February 2015

4-H MO Foundation Scholarship
Available in the office or on line:
http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/
Due in the County Office March 26.

4-H Lock-In
Where: Chillicothe YMCA
When: Friday, March 20 to Saturday, March 21
10:30 pm—6 am
Registration: $10 by 3/18, $15 after 3/18 or at the door
Who: Area 4-H members grade 6 and up
What to bring: athletic clothes, appropriate swim-suit, games, movies.
Come for a night of games, sports, movies, leadership and fun! This event will feature many activities sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Council.

Application online at: http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx
NOTE: Youth will need to print 4honline health form & authorization form

For more information call 660/646-0811 (660/973-3444 on the day of event) or email: murphyse@missouri.edu

Shooting Sports 740 Safety Class
Shooting Sports Safety—all shooters must complete this one time safety training. Livingston County’s training is:

March 14 from 9 am—3 pm (meal provided)
437 Locust St., RSVP by February 27
Register by calling 646-0811 or email murphyse@missouri.edu

If you cannot attend, you must make alternate arrangements or youth will not be allowed to shoot.

Alternate Training: Linn County, 1 pm—7 pm

February
1  MABA apps. DUE
1  KC Global Career apps. DUE
2  YCLS online registration DUE
3  Teen Conference registration DUE
6  4-H Camp Counselor apps. DUE
7  RSVP for Mercer Co Volunteer Orientation
9  Volunteer Orientation, Mercer Co.
10  Teen Conference online registration DUE
15  Global Conference on Careers DUE
16  RSVP for Grundy Co Volunteer Orientation
18  Volunteer Orientation, Grundy Co.
22  Mercer Co Beef Weigh in 2:00pm Fair Barn
23  State Lvst. Grading and Judging reg. DUE
23  Mercer Co. Extension Annual Dinner
28  Mercer County Lvst./Horse Judging Day

March
1  Equine Trip apps. DUE
2  Grundy Co Extension Annual Meeting
3  SMQA Mercer Co. RSVP by 2/27
5  SMQA at Litton Center, RSVP by 3/3
6-8  Youth Civic Leaders Summit
11-12 4-H Conference on Global Careers
14  Shooting Sports Safety Training, RSVP by 3/10
20  4-H Lock—In, Chillicothe YMCA
20-22  Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Union
23  Grundy Co 4-H Council/ Leader mtg-5:30/6
24  Mercer Co. 4-H Council 5:30pm
28-29  State Teen Conference

April
10  Mercer Co Contest Day
24  Grundy Co Contest Day

May
2  Ravenwood Shoot; reg. DUE April 24
6  4-H Camp apps. DUE
16  4-H Day with the Cardinals
23-29  Equine Trip

June
1  All youth showing lvst. Animals complete SMQA
1-4  4-H Camp Crowder, week 1—Trenton
3-5  State 4-H Congress, Columbia
8-11  4-H Camp Crowder, week 2—Trenton
State Teen Conference  
March 28-29, DUE February 2  
A fun-filled, two-day event for ages 11-13, planned by your State 4-H Council teens, to promote Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery by:

- Creating opportunities to make 300 new friends from across Missouri,
- Building leadership skills through quality learning experiences,
- Connecting youth with older peer leaders on the State 4-H Council,
- Taking a look at the exciting opportunities that await as a 4-H teenager!

REGISTRATION will be available through 4HOnline.
http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/teenconf/

4-H Move Across Missouri  
Sign up today!

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. YOUTH WILL GET A FREE PRIZE!

Using a PAPER TRACKING SYSTEM this year, youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. Sign up on the 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

Happy Birthday!

5 Ethan Mathews  23 Michael Bertrand
6 Rebecca Urich  26 Tegan Kelsall
9 Brylee Williams
9 Elizabeth Neal
21 Makenzee Epperson

THANK A FARMER WEEK  
February 8-14

*Next time you see a local farmer, let them know how much you appreciate all their hard work.

Thank a Farmer Week is an appropriate time to ‘thank a farmer’! As a career, they have chosen to spend their livelihood providing food and fiber for our nation and abroad.
4-H Camp apps.  —DUE May 6

Camp #1 dates are during the week of June 1-4.  Camp #2 dates are during the week of June 8-11.  Cost will be $110.  Applications are online.

http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx

4-H Camp Counselor Applications are in!
http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx
4-H ages 14 and up.  DUE February 6th in the office.

4-H Conference on Global Career

March 11 Workshops
CSI (2 hours)
Nuclear Pharmacy
Metallurgic Engineering & Art
Customs & Border Protection
Social Media & Workplace Communication
Geoscience/geological engineering
Merck Pharmaceuticals
SCD Probiotics Microorganism Development

March 11 Tours
KC Repertory Theatre
Cargill Animal Nutrition
Careers in Hospitality Industry
Federal Courthouse
Card & Envelope Design & Printing
AdFarm Agri-Marketing

March 12 Workshops
Structural Engineering in Sports Venues
Learning Languages
International Careers
Archeology
Library Professions ‘Beyond the Books’
Judicial & Public Service
National & Global Public Radio

March 12 Tours
Art Business & Global Photography
Lee Jeans
Public Television – KCPT
GM Auto Assembly Plant
Children’s Center for Visually Impaired
Ingredion – Grain Processing
Harvest Productions (Audiovisual solutions

Due Date: Registrations are due by February 15, 2015 to University of Missouri Extension. Address is 11727 NW Plaza Circle, KCMO 64153. Spaces in workshops and on tours are on a first come basis.

Cost: $25 per day if tour; $15 per day for 4 hours of workshops. This includes program costs, portfolio and insurance, & snacks. Delegates can bring lunches.

What: Delegates’ choice of workshops and/or business tours in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math for 2 days with optional evening program. Workshop and tour descriptions & registration forms at extension.missouri.edu/platte; these will help with your decision on 1-5 rankings for each half day.

Schedule: Delegates will rank their choice of workshops (2 hours each morning and 2 hours each afternoon, or 1 tour per day. Wednesday: orientation at 8 is; both days workshops are at 9, & 10:30; tours leave 7:30-8:30 am; afternoon sessions are 1-2 and 3-4 pm each day. Afternoon tours leave at 11:40.

Lodging/Commuting: Delegates can choose to attend for 1 or both days on a commuting basis. For those attending both days, lodging is on your own, but we have reserved a block of rooms at Ramada Inn, which is across the parking lot from conference site.

Room cost of $78 per night, includes taxes and breakfast. Ask for 4-H rate with Tarra or Jeanette.

MO 4-H Equine Tour

Heads North!

The 2015 tour, May 23-29, will be exploring the horse industry in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Canada and Michigan and is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. The $600 tour fee includes most meals, hotels, transportation on a chartered bus, admission fees, tour shirts/bags/group photo. Applications are available at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/ and are due before March 1, 2015. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765 davisdd@missouri.edu.
4-H Volunteer Registration
Missouri 4-H volunteers are required to take a one-time volunteer orientation. Once requirements are met, volunteers receive an approval notice, and may begin working with youth.
1) Register online at http://mo.4honline.com
2) Fill out paper Volunteer Application annually
3) Complete 1-time volunteer orientation

Multiple Options for Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer Application
http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/LG636FILL.pdf
Or, you may contact the Extension Center for a form.

In-Person—register by calling office 2 days prior to each training.
2/5 Chillicothe, Litton Center; 7 pm—9 pm
2/9 Princeton, Hal England; 5:30—7:30
2/18 Trenton, Grundy Co. Courthouse; 5:30—7:30

Online
Begin Here:
http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/
Print/Audio Version
Contact the office. We can assist by providing or mailing.

2015 Missouri Youth Grading and Judging Contest and Clinic
Trowbridge Livestock Center
University of Missouri
March 7, 2015

Sponsored by the University of Missouri Division of Animal Sciences
We are excited to invite you to this year’s version of the Missouri Livestock Judging and Grading Clinic. 2015 brings updates and rejuvenation to this long time tradition in Missouri judging circles.

If you are interested in attending—get your name and $10 fee to the Extension Office by February 23. We have to do the registering in the Office through the computer Judging Card system.

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop
Registration will be via 4-H Online. If currently in the 4-H Online system, a leader should access their family profile to register. If new to 4-H, you are asked to go to the internet and use either Chrome or FireFox browser (not Explorer) at https://mo.4honline.com and follow the instructions on creating a family and adult profile. Event registration help guide is found at http://4h.missouri.edu/enroll/.

WHEN: March 20-22, 2015
Check In: 6:00-7:00 pm Friday, for 1st timers (if not completed Volunteer Orientation)
Repeat participants may check in:
7:00-10:00 pm Friday OR 7:30-8:00 am Saturday
1st Session: Friday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.
Workshop concludes 3:15 pm – Sunday
WHERE: Camp MoVal - Union, MO
COST: $75- includes 5 meals, overnight lodging (1 or 2 nights), and workshop materials

PRE-REGISTRATION: Required by March 1.
Registration is limited and will close when session is full or when the camp is full. All registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis…when accompanied by fee. Workshops usually fill up before the deadline….so don’t delay! Pre-register A.S.A.P.

AK-SAR-BEN 4-H STOCK SHOW
The Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show is a 4-H only Stock Show that is held each year in Omaha, Nebraska the last week of September. Stock Show has a growing scholarship program that distributed nearly $125,000 in scholarship benefits last year to 4-H members in our ten state area to help further their education. In addition to seven livestock shows the schedule also includes several non-livestock competitions including a Quiz Bowl competition, Livestock Judging contests with divisions for 4-H, Junior College and Senior College teams and a Fitting Challenge competition.

If you would like more information or you have 4-H members that need DNA supplies to nominate market animals for the 2015 Stock Show, please contact the office. There are a couple of important deadlines that must be followed.

http://www.aksarben.org/
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MISSOURI SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE (SMQA)

By June 1st, all 4-H members enrolled in food animal projects (including beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits, and poultry) must complete the appropriate level of SMQA certification to be considered in good standing. Youth must attend 2 consecutive years between the ages 8-13 and once after age 14. So How Do I Complete SMQA?

Upcoming Trainings:
3/3 Princeton, Hal England; 6 pm—7:30 pm
3/5 Chillicothe Litton Center; 7 pm—8:30 pm

If unable to attend, youth may also complete online certification at: http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/

4-H & FFA BEEF STEER NOSEPRINTING / WEIGH-IN

The Mercer County 4-H & FFA Beef Steer Noseprinting & Weigh-in is set for Sunday, February 22, 2015 at the Fair Barn, 2:00pm. To participate in the rate-of-gain contest at the 4-H & FFA Fair you must have your animal weighed at this time. IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR WITH YOUR STEER /MARKET HEIFER IT SHOULD BE NOSEPRINTED AND TATTOOED. “All steer & market heifers must have a legible ear tattoo that matches the registration certificate to show in breed classes. Steer and market heifers without proof of registration will be shown as a crossbred.”

Interest-Free Funding Available for 4-H and FFA projects

FCS Financial is launching a new agricultural youth funding program to assist Missouri 4-H and FFA members with their agricultural projects. The agreement provides interest-free funding for qualifying projects, is available to all 4-H and FFA members in the association’s lending service area and is repayable within one year. “Missouri is home to more than 105,000 4-H members and supports 324 FFA chapters consisting of 25,000 students,” says Scott Gardner, FCS Financial Marketing and Sales Vice President. “There is no better way to prepare these future farmers and ranchers for their career in agriculture than providing financial assistance and education at this point in their lives.”

FCS Financial will require a detailed projected cash flow as part of the application process. If approved for funding, the applicant must keep accurate records available for FCS Financial to review throughout the term of the agreement.

Available funding is based on FCS Financials capital and, in 2014, $300,000 has been reserved for the program. Funds are available for one project per year, per student. For more details or to apply, visit www.myfcsfinancial or contact your local FCS Financial office.
4-H/FFA OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

One of the objectives in owning an animal is to learn new skills in animal breeding, feeding, management and health. To accomplish this, the member should secure the animal as early in the year as possible. Livestock shows and exhibitions set up minimum dates for length of ownership necessary for exhibiting.

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Check out the county web page:

http://extension.missouri.edu/
Mercer or Grundy

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