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Regional 4-H Energizer

What: A good time full of Games, Workshops, Opportunities, and Food!

When: March 7th at 10 a.m.

Where: At the Macon United Methodist Church

Who: Youth ages 12-18

Cost: \$10 (lunch included)

Due Date for Sign up and Money: February 13th through your local Extension Office.

Conducted by: the Northeast Regional 4-H Council Representatives

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:

Wednesday, March 11—New London
Thursday, March 12—Bowling Green
Thursday, March 19—Paris
Monday, March 23—Palmyra, PHS Vo-Ag room
Thursday, March 26—Kahoka, St. Paul's Church
Monday March 30—Monticello
Tuesday, March 31—Monroe City
Thursday, April 2—Shelby Co.

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.

Hillbilly Auction

March 21 Lewis County Fairgrounds
Consignments accepted at 8:30 a.m.
Sale at 11:00 a.m.

No hooped animals. Rabbits, Poultry and others. Animals, equipment and supplies accepted for auction.

Questions? Contact Grace or Paul Bringer, phone # 573/655-4657.



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. Equine Treadmill will be in operation. And more!

NEMO Rabbit Breeders Show

March 7th, 6:30 a.m. Sesqui Building in Palmyra. Bring your rabbits to show, or just come and watch!

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, Clark and Lewis 4-H Councils. The guidelines will be shared with Shelby 4-H Council later this month. 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.

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.



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.

Shooting Sports Workshop

March 27-29

Camp Jo-Ota - Clarence, MO

Registration forms are now available for the spring Shooting Sports Certification. Cost is \$50 and includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals and all curriculum materials. Pre-registration is due **March 15** – however, discipline sessions will close when full; and the workshop will close when registration numbers reach 80. The registration information can be found on the 4-H Shooting Sports website

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm> or may be picked up at the county MU Extension center. Hunting Skills will not be offered at this workshop – look for a stand-alone Hunting Skills workshop in April (TBA).

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	

Summers @ Mizzou Build-a-Business Camp

July 26-29, 2009

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

Build-a-Business camp will help 4-H members and other youth discover and tap into their potential as the up and coming “entrepreneurial generation.” Youth participants will explore what it takes to be an entrepreneur, learn from 4-H members who have turned their projects into income, gain skills for planning and starting their own business, and make connections with community entrepreneurs and MU faculty.

The program will involve 3 days and 3 nights of hands-on activities on the University of Missouri Campus and in downtown Columbia, Mo.

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 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.

Shooting Sports State Team Tryouts 2009

March 7 - 8 Muzzleloading Small bore Rifle - Small bore Pistol
United Sportsmen Club, Jefferson City

March 14 Hunting Skills
Prairie Grove Shooting Sports, Columbia (formerly Cedar Creek Rod & Gun Club)

April 4 - 5 Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Air Rifle (April 4), Air Pistol (April 5)
United Sportsmen Club, Jefferson City

Shooting Sports members 14 years of age and older are eligible to try out for the remaining 8 state teams that will participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports National events – which are different from the State Shoot. Interested youth should review the rules available on the website:

<http://www.4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm> - and begin



preparation and practice soon. Equipment rules are also different from the state shoot. 13 year olds are welcome to participate in the try out process – but are not eligible for the state teams. Younger youth, parents, coaches are encouraged to come, observe, learn.

Participation numbers are relatively small and skill levels vary greatly. Do not mistakenly think that it takes an exceptionally high level of skill to make a team. If a 4-H member is an above average shooter, and spends a little time in preparation and practice, they have a great chance of making the team. Go for it!! If you don't make it this year, you are much better prepared to try next year.

Goat & Sheep Conference and Camp

Adults and Youth

Conference: March 27, 2009

Camp: March 28, 2009

George Washington Carver Farm
3804 Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City MO

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Registration Fee prior to **March 15, 2009**: \$20.00 for 2 days

Fee after March 15, 2009 - \$25.00

March 27, 2009 - \$10.00

March 28, 2009 - \$10.00

Fee prior to March 15, 2009

Sheep & Goat Shearing School

March 11, 2009

Multi-Purpose Building

George Washington Carver Farm

Jefferson City, Mo 65102

Ph: 573-681-5540



As the demand for learning to shear sheep and goats is increasing, a one day shearing school will be held on March 11, 2009 at the Carver Farm in Jefferson City, Mo. Felix Wulff, Dan Sommerer, Doug Moeller and Arlene Stewart and farm personnel will be helping with the set-up of the school. Alex McClure of Midstates Wool Growers and Guy Frazier will be teaching and supplying shears for beginners. Please bring your shears if you have some. Helen Swartz and Alex McClure will be teaching wool grading and Alex will be covering the marketing of wool and mohair.

The school begins at 9:00 a.m. and sheep will be provided. If Angora goats are to be sheared, the breeders must furnish them.

Missouri State Fair “Youth in Agriculture” Scholarship Deadline

The **February 15, 2009** application deadline for a Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship is quickly approaching. 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 Wayne Yokley, Youth in Agriculture Committee Chairman. “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.

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 has started as of January 2009!

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youth and families 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. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. MOVE awards will be provided. Sign up on the 4-H website at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/>.

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Monthly MOVEment Activity Idea

Kids, families, clubs, afterschool groups and others can have fun while being physically active.

The ABCs of Exercise

Materials: None

How do you create every letter in the alphabet using just your body? While participants wiggle, squirm and problem solve, they are also getting good exercise – enhancing flexibility, agility, strength and awareness of their body.

Horse Bowl Coaches Tutorial

A new system is now in place to train and orient potential 4-H Horse Bowl coaches. If members wish to take part in any regional or state-level Horse Bowl events, they must be working under the guidance of recognized Horse Bowl leader. Read on.

Reason horse bowl coaches training is required

As you may know, horse bowl coaches must be trained to take teams to regional and, if selected, state 4-H horse bowl contests. Through training, we all work from the same set of rules and, more importantly, from a similar perspective that positive youth development is our 4-H priority.

As of January 2009, **new 4-H horse bowl coaches must meet the following three requirements** prior to acceptance for this 4-H volunteer position.

Must have completed Making the Best Better: Volunteer Orientation.

Must be screened for child abuse, neglect and criminal records.

Must go through the online horse bowl coach's tutorial.

Please contact your local University of Missouri Extension center for “how to” information related to volunteer orientation and background screening.

On the Tutorial Site at <http://128.206.25.155/equine/>

Once you log into the website, you will see a menu on the left hand side of the screen. The questions for the test are taken from the **Horse Bowl Guide** which is the last item in the list. The **Coaches Training** link has material that is intended to help you when you work with a team. Some of the content from the Bowl Guide and the Coaches Training information overlap. Please take some time to read through the Coaches Training notes as they provide tremendous insight into what 4-H values above everything else - positive youth development.

There are 50 questions on the tutorial test which are taken from the guide book and you may retake it until you pass with an 80% or above. While your name will automatically go into our state horse bowl coaches data base when you register, **please call to let your local 4-H youth specialist know that you have passed.**

4-H Foundation Scholarships

College is expensive, but 4-H can help! 4-H participation and involvement leads young people to explore various careers and educational options. The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers college scholarships that help 4-H members pursue their educational dreams.

In 2009, thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 58 college scholarships (\$500 - \$2,500 per scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines and application are available on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>. Applications are due **in the State 4-H Office** by **April 1, 2009**.

Check the list of scholarships on the 4-H scholarship website and apply! The scholarship application format is almost identical to the 4-H Missouri Recognition Form (MRF) format. If you complete the MRF form, you've completed most of the narrative for the scholarship application, too.

4-H Million Trees

Missouri 4-Hers are challenged to be part of 4-H Million Trees. This daunting service activity was conceived after a Pacifica (CA) 4-H member decided to do something to combat global climate change. This is a service project that any 4-H member can do to improve the quality of our environment. Individuals, families, project groups (especially Forestry, Conservation, & Wildlife), 4-H clubs, 4-H Afterschool, and others can all participate and help Missouri do its share to plant 22,000 new trees in our great state. The next 2-3 months are prime time to plant new trees. Seedlings are available from the Arbor Day Foundation or from MDC's George O. White state forest nursery – here in Missouri.



Check out the Missouri 4-H web page at <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/milliontrees>. An excellent flyer is available from your Extension Office to distribute to members and volunteers.

Please make sure to register at <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org>. It is important that all Missouri 4-H participants and their trees be counted.

Will you accept the challenge? Will you improve the quality of your environment?

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.

Computer Professions on Demand (CPOD)

Each year 20 mid-Missouri high school students are selected to attend the CPOD week-long leadership program FREE of charge. Held June 8-12, 2009 at Linn State Technical College, youth learn about career opportunities in computer fields through field trips, workshops and fun! First priority are students currently in their sophomore or junior year then freshman or seniors if there is availability.



Contact Becky Dunn for an application at 573-897-5196 or becky.dunn@linnstate.edu for more information, or obtain an informational flyer from your local Extension Office.

Missouri Youth Livestock Grading and Judging Workshop

Saturday, March 14, 2009. Trowbridge Livestock Center
Registration Deadline: **February 13** in Jefferson City.

Check in on the date of the event: 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Separate tracks are offered for contestants in 8th grade and lower, and 8th grade (with prior experience) and older.

Flyers with additional information are available through your local Extension Office or on line at <http://www.mda.mo.gov/Market/livestockgrading.htm>.

This event is conducted by the Missouri Department of Agriculture.



Some Dates for 2009

State 4-H Council Apps due	January 23
4-H Teen Conference	January 31 – February 1
4-H Energizer	March 7
Kansas City Global Conference	March 18 – 21 (Registrations due before February 1)
Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Training	Various dates & locations. See main body of newsletter
Camp Applications due	April 24
4-H Camp, Teen	May 27 – 30
4-H Camp, Junior	May 30 – June 2
Mo 4-H Youth Forum	June 22 – 24
State 4-H Congress	June 3 – 5
Missouri State Fair	August 13 – 22, 2009

