Farm with the 4-H Ed Tour, a trip to Meramec Caverns and Meramec Springs Fish Hatchery and Trout Park, and a visit of the Lincoln County Fair in Troy.

The Interstate Exchange group planned the activities and served as host families. The group is led by Doris Koch, Tammie Elbert, and Gina Gratz, and includes Rachele Elbert, Danielle Gratz, Lauren Hileman, Chelsea Doerr, Tyler Meyer, and Lynnette Thiel.

In 2010 we will begin planning our next Interstate Exchange by locating a new partner county in another state. 4-H Teens are encouraged to join the group to travel to other parts of the country and to host 4-H teens from the partner state.

HELP SET RECORD AT MISSOURI STATE FAIR

Missouri 4-H and Science and Citizens Organized for Purpose and Exploration (SCOPE) will sponsor an attempt to reclaim for Missouri the world record on Mentos Soda Launching. They will attempt to launch more than 2000 Mentos and Pepsi fountains on Saturday, August 22 at 2 p.m. Any Missouri State Fair goer may participate in the event. To learn more, go to the Missouri State Fair website: www.mostatefair.com

SHOW ME ROBOTS AT MISSOURI STATE FAIR

Missouri 4-H and SCOPE will also sponsor Show Me Robots at the state fair on August 20. Agriculture, industry, military, colleges, and hobbyists will come together to provide exhibits, robot demonstrations, competitions, and hands on robot activities for fair goers.

NEW 4-H OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS

Gateway Center for the Arts is Franklin County's non-profit provider for instruction in the Performing and Visual Arts. They meet the needs of children and adults, at all levels of abilities, including special needs. Fall class offerings include: Dance, Tumbling, Theater, Art, Pilates, Yoga, Group Keyboard & Guitar, Sign Language, Creative Movement, Special Needs, and Group & Individual Speech Therapy.

As a non-profit organization, Gateway Center for the Arts is committed to promoting the physical and mental well being of the people of Franklin County and surrounding communities. We provide every person the possibility of exploring the arts through a wide variety of programming. The goal is to provide this experience regardless of ability or socio-economic status.

Gateway Center for the Arts is proud to announce that longtime 4-H members Danielle, Danette, and Trina Stumpe will be joining their staff as dance teachers. Consider enrolling in a weekly dance class that could double as a new 4-H project!

If you are interested in learning more about this organization call (636) 239-8939 or stop by 204 Elm Street, Washington, Missouri. Attend an open house on Saturday, August 15th, 22nd, or 29th from 10am - noon.

UNITED MUTUAL INSURANCE SUPPORTS 4-H

For the second consecutive year, United Mutual Insurance has donated \$500 to the Franklin County 4-H Council to support 4-H programs in the county. Steve Underwood presented the check during the Washington Town and Country Fair. Please let Mr. Underwood know how much you appreciate his company's support of our efforts in positive youth development. Thank you notes can be sent to: Steve Underwood, United Mutual Insurance Company, 113 Elm Street, Washington, Mo. 63090.

MISS AMERICA WAS A 4-H MEMBER

The 2009 Miss America, Katie Stam, is a former Indiana 4-H member. Katie gives credit to 4-H for her passions for community service. In fact, that is the topic of her platform as Miss America: Passion for Service, Promoting Community Service and Involvement.

SPRING BLUFF 4-Hers CONCENTRATE ON HEART

It is with great pleasure that I share with you an outstanding example of what 4-H is all about. Folks in the Sullivan area already know the story, but I want to share it with the rest of you. Harper Creek is the five month old cousin of Jacob Spurgeon and Danton and Troy Creek. She has a rare form of cancer, and treatment for the disease is very expensive. Jacob decided he wanted to do something to help. Jacob decided he would donate the proceeds from the premium sale of his steer to the Harper Creek Benefit Fund. Danton and Troy decided they would join in the effort by donating their proceeds as well. After seeing the selfless example set by their friends, Hobie Brown, Kennedy Blankenship, Christopher Schreit and Wes Thurmond joined in to donate all or part of the proceeds from the sale of their project animals.

What a wonderful gesture from 4-H members who "get it". Congratulations to all the members who made this wonderful gesture. And anyone out there that would like to build on their gesture can make donations to the fund through the Bank of Sullivan.

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 2008-2009 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 (including horses, pets, market animals, and breeding 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 2010 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.