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"A NEWSLETTER FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES"

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Lafayette County 4-H Happenings

4-H CAMP IS COMING!

It is that time already. We have already been working hard to plan three days of exciting activities. Camp will include swimming, a cookout, dances, crafts, and so much more.

Camp will be held at Camp Bob White near Warrensburg, MO. Youth can choose one of two camp dates June 22-24 or June 24-26. The cost is \$100. Members will be reimbursed \$20.00 by the 4-H Council after attending.

CAMP COUNSELOR AND C.I.T. APPLICATIONS

Camp counselor applications are now available. Camp counselors can be youth ages 14 and older. C.I.T'S are 4-H members who are age 13 and who have been to camp. Both are required to attend camp counselor training held April 25 in Warrensburg. (Cost \$25). If you are interested in being a counselor, please call the office for an application. Applications are due April 15.

COMPLETE 4-H VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION ON-LINE

Remember that volunteers must complete volunteer orientation. Go to <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>. Select Login and for the user name use _kids and the password is volunteer. Select "Yes" any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items. Select the link located on the left side of the screen "Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation." A welcome screen appears and will guide you through the course. We will have another face-to-face orientation in the fall.

PLEASE KEEP EMAIL ADDRESSES UPDATED!

We need your help!! With postage rates on the rise and budgets being tightened, the Extension Office is trying to update all email addresses so that we can continue to communicate with you in a timely manner. We often have an email bounced back to us because the address is incorrect. If you have an email address, we would appreciate it if you would verify it with our office. You can send us an email at lafayetteco@missouri.edu or give us a call at the Extension Office.

**4-H Camp
Application
Enclosed
Deadline May 15**



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Thank you for donating your skills and time for the youth in your community. National Volunteer Week
April 19-25, 2009

Clovers to... 

Chris Henning, Odessa and John Moore, Buckner who were selected for the State Team Rifle. Team members will practice over the next few weeks with their coaches and then compete in June at the 4-H National Invitational Shoot in Grand Island, Nebraska,

Shooting Sports and Range Masters

Range Masters Meeting : Tuesday, March 31 7:00 pm
Community Building, Fairground Park, Higginsville

Schedules for practices will be available. Instructors names and phone numbers are listed here in order for you to call them if you cannot be at a practice.

County Match : Saturday, June 13 at Pioneer Gun Club

Archery

Susan Jaster (660) 463-7517

Kevin Brunkhorst

Glenn Wagner (816) 633-8586

Rifle

Mike Breshears 816-633-7700/cell 816-217-3616

Wayne Siefker

Mark Nuelle (660) 584-3267

Shotgun

Greg Henning (816) 690-7078

Jeff Gash (660) 584-2690

Pistol

Rod Zeller (660) 232-1484

Trent Callahan

Hunter Skills & Muzzle Loading

Jerry Howard (816) 230-8552

Rules for the 2009 MO 4-H Shooting Sports State Shoot(s) are available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/4HSSRules09.pdf>

Significant changes include: FITA event added for Archery, different targets and number of shots for Muzzleloading, and live-fire Archery & Air Rifle added to Hunting Skills. Again this year, there is a separate State Trap Shoot (August 29) in addition to shotgun events at Prairie Grove, September 19.

Last day to make changes in projects is April 1.

Opportunities

APPLICATION DEADLINES! DON'T MISS "EM!

State 4-H Congress - deadline April 6

Citizenship Youth Forum - deadline April 6

TEEN CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Dates April 17-19 Independence at Boys and Girls Club,

Friday, 17th Arrive no later than 8 p.m.

Saturday, 18th 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. -CERT training

Sunday, 19th 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—CERT training

Depart at 5 p.m.

This class covers basic, critical skills needed to prepare for and protect yourself, your family, your friends, and your community in the event of a disaster. Participate in this program and you will learn all the skills taught in the federal CERT program, be introduced to many career opportunities within the emergency response field, and help your community prepare for a disaster.

The program includes:

Disasters, Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation

Light Search and Rescue

Disaster First-Aid

Emotional First-Aid

Disaster Teamwork

Disaster Communications

Animals in Disasters

For more information contact Joan Zeller at zellerc@missouri.edu. 573-882-6006. Scholarships are available for Military Kids to any of these camps.

STATE 4-H VIDEO CORPS

Do you have a unique point of view? Do you have access to a digital video camera (or a digital camera that can record video)? If so, Video Corps may be for you! Announcing the State 4-H Video Corps! Video Corps is a team of 4-H videographers ages 12 and older from across Missouri, building skills, exploring career possibilities, and capturing the 4-H world through their own personal narrative. Each month, from June to December 2009, State 4-H Video Corps members find something in their world that relates to 4-H or MU Extension and use their skills to create a short 30-90 second video that shows it to the world through their unique perspective. For more information, check out the Video Corps announcement at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/videocorps/>.

NO BOUNDARIES PROJECT

The "No Boundaries" project was developed by NASA in collaboration with USA TODAY Education to help youth explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and to learn about NASA. Individual or group projects can be entered in the No Boundaries National Competition. While the instructions are in a school context, youth groups like 4-H and individuals are eligible to participate. For more information, visit: <http://www.noboundariesstemcareers.com/>. Competition deadline is May 15, 2009.

SUMMERS @ MIZZOU 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Missouri 4-H Foundation is sponsoring a total of \$600 to help 4-H members attend Summers @ Mizzou. A \$100 scholarship will be available for each of the six Summers @ Mizzou camps. Applications may be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/>. Send in your registration now to get the lowest rates.

PLANT A TREE - 4-H MILLION TREES

Now is a great time to plant a tree or several trees. Join other Missouri 4-H members and clubs participating in 4-H Million Trees. As of March 19, the national website shows that 526 Missouri 4-H members representing 17 family or club groups have planted 302 trees - with plans to plant another 1538. Arbor Day, the traditional day of tree-planting, is celebrated in Missouri on April 3 and Earth Day is April 22. Learn more about this environmental action project by visiting <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/milliontrees>. Be sure to register and report at the national website.

Livestock and Equine News

LAFAYETTE COUNTY MSMQA TRAININGS

Thursday, April 9 6:00 p.m. Extension Center,
Higginsville MO
First timers 6:00-7:30 pm
Second Timers 7:15-8:30 pm
Food animal project members (beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits, and poultry) showing at the Lafayette Co. 4-H/FFA Fair in 2009 should be prepared to present their MSMQA card at check in. You can complete the certification online at <http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/>.
Contact the office if you are unsure of your status.

SIXTH ANNUAL CLUB GOAT SALE

The Sixth Annual Club Goat Sale will be held April 18, 2009, in Sedalia, Missouri at the Swine Pavilion, Missouri State Fair Grounds. Profits from this Annual sale help support the Sale of Champions conducted by the Youth in Agriculture Committee of the Missouri State Fair. There will be approximately 90 goats to be auctioned off; wethers, doe kids and does under three years old. A seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the sale beginning at 1:00 p.m. called by Bullock Auction Company. The goats will begin arriving late on April 17 at 5:00 p.m. and may be viewed then or after 8:00 a.m. April 18. For more information: Tracy Diefenbach at 816-657-2274 or TLDief@Fairpoint.net or Mary Sherwood at 417-995-4691 or Sherwoodfarms@tri-lakes.net

BEEF STEER WEIGH-IN

Thanks to those who helped with the Beef Steer Weigh-In. We weighed 59 steers. These folks made these donations for the Weigh-In. Please send a thank you note. Ed Spencer, AgriLabs, P.O. Box 3103, St. Joseph, MO 64503, for donation of the Agrimectin pour-on.

Wendell Hahn, Schering-Plough Animal Health, 35500 W. 91st St., DeSoto, KS 66018 for donation of the Ralgro implants.

4-H Horse Enrollments Due May 1

Any 4-H member planning to show at any 4-H horse show must enroll the horse(s) that they plan to show with the Extension Center by **May 1**. **You need** to fill out one enrollment for each horse. A copy is kept on file at the office and the member must take the original completed form to each show.



If a horse is shared by two or more members in a family, each member must enroll the horse in their name. For additional forms contact the office or check the <http://extension.missouri.edu/Lafayette/Forms/HorseEnrollmentForm.pdf>

CLOVER KIDS CORNER

Seed Sprouts: Does Light Make a Difference?

Materials Sandwich bags Paper towels Navy beans Permanent marker
Sprayer or mist bottle with water



Directions



Give each child two bags, two paper towels, and six to eight navy beans. Help them label their bags. Label one bag "with light" and label the other bag "without light." Fold the paper towels to fit inside each bag. Spray with water until the paper towels are saturated. Place several seeds in each bag. Seal the bags. Ask the children to take the bags home; tape one to a window and put the other one in a closet or somewhere with no light. Keep the paper towels damp. Check on the seeds daily. What happens?

Related Activity

Take the children on a walk. Look under rocks or logs for seeds that have sprouted without the help of sunlight. What do they look like? What do you think will happen if they are kept in the sun?

Source: Cloverbud Program - Curriculum Instructional Materials. Ohio State University Extension, 1994.

Calendar of Events

March

30 Cookie Delivery! Plan to pick up cookies at the 4-H Building in Higginsville

April

4 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation State Contest, Williamsburg
6 Registration due for State Congress and Citizenship Youth Forum
9 Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance 1st Timers 6:00-7:30 pm 2nd Timers 7:15-8:30 pm
Extension Center, Higginsville
14 Lafayette County 4-H Fair Board 7:00 p.m. Extension Center, Higginsville
18-19 Hunting/Outdoor Skills Leader Certification, Clinton
18-19 Sportfishing Leader Workshop
25 Camp Counselor Training, Warrensburg 9:00-4:00 pm, Johnson County Extension Center
30 Lafayette County Extension Council 7:00 p.m. Extension Center

May

1 Horse Enrollment Forms Due
8 Extension Office Closed, Harry S. Truman
Birthday
12 Fair Board, Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.
15 4-H Camp Registration Due
21 4-H Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Extension
Center
25 Memorial Day, Extension Office Closed
28 Extension Council, Ext. Office 7:30 p.m.

June

3-5 State 4-H Congress
13 County Shooting Sports Match, Pioneer Club
13 Poultry Day, University of Missouri, Columbia
22-26 4-H Camp, Camp Bob White, Knob Noster
22-24 Youth Citizenship Forum, Jeff City
27 4-H Achievement Day

2009 FAIR BOOKS

Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair Books will be mailed directly to each family in early April.

State Fair Premium **on-line Premium Guide will be available Friday May 1, at www.mostatefair.com.**