

4-H Happenings!

News for 4-H families and friends

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COUNTY NEWS

WANTED: REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (THIS COULD BE YOU)

All teens 14 and older are encouraged to consider applying to become a candidate for the position of Regional Representative, serving on the Missouri State 4-H Council. The Council is instrumental in planning and conducting State 4-H Congress, Teen Conference and serves as ambassadors for Missouri 4-H. Applications are due in the Macon County Extension Office by January 20th. Representative applicants will be interviewed during the Regional 4-H Energizer on March 7th most likely in Macon. Representative candidates run for election during State 4-H Congress. State Congress attendance is mandatory for all candidates. To learn more or get an application contact the Extension Office.

COUNTY WIDE CAKE DECORATING MEETING

The next County Wide Cake Decorating Meeting will be Tuesday January 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Rowe, Please bring a round cake with frosting and supplies. You will be making flowers.

COUNTY WIDE HORSE MEETING

June Johnston will be holding horse meetings at her house the 3rd Tuesday of each month for anyone needing a horse project leader. The next meeting will be January 20th. For more information or to attend call June at 660-395-2893.

CAMP T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

4-H members have the opportunity to show off their talents and a chance to win a free t-shirt by submitting an entry in the 2009 4-H Camp t-shirt design contest. The winning design will be printed on the 2009 NEMO 4-H Camp t-shirt.

Just follow these simple guidelines.

- Must be currently enrolled as a 4-H member.
- Use 8 1/2" x 11" white paper, design may be printed on the page portrait or landscape orientation.
- Any media may be used (hand-drawn design and/or computer graphics)
- Where the 4-H Clover emblem is used visit the name and emblem regulations page at : http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/emblem/4h_emblems.htm or contact your local Extension center. The 4-H Clover graphic must meet all National 4-H Council regulations.
- Please submit design in black ink. No pencil or color.
- Do not fold or bend your entry.
- Place your name, address. Phone number and county of membership on the back of design in pencil.
- All entries are due *February 27, 2009* to your local University Extension center.

The NEMO Camp Committee reserves the right to alter a design if necessary.

2009 SUMMER CAMP

4-H camp at Cuivre River State Park in Troy, MO is scheduled for **June 22-25**. Counselor camp will be held **June 14 - 16**. Watch the newsletter for registration and other information.

ATTENTION ALL MACON COUNTY 4-H HORSE MEMBERS

If you are enrolled in the Horse project a horse enrollment form **must be** completed and turned into the Extension Office by **May 1st** for each of the horses you may be riding this year in 4-H. This form also requires an up-to-date coggins test. The coggins test can be done by your vet and the results will take a few days to get back so don't wait until the May 1st deadline to do the coggins test and the enrollment form. You cannot show in 4-H shows without this form being completed and on file at the Extension Office. For a copy of the form stop by the Extension Office or go to <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/Y1440.pdf>

REGIONAL 4-H ENERGIZER

This is a good time full of games, workshops, opportunities, and Subway. The Energizer will be held March 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Macon United Methodist Church and cost \$10.00 (lunch included) for 4-H Youth ages 12-18. Due date to sign up and money is February 20th. Money due February 20th to the Pike County Extension Office 115 W. Main Bowling Green, MO 63334. For more information call the Macon Extension Office.

STEER WEIGH-IN

The Macon County Steer Weigh-In is scheduled for Saturday, **February 14th** at Lolli's Auction Barn. Please remember that this is the **only** opportunity to get nose prints on any steers that you may be considering taking to the MO State Fair. Members that wish to have their steers considered for the county rate of gain must weigh their steers on this day. All calves must be tagged, and if they do not have a tag, one will be provided. Be sure and bring your social security number for nose print purposes.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council Meeting will held at the Extension Office on January 13 at 7:00pm.

MACON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

The Macon County Fair Board's next meeting will be on **Thursday January 15** at 7:00pm. Location TBA.

EIN'S

Club Leaders and Treasurers please bring a copy of your EIN to the Extension Office as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

All adult volunteers that have not completed the Orientation may do so on-line or by CD. To complete this call the Extension Office for instructions.

LOST AND FOUND

We have a few sheet cake pans that were left at Trivia Night. If one belongs to you they are available at the Extension Office. If not picked up by January 15th they will be donated.

FREE RABBIT

Brenda Clithero has a rabbit she would like to give away to a good home. The rabbit is 9 months old and they would like for it to go to a home where its purpose will be to serve as a pet. If you are interested in being the new owner of this rabbit call Brenda at: home 660-385-5249, cell: 660-651-0845.

GENERAL AND STATE INFORMATION

STATE FAIR ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DATES

The following is the most current list of the State Fair Ownership dates for breeding and market livestock and companion animals.

Beef Cattle – Steers – 3/15
Beef Cattle – Breeding Animals – 6/1
Sheep – Breeding Animals – 7/1
Sheep – Market Lambs – 6/15
Swine – Breeding Gilts – 90 days
Swine – Breeding Boars – Since farrowing
Swine – Market Hogs – May 15
Dairy Cattle – All Dairy Cattle – 6/1
Dairy Goats – 6/1
Meat Goats – Breeding and Market – 6/15
Dogs – 4/1
Horses – 5/1
Rabbits – Breeding – 6/1
Rabbits – Meat Pen – 5 – 10 weeks prior to show
Poultry – Meat Pen – 8 – 10 weeks prior to show

MISSOURI EQUINE COUNCIL HORSE CELEBRATION

This celebration will be held January 23 and 24th at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Columbia. Doors will open at 8:30 each day. General admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for ages 16 & under. Two horse stars that will be there are Dianna Rankin (US Olympic Equestrian) and Ryan Gingrich (Horse Behaviorist) from RFD TV. Other points of interest are the Ultimate Equestrian Challenge that will be going on in the evenings between three trainers and three horses, Jack Knife (Hollow Hick Chicks Drill Team), other horse seminars/Demonstrations, Equest4rain Fashion Show, Evening Horse Social, Equine Vendors and shopping opportunities.

There will also be a Horse Judging Workshop on the 24th. Registration for this will begin at 9:30 that morning. To maximize learning, the judge will place each class before excusing it from the arena. Results of the Horse Judging Clinic and the MFA Saddle award will be presented at 5:30. Cost to participate in the horse judging workshop is \$5.00 plus general admission.

A full schedule is planned for both days. For more information stop by the extension office and pick up a flyer.

STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Each year the State 4-H hosts the horse judging contest to pick the top junior and senior county teams in the state. The top senior county team selected at this contest will represent Missouri 4-h at the National Contest in Louisville, KY. In addition to awarding the top junior and top senior teams medals, the top ten individuals get certificates and the top junior and top senior individual get belt buckles. Counties have no limit on entries.

The date for this great event is March 21, 2009 at Trowbridge Livestock Center on the UMC campus and is for all regular 4-hers (not Clover Kids) interested in a horse judging contest. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. with the event beginning at 9:00. The cost is \$15.00 per individual (no fee for parents or leaders to watch). Registration by January 23rd by stopping by the Extension Office.

HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP

A “how to judge horses” clinic will be going on March 21 at Trowbridge Livestock Center on the UMC campus along with the State Horse Judging Contest. Members must choose to be in either the contest or clinic but

can't do both as they are at the same time. This is for all regular 4-Hers (not Clovers) interested in learning about horse judging. The cost to attend is \$15.00 per individual (no fee for parents or leaders) due to the Extension Office by January 23rd. Check-in will begin at 9:00 with the judging Clinic beginning at 9:30 a.m. and will finish by noon. Youth must pre-register at the Extension Office to attend. Pre-registered youth will receive an information letter with maps and details.

KANSAS CITY 4-H GLOBAL CONFERENCE

The 2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference is March 18-21. The four states that coordinate and implement this conference (Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri) are using an online registration process again this year. The online site is hosted by Kansas State University 4-H. 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. Sharen Hunt, 4-H youth development specialist in Platte County, has outdone herself in planning an outstanding educational program. Registration cost is \$130 for youth payable to Macon 4-H Council.

Timeline

- On December 1, eligible youth (age 15 and older) can go online and begin browsing workshop and tour selections.
- January 1 – February 1 is the online registration period. During this time, youth and chaperones can register for the conference and make their workshop and tour selections. The beauty of this system is that youth will know immediately the workshops and tours they will attend during the conference.
- As youth and chaperones register, each county office will be contacted to confirm registrations, payment process, and health form collection.
- By February 1 payment, waiver, and release and health forms are due to the Extension Office.

4-H opportunities and trips qualify for excused school absence as evidenced in the Missouri State Statute. Each youth that registers receives a "school absence" letter from the State 4-H office that references the statute.

ANNOUNCING PHOTO CORPS 2009-OLINE EDITION

Do you love photography? Do you see your 4-H world in a unique way? Do you enjoy using today's technology to communicate? Then apply to join the State 4-H Photo Corps team!

The Center for Youth Development, in partnership with Rural Missouri and Miller Imaging, is pleased to announce the start of Photo Corps 2009 – Online Edition. Photo Corps is a team of young 4-H photographers age 12-18 (4-H age) from across the state. These team members take photos that show their perspective on a certain theme. This year the theme will be "My 4-H World" and will include the nature of Missouri, the people of 4-H, and the programs of MU Extension.

Opportunities that may go along with being selected as a Photo Corps member include:

- having selected photos exhibited through the State 4-H web site
- constructive feedback from professional photographers
- meeting new friends who also love photography
- a chance to serve as Event Photographer for a state 4-H event
- the chance to be published in Rural Missouri magazine!

For information and an application form to try and become part of this team contact the Extension Office or visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/photocorps/>. The application is due to February 1st. For a look at the recent feature on the 2008 Photo Corps in Rural Missouri, check out <http://www.ruralmissouri.org/08pages/08Dec4HPhotoCorps.html>

AIR PISTOL POSTAL MATCH

4-H pistol shooters have the opportunity to participate in a competitive match this winter/spring via the post office. Youth can shoot the Air Pistol competition at home (under direction of certified leaders) and mail the targets in for official scoring. The age divisions and rules are the same as those used at the State Shoot. The match is composed of 4 rounds of official targets which are scheduled between January 28 – March 25.

Details are available on the shooting sports website at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm> or at the Extension Office.

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

There will be a Shooting sports Certification Workshop March 27-29, 2009 at Camp Jo-Ota, near Clarence Missouri. Registration and detailed information will be available in Mid-January at the Extension Office or on the Missouri 4-H webpage.

3, 2, 1 ACTION

On the weekend of February 7 & 8, youth ages 13-18 can learn to videography skills held at Whiteman Air Force Base Youth Center. Bradd Anderson will be waling the teens through the steps to produce a public service announcement with the terrific assistance of Whaita Karcher. One of the clips from last year's 3, 2, 1 Action won an award in the 4-H Digital Mayhem Challenge. Video samples can be viewed at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/leadership/>

The application form is available at the Extension Office or at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/military/> and due January 30.

MISSOURI 4-H EQUINE TRIP

The 2009 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour is headed south May 22-28, to Oklahoma and Texas! Fifty 4-H teens, ages 14-18, with an interest in equine careers and the stock horse industry will have a fantastic opportunity to visit some of the premier horse facilities in the Southwest focusing on stock horse production and training for racing, rodeo, reining, cutting, pleasure and ranching. Some of the planned destinations are an Equine Rescue Ranch, Cowboy Hall of Fame In Oklahoma City, Fort Worth Stock Yards, American Quarter Horse Headquarters in Amarillo, Texas A & M, Canyon, TX; a major equine medical facility, and much more. Each year the trip itinerary focuses on the equine industry in a different location with the previous trips in Missouri and Kentucky. Quotes from previous participants: "I learned from this trip that there is a vast array of equine employment opportunities." "The most important thing I learned was the importance of a good education and a 'fall back' plan in life." "You have to have good people skills in the horse industry." "This trip was awesome and I will always remember this!"

The \$500 trip fee will include all the transportation on a charter bus, hotels, most meals, and trip shirt.

Applications with trip deposit are due no later than March 15 and may be obtained from your local 4-H office or at: extension.missouri.edu/clinton/ Please be advised that the 50 bus seats fill QUICKLY! The 2008 trip filled a week before the deadline and applications will be honored in the order received.

Questions? Contact 4-H Youth Specialists: Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765, davisdd@missouri.edu or Karen Branstetter, 573-775-2135, branstetterk@missouri.edu

OPERATION: MILITARY KIDS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Visit your legislator and tour the Missouri Capitol, Feb. 16! Youth ages 13-18 are invited to this fun day in Jefferson City. Participants do not have to be from a military family to enjoy the experience. The registration form is available online at <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/military/> or at the Extension Office and is due February 11th.

YOUTH SUMMIT DATE SET FOR MARCH 6-8, 2009

"Linkin' to Healthy Leadership" is the theme for the 2009 Youth Civic Leaders Summit at Windermere Conference Center near Camdenton, MO. March 6-8. The summit is a statewide weekend retreat for young people who are active or aspiring leaders and decision-makers in their communities, and their adult sponsors.

It will feature workshops on a variety of topics including leadership, mentoring, civic engagement and healthy lifestyles. Youth can also participate in an outdoor challenge course and lent showcase and action planning. Registration deadline is January 8th to the Extension Office and the cost to go is \$50.00 per person. Participants must register in teams of at least two people, 1 youth and 1 adult. For more information, go online 4h.missouri.edu or stop by the Extension Office.

GLOBAL EDUCATION

Host families with sibling between 10-16 years of age or to host an adult chaperon are needed for the summer in-bound 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.**

For more information contact the Extension Office well before the above deadline.

SHOOTING SPORTS MINI-GRANTS

A limited number of mini-grants, sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation, are available to county 4-H shooting sports programs. If approved, county programs may receive up to \$500. Application deadline is Jan. 15. Eligibility requirements and application forms can be found online at 4h.missouri.edu.

HAM CURING SLIDE SHOW AVAILABLE ON MISSOURI 4-H WEBSITE

Dr. Andrew Clarke has shared the Ham Curing slide show he presented for Discover the Clover. It is located on the agriculture page under both agriculture resources and meats at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/>.

DON'T USE BORAX ON COUNTRY-CURED HAMS

Traditional ham curing calls for a light sprinkling of Borax to discourage bug infestation, but take care —Borax is NOT USDA-approved to use on food, including country-cured hams. For more information, please see the slideshow Andrew Clarke, MU food science professor, presented at Discover the Clover, <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/>

WEB PAGE BUILDING RESOURCE FOR 4-H CLUBS

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.

Please note that this is only a suggested resource. 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/>.

CONNECTED TO THE WEB, CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY

If your MU Extension 4-H club or council has a Web page, we'd like to know so we can grow our online 4-H community. Send the link to stappa@missouri.edu. Clubs should review the new Guidelines for Missouri 4-H Club Web sites available at www.4h.missouri.edu

MISSOURI PORK EXPO

The 2009 Missouri Pork Expo will be held February 11 and 12 at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center. Youth that attend the "In the Show Ring" session will complete the Show Me Quality Assurance class which must be completed and up-to-date to show swine in 4-H. For more information on the Expo visit http://www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp

MISSOURI ACADEMY OFFERS YOUNG PEOPLE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ST. LOUIS AGRIBUSINESSES IN JUNE 2009

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is offering high school sophomores an opportunity to experience careers in the agriculture industry through the Missouri Agribusiness Academy in June 2009.

"Students involved in the Academy have a unique opportunity to meet with industry, governmental and educational leaders, offering them a better understanding of the rewarding career paths that they can pursue in agriculture," said Don Steen, director of MDA. "Almost all of the department's Academy graduates have pursued careers in agriculture." This year, Academy members will tour St. Louis agribusiness operations June 8-12, 2009. Students are selected through a competitive written application and oral interview process. To be eligible for the Academy, students must come from a farming family or be an active 4-H or FFA member. Applications are available at your local MU Extension center or online at www.mda.mo.gov/abd/agribus_academy.htm Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 2, 2009.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR "YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE" SCHOLARSHIP NOW AVAILABLE

The application deadline for a Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship has been changed to February 15, 2009. Seniors graduating in 2009 may now apply for the opportunity at the Missouri State Fair's web site www.mostatefair.com.

"These scholarships are for youth who have participated at the Fair," said Yokley. "We are very happy to be able to award these young people for all their efforts and appreciate the companies and individuals who have helped us make this possible."

To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must be a high school senior and be an active 4-H or FFA member; have participated in the Missouri State Fair as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor; have plans to enroll in an accredited Missouri college or university with a major in agriculture; have not sold livestock in any past Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions.

The Missouri State Fair's scholarship program is funded through the generosity of Youth in Agriculture sponsors and buyers of the livestock sold during the annual Sale of Champions. A percent of each animal's sale price is earmarked for scholarships.

The Youth in Agriculture Committee, which is responsible for administering the scholarships, will award thirty \$1,000 scholarships and one \$2,500 Supreme Scholarship sponsored by Sydenstricker John Deere of Missouri/Sydenstricker Angus Genetics.

2009 graduating seniors who have exhibited at the Missouri State Fair are eligible to apply for the scholarships. The application form is available on the State Fair's web site at the Youth in Agriculture link located on the home page.

For more information please call the Missouri State Fair at 1-800-422 FAIR (3247) or email your questions to mostatefair@mda.mo.gov.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI - New physical activity program starting January 1, 2009!

Alison Copeland

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity! MOVE encourages youth to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. Using an online system, youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program. 4-Hers can enroll in the online MOVE program as individuals or as part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group. MOVE awards will be provided. Stay tuned - <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/>

PHOTO GUIDELINES REVISED

The 2009 Missouri State Fair 4-H photography guidelines are now available on the MU Extension 4-H Web site. No rules have changed, but a section addressing digital photo editing has been added. Learn the difference between altering and enhancing images and review the guidelines at www.4h.missouri.edu.

CLOVER KIDS CORNER

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, and work in groups, explore their interests, and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce five to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Ice Fun

What You Need

- Variety of containers of ice
- 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.

Ice Cube Painting

What You Need

- Water
- Ice Cube Tray
- Powder tempera paint Craft sticks

What You Do

Freeze water in the ice cube trays with craft sticks in them. Take out and sprinkle powder tempera paint on paper. Use the ice cubes to mix the colors and paint.

Source: Iowa State 4-H Clover Buds Program January 2007.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/clover/materials.htm>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1 – Alex Blodgett

January 2 – Brenda Ratliff

January 2 – James Schaefer

January 7 – Janelle Bond

January 13 – Terry Wheeler
January 15 – Vanessa Mense
January 16 – Abby Lang
January 16 – Bailey Ratliff
January 18 – Taylor Bulington
January 20 – Sheri Smothers
January 21 – Kimberly Souther
January 25 – Kristopher Walker

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU FROM THE STAFF AT THE MACON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 6 – County Wide Cake Decorating Meeting
January 10 – Canine Jamboree
January 13 – 4-H Council Meeting
January 15 – Macon Fair Board Meeting
January 15 – Shooting Sports Mini Grant Applications due
January 20 – Regional Representative Applications due
January 20 – County Wide Horse Meeting
January 23-24 – Missouri Equine Council Horse Celebration
January 23 – State Horse Judging Contest registration due
January 23 – Horse Judging Workshop registration due
January 29 – Youth Civic Leaders Summit registration due
January 30 – 3, 2, 1 Action registration due
January 31-Feb 1 – Teen Conference
February 1 – Kansas City Global Conference registration due
February 1 – Photo Corps registration due
February 2 – Agribusiness application due
February 7 – Teen Caring For Kids- Child Care Workshop
February 7-8 – 3, 2, 1 Action
February 11-12 – Missouri Pork Expo
February 14 – Macon County steer Weigh-In
February 15 – Missouri State Fair Scholarship Application Due
February 16 – Day at the Capitol
February 16-18 – Legislative Academy
February 20 – Regional Energizer Registration due
February 27 – Camp T-Shirt Design Contest Deadline
March 7 – Regional Energizer
March 6-8 – Youth Civic Leaders Summit
March 15 – Equine Trip Registration Due
March 18-21 – Kansas City Global Conference
March 21 – State Horse Judging Contest
March 21 – Horse Judging Workshop
March 27-29 – Shooting Sports Certification Workshop
April 1 – State 4-H Congress application due to Extension Office
May 1 – Horse Enrollment Forms Due to the Extension Office
May 22-28 – Equine Trip
June 3-5 – State 4-H Congress
June 8-12 – Missouri Agribusiness Academy
June 14-16 – Counselor Camp
June 22-25 – 2009 Summer Camp
June 27- July 7 – Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
July 5-12 – Macon County Town and Country Fair
August 13-23 – Missouri State Fair

