

Lewis County 4-H Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2009

CALENDAR

9/12- STATE
FASION REVUE

9/19-STATE
SHOOTING
SPORTS

9/25-
RECOGNITION
FORMS DUE

10/1-
SECRETARY'S
BOOK &
TREASURERS
REPORT DUE

10/3-STATE
LIVESTOCK
JUDGING

10/5-11-
NATIONAL 4-H
WEEK

Income from
the Livestock
Sale is still be-
ing finalized
and checks will
be issued
within a few
weeks.

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Welcome to a new 4-H year!

CLUB LEADERS

Thank you for signing up to help provide 4-H members with a rewarding and wonderful experience in the Missouri 4-H program. September is an exciting part of the 4-H year as the new program year is just beginning. You will begin the enrollment process in your club, getting members signed up, recruiting project leaders to assist the members in their projects of interest, explaining literature ordering process and collecting 4-H membership dues to name a few. This can be a very overwhelming job, ask for help from others adults in the club. Remember to encourage club officers and other 4-H members take responsibility for events and activities, this is a great experience and fosters ownership of the program.

The following is a list of suggestions and ideas

that may help you get prepared for the new year:

Install officers [if elected in August].
Invite prospective new members and volunteers to the first meeting of the new program year.

Assign a mentor to new members and volunteers to answer their questions during their first year. This helps families feel welcome and helps them feel a part of the group from the beginning.

Discuss importance of the county's family newsletter.

Recruit assistant leaders to lighten the load of club coordination.

Explain completion requirements for the county and club and define "member in good standing" so that members and families understand expectations.

Discuss purchase of member project

manuals. Coordinate literature order to save shipping costs. Announce/distribute project leader training resources.

Discuss recognition for year just completed, forms and date of county recognition event. Encourage new families to attend as well as existing families, and fill out forms. Encourage youth that have participated to share experiences.

Talk about plans for National 4-H week. (First week in October)

Turn in names and addresses of new members and leaders [also dropped members] to the extension office as soon as possible to update the family newsletter mail list.

Remind reporter to send in club reports to extension office every month.



Shooting Sports Leaders Needed

Lewis Co. 4-H is in need of volunteers to become certified in Shotgun or Hunting & Outdoor Skills. There will be certification training this fall and more information will be available at a later date. If you would like to help with one of the fastest growing projects in 4-H, contact the Extension Office or a shooting sports leader.

State Fair Exhibits

If you sent exhibits to the State Fair, they will be returned to the Extension Office and may be picked up after Sept. 1st.

We hope you were able to go to the State Fair and see what 4-Her's from across the state have created.

Other 4-H News



End of the Year

Club leaders— hopefully you will have had the opportunity to turn your leader box back into the Extension Office so they can refill it for the new year. New 4-H Clover project books and re-enrollment forms will be coming out within the next month.

If your club will be selecting a new leader, please let the Office know as soon as possible so we can include them on our mailing list.

Recognition Forms

Recognition forms for 2008-09 4-H year are available on the county 4-H website, the Extension Office,

or your 4-H Council representative. Forms are due by September 25th. <http://extension.missouri.edu/lewis>.

Click on the clover.

Recognition Night

Recognition Night has been set for October 18th at 5:30 pm. The place is still being finalized, so watch future newsletters.



State 4-H Contests

State Fashion Revue

Sara Hoffman and Hailee Turnbaugh will be traveling to Columbia Sept. 12 to participate in the State 4-H Fashion Revue. Both girls won their age division in the Fashion Revue contest at the fair this summer. Let's wish them well!

State Livestock Judging

Senior member Monica Campen and junior team members Zach English, Abigail English, Arthur Campen and Jessica Campen will be participating in the State Livestock Judging Contest in Columbia on Oct. 3rd. These youth participated in a multi-

county contest in Palmyra in June and won the right to represent Lewis County. Good luck!

State Shooting Sports Contest

25 Lewis Co. 4-Hers will be competing against other 4-Hers from across Missouri in the biggest state competition in Mo. 4-H. Several members will be trying for a position on a State Shooting Sports team with the hopes of making the team and competing in the National Shooting Sports competition to be held in Kerrville, TX the week of June 28-July 3. Participants are: Ryan Waterman, John, Drew, Cole

and Spencer McCutchan, Ron, Nick and Jaclyn Sweet, Clayton and Tyler Hinton, Austin Heisz, Brooke and Denver Wells, Katie Elder, Nathan Lewis, Austin Schultz, Laine Sly, Brittany Deters, Garrett and Dallas Spurgeon, Bryson Ledbetter, Connor and Chase Wilson, Heath Turnbaugh and Miranda Williams.

The State Trap Shoot will be held in Linn Creek on August 29th with the rest of the competition being held on September 19th and 20th at Prairie Grove Shooting Club in Columbia.