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Regional 4-H Energizer

What: A day full of games, good times, fun, workshops, and food!

When: Saturday, March 5 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: The Macon United Methodist Church



Who: Youth ages 12-18 and Adults

Cost: \$10 (lunch and snacks included)

Make checks payable to *University of Missouri Extension—Pike County*.

Pre-registration is required, due in the Pike County Office **by February 22**

115 W. Main, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Workshops for youth: Parliamentary Procedure, Healthy Living, Public Speaking, Robotics, and Challenge Games.

Workshops for adults: Trips and Opportunities for members, Club Officer Training Made Easy, Exploring and Utilizing 4-H Project Literature, and Theatre Arts.

You can submit registrations to your own local Extension Office if you prefer, **by February 16th**.

4-H Secret—0011. Lead and Let Lead!

Calling 4-H members aged 11 and older!

Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, and Shelby Counties

Where: Palmyra High School

When: Saturday, March 12, 2:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per member. Please register **before March 1**. Checks payable to “Marion County 4-H Council”. Please indicate T-shirt size.



The program includes many opportunities to meet 4-H members from throughout the area, learn a little and play a little, plus a great T-Shirt and Food!

Questions? Contact the Marion County Extension Office at: 573-769-2177, or Don Nicholson at Nicholsond@missouri.edu.

Pssst . . .Some of you may remember the CLUE event last year. If you liked that, you'll LOVE 4-H Secret 0011! If you missed last year's program, be sure to get on board for this year!



4-H Camp Applications Now Available!

Dates: Junior Camp (ages 8-11) June 25 – 28, 2011

Teen Camp (ages 12-14) June 28 – July 1, 2011.

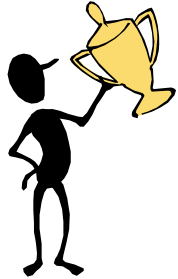
Cost: \$70/a camper or \$65/camper with 2 campers in the same family.

Pick up your copy of the 4-H Camp application from your local Extension Office, or

download a copy from: <http://extension.missouri.edu/marion/4HCamp/SigupCamp.shtml>



4-H Achievement Seminar



Shelby County: February 12 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Open to 4-H members and parents from any county

This is a new event, for 4-H members aged 8 - 18 willing to consider broader opportunities in 4-H. Learn about broader opportunities available to you in 4-H—now and in the future! In addition get hands-on assistance with beginning your 4-H Achievement/Recognition records (make your life easier!). Parents also welcome and encouraged to attend.

Show Me Quality Assurance Dates Announced

All 4-H members that are in any cattle, rabbit, poultry, goat, sheep or swine project must be current on their Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance certification (SMQA) to be considered a **member in good standing**, and be eligible to show at most county Fairs. In addition, SMQA certification is required for all FFA exhibitors at many county-level fairs and shows.



4-H and FFA members can attend at any SMQA training,
or go through the training on-line.

February 15	Lewis	7 p.m.	Courthouse, Monticello
February 17	Clark	7 p.m.	St. Paul Church, Kahoka
February 22	Shelby	7 p.m.	Shelbina Christian Church
February 28	Palmyra	7 p.m.	HS VoAg, Palmyra

Members must complete SMQA training during two consecutive years during the years prior to their 14th birthday. Members must complete SMQA training once after their 14th birthday.

To check on your status with the SMQA certification, contact any Extension Office and we'll check to see what training you may still need, or NOT need! ☺ Check with your local Extension office if you'd like to learn more about the on-line option.

Please contact your Extension Office to let them know in advance which session you plan to attend.

Frank Graham Leadership and Hall of 4-H Fame Nominations

Frank Graham Leadership Award deadline is **February 1, 2011**. Information and application form are available at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/recognition/graham.shtml>.

Hall of Fame deadline is **March 15, 2011**. Please note that this award recognizes volunteers with at least 25 years of service (not staff). Please use the 2011 nomination form that is available on the 4-H Foundation website at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/recognition/halloffame.shtml>.

State Congress Update

June 1-3, 2011

Registration Fee: \$160.00 (includes housing, meals, workshop fees, t-shirt)

Applications will be due in your local Extension Office by **April 8**.



Registration books will be available in Extension Centers in late February.

NE Region's Jeff Durbin is running for State Council VP. Attend Congress and help Jeff get elected!



Cupcake Challenge!

A new event will be held in 4-H Building at State Fair

You've seen it on television; now experience it in person in the 4-H Building at the Missouri State Fair – CUPCAKE CHALLENGE. Friday, August 19 will mark the first Cupcake Challenge for teams of 4-H'ers.

You can find the detailed guidelines on the left-hand side of the page at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/>. You won't want to miss this exciting event.

Global Education – Looking For Host Families

Looking for host families to provide a home stay for Japanese youth ages 12-16 who arrive July 23 and depart August 18. A sibling of same gender and within 2 years of Japanese youth is needed. Prefer that a regular routine be maintained by your family so they have a "USA family experience." It is ok to provide special travel for them but not necessary or required.

Following receipt of your application, we conduct an in-home interview and then provide orientation and support throughout the program time 24/7. The youth will have insurance and power of authority from Japanese parents for their participation.

Contact Joyce Taylor at TaylorJL@missour.edu or 573-882-6393 for more details and how to apply.

Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Contest and Workshop

DATE: March 12, 2011

Workshop

The Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Workshop is an educational activity with explanation of USDA grades, traditional judging and keep/cull classes by USDA, Animal Science and Extension personnel. The Workshop is open to all Missouri youth enrolled in grade 9 or lower with a maximum of 8 individuals from each 4-H or FFA chapter. Entries will be limited to the first 275 received, postmarked no later than **February 11, 2011**.

Each participant or group must be accompanied by an adult leader, parent or instructor. Awards will be presented to the top 5 ranking individual youth participating in all workshop activities.

All contestants must submit a completed registration form along with a fee of \$6.00 by February 11, 2011. **There will be no refunds or on-site registrations accepted.** Substitutions may be made at registrant check-in.

Contest

The Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging **Contest** is a competition designed to improve Missouri's livestock by teaching youth and adults how to evaluate live animals by applying USDA grade standards. The contest is open to all youth in Missouri with an emphasis on 4-H and FFA youth involved in agriculture.



Advisors or Project Leaders **must** specify which participants, in groups of 4, should be placed on teams. Any remaining participants will be scored as individuals only. *If not designated by Advisor or Project Leader, teams will be assigned randomly.*

Registration is required to be eligible for participation by February 11, 2011. There will be **no on-site registration**, however individuals not registered may view and/or practice grading and judging without scoring or tabulation provided. Substitutions may be made at registration check-in.

The following link will provide the informational brochure/entry forms for the 22nd Annual Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Contest and Workshop that will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011: <http://mda.mo.gov/connect/youth/livestockgrading.php>

NO Registration will be accepted after February 11, 2011. There will be **no exceptions** to this date

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM

Methods of payment are: Check, Money Order, or **Credit Cards** can be accepted over phone in conjunction with faxed/emailed registration forms (Cash and Purchase Orders will no longer be accepted)

We look forward to your support and participation in these educational activities. If you have any questions, contact Tony Hancock at 573-751-5527 or by e-mail at tony.hancock@mda.mo.gov

4-H Move Across Missouri

Enrollment for new and re-enrollment for current MOVERs begins January 1 each year.



MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youth to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Using an online or paper 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 from February 1 – May 31. 4-Hers can enroll in the online MOVE program as individuals and/or as part of a team. An individual MOVER may also be a 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. *Sponsored by the Missouri Beef Industry Council.*

To sign up, visit <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/>.

2011 Shooting Sports Dates

April 1-3	Leader Certification Workshop – Camp JoOta - Clarence, MO
July 15	State Shoot Pre-registration due in your local Extension Office
August 27	State Trap Shoot – MTA - Linn Creek, MO
Sept 17-18	State Shoot – Prairie Grove - Columbia, MO

Beekeeping Class

A Beekeeping class for all interested youth and adults will be held in the basement of Adams County Farm Bureau building at 330 South 36th Street, Quincy, IL. From 9 a.m. -3 p.m. on Saturday, February 19.



Contact Bernie Andrews at 217-938-4975 for more information.

4-H Photography Project Meeting Opportunity

The Hannibal Arts Council staff and local photographer Michelle Huseman will be conducting a 4-H project member and 4-H leader workshop on Saturday, February 9, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Hannibal Arts Council office, 105 South Main Street, Hannibal, MO.

- Composition
- Mounting and displaying
- . . . and more!



Additional details to follow in the coming weeks. Mark your calendar!

Missouri Corn Scholarships

This year, a total of ten \$750 scholarships will be awarded by the Missouri Corn Growers Association and Missouri Corn Merchandising Council to graduating high school seniors and college juniors pursuing a career in agronomy or related Ag field. Please be sure to encourage all deserving Ag students to fill out an application before it is too late.

Applications are available for download from Missouri Corn Online at www.mocorn.org. Interested students can also call the Missouri Corn office toll free at 800-827-4181 to request an application. Students must submit an application form, official high school transcript and at least one letter of recommendation to the Missouri Corn office by **February 11, 2011** to be eligible for this award.



High school senior applicants must also be Missouri residents from a Missouri farm or rural area. They must plan to attend a two-year or four-year Missouri college or university and major in agronomy or agriculture-related field. The scholarship funds will apply toward the freshman year of college expenses for high school winners.

Applications will be reviewed by the Missouri Corn Scholarship Committee and recipients will be notified by mail on or before April 15, 2011. This is the 14th year Missouri Corn Scholarships have been available. To learn more about Missouri Corn programs, please visit www.mocorn.org.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to call Hilary Holeman at 573- 893-4181. Thank you for your help and interest in growing the future of Missouri's corn industry.

Annual State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

February 19, 2011

UMC Eckles Hall, Meat Lab

Event starts at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude about noon and lunch will be provided for all.
Cost: \$10 per 4-H member

The State 4-H Meats Contests include following classes:

- 3 classes in retail cuts, 1 class of Carcasses (Beef or Pork)
- 1 class of Wholesale cuts from Beef: Loin, Rib, Chuck, Round and or
- Pork: Fresh Ham. Plus there will be 30 Retail Cuts for identification

One check per county, no limit on teams and or individuals. **February 1 entry deadline.** For score cards and entry summary, go to <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/#meats>.

MU Lego Robotics Camp

2nd – 9th Grades

Learn about Science, Engineering, Life sciences and Communication skills at the MU LEGO Robotics Camps by building and programming robots using the LEGO NXTs in fun, hands-on, real world problem solving activities. Children with different ability levels can start and gain experience in relating concepts of science, technology and engineering to everyday life.

Spring Camp Dates: **February 12-13, March 12-13** and **April 16-17**.

Summer Camp Dates: **June 3-5, July 22-24** and **August 12-14**.

Find registration information at <http://engineering.missouri.edu/lego/>

Contact Tina Balsert with questions at balsert@missouri.edu.

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest takes place at Trowbridge Livestock Center on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. There is no limit on the number of members a county may enter in the contest. Youth must pre-enter, then they will receive a letter with location information, examples of score cards, etc. There will be 8 to 10 classes including halter and performance. Juniors will give 1 set of reasons and Seniors will give 2. K-State Equine Judging team will provide officials and listen to reasons. The top Senior team will advance to National in Louisville in November.

Lunch is provided for youth participants thanks to our new sponsor, Walt Morrell owner of Morrell Farms. There will be a food stand available for adults to purchase lunch.

When: March 19, 2011

Trowbridge Livestock Center, University of Missouri-Columbia



- Information for contest
Open to all 4-H'ers. Cost is \$15 per individual and no fee for parents or leaders. Contest day registration is at 8:30 a.m. No limit on number of participants per county. Contact your county office for more information about local scholarships, etc.

Register through your county Extension office. Be sure to check for a local county due date.

<http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/docs/horsejudgingregistration.pdf>

- County registrations are due to your local Extension Office by **February 25**.

Related Resources/Information

- Missouri Horse Judging rules and resources are located in the LG1400, *4-H Horsemanship Manual* (PDF) which can be downloaded from: <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/>
- Maryland 4-H horse judging reference materials these are excellent guides to help leaders help prepare youth for the contest.
<http://www.4horse.umd.edu/resources/horsejudging.html>

New Show and Rules for 2011 Missouri State Fair

There have been various changes to beef, swine, sheep and goat requirements, rules and show dates. A listing of changes can be found at:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/marion/4hyouth.shtml>



Show Me 4-H Wares at the 2011 Missouri State Fair

YOUTH EXHIBITOR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE MARCH 15

The 5TH Annual Show Me 4-H Wares booth will be accepting applications beginning March 15, 2011 for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the Missouri State Fair on August 11, 12, 13 or 14, 2011.

Please note these guidelines for the program:

- Any 4-H member is eligible to apply as an exhibitor at the booth, regardless of whether he/she has a 2011 State Fair eligible project.
- Teams of up to 3 youth representing 4-H club-based ventures or fundraisers may apply as group exhibitors (club-based ventures include only products or services both produced and sold by 4-H members themselves, such as goat milk soap or doggie treats).
- Youth who have completed or are enrolled in the 4-H Entrepreneurship Project are encouraged to apply (however, project enrollment is not a prerequisite for exhibiting).
- Youth selected to sell wares at the booth will sign up for a half or full-day time slot.
- Youth exhibitors will have the option of displaying items and order information at the booth beyond their time slot.

Youth **marketing a service** (such as photography or babysitting) can do so with an in-person demonstration, pre-made video, or PowerPoint presentation at the booth. Youth **selling a product** (such as animal feeders or quilts) can bring pre-made items to sell at the booth, and/or take customer orders to fill later. Youth selected for the booth will sign up to display a half-day at the booth on Aug. 11, 12, 13 or 14.

Applications require a thorough description of the product or service, a recommendation from an unrelated adult, and approval by the 4-H Youth Staff from the county. Up to 16 youth exhibitors and/or teams will be selected to sell during the 4 days. Applications will be **due by May 20**, and selected youth will be notified by June 1.

Upon selection, youth exhibitors will be mailed information on how to price their items, make a sales pitch, etc. Project leaders and parents are encouraged to assist youth with preparing for “blue ribbon” marketing of themselves and their items at the Show Me 4-H Wares booth.

Horseman's Clinic



\$10 registration discount available through January 23.

The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine is hosting its Horseman's Clinic on Saturday, February 5. The Clinic will be held at the College's Veterinary Teaching Hospital, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Horseman's Clinic is to increase education and awareness of all horse owners on basic and in-depth topics pertaining to a horse's health maintenance and prevention of disease. The Clinic will feature lectures on proper hoof care, barn air quality management, bio-security and disease control, disaster planning, common skin diseases, and toxic plants. Demonstrations on saddle fitting, treadmill, and anatomy will also be available.

All proceeds from this Clinic will benefit the University of Illinois Student Chapter of the American Association of the Equine Veterinary Practitioners, a non-profit organization. Proceeds will be used to educate future equine veterinarians of Illinois.

Additional information about the Horseman's Clinic and online registration can be found by visiting <http://vetmed.illinois.edu/ope/horseclinic/>.

Groups registering 10 or more individuals will receive a \$10 per person discount on the registration fee. To qualify for this discount, registration must be submitted all at once and be submitted using the printed registration form. The discounted group registration fee is not available with online registration.

Individuals registered by January 23, 2011, will receive a \$10 discount.

Questions? Contact:

Mandy Barth

Program Manager, Office of Public Engagement

University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

3228 Veterinary Medicine Basic Sciences Building, MC-002

2001 South Lincoln Avenue | Urbana, Illinois 61802

v. 217-244-1561 | f. 217-333-4628 | vetmed.illinois.edu

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.

Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

The spring workshop for 4-H Shooting Sports certification is scheduled for **April 1-3, 2011**, at Camp JoOta near Clarence, MO. Detailed information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Shooting Sports website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>. Pre-registration is **due March 20**.

E-mail Address?

As you submit your enrollment and re-enrollment forms for the coming year, please make sure that e-mail addresses that you give us are correct. (You'd be surprised how many families give us slightly different email addresses, so make sure that what you give us from each person is correct. Pretty please!)

Using e-mail helps us cut costs, and keep you informed of key 4-H opportunities quickly! And, we won't abuse the privilege by filling your email in-box with "just stuff". I promise!

4-H Community Service Grants

Through generous grants from the William D. Kemper Foundation and Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., the Missouri 4-H Foundation offers up to five \$750 grants to 4-H community service project.

Successful 4-H Community Service Projects fulfill the following goals:

1. Projects are youth-driven: youth are involved in planning, fundraising and executing project
2. Projects offer opportunities for serving, working, and developing life skills
3. Projects reflect youth/community partnerships
4. 4-H funds match community donations of goods, equipment and labor
5. Projects demonstrate a "Return on Investment" in the community.



Service project examples

State lake improvements and waterfowl box construction; raised flower bed construction at nursing homes; heirloom garden at historic site; garment and blanket construction for special-needs youth; fairground and park improvements; day camps; recycling events; 4-H Million Trees initiative. . . and more!

Applications and additional grant project ideas can be found at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/grants/community.shtml>.

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FilmFest 4-H

We are very pleased to officially announce *FilmFest 4-H*, a digital film festival that will take place in Branson on August 1-3, 2011! *FilmFest 4-H* builds on past videography and filmmaking opportunities such as 3..2..1..Action! Trainings, the MCIA media track, Summers@Mizzou's "Director's Cut", and Don Nicholson's infamous "Digital Mayhem" contest. This event will include a national invitation, and is being opened to young 4-H filmmakers across the country.



Much like other film festivals, *FilmFest 4-H* will be a showcase of talent and opportunity. It will include workshops lead by professionals in the industry, cultural opportunities, and allow our young 4-H filmmakers a venue for showcasing their work. The contest categories are Narrative, Documentary and Music Video. Youth must be age 11-18 to submit films, but families with 4-H'ers of all ages are welcome to attend. Multiple films may be submitted, and youth may compete as individuals or in teams. Prizes will be awarded, including the winners in each category having their films shown nationally on RFD TV!

FilmFest 4-H is a partnership between Missouri 4-H, the Missouri Film Commission, and the City of Branson. For contest information and promotional materials, please check out the web site at <http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest>.

Periodic updates will be forthcoming, starting today, and I look forward to discussing this further with you in the weeks and months ahead!

Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship

Daisy Outdoor Products is sponsoring a scholarship for 4-H Shooting Sports members graduating high school in 2011. Eligibility requirement includes: 3.0 GPA and 3 years participation in the Shooting Sports project. The \$500 scholarship application requires a 500 word essay about how participation in 4-H Shooting Sports better prepared them for college and for life. The scholarship is good for any 2-year or 4-year accredited junior college, college or university. Applications are due to National 4-H Council by **May 15**. Application can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports>.



Google Science Fair Seeks Budding Einsteins and Curies

Are you a student who loves science? Do you have a good idea for an experiment that you'd like to share with the world? To help make today's young scientists the

rock stars of tomorrow, in partnership with CERN, The LEGO Group, National Geographic and Scientific American, we're introducing the first global online science competition: the Google Science Fair. It's open to students around the world who are between the ages of 13-18. All you need is access to a computer, the Internet and a web browser.

You may have participated in local or regional science fairs where you had to be in the same physical space to compete with kids in your area. Now any student with an idea can participate from anywhere, and share their idea with the world. You build and submit your project—either by yourself or in a team of up to three—entirely online. Students in India (or Israel or Ireland) will be able to compete with students in Canada (or Cambodia or Costa Rica) for prizes including once-in-a-lifetime experiences (like a trip to the Galapagos Islands with a National Geographic Explorer), scholarships and real-life work opportunities (like a five-day trip to CERN in Switzerland). And if you're entering a science fair locally, please feel free to post that project online with Google Science Fair, too!

To enter, register online and create your project as a Google Site. Registration is open through April 4, 2011. Please note: you must get parental or guardian consent in order to compete. You can check out the complete rules at <http://www.google.com/events/sciencefair/rules.html>. After April 4, judging will begin. Semi-finalists will be announced in early May.

In The Show Ring and Youth Pork Institute 2011

The *2011 Missouri Pork Expo* and *In the Show Ring* are rapidly approaching. In the Show Ring is set for February 9, 2011. In 2010, almost 100 students attended the event and received Show Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification.

All information can be found on the web at www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp. There is a PDF registration form for In the Show Ring. Attendees are encouraged pre-register to make registration at the event much smoother and quicker for the students.

The *Youth Pork Institute* is scheduled for June 13-15 in Columbia. Information and application can be found at http://www.mopork.com/Youth_YouthPorkInstitute.asp.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Slater at diane@mopork.com.

