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4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS Order Tickets by April 13

4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 23, 2009 for the eighth annual 4-H Day With the Cardinals. The Cardinals will be playing the Kansas City Royals in a 12:10 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be \$21.00 each which includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

Those who purchase 4-H Day With the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Families can also take part in a raffle for great prizes including the chance to throw out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to Cardinals baseball games provided by the St. Louis Cardinals. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member.

Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day With the Cardinals order form. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 13, 2009. Please note that we have a limited number of tickets, and tickets have sold out before the order deadline the past three years. So you are encouraged to order early. **4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.**

Complete information about 4-H Day With the Cardinals is on the ticket order form. The order form is available from the Extension Center or after February 25 at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu>

COME...COME...COME... TO THE 2009 ST. PAT'S CORONATION & FAMILY DANCE

Our annual St. Pat's Coronation and family dance will be Saturday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Union Middle School Auditorium (see enclosed flier with map). We will crown our 2009 King & Queen, recognize the Poster Art Contest winners, county project medal winners, and the members who represented us in 2008 state contests. Then we will take a short break for refreshments and begin our family folk/circle/square dance.

Dave will lead the circle dances. Don't worry if you have never had any experience with this type of dancing, you will have no problem catching on. **To protect the gym floor, we ask that you wear, or bring, tennis shoes if you plan to dance.** Each family should bring 1 dozen cookies for refreshments. The 4-H Council will provide beverages.

HELP PLAN ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

4-H parents, volunteers, and teens are invited to help plan Franklin County Achievement Night and the Educational Tour. Those who want to help plan the events should join Jenny Wallach on Monday, March 23, 6:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. The 4-H Council will meet following the Achievement Night planning meeting. It would be great if we had a representative from each club at the meeting.

PREPARE FOR ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Franklin County 4-H Achievement Night will be held Friday, May 8, beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. I will include the location and map in the April newsletter. Members should begin planning now to participate in the event. Those receiving blue ribbons at Achievement Night in any event can participate in the Franklin County 4-H Educational Tour this summer.

Members who receive blue ribbons in the Demonstration and Illustrated Talk events are also eligible to participate at the Missouri State Fair.

You can find a summary of Achievement Night events is included with this newsletter.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Franklin County Junior and Senior 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held at Franklin County Achievement Night, Friday, May 8 (see article above).

The senior contest is open to any 4-H member age 14 or older by December 31, 2008. Participants may speak on any topic. Speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length. The top two seniors will represent Franklin County in the state competition in September.

The junior contest is open to any 4-H member age 8 to 13 on December 31, 2008. Participants may speak on any topic. Speeches must be 3-5 minutes in length.

The top two juniors and top two seniors will represent Franklin County in the state competition in September.

Those who wish to participate in the contest must pre-register on the Achievement Night form we will provide in the April 4-H Newsletter.

4-H COUNCIL TO MEET

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The Franklin County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. We will review St. Pat's, hand out Franklin County Youth Fair exhibit tags, and discuss 4-H Council funds.

NOW HIRING 4-H CAMP STAFF

Teens who are at least 16 years of age, college students, and adults who love to work with kids can apply to work at 4-H Camp this summer. Camp Staff will work from June 13-28. We have paid positions for Kitchen Helpers, Camp Assistant, Lifeguards, and Health Aide. Contact Dave if you are interested in working at 4-H Camp.

APPLY FOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 60 college scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$2500. Franklin County 4-H juniors and seniors will be receiving information about the scholarships. Some scholarships are also available for kids who are already in college, so please make them aware of the opportunities as well. Those who want more information about the Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships can go to the Missouri 4-H website at:

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

COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Franklin County Cattlemen's Association is offering \$500 scholarships. To be eligible to apply, students must be in their senior year of high school, and have a beef project or be involved in beef promotion activities. Applicants must plan to work toward a four-year degree, two year associates degree, or a one-year intensive technical program in an accredited institution. Applicants' parents must be residents of Franklin County, current members of the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, and must have been a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association for two years prior to the application deadline.

Contact a Franklin County Cattlemen's member, or the University of Missouri Extension Center for an application. Application deadline is April 15.

TEENS INVITED TO HELP WITH ST. PAT'S

4-H Teens are invited to help plan the St. Pat's Coronation. The planning meeting will be Sunday, March 1, 4-6 p.m. at the Union Memorial Auditorium in Union. We will provide pizza to eat while we plan. You can help plan the event even if you are not able to attend the coronation on March 28.

SHOW-ME QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

4-H members with a beef, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit, dairy, or bucket calf project must have a valid Show-Me Quality Assurance certification to show in fairs this summer. Below are scheduled opportunities to meet the requirement.

March 10: 7-8:30 p.m., Campbellton Elementary School, intersection of Hwy. 185 & KK

March 31: 7-8:30 p.m., Sullivan/Spring Bluff area

April 25: 12:30 - 2 p.m. Clearview Feed and Seed, Hwy. 47 between Union and St. Clair as part of the Rabbit and Poultry Seminar and Show.

April 30: 7-8:30 p.m., Conference Room 3, Union Memorial Auditorium (City Hall)

May 9: 9:00 a.m., Washington Town and Country Fair Grounds. Swine show clinic will follow.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE AGE 17-20

Thirty students ages 17-20 from across the United States and Canada make up the State Farm Youth Advisory Board. They are charged with helping State Farm design and implement a \$5 million a year service learning initiative to address important issues.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Board you can get additional information and application at:

<http://www.statefarmyab.com>

Applications must be postmarked by March 31.

CASA PAGEANT IS GREAT CITIZENSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Girls age 9 to 27 (who are single) and married women age 18 and older can increase their public speaking skills, work on proper posture, and increase their self-confidence by participating in the Franklin County CASA Sweetheart Pageant. The event is being held to raise funds for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Kaylin Bade, a 4-H alumna and Chair of the Franklin County Youth Fair Queen Contest has agreed to organize the event.

The contest is not a "beauty" pageant; it is a community pageant. The entry "fee" is \$50, but contestants are encouraged to raise additional funds to help this great cause. They are also encouraged to find sponsorship rather than pay the entry fee on their own.

The contest will be held March 21 in the St. Clair High School auditorium. Contestants will be judged on community service record, on stage introduction, response to a question on stage, their poise and presentation on stage, and their photogenic ability.

If you would like to help with this good cause contact Kaylin Bade at 314-971-1356. You can also get information at the webpage:

<http://www.freewebs.com/imperialpageantproductions/>

SPORTSFISHING LEADER WORKSHOP

Anyone interested in becoming a certified 4-H Sportsfishing Leader should attend the next certification workshop to be held April 18-19 at Windermere Conference Center near Camdenton, Mo.

The Sportsfishing project is much more than just learning to fish. It includes education in four areas: Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Craft, Angling Skills, and People and Fish. There is a \$55 fee which includes Friday and Saturday night lodging and meals. The 4-H Council will cover the registration cost for anyone interested in attending. Registration forms are available on the Franklin County 4-H website at:

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

Pre-registration due by April 1.

Some of you may be curious as to why Franklin County 4-H Camp will be held over Father's Day for the third year in a row. It is never our first choice to be in camp during Father's Day, and it is very rare that we would be in camp for this special day three years in a row.

We are part of the Northeast Missouri 4-H Camp Committee. The committee is made up of Extension 4-H Staff from several counties in the East Central and Northeast regions. We work together to plan five camp sessions: a counselor camp, and four camps for younger kids. Franklin County 4-H Camp is one of the four.

We camp at a State Park Group Camp Ground that is used by many other groups as well. That limits the dates available for us to apply. Because we have always had the camp for a 17-18 day period in early June, it is easier for us to get those dates. When the State Park sets the dates we can have, the staff from the four camp groups discuss which dates they prefer. We try to keep the same group from always having the first or last camp, and from always camping over Father's Day.

The committee also prefers to start our camp dates after State 4-H Congress to make it easier on our teens, and also easier to hire quality staff members. Because State 4-H Congress is a week later this year, and because it was our turn to have the first camp, we ended up camping June 13-16, which includes Father's Day. Last year we had the third camp, and as you know, we were in camp for half of Father's Day. This year the D.A.R.E. camp group asked for an additional week and that forced all of our camps to be later. The only way we could have avoided Father's Day would have been to hold Franklin County Camp during the Meramec Community Fair in Sullivan. Since that would have prevented a large part of our membership from coming to camp, we agreed to camp over Father's Day again.

As a father who has been in camp when my daughter was at home, I fully understand the tough decision parents have to make when we camp over Father's Day. I hope this helps you understand that we do not have complete control over our camp dates and that we are sensitive to dates that conflict with family events.

Franklin County Share The Fun skit competition will be held Saturday, April 18 at the Beaufort Elementary School. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. It might help clubs to be aware that acts do not have to be original, that is, they do not have to be invented or written by club members or leaders. Clubs must let the 4-H Office know if they will have an act by March 16.

HUNTING SKILLS LEADER CERTIFICATION

Hunting Skills is the newest Shooting Sports Project discipline. Anyone who would like to be certified to be a Hunting Skills leader should plan to attend the certification workshop, April 18-19 at Windermere Conference Center near Camdenton, Mo. Registration fee for the event is \$55 and includes lodging for Friday and Saturday nights and all meals and project materials. The Franklin County 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for anyone who attends.

You must pre-register by April 1. Registration forms are available at the Franklin County University of Missouri website:

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

RABBIT & POULTRY SEMINAR & SHOW

All 4-H Rabbit and Poultry members are invited to participate in the 5th Annual Youth Rabbit and Poultry Seminar and Show on Saturday, April 25 at the Clearview Feed and Seed store on Hwy. 47 between Union and St. Clair, Mo. The event is sponsored by the Maverick 4-H Club. Kevin Rugen and Chris Link will judge the shows. There is a \$7.00 per person pre-registration fee for registrations postmarked or received by April 8. Registration at the door is \$10.00. There is no charge for adults who attend with their children. Refreshments will be available.

Complete information and registration forms are available by contacting Pam Cox Williams at 636-257-8494, or by e-mail at pam@wbconstruction.com.

Forms are also available at:

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

4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Achievement Night activities offer 4-H members an opportunity to show what they have learned in their 4-H projects. By participating in Achievement Night, 4-H members can qualify for to present demonstrations at the Missouri State Fair or to compete in state contests, and to participate in the Educational Tour planned by the Achievement Night Committee. To qualify to go on the Educational Tour a member must earn a blue ribbon at Achievement Night. Please note that for all events, **no live animals may be used** (sometimes you can substitute a stuffed animal to demonstrate a livestock procedure). Below is a description of Achievement Night events:

AWARDS: Each member will receive a ribbon based on the quality of their participation in each event. Top contestants in each event will receive a special rosette ribbon. Those receiving blue ribbons will be invited to participate in the Educational Tour. Those giving demonstrations may qualify to give their demonstration at the Missouri State Fair. Some contests allow winners to advance to state competition.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT: In personal development, you have a chance to talk about something you know about...YOU! You can talk about your pets, school, family, hobbies, interests, likes and dislikes, etc. You will start by telling the judge your name and age. Then tell the judge about yourself for 1 minute if you are 10 or younger, or 2 minutes if you are 11 or older. The judge will then ask you some questions about you.

SHOW AND TELL: Show and Tell is for first year members only. You show and tell about something you have made or grown in your project. Tell briefly what the item is, and how you made it. You might also tell why you chose the item, and the easiest, and most difficult parts about making it. Keep the object visible at all times. Finish by reviewing what you have told the judge and asking if the judge has any questions.

FASHION REVUE: For members in Clothing (521, 522, 523), Knitting, and Crochet projects. Members model a garment they have made. The judge looks for modeling skills, poise, posture, accessories chosen to be worn with the garment, how the garment looks on the member, etc. The judge may ask the member questions about their outfit. The contest is divided into Senior (14 and older) and Junior (13 and younger) divisions. The contest is also divided into sewing, crochet, and knitting divisions. County winners will represent us at the state contest.

FASHION SELECTION: For members enrolled in Clothing 524 or 525. The contest is the same as Fashion Revue except members model an outfit they have purchased instead of one they made. Garments do not have to be new. The outfit should fit into one of 4 categories: "Special Occasion", "School Days/Sports Wear", "Work Wear/Church Attire", or "Sleepwear, Costumes, etc." Call the Extension Center for complete guidelines.

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST: Members 14 and older can qualify to represent Franklin County at the State Public Speaking Contest by presenting a speech at Achievement Night. The two top speakers at Achievement Night will earn that honor. Members must prepare and present a speech on the topic of their choice. Speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length. No visual aids are allowed.

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST: Members 8-13 can qualify to represent Franklin County at the State Public Speaking Contest by presenting a speech at Achievement Night. The two top speakers at Achievement Night will earn that honor. Members must prepare and present a speech on the topic of their choice. Speeches must be 3-5 minutes in length. No visual aids are allowed.

HORSE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST: Speech topic must relate to the Horse Industry and be 7-10 minutes in length. Top junior and senior advance to state contest.

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTED PRESENTATION: Follows the same rules as Junior and Senior Public Speaking but allows the use of presentation software (such as PowerPoint) to support the presentation. A laptop computer and projector will be available. Think of this as an illustrated talk with PowerPoint as the visuals. The top 4 juniors and top 4 seniors can participate in the state competition.

EXTEMPORANEOUS TALK: An Extemporaneous Talk is one that you do not prepare for in advance. Members will have three topics to choose from, spend up to 10 minutes deciding what they want to say about the topic they choose, and then give the talk. Talks should be 2-3 minutes in length for members 14 and older, and 1-2 minutes for those 13 and under. The top four juniors and top 4 seniors can participate in the state competition.

For more information on public speaking events: <http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/events/>

DEMONSTRATIONS: A demonstration is showing and telling how to make something, or do something, you have learned in your project. Demonstrations should be 8-10 minutes in length (4-6 minutes for 1st to 3rd year members). Posters should be used to show recipes, outline steps in the process, or otherwise help the audience understand what is being done. Those who earn a blue ribbon at Achievement Night can take their demonstrations to the Missouri State Fair. For more information on preparing 4-H demonstrations check out these guides:

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/Y744.pdf>

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/Y745.pdf>

Illustrated Talk: An illustrated Talk is a type of demonstration, but instead of **showing** how something is done, you **tell** about something using illustrations to help the audience understand. For example, a beef member might give a talk on the different breeds of cattle, telling about their strengths and shortcomings. A poster, posters, of large photos of the different breeds could be used to illustrate the talk. Time limits are same as demonstration.

Team Demonstrations or Talks: A team of two 4-H members present a demonstration or illustrated talk. Follow the same guidelines for a demonstration or illustrated talk, but coordinate so that each member has a doing/showing and a talking part. Try to plan the presentation so both members have about equal responsibilities.

SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS: There are several special demonstration contests open to Missouri 4-H members. Most of the contests are held at the Missouri State Fair in August. Awards range from trips to participate in national contests to cash prizes. Members may want to consider these when choosing a demonstration topic for Achievement Night. Additional guidelines and information can be found at:

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/demoguidelines.htm>

Egg Demonstration Contest: Contact the Extension Center for contest rules. Top senior demonstrator will participate in the national contest in Louisville, KY. Information to help prepare for the contest can be obtained by contacting: Jesse Lyons, UMC Animal Science Extension, S-103 Animal Sciences Center, UMC, Columbia, Mo. 65211; phone (573)882-0247. More information at: <http://national4hpoultryandegg.psu.edu/eggprep.html>

Pork Demonstration Contest: Must be enrolled in Foods or Swine Project. Demonstration may be on any facet of pork including food, nutrition, production practices, or by-products. Prizes awarded for 1st - 3rd place in three age divisions. Animals may not be used.

International Demonstration Contest: Demonstrations can be about an item that is made in another country, used in another country, or originates from another country. Should include information about the place where the item originates and the people who use the item. If the item is a food item a copy of the recipe, nutrition information, and a sample of the finished food should be given to the judges. Time limit: 7-10 minutes.

Agri-Missouri Foods Demonstration Contest: Demonstration must use a food product produced by a Missouri company, give background on the company, and provide nutrition and preparation information. Three awards will be given in each age category. Time limit: 7-10 minutes. You can get a copy of the Agri-Missouri Buyers' Guide by calling 1-888-MOBRAND or at <http://www.agrimissouri.com>

Sheep Demonstrations: The Missouri Sheep Producers will provide a monetary award for any demonstrator presenting a general or working demonstration about lamb, wool, or sheep at the Missouri State Fair. The title of the demonstration must include a specific reference to sheep to qualify. Members must earn a blue ribbon at county Achievement Night to be able to present their sheep demonstration at the state fair.

Soyfoods Demonstration Contest: Member can prepare any recipe that involves soyfoods. Must be no less than 5 minutes and no more than 20 minutes. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for complete details. Call 1-800-MOBEAN-1 or e-mail mosoy@mosoy.org for additional information.

Electric Theatre Demonstrations: Demonstration must use electricity, include information on electricity, or be about a phase of the 4-H Electricity Project. Can be on any subject. For example, a visual arts demonstration on wood burning might include some information on safety involving an electric wood burning tool.

Horse Demonstrations: Demonstrations/Illustrated Talk must relate to the Horse Industry and be 9-12 minutes in length. Top junior and top senior advance to state contest.



Sign-up Now for Move Across Missouri

Challenge yourself or compete with others!

4-H members and their families and friends can sign up now to be a part of 4-H Move Across Missouri. You can sign up online at:

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

OR...

You can keep a log of your physical activity and ask a friend or volunteer leader to register and enter your activity hours online.

Work on your own or as part of a team! You can challenge yourself, or join in the fun competition across the state with a team of friends. A team can be a family, a group of club members, or the entire club. And you can include your friends who are not 4-H members as well! Just pick a team leader (adult or kid) and register as a team on the website. The competition will run from February 1 to May 31.

You can enter your hours each day, one time each week, or as often as works for you! And remember, all physical activity can be counted. So count the time you sweep the floor or feed the pigs, count the time you practice for a team sport, or just when you walk to the mailbox. Count the time you dance and the time you bowl. And be sure to count the time it takes to walk from one end of Wal-Mart to the other!

Prizes!! Everyone who signs up for the MOVE competition will receive a t-shirt. Individuals and teams that log the most minutes in the county and state will receive awards as well.

Get moving across Missouri today!