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. Those who cannot help on the 29th can join the Soaring Eagles 4-H Club as we finish the job on Wednesday, December 30 (same time, same place).

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. A map to the Union Memorial Auditorium is included in this 4-H Newsletter.

Each kid that helps stuff envelopes will have a chance to win a 4-H duffle 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 up 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.

4-H Leader Recognition Dinner - January 15, 2016

New and returning 4-H volunteers should save Friday evening, January 15, 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.

Help Plan Achievement Night
January 25, 2016

4-H teens, adult volunteers and parents are invited to help plan the 2016 Franklin County 4-H Achievement Night. All those interested should join Jenny Wallach in meeting room 3 in the basement of Union City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25. The group will also begin making plans for the Educational Tour to reward Achievement Night participants.

Steer Weigh-In Dates

You are not eligible to tag in if you are not enrolled in 4-H Online!

January 23 Meramec Community Fair in Sullivan
February 20 Washington Town and Country Fair in Washington
(Dairy tag in, too.)
4-H COUNCIL TO MEET JANUARY 25
The next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. in meeting room 3 in the basement of Union City Hall. Each 4-H club should have three representatives at the meeting. All 4-H members, volunteers, and parents are welcome.

4-H LEADERSHIP ENERGIZER
January 23, 2016
4-H club officers and members who have thought about being a club officer, Club Leaders, and others are invited to join us for the East Central Region Leadership Energizer. Club officers will learn more about how to do their job. All will learn a little more about Parliamentary Procedure, and adults can learn how to encourage active participation in 4-H! Check out the enclosed flier for more information.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP
Applications due February 1
High school seniors who will graduate in the spring of 2016 can apply for a $1000 to $2500 college scholarship. The Youth in Agriculture Committee will provide twenty-four $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 at:

EPI EVERYDAY ALERT TAGS
If you know someone who needs to keep an “EpiPen” or similar device with them, you may want to take advantage of this offer. The Allergy and Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics is offering a brightly colored aluminum “Epi Everywhere, Every Day” bag tag that can be clipped to a backpack, purse, tool belt, etc., for only a $3 shipping and handling charge. Those who are interested can check it out at: http://tiny.cc/epitag

TRAINING FOR NEW PROJECT LEADERS
Returning project leaders are welcome, too!
Note: Attending this meeting will not meet the Missouri 4-H Volunteer Orientation requirement.
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 Friday, January 15, 2016, 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.

MISSOURI AGROBUSINESS ACADEMY
The Missouri Agribusiness Academy is a youth leadership program focused on career exploration in the fields of agribusiness, government and production agriculture. It is open to high school sophomores. Participants will have an opportunity to sit down with top leaders in agriculture, government and education and to explore a wide variety of agribusiness careers. The deadline for application is February 1, 2016. Learn more at: www.mda.mo.gov/connect/youth

STATE 4-H COUNCIL CANDIDATES NEEDED
4-H members age 14 to 17 on Dec. 31, 2015, can apply to be a candidate for East Central Region Representative on the Missouri State 4-H Council. The State 4-H Council is made up of teens from across the state and take the lead in helping to plan and conduct State 4-H Teen Conference and State 4-H Congress. Currently Laura Bardot, a Franklin County 4-H teen, is serving as President of the Council. It is a great honor and responsibility to be elected to the State 4-H Council, so be sure you are ready to take it on before you apply to be a candidate. You can learn more at: www.4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/council

Also, feel free to contact Dave or Jenny at the Extension office for additional information. If you decide you would like to apply to be a candidate, your application must be in the Franklin County MU Extension office by February 1, and you should save February 27 for applicant interviews.
4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI
Registration for 2016 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, 2016. 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: http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/main

APPLY TO REPRESENT MISSOURI AT NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

4-H members who were age 14 and older on December 31, 2014 can apply to represent Missouri 4-H at the National 4-H Congress to be held in November of 2016. National 4-H Congress is the premier experience for 4-H members across the United States. Only 20-25 Missouri 4-H members are chosen each year to be a part of the Missouri 4-H delegation. But don’t let that scare you off. Any 4-H teen who has remained active in 4-H and especially those who have been involved in a lot of citizenship and leadership experiences, has a great chance to be selected. You can learn more about National 4-H Congress at www.national4-hcongress.com and at the National 4-H Congress Facebook page, www.facebook.com/National4HCongress.

To apply you must complete a Missouri Recognition Form Level 3. The form must be completed and returned to the Franklin County MU Extension office by February 1, 2016. You can find the form at www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/awards/competition.htm. The form will be judged, along with other East Central Region 4-H forms, and you will be asked to attend an interview on Saturday, February 27. After the interview a percentage of the forms judged will be sent to the state, where they will again be judged. At that time 30 members will be asked to go to Columbia for a final interview, and the Missouri delegation will be chosen from those interviews.

STATE 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE
March 12-13 in Columbia

4-H teens age 12-13 on December 31, 2015 can be a part of the Missouri State 4-H Teen Conference. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia on March 12-13, 2016. Dave Hileman will accompany you as the adult advisor for the experience and will provide transportation to Columbia and back.

Teen Conference is an overnight opportunity for you to have fun and make friends, while improving your leadership skills. We will leave on the morning of March 12, spend the night in the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, and return home about noon on March 13. While in Columbia you will participate in interactive workshops to help you learn more about leadership and the opportunities available to you as a 4-H teen.

The registration fee for the conference is $169 (or $219 if you don’t want to share a bed) which covers all meals and lodging. The Franklin County 4-H Council provides 10 scholarships to pay the registration fee at the $169 rate. Scholarship recipients only pay $20 to help with transportation fees. You can learn more about the conference at http://4h.missouri.edu/teen-conference/main.

Teens who are eligible will receive a letter with details about applying for a scholarship in the near future.
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, 2015
and
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2015
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 up your young people, so we know they are safely on their way home.
ALL 4-H MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!!!!

WHEN: Saturday, January 23, 2016
WHERE: St. Pat’s Center, 1601 North Bishop Ave., Rolla, MO
WHO SHOULD ATTEND: 4-H members, 4-H volunteers and adults interested in assisting youth with leadership opportunities

Schedule

8:30 am  Registration
9:00 am  Welcome/Team Building
9:30 am  Breakout Into Officer Groups or Adult Session (see below)
10:15 am  Break
10:30 am  Parliamentary Procedure
11:30 am  4-H Opportunities
12 pm  On the Road Home!

We invite parents and volunteers to attend a session on how to encourage active participation in your club and project meetings.

Please RSVP by Friday, January 15th to the Franklin County Extension office

Phone: 636-583-5141
Email: hilemand@missouri.edu
Text 314-606-7121 - be sure to tell me who you are.
Mail: Franklin County Extension, 116 West Main, Union, MO 63084
Include: Your name, phone number and age
Club officer position (if currently an officer)
Email address