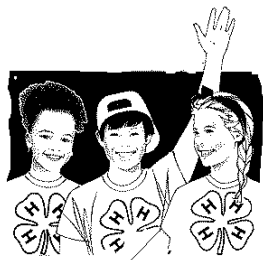


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4-H COUNCIL TO MEET JANUARY 26

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. Each club is encouraged to have at least one representative at the meeting. Other 2009 council meetings will be March 23, May 26, August 24, and October 26.

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

The next state-wide Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop will be held March 27-29, 2009 at Camp Jo-Ota near Macon, Mo. The Franklin County 4-H Council will cover the registration fee for anyone who wishes to be certified to lead a shooting sports project. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for a registration form.

2009 4-H CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

Franklin County 4-H Camp dates have been set. Counselors Camp for members age 14 and older who are selected as counselors will be June 14-16. Franklin County 4-H Camp will be June 19-22.

That means that we will once again have to camp over Father's Day. This occurred because the State Park forced us to move our camp season later to accommodate a request by D.A.R.E to add another week to their camp season.

Camp registration forms will be sent out in March.

2009 FAIR DATES

June 24-27 Meramec Community Fair, Sullivan

July 8 Franklin County Exhibit Day

July 9-12 Franklin County Youth Fair, Union

July 10-11 New Haven Community Fair

July 29 -31 Gasconade County Fair, Owensville

Aug. 5-9 Washington Town and Country Fair

Aug. 13-23 Missouri State Fair - Sedalia

TEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

4-H teens age 13 and older, and their non-4-H friends are invited to join us for the 2009 East Central Region 4-H Teen Extravaganza February 27-28 in Ste. Genevieve. See the enclosed flier for all the details.

SULLIVAN FAIR LIVESTOCK DATES

Steer weigh-in is January 24, 9 a.m. to noon.

Hog tagging: March 14, 10 a.m. to noon. Exhibitors may weigh in three pigs and can show two of them, and sell one. Maximum weight at weigh-in is 80 lbs.

Lamb tagging: March 14, 10 a.m. to noon.

All will be held at the Meramec Community Fair Grounds in Sullivan. For more information contact Sue Koch at (573) 627-3359.

WASHINGTON TOWN AND COUNTRY FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS

Washington Town and Country Fair Livestock Scholarship applications are due March 31. Members who are currently in their senior year of high school and have ever exhibited any species of livestock at the Washington Fair can apply for the scholarships. The scholarships may be used toward obtaining a four-year college degree, two-year associate degree, or for a one-year intensive technical program. Applications are available from the Washington Area Chamber of Commerce, (636) 239-2715 or from your school counselor's office.

FARM CREDIT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Farm Credit Services of Missouri offer up to 35 scholarships of \$1000 to eligible Missouri high school seniors. The scholarships are only available to dependents of a Farm Credit Services of Missouri **customer**. Scholarship details and forms are available from the University of Missouri Extension Center, or from a Farm Credit Services office (there is one in Union), or at their web site:

<http://tinyurl.com/farm-credit-scholarship/>

Deadline is March 1.

FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

The Franklin County Farm Bureau will again offer college scholarships to high school seniors. Applications are available from the Franklin County University of Missouri Extension Center, high school counselors, or the Franklin County Farm Bureau office (216 S. Church, Union). Call the Franklin County Farm Bureau for additional information at (636) 583-3735. Applications must be completed by April 1.

HOST A JAPANESE TEEN

Applications Due March 1!

4-H offers opportunities for families to host a Japanese teen, age 12-16, or an adult advisor, for one month during the summer through the 4-H/LABO exchange program. Since we now live in a global world, providing your young people with a person-to-person global and cultural experience is a great way to help them see "how differently we are all the same".

LABO is a Japanese club designed to teach the English language. Each summer several Labo members age 12-16 travel to Missouri to stay with 4-H families for one month so that they can practice what they have learned. We have had several LABO exchange members in Franklin County over the years, including two last year, and all have had very positive experiences.

The delegates all speak some English. I encourage you to consider being a LABO host family. Host families are asked that the delegates have a basic home experience. You are not expected to entertain them or make special arrangements - just include them in your everyday life. Financially you are asked to provide basic room and board and include the delegate in usual social activities. The delegates will bring money for souvenirs and other personal items they wish to purchase while in Missouri. Contact the Extension Center for a host family application. The Japanese delegates arrive in mid-July and leave in mid-August.

More information and forms are available at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/programs/globaled/>

BEEF JUDGING OPPORTUNITIES

Members who would like to practice judging beef animals can do so on Saturday, January 31 at the Trowbridge Livestock Center on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia. They are still working on details but expect that they will have classes of bulls, heifers, and feedlot steers. You are asked to let them know by January 19 if you want to participate. Please contact Dennis Fennewald if you need additional information or wish to pre-register: 573-882-1833 or e-mail: fennewaldd@missouri.edu.

The Alpha Gamma Rho judging contest will be held on February 7 at the Midway Expo Center just west of Columbia. Registration is from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration is free. Contact Brant Mettler for more information: 660-676-4529 or e-mail at bcmhd4@missouri.edu

HORSE JUDGING CLINIC AND STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

4-H members interested in learning more about Horse Judging or in participating in the State Horse Judging Contest should plan to attend the clinic and contest on Saturday, March 21, at the Trowbridge Livestock Center on the campus of University of Missouri in Columbia. Please note that the two events will be held simultaneously, so you must choose to participate in the clinic **or** the contest. You will not be able to participate in both.

Clinic: 4-H members 8 and older by December 31, 2008 can participate. Check in begins at 9:00 a.m. The clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end at noon. You must pre-register by January 26 to attend the event. There is a \$15 registration fee for members. There is no fee for adults.

Judging Contest: Open to members 8 and older by Dec. 31, 2008. You must pre-register by January 26 to participate. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. The contest begins at 9:00 a.m., and is generally completed by 4:00 p.m. All members will register and compete as individuals. At the end of the contest the top three scores from each county will be used to determine team awards.

There will be a Junior and Senior division in the contest. Juniors are age 8-13 by Dec. 31, 2008, and Seniors are 14 and older. The top senior team will represent Missouri in the National Contest held in Louisville, Kentucky in the fall of 2009.

GOAT PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

Cooper County 4-H is offering a Meat Goat workshop on Sunday, January 4th at 1:00 PM at the Pilot Grove School FFA building. The speaker will be Lloyd Gilford from Parson Creek Farms of Meadville, MO. He has over 10 years experience as a breeder and exhibitor of Boer goats. He has won at the American Boer Goat Nationals and many state shows. He will be speaking on picking your breeding stock and preparing for showing along with what to look for in a champion wether. He will have animals there to discuss. Everyone is welcome - 4-H, FFA and general public. So plan to attend.

DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PHOTOS? Join Photo Corps 2009

Photo Corps is a team of 4-H members who enjoy photography (as a project or a hobby) from across the state. Team members take photos that show their perspective on certain themes. This year the theme is "My 4-H World" and will include the nature of Missouri, the people of 4-H, and the programs of University of Missouri Extension.

If you would like to be a part of Photo Corps 2009, complete application available at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4H-photocorps/>

The program is a cooperative effort between Missouri 4-H, Rural Missouri magazine, and Miller Imaging. Some of the photos you take may be published in the Rural Missouri magazine.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS WITH DISABILITIES

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for students with disabilities is a unique career leadership-training program for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. The 3½ day event to be held July 26-29 at the University of Missouri in Columbia will help delegates cultivate leadership, citizenship, and social skills. There is no cost for delegates to attend!

To learn more about this opportunity, or to get an application form, go to the Missouri Governor's Council on Disability web site at:

<http://tinyurl.com/youth-leadership-forum/>

Applications are due April 15.

4-H FAMILIES CAN GET DISCOUNT TO SEE BULL RIDING

4-H families can get a discount of \$6.00 per ticket to see the Professional Championship Bullriders at the new Chaifetz Arena (on the St. Louis University campus) at 7:30 p.m. on January 9. The best thing is you do not have to gather a group, you can purchase the discounted tickets as an individual or family! To order tickets go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/chaifetz4-H/>

Enter the code G4H, and order the tickets you want. Ticket prices (with discount) are from \$17 to \$48.

4-H POSTER ART CONTEST

4-H members should begin now to plan for the 2009 4-H Poster Art contest. To enter members make a poster to illustrate the contest theme. Posters are judged in age categories, and cash prizes are awarded to the top three posters in each age group. Everyone who enters receives a ribbon and all the posters are displayed at the St. Pat's Coronation for everyone to see.

For details about the contest go to the Franklin County 4-H web page at:

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

Parents can help their young people brainstorm ideas for the theme, and think through a design. Then get out of the way and let the creativity begin!

Some 4-H Clubs will bring poster board and drawing supplies to a club meeting and let the kids start their posters at the meeting. The same thing could be done by handing out paper and pencils and having the kids sketch out their ideas. Then they can then go home and make their poster.

Club leaders might want to ask a parent to give a short poster making presentation at the January or February meeting. Volunteers can get a copy of "Making Posters from the University of Extension Center. Additional resources for members or parents are available at the following web sites:

<http://spectre.nmsu.edu/fourh/docs/Making%204-H%20Posters.pdf>

http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/opps/move/0501_poster.pdf

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/4h/4H15900.pdf>

Posters are due in the Franklin County University of Mo. Extension Center by March 2.

ARE YOU A 4-H CENTURY FAMILY?

Application forms available at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/recognition/recognition.htm>

The Missouri 4-H Century Family program recognizes 4-H families with a long history of involvement in the 4-H program. Missouri 4-H families with a combined 100 years or more of membership and/or volunteer leadership in 4-H will be recognized as a 4-H Century Family. Six Franklin County families have been recognized as Century Families since 2002.



The 100 years may include direct-line family members such as parents, siblings, grandparents, and grandchildren. Aunts, uncles, and cousins may not be considered. Stepparents, stepchildren, and adopted children may be considered. Supporting documents are not necessary (we trust you). Years as a paid 4-H staff member can not be counted.

In the early days of Franklin County 4-H, the program was directly connected to the Farm Bureau and local Extension Homemakers clubs. Years of service to 4-H in these capacities can be included. Years of volunteer service at any level (county, regional, state, etc.) can be included, but do not include the same year more than once. (Example: A county project leader who also served on a state committee to plan State Leaders Forum in the same year can only count the year one time.) Years of 4-H membership or leadership in a state other than Missouri can be included. Years as a Clover Kid or junior member can be counted.

Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for a form if you think your family may qualify as a 4-H Century Family. Applications must be returned by July 4, 2009.