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Citizenship Youth Forum

June 22-24, 2009

Capitol Plaza Hotel

Jefferson City, Missouri



This summer, youth ages 14 and older are invited to come learn how their government works! This action packed event provides participants an inside look at the Missouri legislative, executive and judicial processes. There is also the option of a media track, where participating youth report on the activities of state government, film their reports and edit the footage for various media outlets. All workshop activities use a hands-on approach, with current legislators and legal staff on-hand to assist and teach.

Don't miss this unique and exciting opportunity to meet legislators and experience your state government from the inside. Scholarships are available, with applications due April 1. Citizenship Youth Forum registrations are due May 1, 2009. For information, visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/citizenship/> or contact your local Extension Office.

4-H Project Horse Enrollment

The horse member enrollment is **due to county offices May 1** each year. The forms are available through your local Extension office, or you can download them from: <http://tinyurl.com/HorseForm> (PDF).

4-H members may be asked to produce a current project horse enrollment form to show at county shows. State Fair requires 4-H members to include a copy of their current project horse enrollment form with their entry.

4-H Missions in Space!

U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 8 — 11, 2009



Applicants must be in the 6th grade or above at the time of the trip. The Pathfinder program is 3 days of non-stop activities exploring the history, present and future of manned space flight. Participants are immersed in hands-on training for a space shuttle mission, experiencing both shuttle and space station simulators. Presentations are packed with interesting facts and trivia that students remember long after the adventure is over. IMAX presentations! A wonderful opportunity for youth in 6th grade through high school!

Travel is by charter bus, with pick up and drop off locations in NE Missouri.

Get your brochure today!

Space **is** limited. Registrations accepted on a first-come basis.

PRE-REGISTRATION DUE JUNE 19

Questions? Contact Don Nicholson at 573/769-2177 or Tracie Moore at 660/385-2173

4-H Volunteer Orientation

Here are your final chances for in-person Volunteer Orientation before fall. If you are hoping to serve as a 4-H volunteer in the remainder of this program year and have not attended a training session nor complete the orientation on-line, here is your best chance!

April 6 Shelby County Extension Center

April 23 Marion County Courthouse.

Both sessions begin at 6:30. Please notify us if you plan to attend!

As with any event or activity mentioned in this newsletter, if you need forms or additional information, contact your nearest Extension Office. We often have the needed information in our files, or we can access the information on the web for you, if it is available there.

Sixth Annual Club Goat Sale

The Sixth Annual Club Goat Sale is being held April 18, 2009 in Sedalia, Missouri at the Swine Pavilion, Missouri State Fair Grounds. Profits from this Annual sale help support the Sale of Champions conducted by the Youth in Agriculture Committee of the Missouri State Fair. There will be approximately 90 goats to be auctioned off; wethers, doe kids, and does under three years old. These animals will be healthy and of show quality. Helping 4-H and FFA kids obtain that special show goat is the goal of this sale put on by two goat associations in the State.

A seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the sale beginning at 1:00 p.m. called by Bullock Auction Company. The goats will begin arriving late on April 17 at 5:00 p.m. and may be viewed then or after 8:00 a.m. April 18.

For more information: Tracy Diefenbach at 816-657-2274 or TLDief@Fairpoint.net or Mary Sherwood at 417-995-4691 or Sherwoodfarms@tri-lakes.net .

Hunting Skills Leader Workshop

Hunting Skills Leader Workshop will be held on April 18-19 at Windermere Conference Center.

Participate in active learning as you become acquainted with this challenging, yet FUN project. Learn from state instructors how to lead a local/county Hunting Skills program. Experience various teaching activities that have proven effective for youth. Receive answers to your questions. Become a certified 4-Hunting Skills volunteer leader. Optional arrival on Friday evening with optional session on Friday evening.

- Wildlife Identification – hides, skulls, scat, tracks, wings
- Map & compass skills
- Game Recovery/blood trails
- Plaster casts of animal tracks
- State Contest event info & tips
- Dutch-oven cooking
- Simulated hunting/shooting activities
- Carmelita Hunt

Cost: \$40 per person – for Saturday & Sunday (4 meals & Sat night lodging) OR \$55 per person – above plus Friday night lodging & Sat breakfast.

Pre-registration Due by April 1.

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

Go to: <http://4h.missouri.edu/news/> for the latest 4-H news!

4-H Sportfishing Leader Workshop

4-H Sportfishing Leader Workshop will be held on April 18-19 at Windermere Conference Center.

Missouri 4-H policy requires volunteers wishing to lead the 4-H Sportfishing project to attend a leader workshop. 4-H Sportfishing is much more than just fishing. It includes fun educational activities in 4 general areas: Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Craft, Angling Skills, and People & Fish. This workshop is offered once a year. Optional arrival on Friday evening. Workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18.

Cost: \$40 per person for Saturday & Sunday (4 meals & Sat night lodging) OR \$55 per person – above plus Friday night lodging & Sat breakfast.

Pre-registration due by April 1.

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

Show Me Quality Assurance Training

Beginning last year, 4-H members in all meat-related projects (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, rabbits, goats, poultry) must have met the requirements of the Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Program (MSQA) in order to be a member in good standing. In addition, many fairs and other shows require this of FFA exhibitors as well.

Members under age 14 must take the MSQA training two years consecutively. Members 14 and older must take part in the program once. If you have not taken part in an MSQA training and are enrolled in any of the projects above, you need to attend one of the sessions this year. If last year was your first year for attendance, you need to attend this year. If you are 14 this year, you must attend one of the session.

It doesn't matter which session you attend. The actual locations will be announced in the coming weeks, but for now, check your calendar and make plans to attend the one that suits your schedule best:

- Monday, March 23—Palmyra, PHS Vo-Ag room
- Thursday, March 26—Kahoka, St. Paul's Church
- Monday March 30—Monticello, Courthouse
- Tuesday, March 31—Monroe City, Vo-Ag room
- Thursday, April 2—Shelby Co. North Shelby H.S. Library

There is also an on-line version of the training available, which is most suited to members 12 and older. Contact your local Extension Office for more information.

4-H Day With the Cardinals!

4-H members, alumni, and their families are invited to join us for 4-H Day With the Cardinals, Saturday, May 23. The Cardinals will be playing the cross-state rival Kansas City Royals in a 12:10 p.m. game in Busch Stadium. Prior to the game, 4-H members and their parents/leaders can take part in a parade around the ball field—that's right, participants will actually get to go down on the field and march one time around the stadium behind their state or county 4-H banner. Also, everyone who orders a ticket on the special form will receive a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H and Cardinals logos to commemorate the day. **Note: Groups of families or county groups that wish to sit together must send their orders in one package.** Tickets usually sell out quickly, so order early. Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed on May 11.



You could throw out the first pitch of the game, get an autographed baseball, or win other great prizes! 4-H members who participate in the 4-H raffle will have a chance to be selected to throw out the first pitch, and other family members, alumni, and guests can win other great prizes. Each person who completes Section B of the order form will receive one chance to be selected for every \$1 they donate to the 4-H Day With the Cardinals Raffle Fund. See the back of the form for details and a list of prizes.

All orders must be postmarked by April 13, 2009—past experience has told us, that if you wait until near that time, you will be too late! Ticket orders are filled as they are received, and they will likely be all gone before the deadline.

Fliers/ticket order forms are available through your local Extension Office now, and are available on the web at <http://4h.missouri.edu/>.

2009 State 4-H Congress

June 3-5, 2009

“Missouri 4-H...We've Got Class!”

\$160.00 (includes registration fee, housing, meals, individual class fees, t-shirt)

Registration is to be received by your local Extension Office on or before **April 8th**.

Registration booklets are now available. We have not received the large quantity of registration booklets this year as a cost-cutting move by the state office. Each Extension Office **can** print those out for you on the spot, or drop them in the mail to you. Just let us know if you're interested!

We are always looking for adult chaperones to attend Congress! Check your calendar, and let Don know if you might be interested in joining in on the fun in Columbia. Registration information is also available at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/>.



4-H Camp Dates for 2009:

Teen Camp: May 27 – May 30

Junior Camp: May 30 – June 2

You can learn more about camp at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4hcamp>. Camp applications for 2009 are also available through that site.

Summers @ Mizzou Build-a-Business Camp

July 26-29, 2009

Summers @ Mizzou presents "Build-a-Business Camp" for young people ages 12-15 (grades 6-9) interested in exploring entrepreneurship!

More information was presented in the February 4-H newsletter. Additional information is also available through your local Extension Office.

Camp dates are July 26-29, 2009. Registration is estimated at \$280-\$330 per camper, with some partial scholarships available upon request. A day camp option will also be available at reduced cost.

For more information, contact your local Extension Office, Melissa Scheer, Summers @ Mizzou coordinator, at 573-882-6006 or scheermb@missouri.edu, or Adam Loftin at 573-884-7929 or acl7f4@mizzou.edu.

Missouri State Fair Animal Entry Deadline

Entries **must be "received by" July 2** to be on time. **This is a change from past years when entries had to be "post marked" by the due date.** Please let your members interested in showing 4-H livestock/animals at the Missouri State Fair know about this change.



State Fair Animal Ownership Dates—some changes!

The following is the most current list of the State Fair Ownership Dates for breeding and market livestock and companion animals. Some of the Market Animal ownership dates have changed! In some cases, these dates also apply to livestock ownership/possession dates on the county level—though local dates may differ.

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

MU College of Vet Medicine Open House

One Life, One World, One Health

April 4th Columbia Missouri

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Vet Hospital Tours! Workshops!

Purina Incredible Dogs will perform. Reptile exhibit. The Equine Treadmill will be in operation. And more!

State 4-H Public Speaking Contest Info for County Contest Preparations

For 2009, the categories for the state public speaking contest will remain the same as in 2008. They are Prepared, Extemporaneous, PSA, Interpretation and Technology-Assisted. In 2009, all categories will be available to both juniors (ages 8-13) and seniors (ages 14-19). Counties may send up to one junior competitor and one senior competitor per category. Youth will be allowed to compete in up to two categories. The



State 4-H Office has provided sample score forms and other materials for use in county contests if desired. For additional information, please visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/publicspeaking/categories.htm>.

State 4-H Photo Corps – Online Edition

Applications for the 2009 Photo Corps are still being accepted! The problem with the fillable PDF application form has been corrected. For more information or an application, please visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/photocorps/>.

Some Dates for 2009

Missouri Show Me Quality

Assurance Training

Camp Applications due

4-H Camp, Teen

4-H Camp, Junior

Mo 4-H Youth Forum

State 4-H Congress

Missouri State Fair

Various dates & locations. See main body of newsletter

April 24

May 27 – 30

May 30 – June 2

June 22 – 24

June 3 – 5

August 13 – 23, 2009

4-H Exchanges Need Host Families

MU Extension 4-H is looking for families to host Japanese students who will visit Missouri for a month in July. Families also are needed for two high school students for a yearlong exchange, beginning in August. If you are interested, your local Extension Office can put you in contact with Joyce Taylor, Extension 4-H Global Education Coordinator.

MDC Discover Nature Families

Spring Turkey Clinic

Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mississippi Valley Gun Club, just south of Hannibal on Hwy 61.

Events include shotgun patterning, archery, turkey ID, turkey calling, turkey hunting regulations and hunting safety trail. Lunch will be provided. This clinic is offered free of charge to youth and their parent or mentor. Must be 11 years old in order to participate in the shotgun event.

Registration is required. Contact the Missouri Department of Conservation, Hannibal Office at 573/248-2530.

Missouri Sheep Producers' Starter Flock Entry Form

Goal: To provide a Missouri 4-H or FFA member (age 8-19 as of January 1) a grant opportunity to purchase ewes for a starter flock.



One winner will receive a \$600 grant to be used to purchase ewes from a current MSP member and work with this member in a mentoring program. The sheep purchased may be either purebred registered or commercial stock.

Application Requirements: Applicants must not currently own a flock, be involved in Missouri 4-H and/or FFA, successfully complete this application with responses to essay questions attached, and contact a current MSP member (current MSP membership directory may be obtained by contacting the executive director) to obtain a letter of recommendation and agreement by the member to participate in a mentoring program.

Winner Requirements: The successful applicant will be required to purchase starter ewes from a current MSP member and provide transportation of the sheep back to their home, purchase a ram or coordinate with their mentor on a breeding program, ewes must be purchased by September 1 and bred to lamb the following spring, the starter flock must be kept in the winner's possession for a minimum of one year, and a total budget (income and expenses) for the year should be presented by the applicant at the next MSP annual meeting.

Starter Flock Application forms are available through your local Extension Office. Applications are due by May 1.

4-H Riding Clinics

Adams County Fairgrounds, Mendon, IL

May 21,28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, & July 9

6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Schedule **Rain Date July 16**

The Riding Clinics are for every level of riding experience. Everyone will come away with new skills to use at a show.

- All youth ages 8-18 are welcome and your horses. You do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate. Invite a friend!
- Completed Registration, Health, and Permission to Participate Forms are required. No cost!
- Youth must be accompanied by an adult. Spectators of all ages are encouraged to attend.
- A negative Coggins (AGID or ELISA) test conducted within the last 12 months is required for all equine. Out-of-State equine must also have an entry permit and a CVI issued within 30 days prior to entry.
- Properly fitted helmets are required by all riders whenever mounted.



Scheduled topics

- May 21 Lets Ride!
- May 28 Showmanship
- June 4 Western Pleasure
- June 11 Halter Classes
- June 18 Gaming
- June 25 Trail Part A
- July 9 Trail Part B

The trail clinics hosted on June 25 and July 9 will feature different obstacles each night. A food stand will be available.

Registration forms are available through your local Missouri Extension Office.

NEMO Open Horse Shows

LaBelle: May 23 and September 5

Pioneer Rangers: June 20 and August 15

Palmyra: May 30 and August 29

Mendon IL: July 25 and August 4

Start times vary with each site.

Contacts:

Ronnie Hamlin: 573/494-3308

Tom Hamlin: 660/739-4425

Mike Wear: 217/653-4425

Juna Kill: 217/440-4670

AQHA rules apply. Prize buckles.

Missouri 4-H Dairy Cow Camp

For 4-H Dairy Members Ages 10-18 (As of 1/1/2009)

May 27-29, 2009

Springfield MO

Missouri 4-H Dairy Camp is an exciting event sponsored by University of Missouri Extension. Extension staff, along with professional fitters and volunteers, will provide educational seminars. Participants will be guided through the basics and finer points of fitting dairy cattle. Youth will work in small groups receiving individual assistance. Cattle and equipment will be provided, but if you have your own grooming equipment please bring it. There are prizes for judging and showmanship. Rooms in the same area as the campers will be available for parents at a cost of \$60.00 per night; you must pre-register by April 15.

Continental breakfast is provided by the motel. For adults wishing to eat at the farm there will be a nominal fee for this.

Deadline for application is April 15.

Enrollment is limited to the first 40 complete registrations (including registration fee). Registration brochures are available through your local Extension Office.

