



# CLOVER CLIPPER

"A NEWSLETTER FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES"

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## LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

### BEEF STEER WEIGH-IN

- Sunday, March 8 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Concordia Vet Clinic, Concordia - Enter from the south
- All steers to be exhibited at the Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair are required to participate in the Steer Weigh In. Steers will be identified with a Lafayette County ear tag. Your steer must be identified with a county ear tag to show at the county 4-H/FFA Fair. If a tag is lost, contact the Extension office or your Ag teacher.
- Animals to be exhibited at the Missouri State Fair need to be nose printed. These members need to bring their social security number.
- Members may register for the "Bred and Owned" class at the Weigh-In
- Bred and Owned Steers are those animals that have been bred, born and raised on the immediate family farm. (Parent and Grand-parent) Bred and Owned Steers must be identified at the March Weigh In.



### 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council will meet Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. Officers meet at 6:30. Cookie orders, Jr. Leader Enrollments and Scholarship Applications are due! New awards applications will be available and be explained.

Clovers to... 

...Teen Conference Delegates, Cody Cox and Justin Howard, Sarah Daubendiek, Kaitlin Moore, and Alex Siefker.

....Door prize winners at Fun Day: Josiah Krause, Kendall Bell, Tabitha Clark, Laura Soerries, Joshay Robinson, Brittany Liles, Denny Harris and Trenton Making. Hailey Roach of the Fairview 4-H Club had the winning design for the new Lafayette County 4-H t-shirt! Be watching for more information on how to get these!. Thanks to Jordyn Mart, Mighty Mo 4-H and Rachel Rodenberg, Walkenezzer 4-H for their very creative designs!

### 4-H CAMP IS COMING! "WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?"

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 4-H Council after attending.

### CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

Camp counselor applications are now available. Camp counselors can be youth ages 14 and older. We have opportunities for Counselors in Trainings (CIT) who are age 13. Counselors and Counselors in Training are required to attend camp counselor training to be held April 25 in Warrensburg. If you are interested in being a counselor, please call the office for an application. Applications are due April 1

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## 4-H Camps and Trips

### STATE 4-H CONGRESS

- June 3-5, 2009
- University of Missouri, Columbia
- For 4-H members age 14-19
- Attend workshops and get a taste of life at the University of Missouri
- \$160 with \$32 reimbursed from 4-H Council
- Call the office or check the website for an application—due April 1

<http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/>

### CITIZENSHIP YOUTH FORUM

- June 22-25, 2009
- Jefferson City, Missouri
- For 4-H members who have completed the 8th grade or are at least 14
- Attend workshops in the judicial, legislative or media tract
- \$95 with \$19 reimbursed from 4-H Council
- Call the office for an application—due April 1

### SUMMERS AT MIZZOU

Do you have an idea for your own business? Are you technology savvy? Do you want to be fit and healthy? Do you like people? Are you interested in other cultures? Summers @ Mizzou is where you should be the **week of July 26**. Six camps are offered:

High-Tech Health and Fitness  
Scrub-In to a Health Career  
Build-a-Business  
Child Development and Beyond  
Viva El Espanol  
GeoTech

Camps are residential or day camps for ages beginning with 12 year olds. Early registration is due April 7. For registration and available scholarships call Teresa Bishop at 573-884-0554 or see

<http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers>

### AERONAUTICS & ROBOTICS DAY CAMP

Joan Zeller is looking for volunteer teens and adults to help with these day camps at Whiteman Air Force Base during the week of July 27-31. Volunteers are needed to assist with planning, robotics, rocketry, GPS/GIS, or computer simulations, coaching a team in a NASA E-Mission experience and leading ice breakers and challenge activities.

## Scholarships

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Missouri 4-H Foundation scholarships
- <http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/> due March 15
- Also available from the Lafayette County Extension webpage is the **Lafayette County Cattlemen's Scholarship** (due April 1).

## Opportunities

### 4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS-MAY 23

Pre-game activities include the ball field parade, the 4-H pledge and the ceremonial pitch thrown by a 4-H member. They are playing the KC Royals! Tickets are \$21 per person, includes a commemorative t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover and the World Series championship emblem. Tickets must be ordered by April 13. See [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu) for the order form and more information.



### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

We need families for hosting our summer delegates. Delegates are ages 12-16 and arrive July 23 and leave August 18. We need families for 4 week host stays for delegates and 2 week host stays for adult chaperons. The applications are on the website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/globaled/>.

### PLAY "FLIP N' FLOW"

National 4-H Council has partnered with Nickelodeon's "Big Green Help" to create a brand-new, interactive online game-- "Flip N' Flow"--featuring the network's animated boy-genius Jimmy Neutron. The game is in support of 4 H's Science, Engineering and Technology communication campaign to spark youth interest in science and prepare one million new young people for America's technology workforce. Nickelodeon's "The Big Green Help" is a kid-led movement that provides information and tools to help explain climate change to young people, and connects them to energy-saving and earth-friendly activities in their everyday lives.

The "Flip N' Flow" game is available online at 4-H.org. Youth can play the game and access materials to share with friends. Check out this fun activity which gives youth and mentors the opportunity to learn about water conservation and challenges them to think about steps they can take to participate in going green!

## Shooting Sports and Range Masters

### SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION

March 27-29 Camp JoOta, Clarence, MO

Pre-registration by March 15 Cost: \$50.

Workshop details and pre-registration forms are available on the Shooting Sports website:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>

### HUNTING & OUTDOOR SKILLS LEADER CERTIFICATION

Windermere Conference Center, Roach, MO

April 18-19

This workshop is dedicated entirely to 749 Hunting & Outdoor Skills project. Topics include wildlife identification, map and compass skills, Dutch-oven cooking, state contest event info/tips, blood trails, plaster casts of tracks, and more. Get the registration form at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>

### SPORTFISHING LEADER CERTIFICATION

April 18-19, Windermere Conference Center, Roach, MO

This workshop isn't about teaching you to fish, but it is about preparing you to lead a fishing project. 4-H Sportfishing includes ethics, fisheries management, tackle craft, fish biology, aquatic education, and more. You will participate in activities that assist youth in learning skills and gaining knowledge about fishing, fisheries, and the environment. Get information and the registration form online at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/sportfishing/workshop.htm> or from your County University Extension Center.

### SHOOTING SPORTS STATE TEAM TRYOUTS 2009

March 7- 8 Muzzleloading Small bore Rifle - Small bore Pistol, United Sportsmen Club, Jefferson City

March 14 Hunting Skills, Prairie Grove Shooting Sports, Columbia (formerly Cedar Creek Rod & Gun Club)

April 4-5 Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Air Rifle (Apr 4), Air Pistol (Apr 5), United Sportsmen Club, Jefferson City

### SEARCHING FOR 4-H SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY ALUMNI (S.E.T.)

Are you a former 4-H'er working in pharmaceutical research, environmental science, engineering, biological or chemical science, aerospace, technology, or plant and animal science? National 4-H Council is looking for 4-H alumni to feature in an upcoming promotion. Take a moment to fill out a short 10-minute survey! Go to [www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu)

### GOOD CHARACTER SHOWS IN EVERYTHING

University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development programs have always encouraged 4-H members to show good character in all they do - to be respectful, to be responsible, to follow the rules. Character education is a top priority in all 4-H programming. Based on the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Six Pillars of Character - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. 4-H families are encouraged to "Show-Me Character" not only while involved in 4-H programs, but in everything they do. It's hard to always do what is right, not what is necessarily popular. We applaud all 4-H'ers and their families for always striving to be people of good character.

### 4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. Using an online system, youths and their families "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. Sign up on the 4-H website - <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/>

### Monthly MOVEment Activity Idea

**Balloon Soccer Materials - 10-inch round balloon**

This activity can be played outdoors or indoors in a wide-open room. Youth stand in a circle shoulder to shoulder, holding hands. Youth kick the balloon around the circle passing to each player in the circle. After the balloon has been kicked around the circle, ask everyone to take a giant step back and kick the balloon around again (hands may need to be dropped). Keep playing until you run out of space! Encourage youth to try kicking with the other leg in the opposite direction or pass the balloon by bouncing it off their head.

# CLOVER KIDS CORNER

## Making Kazoos

What you need: Empty toilet paper rolls Rubber bands Wax paper Markers

What you do:

Assemble the kazoo by folding the wax paper several times so that it covers the end of the paper roll. Rubber band it in place. Encourage the children to decorate their kazoos with the markers. Test the kazoos. Place the end of the roll lightly to your mouth and sing or hum. The vibration of the layers of wax paper should make your kazoos sound great!

Source: "Our Flag." Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum. Ohio State University Extension



## Calendar of Events

### March

- 8 Beef Steer Weigh In - Concordia Vet Clinic
- 14 Livestock Judging and Grading Contest, UMC, Columbia
- 18-21 Kansas City Global Conference, Kansas City
- 19 4-H Council 7:00 pm. Bring totaled cookie orders  
Jr. Leader Forms Due, State 4-H Scholarship Applications due
- 21 State Horse Judging Clinic and Contest
- 26 Lafayette County Extension Council, 7:00 p.m. Extension Center
- 31 Range Masters 7:30 Fairground Park Community Building, Higginsville

### April

- Early April 4-H Cookie Delivery 4-H Barn, Fairgrounds Park, Higginsville, Time TBA
- 1 Registration due for State Congress and Citizenship Youth Forum
- 3-5 Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Camp Jo Ota, Clarence, MO
- 9 Show Me Quality Assurance Extension Office, Higginsville  
6:00-7:30 pm First Timers  
7:15- 8:30 pm Second Timers
- 14 Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair Board 7:00 p.m. Extension Center, Higginsville
- 18 State Horse Bowl Co
- 18-19 4-H Sportfishing Leader Workshop
- 19 State Hippology Contest
- 25 Camp Counselor Training, Warrensburg, Johnson County Extension Center
- 30 Lafayette County Extension Council 7:00 p.m. Extension Center

### May

- 1 Horse ID Papers due in the Extension Center

## COMPLETE 4-H VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION ON-LINE

This provides the same information as the face-to-face orientations. It takes about 2.0 hours. The link to the quiz is listed as a main menu option in the online course. The quiz is NOT scored; but volunteers must complete the online form in one single session. Here's how:

- Open Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox
- Log on at <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>
- Select [Login] and enter a username of **\_kids**
- Enter this password: **volunteer**
- Select [**Yes**] any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items
- Select this link located on the left side of the screen: [Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation]
- A welcome screen appears and guides the participant through the course

Join over 200 4-H leaders in Lafayette County who have completed the Volunteer Orientation!

## Livestock and Equine News

### MISSOURI SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE-

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 SMSQA certified. Check with the Extension Office if you are not sure of your certification status. Attend the training or go online at <http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/>.

### Lafayette County MSMQA Trainings

April 9 Extension Office, Higginsville

6:00-7:30 pm First Timers

7:15- 8:30 pm Second Timers

Ray County April 2 Extension Office, Richmond 6:30 pm

### WEST CENTRAL AREA HORSE SHOW

June 20<sup>th</sup> with a rain-date of June 27<sup>th</sup> The show is open to all 4-H and FFA members in the West Central Region and will be held in Cass County. Watch for more information.



### SPRING HORSE CONTESTS

- April 18, 2009 Horse Bowl (entry forms due April 1)
- April 19, 2009 Horse Hippology (entry due April 1)

### HORSE ENROLLMENT FORMS

The enrollment forms are to be signed by both the project and club leader and turned into the county office on or before May 1. When members sign the contract they have acknowledged an understanding of the rules.

- A horse may be boarded at a location other than the 4-H project member's home, but it must not receive professional training after May 1.
- The Countywide horse committee (i.e. Fair Board) has the ultimate authority to allow substitution of a project horse in case of extenuating circumstances (i.e. death, debilitating illness or lameness of a project horse). For example, if a member's horse dies on June 1, the county wide horse committee decides if they can substitute another horse.

Please take time to read the rules. The horse project manual is a great source of information and it is found on the 4-H web page at <http://4h.missouri.edu>

### APPLE VALLEY FARM PASO FINA FIESTA

May 9 is the date for the Apple Valley Farm Open House. The day will include a Trainer Clinic, Nutrition and Vet Workshops. All breeds of horses and their owners are welcome. Contact Charlene McFadden, Waverly MO 660-493-2314 or [Ecmcfadden1@galaxycable.net](mailto:Ecmcfadden1@galaxycable.net) Registration requested by April 28. Registration materials and flyer available at the Extension Center. They are looking for a 4-H group to run a concession stand. Interested?

### LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H/FFA FAIR

#### DONATIONS

The Fairboard is seeking donations for the fair. Would you, your neighbor or your 4-H Club be a contributor? Do you know someone that might be willing to help support the Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair? Just fill out the form and send in the money to be included.

#### INTERNSHIPS AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR

College students interested in gaining work experience in the fields of Marketing, Public Relations, Journalism, and Agriculture can now apply for an internship with the Missouri State Fair. The Fair has three full-time summer intern positions within their Marketing and Publicity Office and one Youth in Agriculture Sale of Champions position during the Fair. The 2009 Fair is scheduled to take place August 13-23 in Sedalia, Missouri. Those interested in an intern position should have excellent written, verbal and interpersonal skills and must possess a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. More information on the positions can be found at <http://www.mostatfair.com/employment.html>.

**4-H Cookie orders must be turned in at 4-H Council ON OR BEFORE March 19. Cookies arrive in early April. Make plans to pick up cookies at the 4-H Barn in Higginsville. More specific time will be announced.**

