Achievement and Contest Day Information

Harrison County: Saturday, June 22: Project Check-In at the Assembly of God Church, 9:30AM and contests begin at 1PM.

Gentry County: Monday, July 1. Hundley-Whaley Discovery Center in Albany. (Please check with your club leader for complete information.)

Daviess County: Monday, July 8: Project Check-in at the Daviess County Library, 1PM and Contest Day will begin at 6PM. We will be doing optional conference judging this year.

Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Contest Results

4-H members from across Northwest Missouri participated in a Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Contest, hosted by Nodaway County, at the Noel Miller Shooting Sports Range in Ravenwood, Missouri, Saturday, May 4. Despite the rainy weather, 118 4-H’ers from a nineteen county area participated in a total of 166 events. Events included Archery, BB, Pellet, .22 Rifle, and Shotgun.

The contest was divided into three age divisions: Junior, Ages 8-10; Intermediate, Ages 11-13; and Senior, Ages 14-18. Juniors did not compete in Shotgun, and Seniors did not compete in BB. Archery was broken into three traditional categories: Compound Fingers with Release Aids, Compound Fingers no Releases, and Traditional Recurve/ Longbow Instinctive no Accessories. This was the third year that FITA International/ Olympic-style Archery was also offered in both Compound and Traditional Recurve divisions. Medals were awarded to top three finishers in each event, in each age division.

The Nodaway County 4-H youth members and adult leaders would like to thank Noel Miller for the use of his shooting sports facility.

Harrison and Gentry County youth placing: Archery Compound with Release Aids Intermediate: 1st place: Adrianne Fordyce; Senior: 1st Place: Drake Fordyce; .22 Rifle Open Sites: Senior: 2nd Place: Emma Stonum; Shotgun/Trap: Intermediate: 2nd Place: Nathan Moore, and 3rd, Ethan Coleman.

Show-Me Quality Assurance Training

When: Saturday, June 22, 2013 10:00 AM

Where: Assembly of God Church, Bethany

Who: Any 4-H youth planning to show livestock at the MO State Fair

Alternative: http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/ index.htm

2013 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour at Mesquite Rodeo


UP AND COMING

State 4-H Public Speaking Contest

September 21, 2013
University of Missouri, Columbia

The 2013 State 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held Saturday, September 21 at Middlebush Hall on the MU Campus in Columbia. The contest takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Youth compete in a communication category of their choice, alongside other Juniors (ages 8-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13) or Seniors (ages 14-18) in their age division.

Registration fee is $25 and non-refundable. All youth must be pre-registered for the contest and a currently enrolled member of Missouri 4-H to compete.

State 4-H Fashion Revue

September 21, 2013
University of Missouri, Columbia

The 2013 State Fashion Revue Contest will be held on Saturday, September 21 at Memorial Union.

The appropriate Garment Data Form must be returned with the $25 non-refundable registration fee by September 1, 2013.

For further information: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fashionrevue/

Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share and work in groups, explore their interests and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce 5- to 7-year-olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Plant a Garden

You don't need a huge patch of land to grow a garden. A small square of backyard or a flowerpot on a balcony or sunny windowsill will do just fine! With a little bit of care children and families can enjoy tomatoes or flowers that they grow together.

Materials

- Seedling tomato, herb, or flower (look for these at supermarkets, garden centers, or farmers' markets)
- Trowel
- Flowerpot, window box, or sunny patch of backyard
- Potting soil (if you are using a flowerpot or window box)
- Watering can

Directions

Fill the flowerpot or window box about three-quarters full with potting soil. With the trowel, dig a hole deep and wide enough to hold the roots of your plant. Be sure the flowerpot will provide enough space for the roots to grow. Place the plant in the hole, then fill in the dirt around the roots. Pat the dirt down gently but don't pack it down too tightly.

Water the plant immediately after planting. A little water is best. If using a flowerpot or window box, place the plant in a sunny spot near a window. Water it every few days or if the soil is dry.

Fall Discover the Clover for 4-H Volunteers!

Mary Jo Williams

Are you a club or project leader? Would you like more resources to help make the 2014 club year more successful? Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the fall Discover the Clover, October 5, 2013, 8:30 – 3:30. This Discover the Clover will be held at the Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development.

For more information: WilliamsMJ@missouri.edu or (573) 882-3226

Clover Connection

News from University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development

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STATE SHOOTING SPORTS INFO
Rules - 2013
State Shoot dates:
- Trap Shoot - Aug 24
- Archery – NFAA 300 – Aug 24 & 25
- State Shoot –big day – Sept 21
- 3D – Sporting Clays – Muzzleloading – Sept 22
State Shoot Registration Packet - check with your own county for your local due date.
Ribbon Standards –State Shoot
State Contest Recognition Explanation

NRA Junior Rifle Camps…in Missouri
- Camp # 1: June 13-16
- Camp # 2: July 11-14

Bucksnort Gun club – near Marshall, MO
Excellent camp for aspiring smallbore rifle shooters. Become more proficient at 3P. Info & Application

Sponsored by Missouri Sport Shooting Association

Anything highlighted blue or underlined, may be accessed on line. http://extension.missouri.edu/daviess

4-H Float Trip/Paintball
Teen Outdoor Adventure - Ages 13 and up - On June 26-28, we will journey to the Niangua River in south Missouri. Activities will include float trip, spelunking, hiking, and...PAINTBALL!!! $150 includes transportation (we will take a charter bus if we have enough sign up), most food, raft, t-shirt, and camping fees/tent. Applications will be accepted until we’re full or June 5th, so don’t delay! Contact Shaun Murphy at murphyse@missouri.edu (660/646-0811) or your local Extension office for an application and more details. Application online at http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx

The Adventure
This year, we’re headed to the beautiful Niangua River, just south of the Lakes of the Ozarks. Rafts will be back this year (by popular demand). Now that sounds fun, but it’s not extreme—that’s why we’re adding a little Ozark paintball to the agenda.

We will stop along the way to experience some surprise adventures and will do the same on the return trip (caves, natural areas, etc). We will accommodate all needs, but youth should be prepared to experience moderate activity on this trip.

Youth will be tent camping this year. Your guides for all activities will be 4-H staff and official 4-H volunteers. One of the highlights of last year’s Joplin trip was the service component. I am currently speaking with organizations about a fun, short term service opportunity for the trip. I hope to have more details by the time trip letters go out.

WE WILL PLAN ON TAKING A CHARTER BUS—DEPENDENT ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Well, I hope I’m not alone when I say it’s time to have a little fun. This year’s float trip promises to be exciting for veteran floaters and new floaters alike. Get excited!

Shaun

The Details…..
Dates: June 26-28
Location: Niangua River
Activities: Float trip, paintball, hiking, and other activities.

Age Requirements: 13-18 (as of Jan. 1, 2013)

Cost: $150 (includes most food, transportation, raft, t-shirt, tent/campsite, PAINTBALL!)

(More details and suggested packing list will be mailed in June)
Rules you should know for Achievement Day and State Fair

CAKE DECORATING

Decorated Cakes - The use of forms or pans is recommended. Cakes should not exceed 13” in height or at the base. Cake boards should not exceed 1” margin on each side of cake pan or form and is considered in the 13” base requirements.

Must only use Royal Icing, Rolled Fondant or commercial product (i.e. Dapp) that will harden and preserve the decorated cake. (No real cakes, butter crème icing or tube/gel icing - displays containing these items will be considered ineligible and will be rejected.)

Anyone not following these rules will have their cake disqualified by the building superintendent or her officers.

SCRAPBOOKING

Scrapbooking exhibits should be only 1 page/1side representative of the complete scrapbook.

1. Size not to exceed 12"x12".
2. All pages should be in clear protective sleeve or clear zipper bag. Do not frame.
3. If more than one page is submitted for an exhibit, the exhibit will be disqualified.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Educational display – A new product is now available to make educational displays easier to construct. The size is 24 inches by 18 inches. When it opens and stands it has 6 inch sides and a 12 inch back. This is acceptable. For 2013 the original dimensions of 11 inches in height, 12 inches in depth (front to back) and 14 inches in width will also be accepted. Must include three-dimensional items and stand alone. (Posters with items taped to them do not qualify as educational displays. Science fair display boards are too large.)

POSTERS

Poster-No larger than 14x22; flat only, do not fasten items to poster.

PHOTOGRAPH AND MOUNTING REQUIREMENTS

Requirements

1. Photos must be mounted on 8” x 10” solid mounting surface
2. The mounting surface should be mat board.
3. Photographs must be 8” x 10” or smaller, with no more than four photos per mat board.

Please Note:

· “Solid” requires that there are no cutouts or other holes in the mat board, either around or behind the photo.
· “Mat board” is a specific material. It is not cardboard, foam core, poster board, etc.
· Mat board may be easily purchased from online retailers if local craft stores are not available.
· Examples of online retailers that sell 8” x 10” mat board include Sears, Golden State Art, Redimat, Etsy and several others which can be found via google.
· Mount photos on the smoothest side of the mat board, using only adhesives designed for permanent mounting of photographs.
· Photo exhibits should arrive in a “zip-lock style” bag, to protect them from dust, humidity, etc.
· Include name, address and county on the back of each photo.

All exhibits are subject to the FULL State Fair Photography guidelines. They are posted online at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/photoguidelines.pdf.
LEADER LOOKOUT
June club leader tips

The weather is warming up and summer activities are here. This month gets challenging because school is out and families begin to start their summer plans. Here are some suggestions and ideas for June:

1. Install officers if elected in May.
2. More discussion on fairs, achievement days, exhibits and other contests. Pass out exhibit tags and explain how they should be completed, attached, etc.
3. Encourage each member to exhibit at least three items at a fair or achievement day. Final reminder about eligibility to exhibit (members in good standing).
4. Be certain all project groups will be finished on time.
5. Provide information about state fair exhibits, animal show registration deadlines, dorm reservations, etc.
6. This is a great time of year for outside recreation activities, such as fishing, a barbecue in the park, club bicycle rides, etc.
7. Explain club responsibilities for county fair, achievement day and other county events. Recruit parents and members to serve as workers during these events. Have members write thank you notes to judges and financial contributors. Promote participation by challenging each member to engage in at least one of the opportunities.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL VOLUNTEER E-FORUMS FOR 2013-2014

Mark your calendars now and plan on having a county volunteer training connected with these events. You can find detailed information at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/ncrvd/eForum2013.cfm

- OMG! You’ve got 4-H Parents! Now what??
  Monday, November 18, 2013 at 8 - 9:30 p.m.
  “An Ohio State study of parents, 4-H volunteer advisors and sports coaches showed that members’ 4-H enjoyment is positively correlated with support from parents and volunteer advisors.”

- Engaging Teens & Older Youth
  Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 8-9:30 p.m.
  “The 2011 Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development leadership study found that participation in leadership activities strengthens youth skills like public speaking and communication, teamwork and conflict resolution that are increasingly important to employers.”

- Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience
  Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 8 - 9:30 p.m.
  “Research from the University of Minnesota found that youth in 4-H have a higher level of comfort in using social media that adult 4-H volunteers. Social media can be a compelling method to communicate with 4-H members, but volunteers need the skills to use it effectively.”

- Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects
  Monday, February 3, 2014 at 8 - 9:30 p.m.
  “National 4-H research shows that youth who have positive experiences with STEM-related projects are more likely to pursue education and careers in math, science and engineering.”
2013 4-H Equine Tour at Rainbow Meadows Rescue Ranch, Sedan, KS after a morning of volunteering.