Save the Date
4-H Recognition Program

Join us to honor the achievements of members and volunteers from across Grundy and Mercer County. The dates will be set for late October. Hope to see you there.

4-H KICK OFF

Please join us October 1, 2015

Where: Grundy County Courthouse
When: 5:30-7:00 pm
What: games, enrollment, snacks, and meet other 4-H members
Who: Everyone is welcome in 4-H from ages 5-18

4-H KICK OFF

Please join us September 30, 2015

Where: Princeton Band Stand
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Recognition Forms—Member Reports

Why do them?

-Last year, members in NW MO received 4-H Camp ($50) and Teen Conference ($150) scholarships due to their work on Report Forms.
- Level 3 youth can earn an free trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA!
-It can help you earn college scholarships.

How to get started? (Due September 10)

1. Go to: http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/awards/competition.htm
2. Find the age level needed, check out the sample forms and tip sheets.
3. Follow instructions!
4. Focus on “what was learned”, not the award received.
5. Need help or tips? Contact the Extension office to set up a time to go over your report form.
**State Shooting Team Try Outs**

**Gerry Snapp**

Most of the state team try out dates are earlier this year than previous years. Archery team try outs begin very early – August 29 and 30. Pre-registration is requested for state team try outs and will be pen and paper registration - not online. Archery pre-registration is requested by August 25. Small-bore Rifle, Small-bore Pistol, and Muzzle loading try out pre-registration is requested by September 15. Those team try outs begin September 26 or 27. For full details and the paper registration form, check out the 4-H Shooting Sports website:

http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm

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**Happy September Birthdays!**

2-Madi Moore  9- Gaven Kelsall  28- Hannah Persell
6-Laura Carlson  18- Melea Farmer  29-Kaci Persell
8- Mason Rongey  18- Kolton Schurke
9- Sham-bree Hagan
Regional Representative to the State 4-H Council Update

Hello! This is a report from your regional representatives on the Missouri State 4-H Council - Kara, Tana, Blake, and Drew. First things first, we would like to reintroduce ourselves!

Hi! I am Kara Berrey from Carroll county! I am an eight year member of the Happy Hustlers 4-H club! If you have any questions, comments, or requests, PLEASE never hesitate to stop and email/talk/or message me! I hope to be seeing all sorts of yo at the state fair and other coming state 4-H events!

Hello, my name is Blake Summers and I am from Slater Missouri in Saline county! I am 18 years old and will be attending the University of Missouri in the fall to study business. I am very excited to be representing Northwest Missouri 4-H for the next year!

My name is Tana Anderson, I'm 16 years old in the Lathrop Shamrocks 4-H club from Clinton County MO. I’m very excited and honored to work on State Council and serve the 4-H youth of the NW region.

Hi guys my name is Drew Davis and I’m one of your northwest regional representatives. I am from Carroll county. I’m super excited for this upcoming year which will be my second year representing you guys! I hope to help make this a fun and memorable year for you guys so stay involved and I will see you soon!

All four of us were very excited to represent you a couple weeks back at our very first State 4-H Council meeting of the year! During this meeting we covered what seems like everything! We started to plan and make preparations for Teen Conference and Congress and also went over evaluation forms from both events. We also signed up for state events! Look to be seeing us at the Missouri State fair, State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, State Fashion Review and all other events! In between all of the planning, President Laura Bardot, taught us all the 7 habits of highly effective people, this in the hopes of even furthering our leadership abilities and our ability to represent you!

To stay up to date on everything going on around our region don’t forget to follow us on Instagram ( northwestmo4h ), like us on Facebook ( Northwest Missouri 4-H! ), and you can even email us with questions and concerns at monw4h@gamil.com.
Officer and Leader Corner

Important Note: 4HOnline will close for families as of 8/31 and re-open 10/1 for families to sign up. September is a great month to talk about projects and expectations for the upcoming year.

Club Members-
If you are paying by check please have it paid to the club by Nov 1, no later with checks made to the University of Missouri Extension.

Officers and Leaders—End of Year

Materials

End of Year 4-H Materials—If you have questions, feel free to contact Pat or Shaun at any time.

Each club is asked to return the following documents to the Extension Office. This ensures accountability for clubs and recognition for members. If you need help completing or have questions, please ask!

☐ Completed Secretary’s book
☐ Completed Treasurer’s book (with audit and year end report)
☐ Completed Seal Application so your club can be recognized
☐ Community Service form
☐ Award Applications

September Club Leader Tips

1. Install officers [if elected in August].
2. Invite prospective new members and volunteers to the first meeting of the new program year.
3. Assign a mentor to new members and volunteers to answer their questions during their first year.
4. Discuss importance of the county’s family newsletter.
5. Recruit assistant leaders to lighten the load of club coordination. Consider a planned succession of leadership duties. A committee with defined roles has been effective in many clubs.
6. Explain completion requirements for the county and club and define —member in good standing.
7. Discuss purchase of member project manuals. Coordinate literature order to save shipping costs.
8. Discuss recognition for year just completed, forms and date of county recognition event. Encourage new families to attend as well as existing families, and fill out forms. Encourage youth that have participated to share experiences.
9. Talk about plans for National 4-H week. (First week in October)
10. Work with youth on planning a Halloween Party or other fall social events to get acquainted.
Great Job Mercer and Grundy County 4-H Members that were at the State Fair this year. Your hard work and dedication paid off. My hat is off to your for working so hard and representing the counties well. GREAT JOB!!!!!!!

**Mercer County Upcoming Project Events**

- Oct. 7-All about Shooting Sports-5:30pm Christian Church
- Nov-Animal Judging Information-*
- Jan-Dog and Cat Care-*
- Feb-Sewing/Quilting with Cherie Watkins-*

- * indicates dates and times will be determined closer to time.
- You do not have to be enrolled in these projects to attend, come see if you would like something new
- Project Events will be added as we go, so please keep watching for new events
- If you could please let me know if you will be attending 1 week in advance or if you have any further ideas

Check out the county web page:
http://extension.missouri.edu/
Mercer or Grundy

For the newsletter, entry forms, and other 4-H information.