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Announcing Teen Conference 2009!

Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, 2009
Stoney Creek Inn
Columbia, Missouri

Registration now open!

The State 4-H Council is pleased to announce another exciting State 4-H Teen Conference! This event is planned by your Council teens for younger youth. Teen Conference is all about introducing 11-13 year olds to the exciting opportunities that await them as 4-H teenagers. Teen Conference 2009 promises to be a fun, safe environment for having fun, learning new things, and making about 300 new friends!

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- **Ages:** The event is for youth ages 11, 12 and 13
- **Cost:** \$119 for youth, \$129 for adult chaperones.
- T-shirts must be pre-ordered and will be available for purchase at the event for \$15 each. Please do not send t-shirt money with the registration check. Please do indicate on the county form which sizes your attendees will need (for ordering purposes).
- **Lodging:** As with last year, the event will take place at Columbia's Stoney Creek Inn. No roommate requests will be accepted.
- **Registration Deadline:** Registrations must be postmarked by **December 10, 2008**. We are limited to 325 total participants.



The State 4-H Council is pleased to welcome this year's special guest, Miss Missouri 2008 Lacey Fitzgerald!

Registration

Youth may register for this event by submitting the registration and health form to your county Extension office. Registration & health forms are due in your local Extension Office no later than December 10th.

Registration and health forms are also available at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/teenconf/>.

New 4-H Treasury Guidelines



A new set of 4-H Club Treasury guidelines have been developed and are being shared through local 4-H Councils. These are some steps that need to be followed in order to manage the club funds wisely, and to protect the good name of all involved. It involves all club members---not just the Club Treasurer or Club Leader(s). The information has been shared so far with the Marion and Lewis 4-H Councils. The guidelines will be shared with the Clark 4-H Council in late November. Shelby will be contacted in the near future. If you would like an advance copy of the guidelines or haven't had a chance to hear from your Council representative yet and would like a copy, please contact Don Nicholson at 573/769-2177 or at Nicholsond@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 at the University Conference office on or before April 15th.

Full registration materials will be available in late January.



Regional Representative? 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 Marion County Extension Office by January 23rd. Representative applicants will be interviewed during the Regional 4-H Energizer on March 7th in Macon. Representative candidates run for election during State 4-H Congress. State Congress attendance is mandatory for all candidates.

To learn more, contact your local Extension Office or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/4hstatecouncil>.

Kansas City 4-H Global Conference

KANSAS CITY



**4-H GLOBAL
CONFERENCE**

Preliminary information about the 2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference (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. Registration cost is \$260 for youth and \$325 for adults.

- Eligible youths (age 15 and older) can go online and begin browsing workshop and tour selections on December 1.
- January 1 – February 1 is the online registration period. During this time youths and chaperones can register for the conference and make their

own workshop and tour selections. The beauty of this system is that youths will know immediately the workshops and tours they will attend during the conference.

Youth Delegate Requirements

Youth must be 15 years of age or older by January 1, 2009 to participate and only those attending the conference for the first or second time are eligible to register.

Adult Chaperones

Adult chaperones are always needed and most welcome. Chaperones register through the same process as delegates. That registration period runs January 1 – February 1.

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 Counselor Applications are due at close of business on December 29, 2008.

Learn more about being a Camp Counselor at: <http://tinyurl.com/CampCounselor>.

Specific information for the 2009 Conference is not yet available. To check out the information regarding the 2008 conference, go to: <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/globalconf/>. Information about the 2009 Conference will be posted at that same location.

MFA Saddle Award Due Date

MFA saddle awards must be postmarked on or before January 2 and sent to 813 Clark Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211. MFA saddle information is available at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#MFA>.

Sponsored by MFA Agri-Services-Feed Division, the MFA Saddle Award is for Missouri 4-H members aged 14 years and older participating in the Missouri 4-H Horsemanship Program who demonstrate knowledge and skills in horsemanship and horse science, the ability to share the knowledge and skills with other members and a commitment to better their community.

Missouri Pork Expo and In the Show Ring 2009

“In the Show Ring” is a youth focused educational track within the Missouri Pork Expo to take place February 11, 2009. In 2008, over 130 students participated in “In the Show Ring” and received Show Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification.



All information can be found at www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp. There is a PDF registration form for “In the Show Ring” linked on the web page above or go directly to the PDF document at <http://www.mopork.com/Docs/2009ShowRingReg.pdf>. Attendees are strongly encouraged to pre-register to make registration at the event much smoother and faster.

Information regarding the 2009 Missouri Youth Pork Ambassador Program is now available. Through the program, one youth will work with the Missouri Pork Producers during the 2009 year, attending various events. At the end of the year, the student will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship payable to a college. More information can be found at http://www.mopork.com/Youth_YouthPorkAmbassador.asp.

4-H Move Across Missouri


A new physical activity program starting January 2009!

4-H Move Across Missouri (MAM) promotes physical activity! MAM encourages youths to engage in physical activities they enjoy from a broad range of possibilities (i.e., walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more).



Using an online system, youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MAM program. 4-Hers can enroll in the online MAM 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. MAM awards will be provided. Stay tuned!

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/>.

Does Your 4-H Club Already Have a Web Page?

If your club has a web page, please let us know. If enough clubs have their own web pages or choose to utilize Clubspaces at <http://www.clubspaces.com>, we will include a web page on the Missouri 4-H website that provides links to these 4-H Club pages.

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Missouri Livestock Symposium

The 2008 Missouri Livestock Symposium has been set for December 5 & 6 with details at <http://missourilivestock.com>.



This year there are a couple of speakers and topics that target youth. Copies of the agenda are available through the URL above, or through your local Extension Office. When you look at the schedule, I think you'll agree this is an awesome opportunity for 4-H project leaders to hone their subject knowledge from qualified experts.

For those traveling to the Missouri Livestock Symposium, Super 8 Motel (1-660-665-8826) and The Depot Inn (1-660-332-4669) offer a reasonable rate of a \$50.00 per room per night. For the discount rate to apply, indicate attendance for the Livestock Symposium. Reservations must be made by November 21.

For additional details, please call Bruce Lane at 660-665-9866.

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.

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.

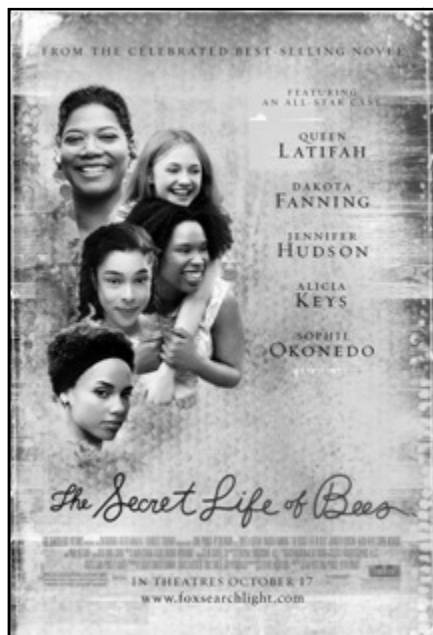
2009 graduating seniors who have exhibited at the Missouri State Fair are eligible to apply for the scholarships. The application form is available on the State Fair's web site at the Youth in Agriculture link located on the home page.

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

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.



The Secret Life of Bees: 4-H Connection



From author, **Sue Monk Kidd**: *"When I was growing up in a small town in Georgia, 4-H was a big part of my life. I joined when I was ten years old and remained an active member for four years. Back then, we used to chronicle our 4-H projects in green notebooks that we called "4-H Record Books." Believe it or not, I still have one of mine. I leafed through it not long ago for the first time in at least thirty years and I was struck that the project I took to a district 4-H competition was none other than Entomology. Insects! I even found an old black and white photograph of myself in the record book, taken when I was twelve, in which I am mounting bug specimens. Weirdly enough, I was a bug-loving girl. Thanks to my 4-H Entomology project, I had a dozen boxes in my closet, containing carefully labeled insects with long scientific names. One of those names was Apis Mellifera, otherwise known as the honeybee. I'm guessing that was my earliest education about bees.*

While thumbing through my old 4-H "record book," I also discovered the long list of books I read for my Reading project in 1959. Black Beauty, Gold in Alaska, Nancy Drew... I couldn't help but smile at my eleven year old self when I read my summation of what the project meant to me: "Before I took reading as my 4-H project, I never read all that much. I learned that a book is a fascinating thing... I love reading about what is happening in make-believe lands, far away places and the lives of other people."

Wouldn't you know-- my history with 4-H has to do with books and bugs. So perhaps it is not completely surprising that I grew up not only to read books, but write them, and that one of those books was about the secret life of the Apis Mellifera."

You can find out more about the film, read Ms. Kidd's full story, follow her on a special backstage tour, and view special souvenirs by visiting www.4-H.org. "The Secret Life of Bees" was released on October 17 to great reviews and is in theaters everywhere now.

