Calendar of Upcoming Events

**March**
3   Nose Prints  3:00-5:00 pm   FSRC
4-6  Youth Civic Leaders Summit
12-13  Teen Conference
18-20  Shooting Sports Leader Certification-Union MO
19  State Horse Judging & Clinic
23  State 4-H Scholarships DUE in county office

**April**
1  4-H Foundation Scholarship due to the state office
9  Milan Show Stock Clinic
9  State Horse Bowl Contest
10  State Horse Hippology Contest
30  Small Animal Clinic  Green City
30  Ravenwood Shoot

**May**
May 21  4-H Day with the Cardinals

**June**
June 1-3  State 4-H Congress
June 6-9  4-H Camp Trenton
June 13-16  4-H Camp Trenton
June 21-22  State Public Speaking Academy

**July**
July 8 –16  Linn County Fair
July 18-23  NEMO Fair (Kirksville)

**August**
August 11-21  MO State Fair

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**Shooting Sports Safety**

The shooting sports safety class will be on Sunday, Feb 28 at the Linneus FSRC. I only know about March 12 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Ravenwood Community Building (Nodaway County) as a last chance this year. No cost and lunch is provided but must RSVP by call 660-582-8101 (Maryville). If you can’t attend and this is your first year in Shooting Sports of any discipline contact the office as soon as you can and we will get you with an instructor to see what can be worked out.

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**4-H/FFA Beef Steer Nose print/Weigh-in**

The Linn County 4-H & FFA Beef Steer Nose printing & Weigh-in is set for Friday **March 3rd** at the Linneus Research Center - **3:00–5:00 pm**. To participate in the Rate-of-Gain contest at the 4-H & FFA Fair you must have your animal weighed at this time. **IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR WITH YOUR STEER /MARKET HEIFER IT SHOULD BE NOSEPRINTED AND TATTOOED.** “All steer & market heifers must have a legible ear tattoo that matches the registration certificate to show in breed classes. Steer and market heifers without proof of registration will be shown as a crossbred.

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**4-H Foundation Scholarship**

The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/.

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**2016 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour**

They’re off and running to the horse capital of the world, Lexington, Kentucky! 4-H teens dreaming of an equine related career will want to participate in the tenth annual Missouri 4-H Equine Tour, May 23- 29, 2016. Make your plans now to be in the winner’s circle! The $600 tour fee includes charter bus transportation, tours, hotels, most meals, tour t-shirt, travel bag and other associated costs. Applications are available: http://mo4h.missouri.edu/equine-tour/main or http://extension.missouri.edu/linn/events.aspx Questions? Debbie Davis, davisdd@missouri.edu or 816-539-3765.
The following activities are taking place in March that will enhance your knowledge, skills, and experiences related to the Hunting and Outdoor Skills project.

March 6 - Youth Pheasant Hunt
March 20 - Green Hills Archery 3D shoot - Pershing Park
April 2 - Youth Turkey Clinic

Please give me a call with any questions at 660-412-2285. Ken Polley

Youth Wild Turkey Hunting Workshop

April 2—10:00 am –2:30 pm—Quinn’s Hunting Lodge, Rothville. For ages 9-15, directed to girls and boys with limited hunting experience, dress for outside day, shotguns and shells provided, lunch will be served. Please RSVP by March 29 to Larry Pollard 660-272-4465.

Yellow Creek Gobblers

The Yellow Creek Gobblers of the NWTF have sponsored the Linn County 4H Shooting Sports County Shoot for the past 3 years donating over $1250.00 dollars to the program. The Yellow Creek Gobblers will host their annual fundraiser event on March 12 @ 5:30 p.m. at the Walsworth Community Center in Marceline. In addition to the silent and live auction, several firearms, Yeti Coolers and other prizes will be raffled off that night. Get your tickets to help support the NWTF and the programs they support. Contact Ken Polley for tickets.

Missouri State WHEP Contest

April 2, 2016 Bradford Farms Columbia, MO
Pre-Registration due: March 25
OPEN to all Missouri 4-H members in good standing. No requirement to be enrolled in any specific project
9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Check-in

9:30 Contest begins
Participant fee is $10/participant—bring your own lunch.
Registration for the WHEP Contest is available through https://mo.4honline.com
Event registration help guide is found at http://4h.missouri.edu/doc/MOEventRegistration.pdf.

Advanced Shotgun Clinic

April 2-3 River Hill Sporting Clays Boonville, MO

Time Schedule: Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Registration opens: February 25
Registration closes: March 25 or when 6 registrations are received
Please register through your 4-H Online profile. Event registration help guide is found at http://4h.missouri.edu/doc/MOEventRegistration.pdf.
Registration Fee: $50 plus cost of targets to gun club
Fee covers cost of the curriculum notebook and all resource materials and noon meals. It does NOT cover lodging, breakfast/supper meals, shells or clay targets. Be prepared to pay the gun club for your targets.
For more details: http://4h.missouri.edu/shooting-sports-events/shot-gun-clinics

4-H Western Heritage and Cowboy Action Shooting Volunteer Training

April 22-24 Polk Co Fairgrounds Bolivar, MO
Attendees must be present for entire workshop:
Friday: 9:30 a.m. — Check in 10: a.m. — Program begins Sunday: 5 p.m. — Program concludes
Registration deadline: April 15 Registration will be via 4HOnline. If you do not have a 4HOnline profile, you will need to make one. Profile creation is found on the same page as login. Event registration help guide is found at http://4h.missouri.edu/doc/MOEventRegistration.pdf.

4-H Equine Event Dates Set

Shane Potter

The following equine event dates have been set.
4-H Horse Judging and Clinic
Contest Date: March 19, 2016
Registration Opens: January 15, 2016  
Registration Closes: March 4, 2016

4-H Horse Bowl Contest  
Contest Date: April 9, 2016  
Registration Opens: February 1, 2016  
Registration Closes: March 25, 2016

4-H Hippology Contest  
Contest Date: April 10, 2016  
Registration Opens: February 1, 2016  
Registration Closes: March 25, 2016

4-H Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking Contest  
Contest Date: August 27, 2016  
Registration Opens: June 1, 2016  
Registration Closes: August 15, 2016

For more information please go to http://4h.missouri.edu.

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**Public Speaking Academy**

Patty Fisher  
The 4-H Public Speaking Academy is preparing for its fifth 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 camp is open to all youth 11-13 years of age interested in learning more about public speaking. **The Academy will be held June 21-22, 2016 and registration is due May 16.** Lodging will be provided on the campus of Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO. For more information, contact Patty Fisher at fisherp@missouri.edu or 573-324-5464 and be sure to download the brochure on the Missouri 4-H page at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/public-speaking-academy/main

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**State 4-H Congress**

June 1-3, 2016  
University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo.

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-Her’s ages 14-19. The Missouri State 4-H Council plans and implements the event that is held on the University of Missouri campus. **What you'll do at State 4-H Congress**

- Learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops and learning opportunities!
- Experience campus living — residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, you name it!
- Elect your representatives on the State 4-H Council!

Get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri...and HAVE FUN!

Cost—$225 (includes housing, meals, Congress activities and t-shirt.  
Registration March 1—April 15  
https://mo.4honline.com

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**Robot Parade**

Lynna Lawson  
Saturday, March 19 at 1:00  
Capital Mall, Jefferson City

Build a robot that can follow a line and not bump into the other robots in the parade. Let your creativity shine by designing a really cool float for your robot to pull.  
The parade is free. Just register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-VwhgKiZGTHVp3vOD5yYzr-5R_ZXaSCGtv2OtzPo/viewform. The parade is limited to 25 floats.  
If you need help, or need to borrow a robot, we will be hosting 2 workshops on March 12 and 19 from 10:00-12:00. The fee is $30 per team, and you can attend 1 or both. We'll help you with your programming and give building ideas. Here is a great video to see what a robot parade is like: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pq7jUdlS6M

So, grab a friend or a parent, form a team and start building. Questions? Contact LabSpaceRobotics@gmail.com or (573) 645-0800.
Small Animal Show Clinic

April 30th in Green City. Whether an exhibitor is new to showing a particular animal species or has been showing for a few years, there are always things to be learned. Sullivan County Extension is hosting a Small Animal Show Clinic for 4-H and FFA poultry, rabbit and dog exhibitors, and their parents, to learn from experts in the field and gain hands-on experience. The clinic is open to all small animal exhibitors in any county and will cover rabbits, poultry and dogs.

Participants will learn about selection, handling, feeding, grooming, exhibiting and health care of their animals. Experts on each species will be there to give short presentations and offer hands-on information. Please bring your animal to the clinic for hands-on practice.

Penny Kittle, University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Program Assistant said, “This clinic will be geared towards beginner and intermediate level exhibitors, giving the information they need to succeed in their project. Youth animal projects can teach responsibility and stewardship; exhibitors need to have a strong understanding of animals’ needs and how to prepare them for show day.”

The Small Animal Show Clinic will be from 9:00 am-12:00 pm on Saturday, April, 30th in Green City City Park, rain or shine.

Exhibitors can preregister by April 22nd for $15 or register the morning of the event for $20.00. A lunch will be served to youth and is available to adults for an additional $5.00, and door prizes such as bags of feed and other supplies will be given. There will also be an Agility Class demonstration for Dog project members at 1:30pm in the Green City City Park.

For more information and to register, call Sullivan County Extension at 660-265-4541 or e-mail Penny Kittle at kittlep@missouri.edu. Registration form can also be found on this website, http://extension.missouri.edu/sullivan/4h.aspx.

Show Stock Clinic
April 9th in Milan

Whether an exhibitor is new to showing a particular livestock species or has been showing for a few years, there are always things to be learned. Sullivan County Extension is hosting a Show Stock Clinic for 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors, and their parents, to learn from experts in the field and gain hands-on experience. The clinic is open to all
livestock exhibitors in any county and will cover beef, bucket calves, market goats, market lambs and market hogs.

Participants will learn about selection, handling, feeding, grooming, exhibiting and health care of their animals. Experts on each species will be there to give short presentations and offer hands on information. There will be live animals at the clinic, please do not bring your own. Additionally, representatives from various feed companies will be there to offer nutritional advice and products and a veterinarian will talk to the exhibitors about health concerns and treatments of their animals.

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The Show Stock Clinic will be from 9:00 am-1:00 pm on Saturday, April 9th at the North Missouri Livestock Auction in Milan.

Early registration is $15.00 and closes on Friday, April 1st, however exhibitors can register up to the morning of the event for $20.00. A lunch will be served to youth and is available to adults for an additional $5.00, and door prizes such as bags of feed and show supplies will be given. There will be live animals at the clinic to practice on, please do not bring your own animal.

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Chillicothe FFA Alumni Showpig Auction

Saturday, April 2nd. Sale begins at 2:00 pm at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center, Chillicothe. Bidding will start at $200 and there are 140 Cross-bred and Purebred to sell. Contact for additional information Lance Martin (660) 973-5802

FCS Financial

Improvement Grants

Developing a thriving rural Missouri is important to FCS Financial. The Shaping Rural Missouri grant program offers Missouri 4-H and FFA organizations $500 grants to implement projects that will benefit their rural communities and youth development.

Applications are due April 1, 2016. An application and more information on the Shaping Rural Missouri grant program can be found at www.myfcsfinancial.com under the How We’re Different tab or by calling 1-800-369-3276 ext. 1173.

Summers@Mizzou

Teresa Bishop

Do you have an idea you want to turn into your own business? Do you like helping people? Do you want to learn about drones? Are you interested in science? Do you want to put your coding knowledge to work? If any of these apply to you, Summers @ Mizzou is where you should be this summer. Camps will be offered the week of July 17-21 and July 24-28th. Summers @ Mizzou offers seven different camps: Scrub-In to a Health Career, Build-a-Business, Dog Days of Summer, SENSEible Science: Dyeing to do Chemistry!, The Arts and a Portal to Science, Network Forensics for Hacker Trackers and GeoTech: Drone Camp. 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 registration is due by May 6. For registration and available scholarships see http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers For those without internet access call your local Extension Office or Teresa Bishop at 573-884-0554 for a brochure.
Check out the county web page: //extension.missouri.edu/linn
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