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A Grown Up Attitude at Christmas
I won't unwrap this gift you gave me,
On this Christmas Day.

Instead I'll find a secret place
And hide it safe away.
Then sometime when I'm feeling sad
And I could use a lift,
I'll sneak back to that secret place,
And open up your gift.

This plan may seem unusual
(I don't wish to show off),
I better hide this present now.
Well,

I might just take the bow off...

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 29, 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 pickup your kids 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 23, 2010, 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.

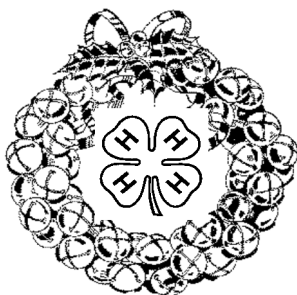
DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PHOTOS?
Photo Corps 2010
Shooting for the Stars!

Are you that person between the ages of 12-18 who always has their camera nearby? Do you have a passion for photography? Would you like to show the world how Missouri looks through your personal lens? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes!" then consider applying to be a member of the State 4-H Photo Corps team! Members submit their digital photos each month, via Internet, and network with other 4-H photographers from across the state.

For more information or to apply, visit the website at:

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

Applications for the 2010 Photo Corps will be accepted through January 31, 2009.



4-H LEADER RECOGNITION DINNER
JANUARY 23, 2010

New and returning 4-H volunteers should save Saturday evening, January 23 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.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS

Applications Due December 15

We are looking for a county 4-H teen, age 14 or older by December 1, 2009, 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>

4-H CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

When you get your 2010 family calendar be sure to save the following dates for 4-H Counselor Camp and Franklin County 4-H Camp:

4-H Counselor Camp - June 15-17
 Franklin County 4-H Camp - June 27-30

DESIGN THE CAMP T-SHIRT

4-H members are invited to submit a design for the 2010 4-H Camp t-shirt. See the enclosed flier for more information. Your design must be sent to the Extension Office by January 8.

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 2010 MOVE Competition begins January 1

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.



Individuals and groups interested in competing, or just having more incentive to stay active, should enroll by January 1. The county and state-wide contest will be held from February 1 to May 31, 2010. Those who participated last year will need to re-enroll this year. To enroll or to learn more about 4-H Move Across Missouri go to the website at: <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move>

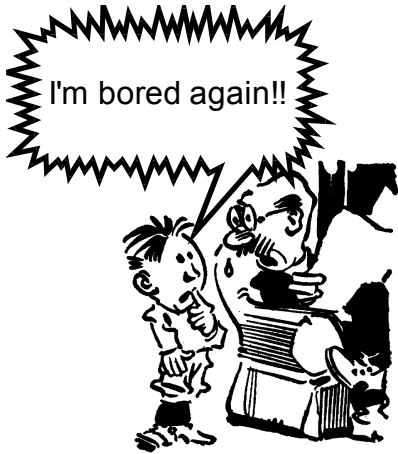
MISSOURI STATE FAIR YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP Applications due February 1.

High school seniors who will graduate in the spring of 2010 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, community college, or university with a major in agriculture.

The application is available on the Missouri State Fair web site: <http://www.mostatefair.com/> and click on Youth in Agriculture Scholarship.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST - FEBRUARY 20

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 20, at the Trowbridge Livestock Center on the campus of the University of Missouri - Columbia. The contest is open to 4-H members age 8 and older by December 31, 2009. There is a \$15 registration fee. Anyone interested in participating in the contest should contact the Franklin County University of Missouri Extension office by January 8, 2010.



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 29, 2009

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.

Conoco Station

Linden Street

Hwy. 50 to Jefferson City

Hwy. 50 to I-44

Hwy. 47 to St. Clair

