COUNTY INFORMATION

4-H Council Meeting
The next 4-H Council meeting will be held September 1st at the Extension Office at 6:30 p.m.

Fair Board Meeting
The next Fair Board meeting will be held September 24th at the Extension Office at 7:00pm.

Fair Premium Checks
Premium checks will not be available until late October.

4-H Fair T-Shirts
There is 1 adult small, 1 adult medium and 1 youth small left for sale at the price of $10 each available at the Extension Office. JP's Tux, Tees & More has a few of the transfers that can also be put on a shirt.

2015 STATE FAIR 4-H BUILDING EXHIBITS
State Fair 4-H Building exhibits are back in the office, please stop by and pick them up or they will be discarded.

National 4-H Week
National 4-H Week is October 4-10 this year. This is a great time to help promote the 4-H program. We will be celebrating the week so keep an eye out in next month’s newsletter for activities that will go on to support this week dedicated just to 4-H.

Club Seal Applications
The club seal application is due October 9th. This form is available at http://extension.missouri.edu/macon/awardsforms.aspx This form only needs to be completed by one person in the club. Clubs will receive a seal to go on their club charter at the awarded level of gold, silver or bronze.

Save the Dates
4-H Sunday will be October 4th and Recognition will be November 8th.

Macon County 4-H Cookbook
Get your cookbook for $12.00 at the Extension Office or by calling Kim Walker at 660-591-2681. Make check payable to Macon County 4-H Council.

4-H NEwspaper Edition
Each year the newspaper does a 4-H tab in the paper during National 4-H week. Please help me make another great tab by submitting your 4-H story and pictures to mooretra@missouri.edu or dropping it by the Extension Office by September 21st to be published in this edition. A 4-H story could be what you have learned by participating in 4-H, what you have accomplished, what you like about the program, what your favorite projects or events are and anything else that you would like to share with the community about our great 4-H program. Please put your name on your story and identify who is in the photos and what is happening in the pictures.

The story could also be the one you will be putting with your project record forms.

2015-2016 4-H Enrollment Year
Enrollment will once again be online through 4hOnline. The program will not be accessible for a few weeks in September so it can be reset, but will open October 1st for new year enrollments. Dues will be $22.00 this year for State and County. Check with your club leader to see if there is a club fees.

Ordering Project Literature
There is some wonderful literature available for leaders, parents and members to use in developing ideas for project work and for guiding project work during the year. Check with your club leader to see if a club order will be made or the literature can be ordered directly from Extension Publications. There is an order form in the new 4-H Clover, on the 4-H website and on the Macon County Extension Website. 4-H Source books also have literature that can be ordered and they are available at the Extension Office.

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RECOGNITION/AWARD FORMS
Outstanding boy/girl, All-Around 4-H’er, Quality of Living, Danforth Award, Project Records, Outstanding Leader and Missouri Report Forms are available on our website at http://extension.missouri.edu/macon/awardsforms.aspx and the Extension Office (Missouri Report Forms are available on the MO 4-H website as well). All forms, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Reporter books are due to the Extension Office by October 9th. All awards will be given out at the annual Recognition Day on November 8th. Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters for the location of this event. Recognition Day is the wrap-up and end of the program year for all the hard work 4-H members have put in throughout the year. I strongly encourage members to complete these forms.

Why would I want to complete these forms?
Project Record Form: If you fill out a form for each of your projects you have completed this year, you will receive a project award disc. To receive this disc you must completely fill in the blanks on this form, have had 6 hours of educational instruction during the year and if it is a food animal project be up-to-date on the Show Me Quality Assurance class.

MO Report (Recognition) Form: By completing this form you can get a gift and an award disc from the county. If your report is chosen to move on to the state level you can receive state awards as well. For 8-10 year olds you could get a scholarship to attend a camp in 2016 and a certificate of excellence; 11-13 year olds could get a scholarship to attend State 4-H Teen Conference; 14 and over youth that are selected get to move on to regional/state interviews and the interviews along with the report form are used to select youth to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

All-Around 4-Her Award: Members who complete the All-Around 4-Her/Outstanding Boy/Girl application earn points toward becoming an All Around 4-H member. In the 8-10 age group 4-H members must score 20 or more points, 11-13 year olds must score 25 or more and 14 and over must score 30 or more points to be named an All Around 4-H member. Members that are named All Around 4-H members receive an award disc.

Outstanding Boy/Girl Form: the winner of this award will receive an award disc and a cash prize. (You cannot win in the same age category more than once)

Quality of Living Award Form: this award winner will get a cash prize and a disc. (You may only win this award once)

I Dare You Award Form: the I Dare You Award winner receives a disc, certificate and a book from the Danforth Foundation. (May only win one time)

Key Award: This award takes time. 4-H members that complete this award get State 4-H recognition, a pendant and an award disc.

Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Reporter books: the winning club secretary, treasurer, historian and reporter book receives a gift and a disc.

ATTENTION CLOVER KID MEMBERS
New this year, if you are a Clover Kid and would like to receive your year completion award, please fill out the short Clover Kid award form available at http://extension.missouri.edu/macon/awardsforms.aspx at the Extension Office or from your club leader. This form is due back to the Extension Office by October 9th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM REMINDER
Club Leaders, each year our 4-H members provide outstanding community service within their communities. We recognize this achievement each year with a certificate award. In order to participate in this award don’t forget to send your form to the Extension Office by September 1st. The form can be found in the back of the Clover or can be filled out electronically using the form on the Missouri 4-H website at (http://mo4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/LG760FILL.pdf). Be sure to fill in all the information especially your county, your number of members and the number of youth and adults involved in each service project. This form only needs to be completed by one person in the club.

Why should my kids bother to complete 4-H Records?
Record keeping is one of the unique 4-H learning opportunities that begins a lifetime of possibilities! Too often in the past, 4-H parents and volunteers have only considered record-keeping as a means toward winning awards. Though that is sometimes the case, winning awards is NOT the most important pay-off!

4-H members throughout history have seldom been interested in taking the time to complete a 4-H record. It almost always requires a parent or other adult (one that sees and understands the long-term value of completing a record form) to urge, encourage and even insist that a member complete a 4-H record at any level. Fortunately, there are different levels of 4-H records and differing levels of recognition that go with each (see blurb on this page about Recognition/Award Forms).

Teens and pre-teens often set goals for themselves lower than they are capable of attaining. That is just a developmental fact for most young people. Here again, it takes a caring adult to help members set high goals for themselves, then encourage and even insist they strive to reach those goals. It is well known too, the younger a member is when they start doing 4-H records, the easier it is as you go along. That is a known fact!

4-H members that do records annually have these skills at levels much higher than peers in school or 4-H peers that do not complete 4-H records:
- Are able to set personal goals.
- Able to plan and do things to meet those goals.
- Able to collect and organize information.
- Better able to accept and follow through with responsibility.
- Better able to express themselves verbally and in writing.

We know 4-H members who complete annual 4-H records are far more likely to be successful throughout school and beyond. In addition to being more successful, they are more confident in school and are more likely to find a rewarding job as a teen and as an adult.

Any of the above is a pretty nifty “gift” to give your 4-H member not to mention the whole list and pretty cool trips and awards for your member that is folded into the mix along the way.

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National 4-H Conference
Are you interested in government, public policy or working with others to solve a problem in your community? National 4-H Conference may be the place for you. It is the premier professional and leadership development event for 4-H members (age 15-19). While at National Conference you will work with other youth to create solutions to some of today’s social problems such as distracted driving, childhood obesity and others. You will then have the opportunity to present your ideas to government agencies that can put your ideas to work such as the National Institute for Health, the National Traffic Safety Board and others. You will learn effective ways to advocate for an issue and can bring these skills home to your local community.

If you are interested in this opportunity you will need to complete the Level 3 State Excellence Award form, answer an additional four questions about your Citizenship experiences and if selected for Regional or State judging prepare up to a five minute presentation about a current topic. Youth may only participate in this conference once. You can only participate in this conference once but you may apply multiple times as long as you are still age eligible. For more information contact Tracie at the Extension Office. Forms are due by October 9th. The conference is held in April in Washington D.C.

State 4-H Fashion Revue
If you qualified to represent Macon County 4-H at the State Fashion Revue on September 19th, registration is now open through 4hOnline. To attend you must register by August 31st. When you register on 4hOnline do not use Internet Explorer as your information may not save. When you get to the payment section select “pay by check” as the Macon County 4-H Council will pay your fee to attend. If you do not plan to participate, please let us know so an alternate can be contacted.

State 4-H Public Speaking Contest
If you qualified to represent Macon County 4-H at the State Public Speaking Contest on October 24th, registration is now open through 4hOnline. To attend you must register by August 31st. When you register on 4hOnline do not use Internet Explorer as your information may not save. When you get to the payment section select “pay by check” as the Macon County 4-H Council will pay your fee to attend. If you do not plan to participate, please let us know.

Muddy Creek Mounted Madness Youth Horse Show
This horse show is open to 4-H horse members on September 26 and 27 at the Missouri State Fairground-Coliseum. Pre-entries are due by September 8th. Cost is $5.00 per class for those entered by September 8th plus a $5.00 office charge. Day of the show fee is $7.00 per class and the $5.00 office charge. Stalls are $35.00 for the weekend. Camping is also available. For a show flyer and registration form, call the Extension Office or visit http://muddy creek4-h. weebly.com

State Shooting Sports Team Try-outs
Small-bore Rifle, Small-bore Pistol, and Muzzle Loading try out pre-registration is requested by September 15. Those try outs begin September 26 or 27. For full details and the paper registration form, check out the 4-H Shooting Sports website: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm

Missouri Care & Home State Health Plan
Missouri Care and Home State Health Plan both have programs that may help families pay for 4-H membership dues. For people with Missouri Care the Club Leader must request a form to participate. Families with Home State, the parents or guardians will need to get a voucher directly from Home State. For more information call the Extension Office, Missouri Care or Home State.

ATTENTION HEALTHCARE USA MEMBERS
HealthCare USA now pays the initial membership fee to 4-H for their members? HealthCare USA is committed to helping their kids become more active, involved and social resulting in healthier children. Membership in 4-H is one way HealthCare USA feels they can achieve that!

If you are a HealthCare USA member and would like to take advantage of this offer call the member services number at 1-800-566-6444 and request a Kid’s Club Voucher. Once the voucher is received in the mail, submit the voucher to the Extension Office before enrolling in 4-H. In turn, all 4-H has to do is mail the voucher to HealthCare USA at the address shown on the voucher and they will reimburse 4-H for the membership fee.

Calendar
2015

September
1 4-H Council Meeting
1 Community Service Applications due
19 State Fashion Revue
19-20 State 4-H Shoot
21 4-H Week newspaper edition stories and pictures due
24 Fair Board Meeting

October
1 2015-2016 4-H Enrollment begins
4-10 National 4-H Week
4 4-H Sunday
9 Recognition Award Forms due to the Extension Office
9 Clover Kid Award Forms due
9 Club Seal Applications due
9 National 4-H Conference Entries due
24 State Public Speaking Contest
26-27 Muddy Creek Mounted Madness Youth Horse Show

November
8 Recognition Day

December
5-6 4-H Camp Food and Fitness

2016

March
4-6 Youth Civic Leaders Summit
12-13 State 4-H Teen Conference

June
1-3 State 4-H Congress

August
11-21 Missouri State Fair

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