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4-H Volunteer Orientation Requirement

Effective January 1, 2009, all current and future 4-H Volunteers must be accepted by application (as has been the case for the past several years) AND must have also attended one of the 4-H Volunteer Orientation sessions. You can attend at any location. The Volunteer Orientation is a one-time requirement. Volunteers that have not met those two requirements by the January 1 deadline will not be allowed to serve as a 4-H Volunteer after January 1, 2009.

Here are the dates for the final round of 4-H Volunteer Orientation sessions to be held before the January 1 deadline for current and in-coming volunteers.

All will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Shelbyville	November 13
Canton	November 18

Shelby County Extension Office
Culver Stockton College, Gladys Crown Center
(Student Center), Meaders Lounge

Pre-register!

Please **pre-register for any of the sessions at least one week prior to the session** you choose to attend. You can register for any session through your local Extension Office. *Continued...*

Face-to-face is always more informative and more enjoyable for most people, however, an on-line version is also available. Please contact Don Nicholson through your local Extension Office or by email if you would like to explore that option.

4-H Camp Dates for 2009:

Teen Camp: May 27 – May 30

Junior Camp: May 30 – June 2

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

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 (probably 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>.

The Kansas City Chiefs Would Like to Invite You to 4-H Day At Arrowhead!

Arrangements have been made with the Chiefs to offer a limited number of group tickets to all 4-H members for the Buffalo Bills game on November 23 for **\$30 a ticket**. This great ticket price is available in the Red Select section of the stadium which includes seats as low as Row 1 in the Upper Level. There are a limited number of seats available at this price, so order your tickets today!



See the view from these seats at <http://www.kcchiefs.com/seating/view.htm> (Click and hold on a section to view seats).

To plan a group outing or organize a tailgate party for this special day, please contact BJ Supple at 816-920-4817 or bsupple@chiefs.nfl.com and mention the 4-H Day discount.

To Redeem This Offer

Go to www.kcchiefs.com/4H and select the November 23rd 4-H Day and enter promotion code **4H**. If you're a new user, enter your email address under "Create an Account" on the right side of the page. You will be able to purchase and print tickets directly from your computer.

Additionally, enjoy the significant benefit of purchasing 2008 Chiefs Tickets at the discounted group price for **all** available Chiefs home games - **\$78 for Red Select (\$5 per tickets savings), \$59 for Red Reserve (\$5 per ticket savings) and \$41 for Red View**. As part of this offer, you will also receive an **\$8** per ticket discount on the handling and credit card charge.

Legislative Academy

The Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy has been set for February 16-18, 2009 in Jefferson City. The only cost for the selected delegates is transportation to and from Jefferson City.



Applications are available on the website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/get/events/academy/> and are due to the state office by December 1, 2008 (**due date, not postmark date**).

Background

The Academy was founded by Lowell Mohler and the Missouri 4-H Foundation's Board of Trustees as a one-of-a-kind experiential learning opportunity for promising 4-H youth leaders. Desired outcomes are strengthened relationships between Missouri 4-H and key lawmakers and donors, as well as youth participants acquiring skills in legislative advocacy.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- Able to attend the entire Academy;
- 14-20 years old on December 31st; and
- A State 4-H Council member, Youth Futures alumni, Mizzou 4-H Collegiate 4-H member, state award winner (Key Award or National Congress), or recommended by their local 4-H youth specialist.

Selection

Between 8 and 12 young people will be selected for the Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy. Selection will be based on: 1) satisfactory completion of the application, 2) a personal interview with the selection committee, and 3) ability to positively represent Missouri 4-H to state-level decision-makers and contributors.

Up to 20 applicants may be invited to participate in the interview process. The selection committee will select up to 3 alternates to participate in the event selected members cannot attend.

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.



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, 2008 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.

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.

2009 BOAC Grant Applications Available

The 2009 Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Grant Program applications are now available online. BOAC offers 18 grants each to Missouri 4-H clubs and FFA chapters of up to \$500. Each project must benefit an agricultural community and/or promote community development. Applications will be due with a postmark deadline of Dec. 5, 2008.

Projects may include improvements to existing facilities, grounds or buildings that are used by various groups or organizations in the applicant's community. Some examples of 2008 BOAC Grant projects included landscape and beautification projects for historic and public facilities, safety and convenience improvements for local fairgrounds and replacement and renovations of damaged and aged public use structures.

For more information, log on to <http://www.mda.mo.gov/Financial/boac.htm> or contact Loyd Wilson at (573) 751-4561.

Membership Fee Covered?!

This announcement from HEALTHCARE USA:

You are in one of the counties in Missouri where HealthCare USA provides MO HealthNet (Medicaid) coverage for kids, with over 178,000 members statewide!!

The exciting news you may not have heard about yet and we want to share with you is that HealthCare USA recently added a new benefit for our members! HEALTHCARE USA NOW PAYS THE INITIAL MEMBERSHIP FEE TO 4-H FOR HEALTHCARE USA MEMBERS!!!

At HealthCare USA we are committed to helping our kids become more active, involved, and social resulting in healthier children. Membership in 4-H is one way we can achieve that!

All our members have to do if they are interested in joining 4-H is to call the HealthCare USA Member Services number at 1-800-566-6444 and request a Kid's Club Voucher for 4-H which we then mail them. They submit the voucher to 4-H upon registration for 4-H. In turn, all 4-H has to do is mail the voucher to the HealthCare USA at the address shown on the voucher and we will promptly reimburse 4-H for the membership fee!

If you would like to learn more about HealthCare USA, who is eligible, how we help Missouri's kids or the new 4-H benefit, please feel free to call us at 1-800-213-7792, ext 17903.

Feel free to visit their website at www.hcusa.org.

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.



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 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!

MO Association of Fairs & Festivals – New Scholarship Program

This scholarship program is not to be confused with the M.A.F.F Public Speaking Contest Award earned by participation in that contest

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Only students who will be a High School graduating senior in 2009 are eligible.
2. Student must have a 2.5 grade point (based on 4.0 systems), and maintain a 2.5 grade point during their first semester of college, while carrying at least 12 credit hours.
3. Winning student must demonstrate their past support of school, community, and the fair and festival environment as shown on application.
4. A two-page essay composed by the applicant must be submitted along with two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be from the sponsoring M.A.F.F. member fair board and/or from high school guidance counselor/principal.
5. Scholarship applications will be available only through M.A.F.F. member fair boards.
6. Multiple applications may be submitted by member fairs.

Applications due to M.A.F.F. by December 1st.

A complete application package is available through your local Extension office or from:

<http://www.missourifairsandfestivals.org/scholarships.htm>

Looking For a Way to Support Our Troops?



Friends of Our Troops receives Fan Mail from 4-H clubs and other organizations and then distributes them to military men and women all over the world. If your club or other organization would like to take part, there are various options, and a variety of rules and guidelines. If you'd like to know more, contact your local Extension Office for details or go to

www.troopfanmail.net. Letters or packages intended for distribution by Christmas 2008 must be received by the “Friends” by November 25th. The program runs throughout the year though. Your club can become involved at any time.

MU Offers Flagship Scholarship for Clark and Marion County Students

The University of Missouri in Columbia is offering four-year, \$15,000 per year, Flagship Scholarships for students from Clark and Marion Counties. The scholarships will help cover tuition and fees, as well as other educational expenses, including room, board and books at MU. Students who are the first in their family to attend college receive priority consideration. Flagship Scholars are also ambassadors for education, spending at least 20 hours a year promoting education and college attendance in their hometowns. These scholarships may be used at MU with no restrictions relative to the student's intended degree, major or academic unit. To be eligible, applicants must have graduated from a high school in Clark or Marion County or have a legal residence in that county. Candidates should apply for admission to MU and complete the on-line MU scholarship application by December 1, 2008. After that date, eligible candidates will be invited to submit a resume, application letter, and essay. Selection of the recipients will be made in spring 2009. High-school seniors, transfer students, and current college students may apply. Contact your local Extension office for more information.

Project Leader Tips – October

Project leaders are very important to the 4-H Club program. It is these special interests that motivate youth to become 4-H members. 4-H project leaders help members learn skills they will use throughout life, help members reach goals, serve as a role model and give youth in 4-H an important connection with a caring adult.

So I said I'd be a project leader...now what do I do?

- Secure the literature from your 4-H club leader or from Extension Publications using the form in the Y603, *4-H Clover*; LG911, the Missouri 4-H Literature and Merchandise form; or online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shop>.
- Read the literature carefully, know the requirements and the prerequisites, and let members of your group set individual and group goals.
- Study the leader/helper guide and adapt it to your situation.
- List skills the members should know in order to complete work.
- Decide what skills to include in each project group.
- Decide what you and members are to do at each meeting.
- Prepare needed materials before the meeting.
- Collect names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the members enrolled in your project from your club leader or your local University of Missouri Extension center.
- Keep attendance and project records.

We are very thankful to you for donating your time and skills to work with youth in the project setting. Without caring adults like you, the Missouri 4-H program would not be successful.