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**Show-Me Quality Assurance Program**

4-H members enrolled in food animal projects including beef, sheep, swine, meat & dairy goats, dairy cattle, rabbits and poultry must complete the appropriate level of SMQA certification to be considered a 4-H member in good standing in that project. Other county “member in good standing” guidelines may also apply.

4-H food animal project members who plan to exhibit at the Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair and/or the Missouri State Fair should be prepared to present their SMQA card at the fairs when they check in.

Knox County 4-H food animal project members have an opportunity to participate in a face-to-face SMQA certification on February 18th from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the Knox County High School.

This year we will be splitting the certification session into two age/experience groups: Beginners/first time participants and youth ages 13 & under and advanced/2nd time participants and youth ages 14 & over.

Youth will be directed to their specific classrooms after first meeting in the High School cafeteria at 3:30 pm sharp! Youth are required to participate in the entire hour in order to become certified for this program year. That means meeting in the HS cafeteria no later than 3:30 pm and staying until 4:30 pm. Parents are asked to pick their members up no later than 4:45 pm.

Details regarding Missouri Show-Me Quality Assurance are available at: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock

Members may attend a face-to-face meeting in their county or they may also become certified by participating in the on-line tutorial found at: http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/

All food animal project members are required to be certified no later than **June 1st** of the current program year.

4-H Public Speaking Academy

The 4-H Public Speaking Academy is preparing for its fourth year!

Extension faculty, along with 4-H volunteers and college professors, will provide educational workshops to help youth build their skills and comfort with public speaking.

Participants will be guided through the basics and finer points of writing and delivering a speech. Youth will receive individual assistance.

The academy is open to all youth 11-13 years of age interested in learning more about public speaking.

The Academy will be held June 17-18, 2014. Registration is **due May 16**.

Lodging will be provided on the campus of Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO.

Be sure to download the brochure on the Missouri 4-H page at: 4h.missouri.edu/go/eventspublicspeaking/
The Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair Board will meet on Tuesday, March 11th at 8:00 pm or immediately following the 4-H Council meeting. 4-H club voting representatives to the 4-H/FFA Fair Board should plan to attend or contact their clubs alternate voting representative.

4-H members 14 years of age and older mark your calendars for June 10-12, 2014 and plan to attend 4-H Camp Counselor training camp. We encourage teen members to become trained in leadership, decision making, program planning & apply for a 4-H camp counselor position at regular 4-H Camp scheduled for June 19th - 22nd.

4-H Camp for members ages 8 to 13 is scheduled for June 19-22, 2014. Save the dates!

Registration deadline for counselor & regular camp is May 1st. More information will be mailed to 4-H families in April.

Knox County 4-H Horse project members, families and volunteers please mark your calendars for Monday, March 3 at 6:30 pm for the annual Knox County Open Horse Show planning meeting. All horse project members & families should plan to attend this important committee meeting. The meeting will be held in the Knox county MU extension center’s conference room.

Weigh-in for all market beef animals has been re-scheduled for Saturday, February 15 at the Edina Livestock Auction Market. Weigh-in will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Please note, the time frame for weigh-in has been changed from the original notification printed in the December/January Knox County 4-H News & Notes.

Weigh-in is mandatory if you plan to exhibit a market beef project animal(s) at the 2014 Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair.

Should you have questions regarding market beef weigh-in contact the Knox county MU extension center or your 4-H Beef project leader.
Weigh-in and project animal ownership verification for all market goats, sheep and swine is scheduled for **Saturday, May 3** at the Knox County 4-H Building in Edina from 7:30 am - 9:30 am.

4-H & FFA members who plan to exhibit a market goat and/or market lamb at the 2014 Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair. It is **mandatory** that you weigh your market goat and/or market lamb in on May 3rd. Nose prints will be taken on all market goats and lambs that are considering exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair. This is the only nose printing session and weigh-in that will be conducted in Knox County.

4-H & FFA members who plan to exhibit at the 2014 Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair are required to bring all market swine to the weigh-in/ownership verification day. However, members are not required to have their market swine weighed or participate in the rate-of-gain contest.

All market animals must have a Knox County ear tag. A designated official of the Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair Board will record the members name, animal, ear tag number, breed, etc. This serves as verification of possession and ownership for the 4-H & FFA members swine project animals.

If you have questions regarding the market Sheep, Goat or Swine weigh-in contact the Knox county MU Extension center or your sheep, goat or swine project leader.

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**ATTENTION**

**Knox County 4-H Livestock Members**

4-H Livestock pre-registration deadline for the Missouri State Fair is **July 1st**.

Please plan to have your registration papers signed by Karen or her designated representative **at least one week prior** to the deadline.

All registrations must be completed in their entirety before registration forms will be signed.

We strongly recommend that you call the Knox County MU Extension center prior to bringing your registration papers in to insure Karen or her designated representative is available to sign forms.

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**Volunteers Needed for 4-H Clover Kids**

4-H Clover Kids is the officially recognized 4-H program in Missouri for children ages 5-7. The program is designed to provide 5, 6 and 7 year-olds a variety of educational and experiences in a non-competitive environment.

4-H Clover Kids are involved in activities led by an adult that will help them:

- Explore many different interests
- Build self-confidence
- Practice communication skills
- Get along and share with others
- Be a part of a group

**Youth are divided into 3 groups**

- Clover Kids I - 5 years as of 12/31/2013
- Clover Kids II - 6 years as of 12/31/2013
- Clover Kids III - 7 years as of 12/31/2013

**How much of my time would it take?**

- A 1 hour leader training for 4-H Clover Kid volunteers is provided free of charge,
- Meetings are 1 hour in length and conducted once every other week for 5-6 weeks,
- Approximately 1 hour of planning time.

The 4-H Youth Development Specialist & Clover Kid Committee assists in the following ways:

- Scheduling classrooms for meetings,
- Provides 4-H Clover Kid Curriculum free of charge,
- Collect registrations and fees,
- Provide correspondence to 4-H Clover Kid families

We plan to start the 4-H Clover Kids program by mid-March providing we have enough volunteers.

For more information about becoming a Knox County 4-H Clover Kid leader, please contact Karen at the Knox County MU Extension center at loyd-mineark@missouri.edu or call 660-397-2179.
Department of Ag Livestock Judging & Grading Contest & Workshop

The Missouri Youth Livestock Grading and Judging workshop and contest is an educational and competitive event for youth and adults interested in sharpening their skills for livestock evaluation.

This year’s event will be held at the University of Missouri Trowbridge Livestock Center on Saturday, March 8th.

The Contest includes both team and individual competition, with team scores based on 4 members and groups of fewer than 4 scored as individuals only. There is no limit on the number of teams. The contest is also open to adults. Only adults wishing to receive official cards need to register and pay; those attending as spectators should not be listed on the registration form. It is the responsibility of the advisor to specify which participants they would like grouped into a team.

The Workshop is a non-competitive, educational event open to all MO youth 9th grade or lower. Participation in the workshop is recommended prior to entering the contest. Enrollment in the workshop is limited to two years, and each 4-H club or FFA chapter may enter a maximum of 8 individuals into the workshop.

Due to space limitations, entries are limited to the first 275 received. Each participant must be accompanied by an adult leader, parent or instructor. Please see the link below for more information: http://mda.mo.gov/connect/youth/livestockgrading.php

4-H Livestock Project Ownership Dates

One of the objectives in owning an animal is to learn new skills in animal breeding, feeding, management and health. To accomplish this, the member should secure the animal as early in the year as possible. Livestock shows and exhibitions set up minimum dates for length of ownership necessary for exhibiting.

The chart printed in the December/January Knox County 4-H News & Notes included only the Missouri State Fair dates. The chart found below includes both the Missouri State Fair ownership deadlines and the ownership deadlines for exhibition at the Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair.

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Tree & Shrub Seedlings From Missouri Department of Conservation

Now is a great time to plan ahead and order seedlings for spring planting from the Missouri Department of Conservation’s George O. White State Nursery. The nursery provides a variety of native seedlings for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control, as well as for wildlife food and cover.

A limited number of seedlings are offered to 4-H groups at no cost, but don’t delay...order now and plant in the spring as part of the 4-H Million Tree Project. Join with other 4-H members across the United States and the world in reaching a goal of one million trees planted. Be sure to sign up and record your tree plantings at: http://www.4hmilliontrees.org. To date Missouri 4-H members have planted nearly 5,000 trees.

Detailed information can be found in the MDC’s 2013-2014 Seedling Order Form catalogue. The catalogue is available in the November issue of the Missouri Conservationist, at MDC regional offices and nature centers, or by calling the State Nursery at 573-674-3229. Items can also be viewed and orders placed online at: www.mdc.mo.gov/node/10542 Be sure to ask about the no-cost option available to 4-H.

**This is a great option to consider for a community service project!!!**

State 4-H Fishing Day will be held May 31, 2014 at Little Dixie Lake conservation area. This site is located in Callaway county between Fulton and Columbia and allows for both shoreline fishing and boats to be launched.

There will be a fishing derby, casting contest and skill-a-thon activities at the event.

More information can be found at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/sportfishing/

**Summers At Mizzou**

Do you have an idea you want to turn into your own business? Do you want to move from a seat in the audience to the Director’s chair? Do you like helping people? Do you like maps? Do you enjoy helping animals? Are you interested in science? If any of these apply to you, Summers @ Mizzou is for you! Camps will be offered the week of July 13-17 and July 20-24th.

Summers @ Mizzou offers nine different camps: Director’s Cut, Scrub-In to a Health Career, Build-a-Business, Dog Days of Summer, The Stress of Life, Through Artist’s Eyes, Future Internet Apps, Meet the “Big Muddy” and GeoTech. These camps are offered as residential or day camps. Camps are available for a wide range of ages beginning with 12 year olds; check the registration information for the age range of each camp.

Early registrations are due by May 7. For registration and available scholarships see: http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers Registrations can be made on-line or by mail.

For those without internet access contact the Knox County University of Missouri Extension center at 660-397-2179 for a more information and a brochure.

*For a look at Reba McIntire’s best wishes to the Cooperative Extension Service on its 100th birthday: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9GyqMs0FKIUkBTxtyq04w.*

*She specifically mentions 4-H and being a 4-H alum. Check it out!*
Missouri 4-H Equine Tour - Westward Bound

Are you dreaming of combining your equine passion with a future career, interested in learning 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 2014 tour, May 20-26, will be exploring the horse industry in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado and is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. Tours will include collegiate equine education departments, working cattle and horse ranches, and a possible Colorado trail ride. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, entertainment, outfitters, training, art, rodeo, saddle making, and equine welfare. In its eighth year, the tour has proven to be a great opportunity for participants to expand and clarify their possible equine related career paths.

The $600 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff chaperones, and all travel related expenses. Applications are available at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/ and are due to Debbie Davis on or before March 1st, 2014. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765, or e-mail Debbie at: davisdd@missouri.edu.

Knox County 4-H Inclement Weather Policy

The Knox County 4-H Council operates under the following inclement weather policy:

When Knox County Public schools are not in session due to the weather or dismissed early due to bad weather then all county-wide 4-H activity, events, meetings (4-H Council, Fair Board, County-wide committee meetings, etc.) are automatically canceled.

In the case where a county-wide meetings, event, programs, activity is scheduled on a weekend or after regular school hours please check your e-mail for cancellations and/or contact your club leader for updated information. The MU Extension office makes every effort to notify participants regarding cancellation or postponements for county-wide events. However, depending on the circumstances it may be impossible to contact everyone.

According to the information on file at the MU Extension center the following 4-H Clubs practice the above county-wide policy for their club’s meetings and activities:

- Colony 4-H Club
- County Liners 4-H Club
- Liberty Leaders 4-H Club
- All 4-H Clover Kids Clubs

Sports Fishing Leader Application, Certification & Resources

Sport Fishing is not just about taking kids fishing. There are 4 parts to this program:

1) Angling Skills
2) Tackle Craft
3) Aquatic Ecology
4) People & Fish.

This year’s State Sport Fishing event to be held May 31, 2014, just outside of Columbia, requires that youth participating have a “Certified Sport Fishing Leader” to be eligible to win prizes. Sport Fishing Leaders should read and fill out the application available at: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/sportfishing/.

4-H volunteer leaders will submit an application to the state office and payment to receive the leader resources, which includes all youth projects as well as 2-inch binder of resources, background information and more activities!

To complete certification the leader must complete the quiz based on these materials and our risk management policies!

For more information about the 2014 Missouri State fair go to:
http://www.mostatefair.com/fair-information-a-z

August 7-17, 2014

2014 4-H DAY WITH THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS May 17, 2014