



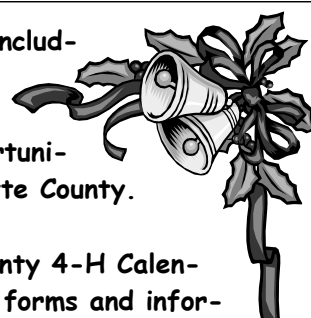
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"A NEWSLETTER FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES"

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Welcome to Lafayette County 4-H! All 4-H families, including those newly enrolled, will receive this newsletter. The Clover Clipper is mailed monthly to 4-H families and includes news of upcoming events, deadlines, opportunities and a wealth of information about 4-H in Lafayette County.

In January we will mail each family the Lafayette County 4-H Calendar. The January Clover Clipper will include the order forms and information on 4-H cookie sales, our county-wide fundraising effort.

Lafayette County Happenings

4-H OFFICER TRAINING



Build leadership, make your 4-H club meetings more fun and efficient and meet other 4-H members. All club officers and council representatives are welcome! There will be a session for club leaders to share information, and make plans for 2009.

Thursday, January 8 6:00 pm Pizza; 6:30-7:30 pm Workshop.

Extension Office, Higginsville

LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Thursday, January 15 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Higginsville
6:30 Officers and Advisors meet

REGIONAL ENERGIZER PLANNED

Regional Energizer - Register Today! - Jan. 24 in Blue Springs. This event invites 4-H members and leaders from 13 different counties to participate in workshops and activities. It is a great way to get new ideas, meet new people, and find out about other programs 4-H offers. The Regional Energizer will include the required Show-Me Quality Class for all exhibitors of food animals projects and the mandatory Volunteer Orientation.

A flyer is enclosed. The cost is \$10 if you pre-register (includes lunch) and \$20 if you register at the door (no lunch). Registration deadline is January 14th.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H/FFA FAIR 2009

- Beef Steer Weigh-In, Sunday, March 1, 2009
- 4-H Shooting Sports County Match, Saturday, June 13
- 4-H Achievement Day, Saturday, June 27
- Horse Show, Saturday, July 14
- Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair July 13-21

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4-H CAMP DATES SET FOR 2009

Camp will be held at Camp Bob White, Knob Noster, MO. 4-H members age 8-13 may choose from two sessions: Monday, June 22 to Wednesday June 24 and Wednesday, June 24 to Friday, June 26.

Leader News

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION DATES

Just a reminder that all volunteers must attend orientation by Jan. 1, 2009. **IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND ONE OF THE TRAININGS BELOW OR COMPLETE YOUR CERTIFICATION ONLINE BY JANUARY 25th YOU WILL BE DELETED FROM THE SYSTEM.** This means that you will need to start the enrollment process again and will not be able to work with youth or sign paperwork of any kind until you have completed the training. Currently there is one training planned in this area.

Blue Springs - at Regional Energizer Jan. 24th

ON-LINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPTION

If you are unable to make it to the face to face trainings you can complete the Volunteer Orientation online. To do this online 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.

If you do not have access to the internet you can also check out a CD Rom from the Extension Office to take the Volunteer Orientation. A written test is required if you choose this option and it must be returned to the Extension Center.

Teen Opportunities News

TEEN CONFERENCE

Teen Conference will be held January 31st - February 1st. This trip is for youth ages 12-13, with a possible option for 11 year olds to attend. The registration deadline is December 10, 2008 and the cost is \$119.00. Call the Extension Office for an application. The Council will reimburse \$24.

KANSAS CITY GLOBAL CONFERENCE

The 2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference is March 18-21. The four states that coordinate this conference (Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri) use an online registration process. Visit the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/globalconf/> for conference workshop and tour descriptions, details, and a link to the Kansas State site. Registration cost is \$260 for youth. The Council will reimburse \$52.

January 1 - February 1 is the online registration period. Youth can register for the conference and make their workshop and tour selections.

GLOBAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Host families with sibling between 10-16 years of age or to host an adult chaperon are needed for the summer inbound Japanese program from July 23 to August. There is no need to plan special events; everyday family life is preferred. The deadline for host family is March 1 or sooner.

Host families are needed for high school students from Eurasia countries from August 2009-May 2010. Students will enroll as a junior or senior in the local high school. The deadline for host family is January 1, 2009.

All the forms and information are located on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/globaled/> or contact at 660-728-2280 or TaylorJL@missouri.edu.

MO AGRI-BUSINESS ACADEMY

Applications are on-line at www.mda.mo.gov for the 2009 Missouri Agri-Business Academy to be held June 8-12. To be eligible for the Academy, students must come from a farming family or be an active 4-H or FFA member. Students are selected through a competitive written application and oral interview process. This year, Academy members will tour St. Louis agribusinesses. Sponsored by the Missouri Dept of Agriculture, MABA is an outstanding experience for youth interested in careers in agri-business. Application deadline is Feb. 2, 2009.



CLOVER KID CORNER Each month we try to provide an activity, information or other materials for leaders to share with Clover Kids.



ICE FUN!

What you need: Variety of containers of ice and Rock Salt

What you do: Place the various sizes of ice in a large container. Ask the children if they've ever slipped on the ice. What types of things do people use to make it safer to walk on the ice? Let the children predict what will happen if they pour rock salt on top of the ice, based on their past experiences. Then let them try it. What happens? Use the rock salt to make tunnels and different designs in the ice.

Source: Iowa 4-H Clover Kids -<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Clover/materials.htm> - January

Calendar of Events

December

- 9 Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair Board 7:00 Extension Center, Higginsville
- 10 Teen Conference Registration Due
- 24-26 Office Closed for the Holidays

January

- 1 Office Closed New Year's Holiday
- 8 Officer Training 6:00 pm PIZZA 6:30-7:30 pm Workshop; Extension Center, Higginsville
- 13 Fair Board 7:00 p.m. Extension Center, Higginsville
- 15 4-H Council 7:00 p.m. Extension Center, Higginsville
- 19 Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
- 23 and 24 Shooting Sports 740 6:00-9:00 p.m. Fairground Park Community Building, Higginsville
- 24 Regional Energizer Blue Springs - see enclosed flyer
(Interviews for National 4-H Congress, Volunteer Orientation, lots of neat workshops!)
- 31-1 State Teen Conference, Columbia

February

- 1 Cookie Sales Begin
- 8 Family Fun Day, Warrensburg Community Center
- 10 Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair Board 7:00 p.m. Extension Center, Higginsville
- 12 Volunteer Orientation, 6:30. Extension Center, Higginsville
- 16 President's Day, Office Closed
- 22 Extension Council Annual Meeting, Higginsville
- 25 Lafayette County 4-H Fun Day, Warrensburg Community Center 2:00-5:00 p.m.

4-H Leader Enrollments 4-H leaders are not officially recognized as volunteers until their enrollment has completed the screening process, they have completed the Volunteer Orientation and they have received written notification from the State 4-H office. **As leader applicants are completed, leaders will receive a postcard from the Missouri State 4-H office reading, "Congratulations! We are pleased to welcome you as a 2009 Missouri 4-H volunteer. We know that you will be a valuable addition to the 4-H program."**

Shooting Sports

SHOOTING SPORTS 740

To enroll in any Shooting Sports discipline 8-10 year old members must enroll and complete Shooting Sports 740. Members age 11 and older must complete the 740 class OR complete the MO Dept. of Conservation Hunter Safety Education Course. Members may enroll in 740 and another Shooting Sports discipline the same year.

Friday, Jan. 23 and Saturday, Jan. 24 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Fairground Park Community Building in Higginsville. Members should attend both sessions

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Science Engineering and Technology

BUILD YOUR OWN CLUB WEBSITE

Is your club interested in having its own web pages? A great resource that does not require special software or knowledge of html is Clubspaces at <http://www.clubspaces.com>. This site provides online tools to build your club's web page in a way that is interesting for older youth but accessible for younger 4-H'ers as well. In addition to web space, there are a variety of club formatting types from which to choose and tools to support club operation.

The site generates revenue through advertising dollars, so there is no charge to your club for the web space. Ads appearing on the site are "kid-appropriate" and are fairly unobtrusive.

Missouri 4-H is not affiliated or partnered with Clubspaces, does not endorse or oversee the content of 4-H clubs with a presence on this site, and cannot provide technical assistance.

Please review the new *Guidelines for Missouri 4-H Club Websites*, available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/links/>.

4-H In Service To Communities



DECEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEA

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a national "Holiday Mail for Heroes" campaign to receive & distribute holiday cards to service members and veterans both in the US and abroad. Holiday Mail for Heroes this year will expand its reach to not only wounded service members but also veterans & their families. The goal is to collect 1 million pieces of holiday mail. "The Holiday Mail for Heroes program is a wonderful outreach effort & great way to acknowledge the sacrifices of our men & women in uniform."

Holiday cards should be mailed to:

Holiday Mail for Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

All cards must be postmarked no later than DECEMBER 10th.

Livestock and Equine News

EQUINE TRIP ANNOUNCED

The Equine Trip is scheduled for May 22-28, 2009 for 4-H youth ages 14-19. Trip participants are accepted until bus is filled. The trip will focus on the stock horse and related horse industries in the states of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. Trip objectives and application can be downloaded from the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/>

MFA SADDLE AWARD DUE DATE IS CHANGING!

MFA saddle awards must be postmarked on or before January 2 and sent to 813 Clark Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211. The change was necessary because the award ceremony is in January. We need the additional days for judging the forms and notification of the winner. MFA saddle information is available at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#MFA>.

HIGGINSVILLE ORSCHELN DISCOUNT CARD

Card good for 10% discount for 4-H projects/supplies purchased at the Higginsville Orscheln's Store are available at the Extension Center.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

Wouldn't it be great if you could get credit for all the action in your life? By joining the Move Across Missouri project, you can! 4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy. There are lots of possibilities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Using an online system, youths and their families can "log" the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. MOVE awards will be provided. Stay tuned!

Kids, families, clubs, afterschool groups and others can have fun while being physically active. Break out the hula hoops and move to cool tunes!

Materials:

- 1 hula hoop per person
 - Favorite music CDs or tapes
- CD or cassette player

Turn on some music and work stomach muscles with hula hoops! Make hip circles with the hula hoop by standing with feet apart, holding the hoop at hip height, bringing it back to one side as a wind up, letting it go and then keep rotating the hips in a circle. Encourage youth to see how many circles they can do. Engage a friendly competition to see who can hula the longest, the fastest, with multiple hoops and more.

4-H Project Information

Robotics will meet Sunday, December 14 at 2:00-4:00 pm at the Extension Office.

Contact the office for the County Guidelines on the Clothing Project. We will send them by mail or email.

Need a program? If so, contact the Extension Office for a Healthy Food and Fitness program by one of the Nutrition Program Assistants.

Lafayette County 4-H Fun Day

Sunday, February 8, 2009

2:00-5:00 p.m.

Warrensburg Community Center

445 E. Gay Street

Warrensburg, MO

You can swim, play basketball, eat pizza and cookies, meet 4-H members and friends from all over the county and have a terrific afternoon.

Cost: \$2.50 per person/\$10.00 per family.
Each family should bring one of the following:

1- 2 liter bottles of pop

2 dozen cookies

Vegetable tray with dip

Fruit tray

Door prizes to be given away!

Clovers to...

Clovers to those who have completed the 4-H Volunteer Orientation!

Alma 4-H	5 leaders
Fairview 4-H	8 leaders
Forty-Ville 4-H	13 leaders
Hazel Dell 4-H	14 leaders
Hitt 4-H	7 leaders
Mighty MO	17 leaders
Napoleon Cloverleaf	15 leaders
Oak Grove Glory Riders	4 leaders
Odessa Young Riders	9 leaders
Southwest 4-H	6 leaders
Sundowners 4-H	6 leaders
Walkenezer 4-H	9 leaders

