Missouri 4-H Youth Feeding Communities Service Campaign 2013: Invest an Acre

Announcing the Missouri 4-H Youth Feeding Communities service campaign in 2013 and the Invest an Acre program. Information has been posted to www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/hunger/

Missouri 4-H youth of all ages are invited to join the Revolution of Responsibility in 2013 to help solve the growing problem of hunger in their communities. 4-Hers can join by doing ANY service that involves hunger awareness, relief, or food security. Individual youth, 4-H clubs, and groups can report their hours and results on an online site by the end of 2013!

The overall goal is to log 10,000 hours of MO 4-H youth and adult service hours by Dec. 31, 2013. Groups will be able to log their service hours and results on an online site, see how they have added to the cause, and receive recognition!

As one project idea, youth may want to learn about and promote the Invest an Acre program for local farmers. Invest an Acre gives farmers an opportunity to donate one acre or more of their harvest at the local grain elevator, with proceeds going to the local food bank. Monsanto has agreed to match farmer donations dollar for dollar. You can learn more about it at www.investanacre.org or these great videos:
Invest an Acre Kickoff Story
Farmers Fighting Rural Hunger: Invest an Acre
Invest an Acre: How it Works

Other hunger service project ideas for 4-H members and their clubs might include:
- Starting or expanding a community garden or greenhouse
- Teaching younger children how to garden
- Organizing a food drive in school, church, or community
- Sponsoring a hunger poster contest with prizes
- Leading hunger awareness activities at camp
- Setting up a display at grain elevator or county fair
- Organizing a soup dinner to raise money for a food pantry
- Donating a portion of what 4-Hers raise or sell to a local hunger organization

The possibilities are limited only by the imagination of 4-Hers! What ideas or questions do you have about Missouri 4-H Youth Feeding Communities? Please let us know!

Steve Henness, 4-H Center for Youth Development (573) 884-6618

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.
**UP AND COMING**

**Shooting sports leader workshop, April 5-7, 2013**

An MU Extension 4-H shooting sports leader workshop will be April 5-7, 2013 at Camp Joota in Clarence, Mo. Cost is $65 and includes camp lodging on Friday and Saturday plus five meals on Saturday and Sunday. More details and the registration form can be found online, 4h.missouri.edu. Pre-registration due to Gerry Snapp by March 25. Visit for more info: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

**Hunting & Outdoor Skills Leader Certification Workshop**

April 12-14, 2013. Windermere Conferenc Center, Lake of the Ozarks.

Here is your chance to become certified to teach the 4-H Hunting & Outdoor Skills project of the Shooting Sports program. Learn first-hand from the state instructors on how to lead this program.

Cost is $80 and includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, curriculum notebook, and supplemental resources. By April 1.

- Map and compass skills
- Dutch-oven cooking
- Ballistics and much more!

A certified leader must be 21 years of age.

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**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.

**Wild Bird Treat**

**YOU WILL NEED**

- Wild bird seed mix
- Pinecones
- Creamy peanut butter
- String, thread, or twine
- Newspaper

**HERE’S HOW**

1. Pour a pile of bird seed onto the newspaper.
2. Using a dull knife, fill the spaces in the pinecone with peanut butter.
3. Roll the sticky pinecone in the bird seed and push the seeds into the crevices with your fingers. Make sure you fill it up with seeds.
4. Tie the string onto the top of the pinecone. Cut the string, leaving it at least six inches long.
5. Hang the pinecone from a tree outside as a treat for wild birds.

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/activities/crafts/

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**Daviess County Archery Meeting**

Sunday, February 10, 2-3pm
Gallatin Methodist Church

Will work on Achievement Day projects, bring markers, glue and poster board 14”x 22”.
For more information contact:

Alicia Endicott
663-4224 or 334-0004
**12th Annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals**

Missouri and Illinois 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 18, 2013 for the 12th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The World Champion Cardinals will be playing the Milwaukee Brewers in a 6:15 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be $24.00 each which includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

4-H members, leaders, alumni, and their families 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 order forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension office, or on the web at www.mo4h.missouri.edu. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 5, 2013. Tickets usually sell out before the order deadline so families 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.

Families can also participate in the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle to win prizes such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. Funds raised through the raffle support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs. Complete information about the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle is on the ticket order form.

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**Harrison County 4-H Clubs**

Catering the Harrison County Extension Council Annual Dinner

Thursday, February 7, 2013

Food and youth should arrive by 5pm.

Your club leader has arranged for servers from your club.

Food should be delivered to Bethany Housing Authority, Community Room (Behind Pizza Hut).
2013 Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Workshop & Contest
Saturday, March 9, 2013
University of Missouri – Trowbridge Livestock Center - Smith and Stout Sales Arena
Columbia, MO

Workshop
The Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Workshop is an educational activity with explanation of USDA grades, traditional judging and keep/cull classes by USDA, Animal Science and Extension personnel. The Workshop is open to all Missouri youth enrolled in grade 9 or lower with a maximum of 8 individuals from each 4-H or FFA chapter. Entries will be limited to the first 275 received by the postmark date of Feb. 6, 2013.

Each participant or group must be accompanied by an adult leader, parent or instructor.

Awards will be presented to the top 5 ranking individual youth participating in all workshop activities.

All contestants must submit a completed registration form along with a fee of $6.00 by Feb. 6, 2013. There will be no refunds or on-site registrations accepted. Substitutions may be made at registrant check-in. [registration form](http://mda.mo.gov/connect/youth/workshopform.pdf)

**Contest**
The Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Contest is a competition designed to improve Missouri’s livestock by teaching youth and adults how to evaluate live animals by applying USDA grade standards. The contest is open to all youth in Missouri with emphasis on 4-H and FFA youth involved in agriculture.

***NOTICE*** Advisors or Project Leaders must specify which participants, in groups of 4, should be placed on teams. Any remaining participants will be scored as individuals only. If not designated by Advisor or Project Leader, teams will be assigned randomly.

Registration is required to be eligible for participation by Feb. 6, 2013. There will be no on-site registration, however individuals not registered may view and/or practice grading and judging without scoring or tabulation provided. Substitutions may be made at registration check-in.

**Contest Schedule of Events**

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****Payment must accompany registration form– Check, Money Order, or Credit Cards can be accepted over phone in conjunction with faxed/emailed registration forms. Cash will no longer be accepted.****

Both events sponsored by: MO Dept. of Agriculture, University of MO– Extension and Division of Animal Sciences, US Dept. of Agriculture.

Questions? Sarah Wilkinson
(573) 751-5618

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Knee-Hi 4-H Club

The Knee-Hi 4-H Club meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at the Gallatin Methodist Church. American pledge was led by Lane Dowell and 4-H pledge by Declan Schweizer. Secretary’s report from the last meeting was given by Trenton Ishmael and Roll Call was, “What was your favorite Christmas gift you received.” Unfinished business: report given on Christmas Card Delivery and Caroling at the Daviess County Care Center. 4-H enrollment forms and dues must be turned in this month. New business: Daviess County Jr. Livestock Show sis July 11-13, 2013. Northwest Regional Winter Energizer in Hamilton on January 12, 2013. The Club has a 4-H MOVE Across Missouri Team. Keep track of your physical activity from February 1st to April 30th. Club activity, learned the 4-H Spirit song. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 13th at the Gallatin Methodist Church. Respectfully submitted by Libby Endicott, Club Reporter.
Youth and adult partnerships in 4-H provide an opportunity for sharing responsibility and ideas and developing leadership skills together. Youth leaders are involved in planning, teaching and leading projects, activities and events at all levels of 4-H.

**Successful youth-adult partnerships**

- Build relationships and a cooperative environment. Learn about each other before you start the project to build trust.
- Understand differences. Learn from one another what each of you needs and expects from the other. Understand that each person brings gifts/talents/resources to the partnership.
- Know your goals and focus on those you have in common. Youths need to be involved with decisions that affect them, and adults need to understand why this is important.
- Find a balance of power and find importance in working together. Try to maintain an equal number of youths and adults. Ensure that youths are decision-makers, not just participants or observers.
- Reveal skills and attitudes that will cultivate a successful partnership. Young people are capable of significant decision-making.
- Show genuine concern for issues addressed in the project. The issues should be real and relevant to members.
- Recognize and bring attention to the feelings of accomplishment. Acknowledge each person’s contribution as a part of the team.

**Both adults and youths should agree to the following:**

**Adults**

1. Recognize youths as equals in making decisions and accepting responsibilities.
2. Model good communication with youth leaders.
3. Encourage and support youths on a continuing basis throughout planning, implementation and evaluation of the activity.
4. Understand that mistakes are opportunities to learn.
5. Ask for help when needed.

**Teens**

1. Get along with and be a positive role model to younger 4-H members, peer group and adults.
2. Be sincere in helping others and working with groups.
3. Plan ahead and complete activities.
4. Be aware of abilities and limitations.
5. Ask for help when needed.
6. Share decision-making and responsibilities with adults.

*For more information, see project meeting plan worksheet in the 4-H Project Leader Guidesheet LG784.*

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**Equine Tour to Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in 2013!**

Whoa! If you love horses, are 13-18, and dream of future with horses, you don’t want to miss this amazing trip! The 2013 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour is headed to the wide open spaces of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas to explore the indigenous equine careers and western horse industry May 21-27. Just a few of the plans on this busy itinerary will include visits to prestigious equine collegiate programs, western performance horse ranches, Remington Quarter Horse Race Track, National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Fort Worth Stockyards, custom saddle and boot makers, meeting renowned trainers and equine medical experts, the Oklahoma City Memorial, and meeting up with rodeo professionals. This is just the beginning! The $550 tour fee includes most meals, hotels, transportation on a chartered bus, admission fees, tour shirts/bags/group photo. Applications are due before March 1 and are available: [http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse](http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse). For more information contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765 or davisdd@missouri.edu.

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**Brushy Squirrel's Club Meeting**

**February 6, 2013**

Each family needs to bring 2 dozen unfrosted cookies for the club to decorate and deliver for Valentines Day!

Questions? Contact Dana Maxwell
February club leader tips

February is often described as the month of love, adoration and appreciation. We hope that you are enjoying your experiences as a club leader and enjoying the time you are investing in the 4-H program. You are a very important member of the MU Extension 4-H team, and we value your commitment to the success of the program. As you begin reviewing items for this upcoming month, consider the following ideas and suggestions:

1. Before the meeting, contact project leaders and confirm they have judging classes prepared for the club meeting. Junior leaders are a great resource for creating and working these stations.

2. Check committees to be sure they are functioning and progressing toward goals set earlier in the club year.

3. Set up time to recruit people to help members prepare recognition forms for recognition. Helpers could be older members, alumni members, parents and 4-H Extension staff.

4. Check project groups. If a project group has not met, offer time immediately before or after the club meeting for the project’s organizational meeting. Discuss timeline for completion with project leaders.

5. Begin sharing opportunities available to members in the summer. Encourage participation in summer activities such as camps, 4-H Congress, fairs and other trips by having club members share experiences attending these events.

6. Enjoy a Valentine Party and/or service project. If a service project is completed, take time to discuss how the group felt about the project, how they think their project will affect others and what other projects they would like to complete in the future related to this one. (“Do – Reflect – Apply” learning triangle)

7. Remind livestock members of weigh-in deadlines and ownership dates for state fair participation.

Brushy Squirrels 4-H Club

The Brushy Squirrels 4-H Club met on January 12, 2013. There were 10 members and 8 others present. The club discussed upcoming deadlines including Teen Conference which will be held in Columbia March 23-24. At the next meeting each 4-H family is asked to bring two dozen unfrosted cookies. The cookies will be frosted and decorated by the club members and delivered to members of the community for Valentines Day. The club sang songs and submitted items to the newspaper. The club’s next meeting will be February 6, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Bailee Blu Jones, Club Reporter

Animal Ownership Dates

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The ownership dates indicated above, apply to 4-H and FFA youth. Livestock shows and exhibitions set up minimum dates for length of ownership necessary for exhibiting. The above dates have been established by the state of Missouri.

Looking for show dates?  
http://extension.missouri.edu/daviess
(Updated on a regular basis.)
McCullough Fitting Clinic
Hosted by Harrison County 4-H
May 3-5, 2013
Northwest Missouri State Fair Grounds, Bethany, MO
Cost: 1 child & 1 calf- $130
2 children, 2 calves, 2 adults $230

Fee includes the cost of one on one instruction throughout the weekend, one clinic t-shirt and lunch on Saturday and Sunday for 2 people. Extra t-shirts may be pre ordered at $10 per shirt. Extra meals maybe purchased for $5 per person. Each person is responsible for bring their own show supplies, chute, bedding and clean up of stalls.

Registration limited to the first 20 received by March 17, 2013.

For further information:
Andrea Milligan 660-425-5642 or milligan72@hotmail.com
Or
Teela Sadowsky 660-868-0433