

# Web Edition

## 4-H Newsletter January 2012

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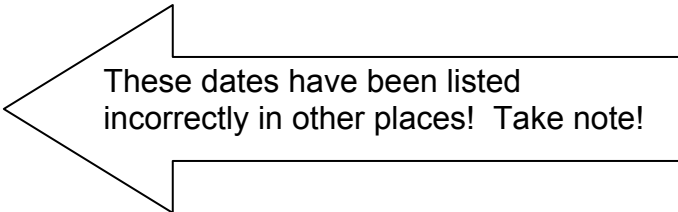
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### Dates for 4-H Camp 2012

June 3-6 Teen Camp (ages 11-14)

June 6-9 Junior Camp (ages 8-11)

Stay tuned for additional details!



These dates have been listed  
incorrectly in other places! Take note!

Camp Counselor applications due in the Marion County Extension Office by **December 30**.  
Counselor applications can be downloaded from: <http://tinyurl.com/7tm5u3w>.

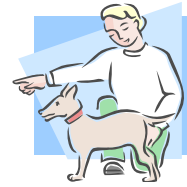
## Regional Representative? You?

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 20**. Representative applicants will be interviewed on March 3 (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>.

## Dog Project Leader CD Modules

Attention 4-H Dog project leaders. Did you know there is a new Dog Modules CD LG 1750 available from Extension Publications for 4 bucks? There are three dog project units for members to enroll and the modules CD will work with all.



Did you know there are lots of dog related project resources on the 4-H web page? Check it out. [4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects2.htm#dogs](http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects2.htm#dogs)

## 4-H Volunteer Orientation Sessions Announced

Mark your calendars! 4-H Volunteer Orientation sessions for all new 4-H Volunteers (and those that have not yet satisfied this requirement) will be held:

January 31	Monticello
February 7	Palmyra
February 9	Shelbyville
February 16	Kahoka

All sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers may attend any session to satisfy the requirement. Additional information will be provided in the coming month. Pre-register for the session of your choice by contacting your local Extension Office

## Missouri Citizenship in Action (MCIA)

Save the Date!!

MCIA: The Capitol will be held June 26-28 in Jefferson City. Please contact your local extension office for more information or visit the website at [4h.missouri.edu/go/events/mcia/](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/mcia/) to look for updates. There will be a new track this summer tentatively called *Social Action*.



## State Shooting Team Selection Continues

Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Hunting Skills, and Smallbore Pistol state teams remain to be selected. 4-H members 14 years of age and older are eligible to try-out for the state shooting teams. Youth selected will represent Missouri at the 4-H National Invitational Match, June 17-22, 2012 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Registration is now open for these team try-outs. Air Rifle & Air Pistol try-outs in January (2 days), Hunting Skills in February, and Smallbore Pistol in March. For information and registration form, see the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website at [4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm).

## Missouri 4-H Equine Trip 2012

They're off and running...to the horse capital of the world...Lexington, Kentucky! 4-H teens dreaming of an equine related career will want to participate in the Sixth Annual Missouri 4-H Equine Tour, May 23-29, 2012.



The tour begins at the Keeneland Race track catching the early morning 'breezing' of the horses and a day at the Kentucky Horse Park, the premier international equestrian facility. Participants will explore the wide range of equine industry opportunities through visits to world renowned equine medical and research facilities. The itinerary will include farm tours of famous Thoroughbreds, Saddlebreds, Morgans, Quarter Horses and Haflingers. Higher education equine programs and facilities such as the University of Kentucky will be visited as well as opportunities to meet nationally recognized leaders in the equine industry. And, of course, the tour will include a visit to Churchill Downs!

Make your plans to be in the winner's circle! The \$550 tour fee includes the transportation on a charter bus, tours, hotels, meals, tour t-shirt, travel bag and other associated costs. Applications are available at [4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/) and are due on or before **March 1, 2012** with initial deposit. 4-H staff and Marci Crosby, MU Equine Program Coordinator will be 2012 tour chaperones.

Questions? Contact Debbie Davis at [davisdd@missouri.edu](mailto:davisdd@missouri.edu) or 816-539-3765.

**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 - 2012 Edition

Get ready to continue 4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)! 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.



Enrollment for new and re-enrollment for current MOVERs begins January 1. Please note that if you are currently enrolled in MOVE, you must **re-enroll on January 1 or after** in order to be a part of the 2012 program. If you do not re-enroll on January 1 or after, your efforts will not be counted in 2012.

Using an online 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. Stay tuned! MOVE is sponsored by the Missouri Beef Industry Council.

For more details visit at [4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/](http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/).

## 7th Annual Youth Civic Leaders Summit

“Join the Revolution of Responsibility!”

**March 2-4, 2012**

2012 Youth Civic Leaders Summit team registration opened Monday, Nov. 28, 2011. Registration forms are available on the 4-H website at [4h.missouri.edu/events/summit](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit) or by contacting your county Extension office. Ask about your county’s local registration deadline. The state deadline is Wednesday, **February 1, 2012**, and early team registrations are encouraged!

A great line-up of speakers is anticipated for the Summit next March including National 4-H Council Marketing Manager Maggie Bergin, and Mad Dancing Scientist Jeff Vinokur (America’s Got Talent! Top 100 Finalist)

### Details

- Windermere Conference Center - Lake of the Ozarks
- Youth/adult team registration period - December 1, 2011 - February 1, 2012
- Fee \$120/person (some recreation options extra)
- Some partial scholarships available
- Up to 150 youth/adults capacity

### Who should attend?

- The Summit is a statewide retreat for teens who are active/aspiring leaders and decision-makers in their communities, and the adults who support them.
- Youth (ages 13-18) with 4-H Councils, Jr/Sr Leaders, Youth EXCEL, or similar programs are encouraged to attend, along with adult staff and volunteers.
- Workshops by/for Council Youth Liaisons (CYLs), County Extension Council Youth Leaders (ECYL), and Missouri 4-H Homegrown Community Leaders (MOHOCOLA) communities.
- 4-H and non-4-H individuals and groups are welcome.

Teams will learn how to capture and share their *Revolution Stories* in 2012 and receive a \$100 mini-seed grant

### Team registration

- Teams may consist of 3-10 people (2-8 youth, 1-2 adults), any group of youth/adults that will be working together in 2012.
- Registrations from individual youth, or youth without an adult team leader cannot be accepted.

For more information, visit at [4h.missouri.edu/events/summit](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit).

Contact Steve Henness at 573-884-6618 or [hennesss@umssystem.edu](mailto:hennesss@umssystem.edu)

## State 4-H Council Corner

### Tyler Lappe, State 4-H Council President

The Missouri State 4-H Council is designing the t-shirts for Teen Conference and State 4-H Congress. The theme for Teen Conference and State 4-H Congress is “N.F.L. Nation’s Finest Leaders”. I would like to encourage you to continue spreading the word of these amazing opportunities for the youth in your areas. Contact your Regional Rep if you have any questions!

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The Council is also preparing to select the leadership team for next year. Regional Reps who are interested in running for a state officer position submit a letter of intent, resume, and youth specialist recommendation letter. The State Council reviews all of this documentation to make the right decisions on which candidates are most qualified for each of the four main offices.

[4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/council/](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/council/)

From Jessie Fowler, State 4-H Council Executive Committee

*Hello, my name is Jessie Fowler, and I am sending you this message concerning the Missouri State 4-H Council. I have been a Council member for 2 years now, and enjoyed every minute of it, as well as learned a LOT of life skills, met TONS of new 4-H friends, and made many networks I will continue to take advantage of far into my future. I am currently serving as MO 4-H Foundation Trustee, and throughout my Council and 4-H career I have seen a large portion of 4-H youth and volunteers who don't know what the Missouri State 4-H Council is all about, because they have never been exposed to what Council has to offer. I want to do my part to educate a larger portion of the MO 4-Hers and Volunteers on what the State 4-H Council is all about.*

*Now, where do you come into play with my plan to see that all MO 4-Hers know what the Missouri State 4-H Council has to offer? Well, that is a great question! I have created a presentation, practiced it quite a bit, and I am ready to go throughout the entire state of Missouri presenting this to all 4-Hers, and volunteers, that will listen! If you have any interest in hearing this presentation or you think you have 4-Hers who may be qualified for the Missouri State 4-H Council, but need to know a little bit more, I would LOVE to come to your area and present this PowerPoint to your 4-H members. Also, I would love to answer any questions you may have about State Council and other state 4-H events.*

*The Missouri State 4-H Council has many, many leadership roles and new opportunities that I feel all MO 4-Hers should have equal opportunity to be involved with. I recently gave a PowerPoint presentation at Missouri's State 4-H Public Speaking contest and received 1st place in the Senior division tech-assisted speaking. Not only did I see this as a blessing for my love of 4-H and speaking, but also a HUGE opportunity to get the word out to all 4-Hers and volunteers who may not know all the Missouri State 4-H Council has to offer.*

*Thank you for considering this presentation for your next 4-H event, and please let me know if you are interested, I would love to come and meet you!*

*If you would like me to come, please let me know the date of your event as soon as possible, and I will let you know if I can make it! The Missouri State 4-H Council has allowed me to experience many new leadership roles and opportunities, I am excited to share all I have experienced with the rest of MO 4-Hers.*

Sincerely,

*Jessie*

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## An Exciting 4-H Photography Learning Opportunity!

February 4, 2012 4-H members, parents and project leaders will be able to tune in to a NE Missouri 4-H photography “meeting” to learn from accomplished photographers and 4-H photography project coaches. All you’ll need is a decent internet connection with a set of speakers. It will be informative, interactive and *fun!*

A similar session was conducted in November (see below). Whether or not you participated in that one, you’ll learn new ideas and techniques in this one! If you missed the earlier session but would still like to watch, a recording of that session is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/bqt76kt>. Watching the recording isn’t quite as good as actually participating, but it’s still great information!



For now, mark your photographic learning calendar for **February 4**. Stay tuned for information on registrations, times, and other details.

## 2012 National Video Game Challenge is Underway

The 2012 National STEM Video Game Challenge is underway. (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The Challenge was launched in partnership with **Digital Promise**, a new initiative created by President Obama and Congress, supported through the Department of Education. The initiative is designed to unlock the promise of breakthrough technologies to transform teaching and learning.



Entrants have until March 12, 2012 to submit their ideas and games. The contest is open to students and game designers in four levels: middle school, high school, college and graduate students, and educators.

Inspired by the **Educate to Innovate Campaign**, President Obama’s initiative to promote a renewed focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education, the National STEM Video Game Challenge is a multi-year competition whose goal is to motivate interest in STEM learning among America’s youth by tapping into students’ natural passion for playing and making video games.

Learn more at: <http://stemchallenge.org/>

### Missouri computer project resources

Missouri 4-H has programming and projects available to our members.

- Computers and games such as Scratch and Alice software  
<http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects1.htm#Computers>
- Robotics and computers  
<http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects3.htm#robotics>

## Show Me Quality Assurance (SMQA) Dates in this Area

SMQA training/certification is required in two consecutive years for all members under the age of 14; required one time from age of 14 for any 4-H member that plans to exhibit beef, sheep, swine, dairy, rabbits, goats, or poultry.

Shelbina (tentative) February 23

Kahoka February 21

Palmyra TBA

Monticello March 22

All sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. Contact your local Extension Office to sign up for the session you plan to attend.

## 2012 4-H Day With the Cardinals

May 12, 2012 for the next 4-H Day With the World Series Champion Cardinals!!  
Watch for details after the first of the year.

## Missouri 4-H Goat & Sheep Camp

For enrolled 4-H Members & current FFA Members  
February 11, 2012



Enrollment Deadline: **February 3, 2012**



### OBJECTIVES:

- To increase the knowledge of care and management of small ruminant animals.
- To increase the awareness and importance of the small ruminant industry.
- To develop proper showmanship skills.

Missouri Youth Goat & Sheep Camp will prove to be an exciting educational event for those 4-H and FFA members who are interested in small ruminant animal production. University of Missouri Extension/4-H, Lincoln University and Missouri State University Agriculture Department are proud facilitators of this event. Experts in the field of nutrition, selection, animal health, carcass composition as well as producers with years of experience in the goat industry will guide participants through the basics and finer points of choosing and feeding both your commercial, registered or show herds. Youth and their adult leaders will work in small groups to ensure individualized attention.

Each participant will receive:

- Handouts, Literature & Lunch

For more information, contact  
Dr. Beth Walker, 417-836-5087  
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## 2012 Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame

Counties nominate inductees for their exceptional legacy of contributing to the lives of Missouri 4-H members and the overall 4-H program.

The Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame is the lifetime volunteer service award. Nominees must have at least 20 years of volunteer service. (Current staff members are not eligible for this award.) **Nominations are due in your local Extension Office no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Please use the application found through the link below or contact your Extension Office for more information.

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

## Suit Up for Teen Conference!

Date: March 24-25, 2012

Location: Columbia's Stoney Creek Inn.

Cost: \$129/person (youth or adult chaperone) with t-shirt included

Forms: Available through the links below, or through your local Extension Office. Registration forms with payment are due in your Extension Office **by February 21.**



This annual event is for 4-H'ers aged 11-13 (as of December 31, 2011). Teen Conference is a fun and active event that (in addition to all of the life skills development that all 4-H programs do) focuses on keeping youth excited about staying in 4-H as they enter their teen years. The event is planned and lead by the older teens of the State 4-H Council, with strong support from Adult Advisors and the event Chaperones. Strong role modeling and youth leadership components are central to this event, which is the first big trip away from home for many delegates. We keep them very busy and engaged in an environment that is safe and fun. Registration cost has not increased this year, and everyone who registers by the deadline date will receive a complimentary t-shirt with their registration! A fillable .pdf registration form is available at the

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/teenconf/>. A 4-H Health form is also required. Find that at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/Y640FILL.pdf>

