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4-H COUNCIL MEETING—JANUARY 8

The next meeting of the Gasconade County 4-H Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Farm Bureau Meeting room in Owensville. Each 4-H club should have representatives at the meeting. All 4-H members, volunteers, and parents are welcome.

SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY MEETING—JANUARY 9

If you enrolled in *any* shooting sports project, the Shooting Sports Safety meeting is mandatory before beginning your project—and it's only offered once a year. This year it will again be held at the Fair Exhibit Building in Memorial Park at Owensville. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp! Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early to get signed in and seated.

If you have not enrolled in 4-H yet for this year—you must enroll in 4HOnline and pay so that our shooting sports coordinator, Amy Roethemeyer knows that you are in the project.

WHY IS "ACTIVE" IMPORTANT? in 4-H Online

Being in "**ACTIVE**" status in 4-H Online is important so that members can participate in 4-H activities such as county fairs, and State level opportunities, such as 4-H Teen Conference, 4-H Congress or any judging event. **Pending** members are not allowed to participate in 4-H events and activities because pending members are not considered to be completely enrolled by our State 4-H office.

When you re-enroll in 4HOnline, you may feel as if you are done—not true. The 4HOnline system puts your enrollment in as "**pending**" until payment is processed. If you paid by credit card during enrollment, it usually takes 24-48 hours for your enrollment to become "active". However, if you chose to pay by "**4-H check**" you will not be active until your check is received at the Gasconade County Extension Center.

Just as there are a minimum number of club meetings to meet the requirements to participate in the fair and be eligible for trip scholarships and awards—the first and foremost requirement is to get your 4-H enrollment **ACTIVE !**

How do you become Active? Simply mail your check made payable to the Gasconade County Extension Council for \$20 per child by December 31 or \$25 per child beginning January 1 to:

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STATE 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE Three Scholarships available

4-H members age 11–13 by December 31, 2018 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 16-17. A 4-H staff member or a 4-H Volunteer from this region will accompany you as the adult advisor for the experience.

Teen Conference is an overnight opportunity for you to have fun and make friends, while improving your leadership skills. You will leave on the morning of March 16, spend the night in the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, and return home about noon on March 17. 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.

Young teens will be receiving more information about the trip, and an opportunity to apply for 4-H Council Scholarships to reimburse up to 50 percent of the registration fee for those who attend the conference. Register through 4HOnline in early December, so remember to log in. You can learn more about the conference at:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/teen-conference/main>

STATE 4-H COUNCIL CANDIDATES NEEDED

4-H members age 14-17 on Dec 31, 2018 can apply to be a candidate for East Central Regional 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 the State 4-H Teen Conference and State 4-H Congress. 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 Hileman or Brenda Humphrey at the Extension Center 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 1st, and you should save February 24 of applicant interviews.

4-H FEEDING MISSOURI

The goal of the 4-H Feeding Missouri is to raise one million meals in the month of February in a first-of-its-kind statewide food drive. Every 4-H Club in the state can contribute to its success.

From February 1-28, 4-Hers across Missouri will engage in a friendly service competition to see which clubs can contribute the greatest amount of food, donations and volunteer hours. They'll have an opportunity to organize and/or participate in food drives, fundraising, volunteerism and educational outreach to learn about hunger and food insecurity.

I encourage 4-H leaders and parents to include educational opportunities about hunger and food insecurity during club meetings and other events leading up to the February drive.

Including on the 4-H Feeding Missouri webpage is a resource section that features a "4-H: Empowering Youth to End Hunger in Their Communities Toolkit" with ready made activities for youth to learn about this topic.



2019 MISSOURI EQUINE TOUR

Do you dream of combing your equine passion with a future career, love to learn more about the horse industry, and enjoy making new friends who share your love of horses? The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Annual Equine Career Tour may be just for you! The 2019 tour, May 20-28 will be exploring the horse industry in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Canada and is open to Missouri 4-H teens age 14-18.

The tour highlights will include collegiate equine education departments, harness racing, visiting a variety of equine farms, meeting 4-H youth, and touring Mackinac Island. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, dressage, entertainment, training, art, harness racing equine facility management and equine welfare.

The \$650 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H Staff advisors, and most travel related expenses. Applications available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/equine-tour> and are due by March 1, 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 3—Drake 4-H Club Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 8—4-H Council Meeting 7:00 pm at Farm Bureau Meeting Room, Owensville
- Jan 9—Shooting Sports **SAFETY MEETING** 6:00 pm; mandatory participation!
- Jan 10—Bem 4-H Club Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 13—Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting 5:00 pm
- Jan 13—Bay Community 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 pm
- Jan 16—Gasconade County 4-H Shooting Sports Club meeting 5:45 pm
- Jan 20—Woollam 4-H Club meeting 4:00 pm
- Jan 20—Bourboise 4-H Club meeting 6:00 pm
- Jan 20—Double S 4-H Club meeting 7:00 pm

STEER WEIGH—IN GASCONADE COUNTY FAIR

Mark your calendars! The Steer Weigh-In for the Gasconade County Fair will be held on Saturday, January 26th from 8:00—9:00 a.m. Let them know when you take your steer to the scale if you need it nose printed for the Missouri State Fair.

A back-up date of Saturday, February 2nd will be used in case of extreme weather.



We bid *Farewell* to Dave Hileman, 4-H Youth Specialist for the past five years here in Gasconade County.

Dave is undertaking a new roll in MU Extension as a Human Development Specialist based in Franklin County. Dave will be serving the counties of Franklin, Jefferson, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Warren and Washington. We wish him well in this new endeavor.

A new 4-H Youth Development Specialist is on the horizon for Gasconade County early in the New Year, so stay tuned!