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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 20th 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. 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 4-H 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.

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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 will be available on the web (after February 25th) at <http://4h.missouri.edu/>.

Hillbilly Auction

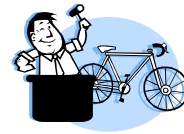
March 21: Lewis County Fairgrounds

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 each county 4-H Council. If you would like your own copy of the guidelines or haven't had a chance to hear from your Council representative yet, 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 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.

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).

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	

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/>.

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

Wildlife Habitat Management – State Contest

April 8, Hickory Hill Camp, Columbia, MO

All 4-Hers are eligible to participate in the state Wildlife Judging event as an individual or as a team member. Awards will be presented in two age divisions: Junior, age 8-13 and Senior, age 14-18. Senior teams compete for a chance to participate in the national contest to be held July 19-23 near Zwolle, Louisiana. This year's state contest will focus on the 16 featured wildlife species of the Eastern Deciduous Forest Region and the appropriate wildlife management practices. Because of a recent change in the national event, the Missouri information and contest is being revised to comply. Completion of the update is expected by February 15. Information regarding the state contest is available on the website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/wildlife/whep.htm>. Study resources –when updated– are available from your county MU Extension Center.

Goat & Sheep Conference and Camp

Adults and Youth

Conference: March 27, 2009

Camp: March 28, 2009



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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.

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.

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

Beef Cattle Showing and Fitting Clinic Scheduled for March 13-15 in Kirksville

Junior beef cattle exhibitors will be interested in learning that a Beef Cattle Showing and Fitting Clinic will be held in Kirksville, Missouri on March 13-15, 2009. The location will be the NEMO Fairgrounds. The clinic will not only cover fitting and showing but will include topics on daily care, feeding, and other important information pertinent to showing beef cattle.

The lead instructor for the clinic will be Chuck McCullough from Allerton, Iowa. Chuck is a nationally recognized beef cattle fitter. He will be assisted by others so that individual instructional help can be optimized. The clinic is co-sponsored by University of Missouri Extension and the Wahl Clipper Corporation. Clinic participants will need to bring their show calf and equipment, including blocking chute, show stick, blower, comb, brushes, adhesives, and clippers. If enrollees do not have all of this equipment, there will be extra equipment available and show supplies available for purchase during the clinic.



All cattle and exhibitors are asked to be in place at the NEMO Fairgrounds by 5 PM on March 13. Instructional hours will be: Friday, March 13 from 5-9 PM; Saturday, March 14 from 9 AM to 5 PM; and from 9 AM to 3 PM on Sunday March 15. Camping is available on site at a cost of \$15.00 per night, paid upon arrival, and this includes electricity and water.

The cost of the clinic is \$100.00. To enroll, send a check made out to University of Missouri Extension for \$100.00 per calf no later than March 1, 2009, to the following address: Cattle Fitting Clinic, University of Missouri Extension, 503 E. Northtown Rd., Kirksville, Missouri 63501. Enrollment in this Beef Cattle Fitting and Showing Clinic will be limited to the first 20 enrolled. Enrollment forms and information may be found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/adair>, by calling 660-665-9866, or at the Adair County University of Missouri Extension office at 503 E. Northtown Rd., Kirksville, MO.

Additional information can be obtained by reaching any of the following: Chuck McCullough at 641-873-6750; Gary Moss at 660-342-5308; Michelle Klem at 660-665-9866; or Bruce Lane at 660-665-9866.

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.

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 or on line at the above URL.

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?

Some Dates for 2009

4-H Energizer	March 7
Kansas City Global Conference	March 18 – 21
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 – 23, 2009