



# Jackson County 4-H Newsletter



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## MESSAGE FROM MEG:

Hope everyone has purchased at least one paper clover at TSC, see page 3. Happy National 4-H Week, October 2-8. I hope your clubs all have something planned to help promote 4-H! We will end 4-H week with a celebration of this year's accomplishments, Achievement Night will be on Saturday, October 8 at 5:30 PM at Delta Woods Middle School. More details follow later in this newsletter.

## HAPPY NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

**National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2011.** Each club can plan something to promote Jackson County 4-H, your club and/or 4-H in general. Great promotional items are available online at: <http://www.4-h.org/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2011-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/> This year the theme is all about Joining the Revolution of Responsibility.

## EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, October 6 at 7PM**, at the Blue Springs Extension Office. Please make sure if your club has a focus on the equine project you have a youth and an adult representative at each equine council meeting.

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The 4-H Council meeting will be on **Monday, October 17 at 7PM, at the Blue Springs Extension Office.** Each and every club can help shape the direction of the Jackson County 4-H program by having your club represented by a youth member from your club. We will be voting on the 2012 Fair Dates at the meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## CONGRATULATION CLOVERS TO:

☘ The following Jackson County 4-H members who placed in the top 10 in their classes at the State Fair Horse Show.

<b>Sydney Bohannon</b>	<b>Faith Hawley</b>	<b>Mimi Rebein</b>
<b>Haley Bruns</b>	<b>Ambrielle Hegarty</b>	<b>Dani Sallaz</b>
<b>Kara Cairnes</b>	<b>Alison Jones</b>	<b>Elaina Shelton</b>
<b>Katie Coonce</b>	<b>Kylie Maize</b>	<b>Ciera Smith</b>
<b>Clea Curnett</b>	<b>Cassandra McKerlie</b>	<b>Sidney Sykes</b>
<b>Kelsey Ellis</b>	<b>Kamryn McLaughlin</b>	<b>Alyssa Vansandt</b>
<b>Carsyn Glenn</b>	<b>Hannah O'Neil</b>	<b>Katie Williams</b>
<b>Faith Grant</b>	<b>Audrey Powell</b>	<b>Amber Wilkin</b>

☘ To all of the exhibitors from Jackson County who helped decorate our way to a 1<sup>st</sup> place for the State Fair Horse Show Stall decorating contest.

☘ The following Jackson County 4-H members who represented Jackson County with their exhibits at State Fair.

<b>Shelli Botts</b>	<b>Faith Grant</b>	<b>Michaela McMillan</b>	<b>Colette Strathman</b>
<b>Jered Brown</b>	<b>Alex Harvey</b>	<b>Sarah Morris</b>	<b>Nicholas Strathman</b>
<b>Marisa Brown</b>	<b>Sophia Immer</b>	<b>Audrey Powell</b>	<b>Sidney Sykes</b>
<b>Miriam Cox</b>	<b>Melissa Jackson</b>	<b>Trezelle Ray</b>	<b>Amber Terry</b>
<b>Ethan Cross</b>	<b>Aimee Johnson</b>	<b>Clare Scheier</b>	<b>Brooke Terry</b>
<b>Ryan Cross</b>	<b>Joshua Johnson</b>	<b>Teresa Scheier</b>	<b>Sydney Webb</b>
<b>Sully Crowe</b>	<b>Anna Lee</b>	<b>Joshua Schwarz</b>	<b>Veronica Webb</b>
<b>Kate Davis</b>	<b>Kate Lee</b>	<b>Elizabeth Stone</b>	<b>Justice Westphal</b>
<b>Cheyenne Erickson</b>	<b>Laurelie Mann</b>	<b>Ray Stone</b>	<b>Valley Westphal</b>
<b>Richard Farrell</b>	<b>Madysen McMillan</b>	<b>Catherine Strathman</b>	

## FIND THE HIDDEN SYMBOL

Congratulations to **Shelli Botts**, of Sunset Trails, she was the first person to find the symbol hiding in the September newsletter. Shelli will get a 4-H prize for her thorough reading skills. Each month the symbol will change. The first 4-H member to find the symbol and email Meg with its location at [sagemachm@missouri.edu](mailto:sagemachm@missouri.edu) will win a 4-H prize of their choice. This month's symbol is: ➡ Read the newsletter carefully to find the symbol.

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## COUNTY WIDE SHOOTING SPORTS

The next County Wide Shooting Sports meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 11 at 7PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office.** This will be the kickoff meeting for the 2011-2012 4-H year. At this meeting the dates of mandatory shooting sports safety meetings, which will be held in October, will be shared. Anyone interested in participating in any of the shooting sports projects (740-749) must be led by a state certified instructor, so you **MUST** attend the county-wide meetings. Question about shooting sports - contact Susan Smith at [smithsusan@missouri.edu](mailto:smithsusan@missouri.edu).



## COUNTY WIDE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Anyone enrolled in the photography projects are welcome to attend the County Wide Photography Project meetings. **The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 2:30PM at George Owens Park.** For more information about the next meetings contact Sandy Sands at: [104145.2065@compuserve.com](mailto:104145.2065@compuserve.com).



## 4-H COUNCIL REPORT

The meeting was called to order by President **Mackenzie Schuette** on September 19. Pledges were led, roll was called and minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report and budget for next year were reviewed and filed for audit. The Foundation Report was given by guest Ruth Pirch. Shooting Sports kick off meeting is Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Springs Office. **Committee Reports-** Fair committee presented fair evaluation minutes. Three options for the Fair for 2012 were shared, June 20-23, June 27-30, or July 11-14. The 2012 Fair dates will be voted on at the October 4-H Council meeting. Make sure your club discusses these dates and sends their vote with your representative to the next 4-H Council meeting. Achievement Night is Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM, at Delta Woods Middle School. **Old Business-** American Royal Parade report was given, there were about 40 participants, and we placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Keep collecting pop tabs for the recycling project they are due on Achievement Night, need to be delivered between 4:30-5:30. Paper Clover promotions at Tractor Supply will be Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. National 4-H week is October 2-8<sup>th</sup> promote 4-H throughout the week! **New Business-** Trash Bag fundraiser is available for clubs to participate in if they are interested. Officer Applications and elections were held at the last meeting. **Reminders-** Next Equine Council meeting will be **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM,** Blue Springs 4-H Office. Next 4-H council meeting is will be held **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** at the Blue Springs 4-H Office. PLEASE COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT 4-H COUNCIL MEETING!!!

*Lauren Ashton, 4-H Council Reporter*



## 4-H CLUB REPORTS



### CLASSY CLOVERS

Classy Clovers held their first meeting Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Smith Elementary school at 7pm. General business and reports were conducted. **Ethan Cross** 4-H Prince gave presentation on King and Queen Event. Old business included a report about American Royal parade and pop tab collection. New business consisted of club voting to do 12 "Hero" backpacks, Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest Parade float planning (using **Madyson's** design idea), and Oct 8<sup>th</sup> in connection to National 4-H week Veronica suggested club collect items for Joplin tornado relief. Also TSC-paper clovers campaign volunteers and bake sale, Sept 24 a.m. shift, **Sydney's** physically fit county program, election of officers to be installed next month and announcements about upcoming county meetings. Meeting adjourned with all attending the float committee meeting right afterwards.

*Submitted by Selinda Ramsey, Club Leader*



### HOMES COOL

Our club Homes Cool 4-H club had 8 members send exhibits to the state fair here are their names: **Josh and Amiee Johnson, Jeb and Valley Westphal, Ray and Elizabeth Stone and Josh Schwarz.** Our club's meeting place has moved. Our new meeting place is: 2104 James Downey Rd Independence, MO 64057. We will be having an open house on September 30 from 10 am to Noon at the church. Thank you Meg for coming to our meeting.

*Jered Brown, Home's Cool Reporter*



### SUNSET TRAILS

The Sunset Trails club held our monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011. We held officer nominations. All positions have been filled except for vice-president. Three people were nominated for this position. They will each present a speech at the next meeting so club members can vote. The next club meeting will be on Monday October 10, 2011 at the Everson's shop at 6:30pm. We will review the Clover and project ideas for the upcoming year

*Kate Davis, Sunset Trails Secretary*



### TRACTOR SUPPLY SUPPORTS 4-H

Tractor Supply Stores is once again hosting their **Paper Clover Campaign...September 21⇒October 2** TSC Stores will be selling Paper Clovers for \$1 at checkout. Jackson County will have booths at each store (Independence and Lee's Summit). Through participating in this event, the Jackson County 4-H program has been able to raise around \$600 (last fall and this spring). Please help promote this event to everyone you know!

### **RECYCLING CONTEST CHALLENGE**

The 4-H Council and Equine Council Leadership team has chosen to focus on recycling this year. To help everyone get excited about recycling, the team has challenged each and every 4-H Club in Jackson County to collect pop tabs. **All pop tabs will be turned in at Achievement on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30 PM.** Clubs will compete to see who has collected the MOST pop tabs since the fair. After the Achievement Night, collected pop tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

### **NEWSFLASH!!!**

Please have all of your information for the November newsletter sent to Meg at [sagemachm@missouri.edu](mailto:sagemachm@missouri.edu) by **October 15**. Please make sure the information is 4-H related.

### **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION REQUIRED FOR ALL LEADERS**

The Missouri 4-H program feels that orienting all 4-H leaders will create a stronger 4-H program overall. As of January 1, 2009, all 4-H leaders (organizational, project, activity and resource leaders) are required to complete a one-time volunteer orientation session BEFORE working with youth.

Leaders may complete this session different ways: Face to Face, Online orientation, or using the Orientation CD. Let's start off the 2011-2012 4-H Year off on the right foot. Anyone who will be volunteering and completes a volunteer application, must complete volunteer orientation. Please make sure you complete orientation within 1 month of completing your application.

#### **Face to Face session**

- Saturday, November 12 from 9AM – noon, Blue Springs Extension Office. Must pre-register by Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Online Orientation**

- <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/#orientation>
- Scroll down till you see the heading: **Online version**
- You may want to use the optional Study Guide (PDF) to track your progress.
- Begin the Online Volunteer Orientation
- After completing the Online Volunteer orientation – follow the link to the Required Quiz.

#### **Volunteer Orientation CD**

Each club leader has a copy of the volunteer orientation CD. Copies are also available at the Blue Springs Extension Office. You must have internet access to complete the online quiz.

### **LET'S GET FIT JACKSON COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES**

I, Sydney Webb, am creating a countywide project group focusing on physical activity. I would like any 4-H members, families or clubs to email or call me if they are interested. We will be using the 731 Bicycle Unit 1 project beginning this fall in October and the 775 MOVE (4-H Move Across Missouri) project beginning in 2012.

**There will be an organizational meeting and walk to get started October 15 at 9AM at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center.** We will get started this fall, (Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) and continue into spring with our fitness fun days. The whole family and your friends are invited to participate.

**If you're interested contact me, Sydney at (913) 963-2910 or at: [robot-bob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robot-bob@sbcglobal.net) by October 10. Remember the first meeting will be October 15 at 9am at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center.** Let's Get Fit!

### **RECYCLING TIPS FROM YOUR 4-H COUNCIL AND EQUINE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

To help other 4-H members, leaders, and families get involved, recycling tips will be in each newsletter till the end of the year.

- **Encourage an artist** - If you know someone interested in making art from recycled materials, offer to provide supplies. Many school children need items like paper towel tubes for art projects. Older artists use everything from rubber bands to oven doors. If you know someone who teaches art classes, suggest that an emphasis be put on making art from trash. While you're at it, remind them to use recycled paper and biodegradable, earth-friendly glues, paints, and pencils whenever possible. See below for inspiration and groups that connect artists and students with useful "trash."
- **Anticipate recycling** In addition to buying recycled goods, keep a keen eye out for recyclable goods. Whenever you purchase something packaged, think about how you can reuse the packaging, return it to a shipping store for reuse, or try to otherwise recycle it. If you get something likely to run down or wear out over time, such as an electronic component, give preference to the model that can be easily upgraded or cannibalized for parts so that you don't have to junk the whole thing if one part breaks. Products that are impossibly fused together are often called "monstrous hybrids" and are, while often cheaper up front, frequently unfixable and unrecyclable.



**"DISCOVER THE CLOVER" MISSOURI VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM - NOVEMBER 4-5 IN COLUMBIA**

You give your time and commitment directly from the Heart! For our wonderful volunteers, we offer a conference designed especially for you. Come experience, learn, refresh, and meet others who give so much to the 4-H program. Information is NOW available at: <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/discoverclover/index.htm> Highlights include: Friday evening enjoy pizza, Share Fair and skill-a-thons at the Quality Inn; Saturday there is something for everyone. Select from 50 workshops. Do you need more project literature? Pre-order literature and pick it up at Discover the Clover to avoid shipping and handling costs. **Registration fee is \$40 and the registration deadline is October 15 to the MU Conference Office in Columbia.**

**AMERICAN ROYAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY**

The American Royal is pleased to welcome high school youth with agrarian interests to **Youth Leadership Day on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the American Royal Complex in Kansas City, MO from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM.** The event will include break-out sessions on the following career topics: Ag Communications/Marketing, Bioscience/Animal Health, Agricultural Sales, Food Science, Ag Mechanics. Registration for this event includes a ticket to a 2PM PRCA Rodeo at the Sprint Center. For more information or to register for this event, go to [www.americanroyal.com](http://www.americanroyal.com). **Registration fee of \$25 due by October 21, based on first come, first served basis.**

**T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST**

4-H members, here is another chance to get be creative. All of the West Central Region 4-H members and leaders want to look GOOD at Regional & State Events. Put on your thinking caps, be creative and have fun with your designs. The rules are as follows:

- All eligible designs must be submitted by an enrolled 4-H member.
- Designs must be print ready (8 1/2 x 11 inches). An electronic version of the design must be submitted.
- Designs must be neat and legible.
- Designs will be printed in one or two color ink only, on just front or back of shirt.
- Designs must include words: West Central Region 4-H
- Designs must include a 4-H clover, and the 4-H clover CANNOT be altered in any way.
- Please do NOT include your name, club name or year.
- ONLY one design per 4-H member will be accepted.

Please email the design along with your name, age, club and county to Meg at: [sagemachm@missouri.edu](mailto:sagemachm@missouri.edu). **All designs are to be in the Blue Springs Extension Office by Monday, November 7 by 5PM.**

**2011 NORTH CENTRAL REGION VOLUNTEER E-FORUMS**

Join other 4-H Volunteers here in Jackson County to learn cutting edge information from experts across the North Central Region. Gain new knowledge you can share with your 4-H members throughout the year.

**Each session will be two and a half hours in length beginning at 6:00 PM.** Each session will include 3 separate presentations to help everyone learn more about each general topic.

- Monday, **November 7**–Positive Youth Development. Blue Springs Extension Office – Conference Room To include: “Quality Matters: In Chocolate and 4-H Programs.” “The Teen Brain: A Work in Progress.” “Tools and Techniques for Growing Youth/Adult Partnerships.”
- Thursday, **November 17**–4-H Program Management Mizzou Center, 1600 NE Coronado, Blue Springs, MO 64014 – Lower Level - Computer Lab To include: “4-H Club Basics.” Keeping your Cool While Working With Youth.” “Reducing the Risks of 4-H Club Meetings.”
- Tuesday **November 22**–New & Emerging Curriculum Blue Springs Extension Office – Conference Room To include: “4-H Science.” Get Connected to Your 4-H World.” “Community Service Learning.”

These sessions are open to all 4-H volunteers in Jackson County. You can attend all three, or just one or two if that is what interests you. **Everyone must be pre-registered for these sessions by Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> please contact the Blue Springs office to reserve your space.**

**ANOTHER VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Jackson County 4-H will be having a Project Leader training on **Saturday, November 12 from 1PM – 4PM.** **Everyone must be pre-registered for these sessions by Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> please contact the Blue Springs office to reserve your space**



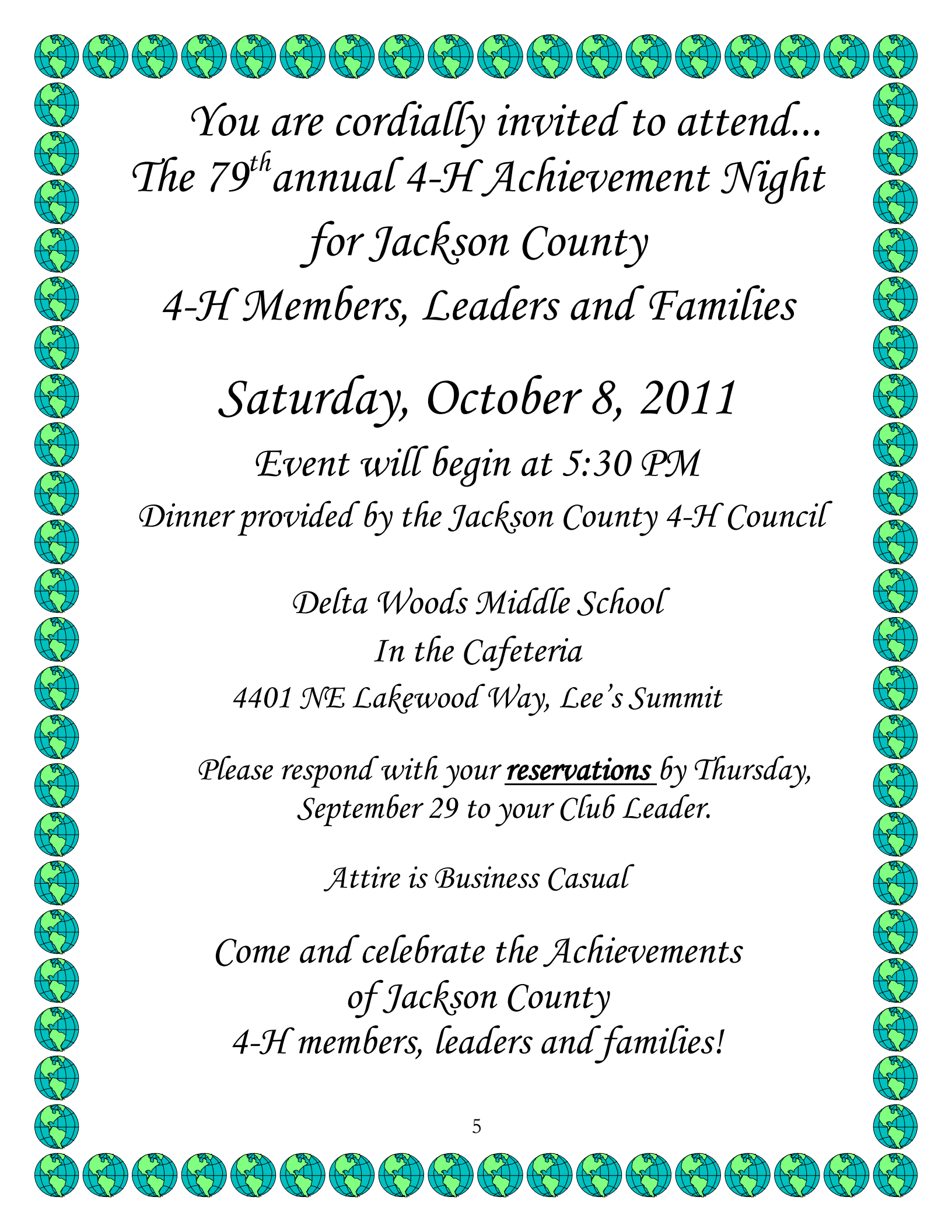
**4-H HORSE NEWS**

**EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, October 6, 2011** at 7PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office.

**HORSE BOWL AND HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE**

If you are interested in participating on the Horse Bowl or Hippology teams, please contact Cynthia Calbert. Practices have started for the 2012 events.



*You are cordially invited to attend...*  
*The 79<sup>th</sup> annual 4-H Achievement Night*  
*for Jackson County*  
*4-H Members, Leaders and Families*

*Saturday, October 8, 2011*

*Event will begin at 5:30 PM*

*Dinner provided by the Jackson County 4-H Council*

*Delta Woods Middle School*

*In the Cafeteria*

*4401 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit*

*Please respond with your reservations by Thursday,  
September 29 to your Club Leader.*

*Attire is Business Casual*

*Come and celebrate the Achievements*  
*of Jackson County*  
*4-H members, leaders and families!*



# JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates and times are subject to change, please make sure you have the most recent calendar.



## SEPTEMBER

- 21-October 2 – Paper Clover Campaign, Tractor Supply Company Stores
- 29 RSVP deadline for Achievement Night, to your Club Leader

## OCTOBER

- 1 4-H Clubs stationed at Tractor Supply Stores 10AM – 4PM, Independence and Lees Summit
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 5 National Science Day Experiment
- 6 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 8 Pop tab collections, 4:30-5:30, Delta Woods Middle School
- 8 Achievement Night, 5:30 PM, Delta Woods Middle School
- 10 Let's Get Fit RSVP to Sydney Webb
- 10 Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 11 Shooting Sports Club meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs
- 15 Discover the Clover registration deadline, to MU Conference Center in Columbia
- 15 Items due for inclusion in November newsletter
- 15 Let's Get Fit meeting, 9AM, Burr Oaks Woods
- 17 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 21 Registration deadline for American Royal Youth Leadership Day
- 22 4-H Photography project meeting, 2:30 PM, George Owens Park

## OCTOBER Continued

- 29 American Royal Youth Leadership Day, registration required

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Registration deadline for:
  - o North Central Region Volunteer e-forums. 11/7, 11/17, and 11/22.
  - o Volunteer Orientation and Project Leader Training on Nov 12
- 3 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 4-5 Discover the Clover, Columbia
- 7 Volunteer e-forum, 6PM – 8:30 PM, Blue Springs
- 12 Volunteer Orientation, 9AM-noon, Blue Springs Office
- 12 Project Leader Training, 1-4PM, Blue Springs Office
- 14 Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in December newsletter
- 17 Volunteer e-forum, 6PM – 8:30 PM, Mizzou Center
- 19 4-H Photography project meeting, 2:30 PM, George Owens Park
- 21 4-H Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 22 Volunteer e-forum, 6PM – 8:30 PM, Blue Springs

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