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Spooky Season is finally behind us! Who is ready for Christmas commercials to start way too early? I truly believe they start earlier every year. With the holidays sneaking up right around the corner, this time can be very stressful on everyone in the family.

Growing up in a divorced family, every year the holidays seemed to be a rat race for me and my brother trying to get from one family dinner to the next! This is a busy season in everyone’s lives. From all the food that needs to be cooked, to all the presents that need to be bought, the stressors can come quick and be overwhelming. Financially, the holidays can put a lot of families in tough situations. There are so many things to consider when planning for the next few months.

I say all this to remind you, do not forget to ENJOY the holidays! The time we get to spend with our family is precious and priceless! There are so many things to be thankful for, and I believe sometimes we forget that. We get caught up in the formalities and forget that this time is for love, gathering, laughter, and quality time with our loved ones. Happy Holiday Jasper County!

Sincerely,

Garren Johanson

I love 4-H
Some Helpful Information As We Start A New 4-H Year

As we start a new year it is always good to review some of the basics for 4-H which I have included here. For those of you new to 4-H, this an orientation to 4-H; for those of you who are more seasoned, it is never a bad time to review some of the basics.

Here are some 4-H Facts:

- **MOTTO** – "To Make The Best Better".
- **SLOGAN** - "Learn to Do by Doing".
- **EMBLEM** - The 4-H Emblem, the four-leaf clover, stands for Head, Heart, Hands and Health.
- **COLORS** - The 4-H Colors are green and white, green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime and youth and white symbolizes purity.
- **PLEDGE** - I pledge:
  
  My head to clearer thinking,
  My heart to greater loyalty,
  My hands to larger service and
  My health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.
- **MEMBERSHIP** - Approximately five million boys and girls are 4-H members throughout the United States, in Missouri over 20,000 are members of year-round 4-H clubs, about 20,000 are in special interest groups and over 100,000 are involved in school enrichment projects.
- **4-H YEAR** - A new 4-H year starts October 1st each year and ends August 31 of the following year.
- **AGE FOR MEMBERSHIP** - 4-H club membership is open to all boys and girls who are five years old by December 31, and have not passed their 19th birthday by December 31, of the current year. The "Clover Kids" project is available to those ages 5-7 and the regular club program for those 8 to 19. 4-H age is determined as of December 31, of the program year.
- **SCOPE** - 4-H is in all the other states and many foreign countries have 4-H programs. In fact, over 80 foreign countries have 4-H or 4-H type youth programs. It is now estimated that there are over 36 million 4-H alumni in the United States.
- **PROJECTS** - Other than age, the only 4-H requirement for membership is that 4-H'ers enroll in at least one project (learning opportunity). There are over 150 different projects in more than 40 subject areas from which 4-H'ers may choose. Members are expected to complete all the projects in which they enroll. There is an enrollment limit of 3 projects for younger or first year members and 6 projects for older members.
- **LEADERS** - Adults serve primarily as one of two types of leaders: project (subject matter teachers or leaders) and club (organization leaders). Helping boys and girls grow through their 4-H opportunities can be a very rewarding experience for adult volunteers. Teens also lead in many ways. Teens (Teen Leaders) 15 and older often serve as a project leader. Teens also serve as 4-H camp counselors. Members 12 and older may serve as (Junior Leaders) assisting an adult leader with a project or club activity. Teens are always serving as role models for younger 4-H members. Many teens are active in their county 4-H Teen Council. These members promote 4-H, conduct environmental and other community service projects and activities.
- **IN CLOSING** - Please, feel free to call or stop by the office anytime, also check out our website www.missouri.extension.edu/jasper. We have a variety of written, video and on-line materials to help you better understand 4-H and how to get and give the most from your family's participation. Let us know your questions and concerns, anytime.

Ask! **Asking is probably the key to a successful 4-H experience. The key to asking, is asking the right person.** Ask experienced leaders. Always feel free to call us or come by the office. If we don't know, we'll find out. We want your 4-H experience to be as successful and rewarding for you and your youngster(s) as you do! Just ASK!!!

Submitted by Bob McNary 4-H Youth Development Specialist
Jasper County News

Jasper County 4-H Parents’ Association

Parent Association meetings are open to all. The next meeting will be **Thursday, November 29, 6 pm** at the extension office. It is important for every club in the county to have a representative come to these meetings; that way your club has input in the County’s 4-H Activities.

**Officers:**
- President: Sheila Andrews
- Vice President: Diana Martin
- Secretary: Vanessa Hudson
- Treasurer: Julie Block
- Board Members: Rachael Ferguson, Stacie Brixey, Sarah Calvin, Janie Garner

**Teen Holiday Party**

On **Friday, December 14th** at the Jasper County Extension Office, Jasper County 4-H will be hosting a Teen Ugly-Christmas-Sweater Party!

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., we will be having a fun dinner followed by a “White Elephant” gift exchange. If time allows, we can watch a Christmas movie on the projector and finish off the snacks! For the White Elephant, there will be a $5 limit on the gift that you bring. Homemade gifts are encouraged!

If you are between the ages of 12-19 and would like to come, PLEASE RSVP by emailing Garren at johansongt@missouri.edu.

Hope to see you there!

*Welcome new families*

With the new 4-H year, we welcome many new families to the Jasper County 4-H program. As a veteran family you may remember the first few years of 4-H being confusing. Please welcome new members into your club and help them to become involved in club, county, and state activities.

You get out of 4-H what you put into it!

If you are a new family in the Jasper County 4-H program, your club leader will have a new family (or new volunteer) packet for you with a copy of the Jasper County 4-H handbook as well as other materials.

If you have questions that need answered, or just need some direction, please don’t hesitate to call the office at 417-358-2158.

*Let’s make it a safe and enjoyable year!*

Please be aware of any member within your club that may have food allergies and plan your refreshments accordingly.

*Parents* if your child has a food allergy, please make those scheduled to bring refreshments at the monthly meeting aware of the restrictions.

*Awards Banquet*

**November 10**

Carthage First Christian Church
Lighthouse
6:00 pm.

*Policies for 4-H organizations*

Did you know that our 4-H Clover has the same prestige and protection as the Presidential Seal or the Olympic Symbol? All of us care deeply about 4-H programs and young people. As “keepers of the clover,” we are responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the 4-H program are of the highest quality and in accordance with approved 4-H policies.

Good financial management is an important aspect of our responsibility to 4-H. Since 1998, the required financial policies for any Missouri 4-H organization (clubs, county councils, committees and other groups that use the 4-H name) have been laid out in the publication **Missouri 4-H Treasurer’s Record Book Y672**.

All entities (clubs, councils, committees) that use the 4-H name MUST use this record book and meet or exceed the policies outlined in this publication.
**New Award Resources**

How-to videos for State Excellence Forms Levels 1, 2 and 3 are now available on the 4-H Website. Thank you to Karla Deaver, Lawrence County 4-H youth specialist for creating these videos and making them available to everyone. You can find the videos listed at [http://4h.missouri.edu/peercompetition.aspx](http://4h.missouri.edu/peercompetition.aspx) under each level. There is also a video on how to fill out your project record form. It is located under the project record form link at [http://www.4h.missouri.edu/resources-forms.aspx](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/resources-forms.aspx)

**Project record form**

Members - get a head start on completing your end-of-year project forms. Forms can be found on the Jasper County 4-H website [http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/4hforms.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/4hforms.aspx)

Remember to take pictures all year of your project work to include in your end-of-year report.

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019**

**State and national contests:**

The 4-H Parents’ Association will pay the entry fees for state and national contest entries, but not expenses incurred on/for the trip. Reimbursements for national contest expenses may be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to availability for funds.

**Leadership trips:**

The 4-H Parents’ Association will reimburse 50% of trip expenses when accompanied by receipts. To be eligible for reimbursement, the member must turn in at least one end-of-year project report by 4:00 pm on the due date.

**Project specific trips:**

Project specific trips will not be funded by the 4-H Parents’ Association.

**4-H Volunteer Impact Study — You May Be Contacted**

What you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region.

This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering.

It will focus on three areas:

- the personal benefits of your volunteer experience;
- the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and
- how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work.

A random sample of 1,000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected you will receive an e-mail to let you know you have been selected to participate.

You may be picked! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences.

Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve-state region.

Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!
*Remember* do not create a new profile. Contact the office if you can’t remember your log-in email. If you can’t remember your password there is an option to reset it on the log-in screen.

We received very few copies of the Clover this year but each club leader should have a copy and it can be found online at: [http://digitalpubs.extension.missouri.edu/univofmissouri/digitalpubs/4685839319932147/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=1#pg1](http://digitalpubs.extension.missouri.edu/univofmissouri/digitalpubs/4685839319932147/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=1#pg1)

**Project enrollment guidelines**

First year member - three projects. Second year or higher age 8-10 - three projects. Age 11 or older six projects.

Exploring, Leadership, Shooting Sports Safety and Entrepreneurship can be carried in addition to these totals.

If you wish to carry more than the recommendation then you will make an appointment to come before the Parents’ Association and request the additional projects.

**Club officers / Youth leaders**

When enrolling you must select yes as a volunteer. For club officer, select the club tab and designate your club officer status. For youth leader, select the projects tab and add youth leader under volunteer type for the project(s) you will be helping to lead.

As a youth volunteer you will not be required to do a background check.

**4-H online**

It is very IMPORTANT and your responsibility to keep ALL your online 4-H information up-to-date so that we are able to keep you informed.

If you have further questions, give us a call.

**Remember**---

In order for a member of the Jasper County 4-H program to receive credit for his/her work for the year the following rules and requirements must be met.

- Members must attend 51% of club meetings. If the 4-H’er is unable to attend his/her own monthly club meeting he/she may attend another Jasper County 4-H club meeting during the same month.
- Member must participate in at least 6 hours of project studies and additional time as directed by the project leader.
- Recommended completion of project work -- Member must complete work in at least one project area for the year; exhibit at the Jasper County Youth Fair; give at least one demonstration or illustrated talk before an organized group, such as a club meeting or Jasper County Achievement Day; and participate in at least one judging event at a club or county event.

**Volunteer Application Process for the 2019 Program Year**

NEW – All volunteers must complete a NEW background check form for the 2019 year.

Also, new volunteers must complete the one-time 4-H volunteer orientation. The orientation helps volunteers learn basic terms, organizational structure and safety practices.

Updating or creating a Missouri 4HOnline volunteer profile is the first step for all volunteer applicants, not the last.

Help Guides for 4HOnline enrollment: [http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/4h.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/4h.aspx)

**Self-Determined projects**

The self-determined project is exactly what it sounds like – you decide what topic you want to learn about, set goals for yourself, plan how to meet those goals, and evaluate your efforts. This project is for youth who want to enroll in projects that 4-H doesn’t offer or who want to study a regular 4-H project in more depth and detail.

Guidelines for planning a Self-Determined Project:

- Narrow down project to one interest area.
- Set goals on what you hope to learn or accomplish.
- Make a list of supplies, materials, or facilities needed.
- Estimate cost of supplies and materials.
- Identify references.
- Identify a project leader.
- Develop a step-by-step plan of action.
- Record results and evaluate.

Anyone interested in the Self-Determined Project needs to obtain a copy of the 4-H guide sheet Y951, “Choose your own direction,” which outlines the process needed to choose and complete a Self-Determined Project. If you have any questions contact the County 4-H Office.

**Re-enrollment**

Please review your information thoroughly when re-enrolling.

Hint: projects from the current year will automatically rollover. If you do not wish to enroll in the same project, please de-select it. Add all new projects.

**Club reporters**

One of your duties as a reporter is to take notes at each meeting and prepare a report for the county 4-H office. Please send your club news to the 4-H office by the last day of the month so that it may be published in the 4-H News & Notes. You can drop off your report at the extension office or send by mail to: Jasper County 4-H, Courthouse Basement, Carthage MO 64836; or by email to jasperco@missouri.edu.

***NEW*** Club Reports – We have been asked by the state to keep track of the attendance at our county club meetings so we can more accurately report our contacts with 4-H members. We hope that this will not be an overwhelming task, so all that is being asked is to include an attendance report in your monthly club report. If you don’t have a monthly club report for the News and Notes we ask that you submit an attendance report every quarter. If you have any questions please call the office.

**Lincoln 4-H Club**

The Lincoln 4-H meeting was held at the Harvest Community Church at 6:30pm on October 15th 2018. Pledges were led by Hope Miller and Lacy Gordon. Prayer was lead by our Chaplain Seth Miller. Secretary report was given. Treasurers report was given by our treasurer Emily Egger. And she then handed out premiums. Vice President Hannah Andrews, handed out ribbons from state fair. President Hannah Miller informed us that we could now sign up for 4-H, announced the project reports banquet is on November 10, 2018. She informed everyone about the Regional Bonfire on October 20th. We were informed on the photography meeting on November 17th from 1-3. Our club then voted to donate $25 to the parents association for the awards banquet.

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Submitted by club reporter, Laura Thorn.

**Mt. Moriah 4H Club**

The Mt. Moriah 4-H Club meeting took place at the Garrett Farm on September 13, 2018. We roasted hotdogs and smores, elected our new officers for our 2018-2019 year, and voted to have a Halloween party and costume contest during our October meeting. We then adjourned the meeting. Thanks to the Garretts for hosting the meeting, and congratulations to our new officers!

**Country Kickers**

Attendance- Members: 8  Parents: 5
This month’s meeting was held Carthage Water and Electric Community Room at 6:30 on October 15. Roll was called with the question; What projects are you interested in for this 4-H year? Pledges were lead by Kassidy Howard. Officers were then elected. President Kyleigh Dunnaway, Vice-President Lucas Lund, Secretary/Treasurer Michael Anderson, and Game Leader Geyer Williams. Zach Mason reminded everyone who purchased Dixie Stampede tickets when to be there on Nov. 3. We went over the re-enrollment process and helped a couple new members. Zach informed everyone about the Southwest Regional Bonfire on October 20th from 6-9, he also handed around a flyer. He also reminded everyone that the Parent’s Association Meeting would be on Oct. 25 at 6 p.m., Ryan Lund said she might be able to represent our club at the meeting. We then talked about the Awards Banquet. Zach passed out registration papers to all members. We also discussed year end reports and made it a goal to turn more in next year. The Banquet is on Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Lighthouse. After that we discussed getting our project leaders picked and to have information ready at the next meeting. Stephanie Howard then passed out our ribbons and premiums from the fair. We set a demonstration and snack schedule. Our next meeting will be November 5th at 6:30 at the CWEP Community Room.

Michael Anderson
Reporter
Please submit your photos of project meetings, competitions, state events, etc. to the county 4-H office. As many as possible will be included each month on this page. You may drop them at the office or email to jasperco@missouri.edu
4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)

MOVE in 2019! 4-H MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youth to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

The new MOVE year begins February 1!

Here’s what youth and adults need to do to participate:

- Enroll in the Move Across Missouri (MOVE) project (HF775) in 4HOnline in their profile. Enrollment in 4-H MOVE does not count as a part of county limits on projects.

- For more information, check out the website at: [http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo](http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo). Participants who sign up for MOVE before May 1 will receive a MOVE promotion item and certificate.

During our competition period February 1 through April 30, individuals and teams who log the most minutes in each county and the state will receive awards. County individual and team awards are valued at $10 and $25, respectively. State individual and team awards are valued at $50 and $250, respectively.

Citizenship Washington Focus

The Citizenship Washington Focus trip is scheduled and confirmed for June 22-July 1, 2019!

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a weeklong summer program in Washington, DC where high school students learn about government and citizenship. Youth get a chance to see George Washington’s home of Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, many of the memorials located in Washington, D.C., as well as all of the Smithsonian Museums. The groups will also take advantage of being in the Nation’s Capital to meet with senators and representatives on Capitol Hill!

A statewide delegation of teens and chaperones from Missouri attend CWF every other summer. The Summer 2019 trip will include one group of approx. 35 youth, ages 15-19, traveling together with the trip coordinator and chaperones. Estimated trip cost will be $2,000 per youth, paid in four installments over several months.

Youth applications will be due by December 3, 2018, along with the first payment installment. Remaining installment due dates will be January 14, February 15, and April 15, 2019.

Go here for more details: [http://www.4h.missouri.edu/CWF/main](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/CWF/main)

Missouri Youth Civic Leaders Summit

March 1-3, 2019

Windermere Conference Center

The Missouri Youth Civic Leaders Summit is a statewide gathering of teens and adults who are ready to engage with others on topics of leadership, service, and LIFE!

YCLS teams can be made up of local teens and adults from 4-H SPIN, community clubs, councils, schools, afterschool programs, community organizations, or countywide groups.

Teams will gather with 20-30 other teen/adult groups from across Missouri and other states to network, learn, energize, and plan for action in youth-adult partnerships!

Youth-adult partnerships are a powerful and promising way for young people and adults to develop their leadership while engaging in thoughtful and meaningful work together.

Summit teams will be challenged to identify a project or event they want to work on in 2019 to benefit their community and boost their readiness for the next stage of leadership and LIFE!

For more information: [http://4h.missouri.edu/YCLS/main#gsc.tab=0](http://4h.missouri.edu/YCLS/main#gsc.tab=0)
4-H Legislative Academy

Meet Your Lawmakers! Land an Internship!
Advocate for 4-H! Find Your Voice in Jefferson City!

Legislative Academy is an annual trip to Jefferson City for accomplished 4-H leaders to serve as representatives and ambassadors for Missouri 4-H. As a delegate, you and a small group of 4-H teens from around Missouri meet with state executive, legislative, and judicial leaders, shadow a state legislator or executive office holder, and dine with major donors of the 4-H program.

Eligible Youth

- Enrolled as a 4-H member for the 2018-19 year
- Age 14-20 on Dec. 31, 2018
- Able to attend the entire three-day Academy, Feb. 18-20, 2019
- Has support of his/her local 4-H youth specialist to apply as a delegate
- Has experience in 4-H leadership/citizenship roles and trips (preferred, but not required):
  * State 4-H Council
  * State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador
  * Citizenship Washington Focus Delegate
  * State Award Winner (National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference)
  * Youth Futures Delegate, nominated by advisor
  * Mizzou 4-H Member, nominated by advisor
- Has not previously attended Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy

Apply on 4-HOnline by Dec. 15, 2018! [http://www.4h.missouri.edu/legislativeacad/main](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/legislativeacad/main)

(Limited to a select number of teen delegates, ages 14-20. Registration fee $50.00)

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

The world's largest zoological organization partners with Missouri 4-H to offer Missouri Youth an opportunity to discover, learn, laugh and experience one-of-a-kind adventures with animals from around the world.

The 2018 Zoo Apprentice/Junior Zoo apprentice experience will be held December 29, 2018-January 2, 2019, at Busch Gardens in Tampa, FL and Sea World, Orlando, FL.

For more information and to register [http://www.4h.missouri.edu/zoo_camp/main#gsc.tab=0](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/zoo_camp/main#gsc.tab=0)

Registration closes December 1, 2018

4-H Feeding Missouri statewide food drive

The goal of 4-H Feeding Missouri is to raise one million meals the month of February in a first-of-its-kind statewide food drive, and 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. Stay tuned for more information!

In the meantime, please consider including educational opportunities about hunger and food insecurity during club meetings and other events leading up to the February drive. Included 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. You can draw from this resource to help youth learn about hunger and food insecurity.

More information can be found at [http://www.4h.missouri.edu/4h-feeding-mo/main#gsc.tab=0](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/4h-feeding-mo/main#gsc.tab=0)
Grants/Scholarships/Financial resources

Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Grant Program

This program provides grants annually to Missouri 4-H clubs and FFA chapters for projects aimed at developing and advancing Missouri’s rural communities. $12,000 in funds is available in all.

Eligible projects must benefit an agricultural community and/or promote community development. Projects may also include improvements to existing facilities, grounds or buildings that are used by various groups or organizations in the community.

Twelve $500 4-H grants and twelve $500 FFA grants will be awarded annually.

Applications must be submitted by December 1, 2018. Recipients awarded funding will be notified in early January. All eligible projects must be completed by August 1, 2019.

For more information on BOAC grants, visit https://agriculture.mo.gov/connect/youth/boac.php

Missouri 4-H guides for planning youth service projects, see http://4h.missouri.edu/service/volunteers

Missouri 4-H clubs receiving BOAC grants last year, click http://4h.missouri.edu/documents/missouri-4h-sl-census-2017.pdf (see page 4)

2018 Pork Industry Scholarship

The Missouri Pork Association is now accepting applications for the 2019 Youth Pork Ambassador Program. The program allows students to actively interact with leaders in Missouri’s pork industry and receive a $1,000 scholarship, payable to any technical school, community college, or a four-year institution. The Ambassador will not only be awarded a scholarship; but will also have many opportunities to increase their knowledge of the pork industry.

To qualify: applicants must be a senior in high school up to a sophomore in college as of January 1st of the year they will begin the program.

Applications and three letters of recommendation are due December 14, 2018. For complete details and an application, visit http://www.mopork.com/youth/youth-pork-ambassador

Missouri 4-H Foundation Grants

The Missouri 4-H Foundation continues to award grants to support a wide range of 4-H programs, events, and facilities. Information about grant funds and application procedures may be found on the 4-H Foundation website at http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/

- Community Service
  Through generous grants from Crader Distributing and Stihldealers.com, as well as DuPont Pioneer, the Missouri 4-H Foundation offers grants of up to $1,000 to match funding for a 4-H community.

- Kids Helping Kids
  is a program devoted to helping 4-H members and their families in times of need. Through donations made by 4-H families and friends, support is available to Missouri 4-H families that have been affected by an emergency disaster.

- Doane Youth Center
  Through a generous endowment given by D. Howard Doane, one of the founding trustees of the Missouri 4-H Foundation, funds are available to improve facilities owned and/or controlled by Missouri 4-H.

4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers educational scholarships for 4-H members and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study.

60+ 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.

Jasper County 4-H offers a $1,000 Scholarship. Preference is given to qualified applicants from Jasper County.

Applications are accepted after January 1.

The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships

Applications are due to the extension office by February 15.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) loans for youth farmers

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) grants operating loans to individual rural youth to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA and similar organizations.

Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills. http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?rea=home&subject=paca&topic=you
Suggested 4-H project leader calendar

A Project is a focused area of work that a member decides to enroll in each year. Several members working in the same subject matter area become a project group under the guidance of a volunteer 4-H project leader. A 4-H club can include several project groups. An individual member may be the only person enrolled in a particular project.

Within the project, members learn things to do, things to make and things to explore.

This calendar is to help volunteers plan their project. The actual time of the year that you begin your project meetings will depend on the project you are leading, and the time you have to give. Please keep this calendar as a reference.

September /October
Commit to lead the project. Complete an Background Check Consent Form LG639 if required and return it to the Jasper County 4-H office. Order project leader materials so that you can begin planning the project. Literature order forms are available in the Clover. Look over project literature. Encourage members to order individual project member guides (check with other project leaders/members within your club or county to see if it would be beneficial to place one order). Check the list of resource items listed in the Clover under the Project Leader and Learning Activities section. These will be beneficial to you. Also, check out the project information on the state 4-H website - http://4h.missouri.edu/programsprojects.aspx and on the Jasper County 4-H website: http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/4H.aspx

November
Call 1st meeting – include member(s) and parent(s). It is important that you hold this meeting as soon as possible, even if your first project meeting will not take place until the spring. Kids can become discouraged, and assume that the project will never meet if you do not have this meeting to let them know when the project will begin and what they will be doing.

Do an introductory activity to create interest. Outline goals and requirements. Set dates for future meetings. You should plan to hold at least 6 meetings. Remember members must have a minimum of 6 hours of project time. Discuss any cost for supplies, tools, etc., that will be associated with the project.

December–March
Continue conducting the project meetings as planned. Utilize at least one of the following learning activities: Demonstrations, Skillathon, Judging.

April
Check on progress of goals and status of what members plan to exhibit for the fair. Encourage participation in competitive events at the fair (demonstrations, judging, etc.)

May
Last project meeting held (for some projects, such as horticulture or vegetable gardening, the last meeting will be later in the summer).

Encourage members to exhibit in the county fair.

Use this meeting to complete entries to the Jasper County Youth Fair. Remember members’ completed fair entry form must have your signature before they are allowed to compete.

June club meeting
Members’ items to be shown at the fair should be completed. 4-H Club Project Leader Summary reports are due to club Leader.

End of July – first of September
Meet one last time to complete Project Record Forms. Submit to County 4-H Office (with all signatures complete).

Let Club Leader know if you intend to lead a project for the new 4-H year or suggest others that might be interested.

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Meeting ideas for Club Leaders

A document of meeting ideas for club leaders can be accessed on the website
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 five to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Thanksgiving Meal Placemats

Materials
- Large construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Brown, orange, and yellow finger paints
- Paper plates
- Clear contact paper

Directions
1. Draw a turkey on a white piece of construction paper
2. Children can color or decorate the turkey with markers and crayons
3. Pour the finger paint in a paper plate
4. Have each child place their hand into the paint and use the handprint as the turkey's tail feathers
5. When the paint is dry, cover both sides of the paper with the contact paper to create an easy-to-clean placemat
6. Repeat steps 1 through 4 to create a placemat for each dinner guest
7. Ask each child to talk about things for which they are thankful

Calendar of Events

Dates subject to change without notice.

**November 10**
Awards Banquet

**November 23-27**
National 4-H Congress

**November 29**
Jasper County 4-H Parents’ Assoc. meeting

**December 1**
- Building Our American Communities (BOAC) grant application due
- 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp registration due

**December 3**
Citizenship Washington Focus Trip application due

**December 14**
- Jasper County 4-H Teen Council Holiday Party
- 2018 Pork Industry Scholarship application due

**December 29-January 2**
4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

**2019**

**January 14**
Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
2nd installment payment due.

**January 28-31**
Youth Development Academy

**February 1-28**
Feeding America Food Drive

**February 15**
- 4-H Foundation Scholarships application due
- Citizenship Washington Focus Trip 3rd installment payment due.

**February 18-20**
Legislative Academy

**March 1-3**
Youth Civic Leaders Summit (YCLS)

**March 16-17**
Teen Conference

**April 6-11**
National 4-H Conference

**April 15**
Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
last installment payment due.

**May 29-31**
State 4-H Congress

**June 22-July 1**
Citizenship Washington Focus

**July 5-14**
Jasper County Youth Fair

**July 15-19**
Summers@Mizzou

**July 16-19**
Youth Futures Conference

**August 8-18**
Missouri State Fair

**August 24-25**
State Trap and Archery Shoot

**September 21-22**
State 4-H Shoot

Find a complete list of upcoming events on the Jasper County 4-H website at: [http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/upcoming4hevents.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/upcoming4hevents.aspx)