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4-H Secret—0011. Lead and Let Lead!

Calling 4-H members age 11 and older!
Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, and Shelby
Counties

Where: Palmyra High School

When: Saturday, March 12, 2 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 Day with the St. Louis Cardinals

Missouri and Illinois 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on **Saturday, May 7, 2011**, for the 10th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will be playing the Milwaukee Brewers in a 3:10 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be \$24.00 each which includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

4-H members, leaders, alumni, and their families who purchase 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Families can also take part in a raffle for great prizes including the chance to throw out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to Cardinals baseball games provided by the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member.



Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Cardinals order form. Ticket order forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension center, or on the Missouri 4-H web at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/events/cardinals/>. **Ticket orders must be postmarked by March 28, 2011. Tickets usually sell out before the order deadline so families are encouraged to order early.** 4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.

Families can also participate in the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle to win prizes such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. Funds raised through the raffle are used to support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs. Complete information about the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle is on the ticket order form.

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 22	Shelby	7 p.m.	Shelbina Christian Church
February 28	Palmyra	7 p.m.	HS VoAg, Palmyra

All sessions begin at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

Horse Enrollment Forms

Due **before May 1** for all horses that may be shown by 4-H or FFA members at any area fairs. One form is required from each horse exhibitor, and can include several horses. More details in the coming month.

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.

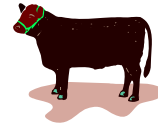
Beef Resources

Those interested in the beef project should check out two new web resources.

- YouTube videos part 1 and 2: Low-stress halter breaking cattle
- Reasons Terminology for Breeding Cattle

Both can be found on the Missouri 4-H website at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects1.htm#Beef>.



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).

Additional details were posted in the February 4-H newsletter.

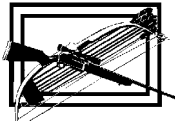
Up to 16 youth exhibitors and/or teams will be selected to sell during the 4 days. Applications will be **due by May 20**, and selected youth will be notified by June 1.

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.

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,

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**.

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 Balsler with questions at balsert@missouri.edu.

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.

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!



Summers @ Mizzou

Do you have an idea you want to turn into your own business? Do you want to move from a seat in the audience to the Director's Chair? Do you want to learn how to be fit? Do you like helping people? Do you like maps? Do you enjoy helping animals? Are you interested in plants? If any of these apply to you, Summers @ Mizzou is where you should be the week of July 24-28.

Summers @ Mizzou offers seven different camps: Director's Cut, Scrub-In to a Health Career, Build-a-Business, Dog Days of Summer, Fit for Action, Plants and You- on YouTube and GeoTech. These camps are offered as residential or day camps. Camps are available for a wide range of ages beginning with 12 year olds; check the registration information for the age range of each camp.

Early registration is due by **May 6**. For registration and available scholarships see <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers>. For those without internet access call your local Extension Office or Teresa Bishop at 573-884-0554 for a brochure.

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 2011, thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 58 college scholarships (\$500 - \$2,500/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 is available on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>. Check with your local Extension office for the local application due date. **Applications are due in the state 4-H office by April 1, 2011.**

Check out 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.

Mizzou Engineering Offering Camps and Events

Mizzou Engineering is host to numerous K-12 activities, including Lego camps, summer programs, and weekend events. In addition, they also develop workshops for high school and college teachers. Find details at <http://engineering.missouri.edu/k-12/>. There is also the option to receive the Engineering Newsletter.

Advanced Shotgun Clinic

March 19-20, 2011 in Columbia, Missouri

The clinic is open to currently approved 4-H volunteers that have completed the basic 4-H Shotgun Certification. This is a hands-on clinic/workshop conducted by 4-H state instructors. Learn the ins and outs of the shotgun games. Learn rules, procedures, and how to instruct/assist your 4-H shooters. Participants will actually shoot each game and receive instruction in these events.

The clinic will cover:

- Coaching – moving beyond basic instruction
- Learning the shotgun games – Skeet, Trap, Sporting Clays
- Teaching the shotgun games – Skeet, Trap, Sporting Clays

Limited to 15 students.

Pre-registration due by: **March 10.**

Additional details and the registration form can be found on the 4-H Shooting Sports website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>.

Does Your 4-H Club Have a Web Page?

Does your club have a web page? Let us know. We would like to include your URL on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/links/>.

4-H Clubs should review the new *Guidelines for Missouri 4-H Club Websites* available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/links/docs/clubwebguidelines.pdf>.

No web pages? A great resource that does not require special software or knowledge of html is Clubspaces at <http://www.clubspaces.com> (Family/Other setup). This site provides online tools to build your club's web page in a way that is interesting for older youth but accessible for younger 4-H'ers as well. In addition to web space, there is a variety of club formatting types from which to choose and tools to support club operation.



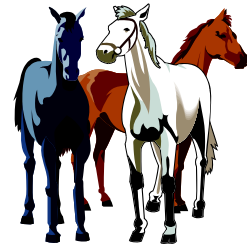
Clubspaces generates revenue through advertising dollars, so there is no charge to your club for the web space. Ads appearing on the site are “kid-appropriate” and are fairly unobtrusive. Please note that this is only a suggested resource. Missouri 4-H is not affiliated or partnered with Clubspaces, does not endorse or oversee the content of 4-H clubs with a presence on this site, and cannot provide technical assistance.

4-H Horse Project Related Information

- **Horse Bowl** coaches must be certified. For the online tutorial link, contact Ben Gallup at gallupb@missouri.edu. A CD of study questions for coaches to utilize with members is available upon request after successful completion of the tutorial.
- **Hippology** coaches do not have to be certified. Training information is available from your local Extension Center.
- **Horse Judging** coaches do not have to be certified. Resources are available at <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/resources/horsejudging.html>.
- **Horse Events**
Horse related event information, including awards, trips, contests, events, etc. is available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/>.
- **Horse Resources**
Additional equine related resources are posted on the Missouri 4-H website under projects/horse at <http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects3.htm#Horses>.

Many counties have a copy of the Youth Horse Leader Manual available for loan to equine project leaders. **The Youth Horse Leader Manual is our recommended 4-H curriculum support for the horse project.** Sections are divided into beginning, intermediate and advanced. The worksheets are designed to be copied. It's a great resource.

A comprehensive repository of equine related articles, how to video clips, and horse quest learning lessons are provided by eXtension and located at <http://www.extension.org/horses>. **I highly recommend the eXtension site on horses for equine leaders and members.** If you love horses, you'll really appreciate all the information at this link.



Audrain Co. 4-H/FFA Fair Horse Shows

Mexico, MO.

Monday, July 18, 2011; Show at 4:00 p.m.

Location: Horse Arena

Entry Fees: \$20 per member.

They also have fun shows scheduled for May 15 and June 12, 2011, both at 2 pm. These shows will have very similar show bills if not exactly the same. Entry fees at all shows are \$20. The shows in May and June are open to any and all Missouri 4-H & FFA members in good standing with their counties. The Fair show is open to counties who have Fair horse shows that are Open to Audrain Co. members.

State Poultry Day



State Poultry Day is June 11, 2011, in Columbia, Missouri, at the Animal Science Building. The event is open to all 4-Hers. Participants 14 and over by January 1 will be in the senior division. Registrations are due by **May 6**. Details and registration form at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/#poultry>.

4-H Robotics Projects Using the Lego® Mindstorms® NXT System

- Great lessons and resources for 4-H robotics from Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy
<http://www.education.rec.ri.cmu.edu/fire/fire-partners/4h/>
- A multimedia tutorial for the NXT-G graphical language of the LEGO® Mindstorms® NXT system
http://www.ortop.org/NXT_Tutorial/
- A site with free building instructions and downloadable programs for lots of fun projects
<http://nxtprograms.com/>



You can also find these links and more in the Robotics project section at <http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects3.htm#robotics>.

Federal Ammunition Youth Program Pricing

Federal Ammunition is again making available special pricing for qualified youth shooting programs. 4-H Shooting Sports programs are eligible for pre-paid purchases of ammunition. Orders should be limited to county or a club program...not individuals. It is recommended to consolidate orders by county – so there is just one order per county.

Order must be accompanied by a statement from the 4-H youth specialist on letterhead. Payment must accompany the order. Include a sales tax exemption letter.

Information, prices, and order form are available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/resources.htm>.

Smallbore Pistol Team Try-outs

There will be a one day selection process for the 2011 State Team for Smallbore Pistol. Information and registration can be found on the 4-H Shooting Sports website: <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>.

Date: March 19

Location: Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, Columbia, MO

Pre-registration: \$10 – by **March 15**

Mizzou Collegiate 4-H

Dear 4-H Members and Parents,

I am Emily Raaf, current president of Mizzou Collegiate 4-H. I am an 11-year 4-H member from Gasconade County and have been active on all levels of 4-H from the club to state during my 4-H career. Being involved with Mizzou Collegiate 4-H has allowed me to stay involved with 4-H as well as give back to a program that I love and has given me numerous opportunities to learn and grow. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Mizzou Collegiate 4-H, here is some information about this great organization:

Mizzou 4-H provides college students the opportunity to continue or begin their involvement in 4-H – No 4-H experience required! Members develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills through community service and volunteering. We create and teach original workshops focusing on teambuilding and youth and adult partnership for 4-H youth across the state. Members can attend social activities and travel to great conferences and networking opportunities through national and regional conferences. Mizzou 4-H does not require members to complete projects or other similar activities as in traditional 4-H programs. Instead, the focus is on allowing members to develop important skills such as leadership and responsibility while serving the community. Members aid the existing 4-H program through leadership during Camp Hickory Hill Clean Up, 4-H State Shooting Sports Competition, State 4-H Teen Conference, etc. The club is open to anyone on campus and there are no dues.

Now that you know a little bit more about Mizzou Collegiate 4-H, I encourage you to visit our website at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/mizzou4h/>, or contact me directly at eerkv5@mail.missouri.edu or 573-694-5560 to learn more about what is currently going on with Mizzou Collegiate 4-H.

We are continually looking for new members and word of mouth is a great way to advertise. Our monthly meetings will be the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 PM.

Emily Raaf
Mizzou Collegiate 4-H President
573-694-5560
eerkv5@mail.missouri.edu



Missouri Youth Pork Institute

June 13-15, 2011

University of Missouri-Columbia campus

The University of Missouri Pork Institute is an intensive three-day educational program. Its goal is to instruct young people in profitable pork production, introduce them to the latest technological developments and train them to be leaders in the U.S. pork industry. Participants will compete for two \$500 college scholarships.

Cost: \$100 per student — This fee covers registration, materials, meals, dormitory lodging and field trips. Participants are responsible for their transportation costs between home and Columbia.

Eligibility: The Pork Institute is open to young men and women who are interested in a career in the pork industry. Participants must have been high school students in the spring of 2011.

Selection Process

The Pork Institute is limited to 15 individuals. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply. A selection committee composed of university faculty and leaders in the pork industry will screen the applicants.

Additional information and application form can be found at:
http://www.mopork.com/Youth_YouthPorkInstitute.asp.

Application Deadline

All applications for the 2011 University of Missouri Pork Institute must be postmarked no later than **April 29**, 2011. Results of the selection process will be announced May 6, 2011. Notification of selection will be by May 6, 2011.

Complete application forms and return with fee to:

Missouri Pork Association
ATTN: Pork Institute
6235 W. Cunningham Drive
Columbia, MO 65202



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