We are excited to announce Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development is transitioning enrollment to Missouri 4HOnline. Please log on at http://mo.4honline.com. A link to the detailed, step-by-step instructions (http://4h.missouri.edu/enroll/index.htm) is included on the login screen, but we think you will find the system very easy to navigate.

Douglas, Howell, and Ozark Counties has **approximately 86 youth and 36 adults enrolled** on 4-HOnline. As a majority of you might notice, the account states your enrollment is in pending status for one reason or another. To be transferred from pending to active, one of the following items might need to be submitted: youth member dues in check form to the Howell County/Local Extension office or volunteers need to submit these documents (LG636-Volunteer Application and LG637-Volunteer Confidentiality Statement) and/or complete the Volunteer Orientation Training (if you are a first time volunteer).

If you are a youth member wishing to get in at the $8 state dues, 4-HOnline enrollment must be completed before **December 31, 2014**. After that date, state dues will **increase to $20**. As we all understand, funds are tight during December. If that sound like you or you would like to pay by check, please select pay by check and have the funds to the office by January 15, 2015. Checks can be made payable to University of Missouri and sent to the Howell County Extension Office. After that date, the office will start making reminder calls.

If you are a volunteer and wish to gain full access to your membership, you must completed the steps above. The system internally will not allow a volunteer to become active until they are a certified volunteer with hard copies of documentation submitted to the Extension Office.

We look forward to a great year and appreciate your support and patience as we work together to Make the Best Better.

If you have any questions or comments, please email/call Taylor Bryant at bryanttt@missouri.edu or 417.256.2391.
**Please be understanding, as local faculty and staff are still learning the system, just like YOU!**

Upcoming Ships and Trips of Missouri 4-H

**Making the Best Better** in Neosho, MO

**Bright and Bold** in Niangua, MO

*A Member, Leader, Family Workshop*

Does your family or club fit any of the descriptions below?

"New" 4-H Family, Clover Kid or 4-H member, New Volunteer in need of Volunteer Orientation, Project Leader, Club Leader, Club Officer, Shooting Sport member in need of Safety Training, enrolled in Livestock needing of completing Show Me Quality Assurance, Teen Leader looking to join the Regional Team, or just looking to gain more knowledge on 4-H.

*If so, we personally invite you to attend one of the SW Regional Energizers nearest to YOU.*

Suggestion: Each Club is highly encouraged to attend and plan accordingly to insure maximum knowledge for the club. It is important to have different families attend each section and share the knowledge gained at the next club meeting.

**MBB/BB Agenda and Registration**

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SODEXO FOUNDATION

Looking for 100 Ideas to End Childhood Hunger

Did you know that 1 in 5 children in America are at risk of hunger? This is a problem that can be solved, and your ideas are an important part of the solution! If you have an idea for how you can help end childhood hunger in your community, apply for a Sodexo Foundation Youth Grant by January 15 to help bring your idea to life during Global Youth Service Day.

100 young leaders will be awarded $400 grants to create sustainable projects to end childhood hunger. Apply by January 15 at [http://www.ysa.org/sodexoyoouth](http://www.ysa.org/sodexoyoouth).

YSA and Sodexo Foundation are looking for 100 of the best ideas from young people about how they can help end childhood hunger in their communities. $400 grants are available for youth leaders ages 5-25 across the U.S. to turn their ideas into action and make an impact on
the issue of childhood hunger during Global Youth Service Day - April 17-19, 2015 - and beyond. Learn more at www.YSA.org/sodexoyouth

2015 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour Heads North!

Do you dream of combining your equine passion with a future career, love to learn more about the horse industry, and enjoy making new 4-H friends who share your love of horses? The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Annual Equine Tour may be just for you! **The 2015 tour, May 23-29,** will be exploring the horse industry in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Canada and Michigan and is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. Tour highlights will include collegiate equine education departments, harness racing, visiting a variety of equine farms, meeting 4-H horse members in Wisconsin and Canada, 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. In its ninth year, the tour has proven to be a great opportunity for participants to expand and clarify their possible equine related career paths.

"The Missouri 4-H Equine Tour has helped me grow as an equine professional and find where my passion lied within the industry. The many different connections I have made have opened doors and lead to new career paths, showing just how vast the industry really is. The trip definitely helped to light a spark in me and strive to become an active and intriguing member of the equine industry. It has led me to take working student positions in other states and not be afraid to chase my passion for horses overseas in Poland and Germany. I thank everyone involved with the Missouri Equine Tour for helping me pursue and live my equine dreams." Addie Rowles, Wentzville hometown, Williams Woods Junior, Equestrian Studies

The $600 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff and volunteer chaperones, and most all travel related expenses. Applications are available at [http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/](http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/) and are **due before March 1, 2015**. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765, davisdd@missouri.edu.
TEEN CONFERENCE
is a fun-filled, two-day event, **March 28-29**, for ages 11-13, planned by your State 4-H Council teens, to promote Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery by:

- Creating opportunities to make 300 new friends from across Missouri,
- Building leadership skills through quality learning experiences,
- Connecting leadership with older peer leaders on the State 4-H Council,
- Taking a look at the exciting opportunities that await as a 4-H teenager!

REGISTRATION will be available through 4HOnline in the coming weeks. The announcement will be made here when the Teen Conference Registration Module goes live!

4-H Farm Safety and Health Video Contest-
Everybody is a Winner!

The Central State Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) is hosting a 4H Farm Safety and Health Video Contest. This contest presents an opportunity for 4-H students to:

- learn about agricultural safety and health issues,
- create an educational video that will provide outreach and become an enduring educational resource to their community,
- receive personal protective equipment and educational materials and
- win prize money for their 4H Chapter.

To see past winning videos from 2013 and 2014 click [here](#).

It is an easy task. Have your 4H Club:

- Create a 60 second video on Safe Livestock Handling Practices (See attached file for additional contest rules.)
- Send in the video file by Friday January 16, 2015 (See attached file for additional contest rules.)
- After the videos are posted online the students can invite their friends, family and community to view their video. The 3 videos with the most views by April 17, 2015 will receive cash prizes. All participating students receive a bag full of personal protective equipment.

Please email Ellen [ellen.duysen@unmc.edu](mailto:ellen.duysen@unmc.edu) or call (402-552-3394) with questions. We look forward to receiving the next batch of creative, fun, educational, wonderful videos!

Cabin Fever Clays Shoot

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The good folks at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, Columbia are conducting a fund-raiser Sporting Clays shoot that will benefit the Missouri 4-H state shotgun program and state team. This is an open shoot - open to parents, youth, friends, neighbors. 50 targets and lunch for $35. Other "games" will be offered such as the Ritz Cracker shoot, Long Shot, and 2 or 4 person flurries. Prizes and awards offered in several categories. Have fun, enjoy good food, and support the 4-H shooting program. The brochure with more details will soon be up on the 4-H SS website.

**Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships**
Sixty scholarships are available, each ranging from $500 to $2,500. One scholarship application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor.

Applications are accepted **after January 1 and are due by April 1 to the state 4-H office.** The county due date for applications may be earlier than the April 1 state deadline. After county approval and signature, your application will be mailed to the state 4-H office by the county.

- Available scholarships (PDF)
- Scholarship guidelines and application

**Howell County Clubs: In the Spot Light!**

**Christmas Dixie Stampede and Ava 4-H**

Ava, Mo. - Ava 4-H Club, of Ava, Mo., which has an activities membership of 32 youth and adults who attending the Dixie Stampede on November 22.
Each year, Ava 4-H Club makes a day trip out of attending the Christmas Presentation at Dixie Stampede to provide real world experiences on their projects. Ava 4-H club specializes in the Horse project due to their partnership with the local Saddle Club.
Bonnee Stafford, Ava 4-H Club Leader, spoke about already planning to attend next year and making a weekend trip out of the event. The club hopes to also visit Silver Dollar City and tour other local business.
Ava 4-H meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month and generally at Ava School. For more information on joining Ava 4-H, please contact Bonnee Stafford at bstafford@avabears.net for more information.
Looking for a 4-H Club or starting a Club in your area, please contact Taylor Bryant, Regional 4-H Youth Development Specialist, at bryantt@missouri.edu or by phone at 417.256.2391.
PHOTO CAPTION: Ava 4-H members touring the Dixie Stampede stables prior to the show.

To have your club featured, please submit all press release to Taylor Bryant, bryantt@missouri.edu, by the 15 of each month.

Important Dates to Remember!

January
  Saturday the 24th: Making the Best Better in Neosho
  Saturday the 31st: Bright and Bold in Marshfield
  MBB and BB Regional Energizers: Some of the agenda items include: Clover Kid activates, Shooting Sports Safety for Youth, Report Forms, Volunteer Orientation, Missouri Show-Me Quality Assurance, and more!

February
  Monday the 2nd:
    5:00 p.m. Recognition Committee Meeting
    6:00 p.m. Howell County 4-H Council Meeting
  Saturday the 7th: State Meats Contest
  Saturday the 14th: Steer Weigh-In at the Heart of the Ozark Fair Grounds
  Saturday the 21st:
    Regional Horse Bowl and State 4-H Council Regional Representative Selection Process
    Wednesday the 25th: Legislative Day in Jefferson City

Attention Club Leaders, please email Taylor Bryant, Youth Specialist, the following information.
  Club Meeting date, time, location and address for 2015
  Taylor is planning on attending a meeting before January.
  Local school contacts for PTA or Foundations
  If your club has a completed 2014 Treasures Book, please bring them to the Extension office before the first of the year. If you need a 2015 Club Leaders Packet, including all 2015 materials, please contact the office.

Email Taylor Bryant, Youth Specialist

HAPPY HOLIDAYS