DO\'T MISS OUT!

NW 4-H Energizer

When: January 24—Registration DUE Jan. 8
Time: 8:30-2:30
Where: Hamilton Elementary School
Cost: $10 per person/includes lunch

A few of many workshop titles:

- Blacksmithing
- Volunteer Orientation
- Photography Essentials
- Clover Kid Activities
- Shooting Sports
- Leadership
- Filmmaking
- Container Gardens
- Energizing 4-H Meetings

SMQA  
Quilting  
Team Building  
Beekeeping  
Shooting Sports  
Robotics  
Babysitting  
4-H and Science  
Global Education

Registration form online at:
http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx

Make sure to:
1) Return app. to office by January 8th with check made out to Mercer/Grundy County 4-H
2) Include 4-H health form for each attendee
3) Note that NO LATE REGISTRATION accepted

The Mo 4H Online Enrollment system is online!

BE SURE TO ENROLL PRIOR TO JANUARY 1 TO RECEIVE DISCOUNT!

Missouri 4H members and volunteers may begin entering their information at http://mo.4holine.com

Help guides are available here:
http://4h.missouri.edu/enroll/index.htm

If you have not enrolled online as of January 1 state dues are now $20/member.

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### January

1. Enrollments increase to $20
2. Move Across Missouri begins
3. Saddle Award apps. DUE
4. Energizer Registration DUE
5. Skiing at Snow Creek
6. Regional Rep apps. DUE
7. Regional Energizer, Hamilton
8. Grundy Co leader/Council meeting
9. Mercer Co 4-H Council meeting

### February

1. MABA apps. DUE
2. KC Global Career apps. DUE
3. YCLS online registration DUE
4. 4-H Camp Counselor apps. DUE
5. Teen Conference online registration DUE

### March

1. Equine Trip apps. DUE
2. 8-6 Youth Civic Leaders Summit
3. 11-12 4-H Conference on Global Careers
4. 28-29 State Teen Conference

### May

1. 23-29 Equine Trip

### June

1. 2-5 4-H Camp Crowder, week 1—Trenton
2. 3-5 State 4-H Congress, Columbia
3. 9-12 4-H Camp Crowder, week 2—Trenton

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### 4-H Skiing at Snow Creek

When: January 9, 2015
Where: Snow Creek Resort, 1 Snow Creek Dr., Weston
Time: 5PM Sharp
Who: All 4-H youth, family and friends.
Cost: $20 per person

If interested in going, you MUST pay the office $20 by January 7. Shaun will purchase tickets at 5 pm, you will pick up from him at Weston.

### 4-H Camp Counselor Applications are in!

Contact the office or email murphyse@missouri.edu for an application.

DUE: February 6th in the office.
Regional Representative to the State 4-H Council Application Process

Youth must be age 14-17 on Jan. 1 of the election year, be currently enrolled in the 4-H program, be in good standing in their local 4-H club and have completed the last year of 4-H work. Any 4-H’er who meets these criteria may apply to be a candidate by submitting required application materials to the designated specialist for their region.

Applications DUE to Debbie Davis by January 10th. Applications are available on line at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/council/

Interviews will be held at the January 24, regional energizer in Hamilton.

Youth Civic Leaders Summit—see back page
Sign up today, our youth ALWAYS have a blast!

Age: 14-18 (4-H age)
Cost: $125
Location: Roach, MO
Windermere
Due: February 2 (online)

Teams will work together to develop a community service program—$250 will be given to each team to complete the project!

YCLS Registration
Register online at:
http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit/#forms

Happy January Birthdays!

7 Quinn Weldon
11 Lauren Cunningham
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
Archaeology
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 1st, 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 tours; $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 programs. 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.

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MO 4-H Equine Tour
Heads North!

Do you dream of combining your equine passion with a future career, love to learn more about the horse industry, and enjoy making new 4-H friends who share your love of horses? The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Annual Equine Tour may be just for you! 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. Tour highlights will include collegiate equine education departments, harness racing, visiting a variety of equine farms, meeting 4-H horse members in Wisconsin and Canada, and touring Mackinac Island. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, dressage, entertainment, training, art, harness racing, equine facility management and equine welfare. In its ninth year, the tour has proven to be a great opportunity for participants to expand and clarify their possible equine related career paths. This is just the beginning! The $600 tour fee includes most meals, hotels, transportation on a chartered bus, admission fees, tour shirts/bags/group photo. Applications are due before March 1.

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.
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?

SMQA training January 24th at the Regional Energizer in Hamilton

Other area trainings will be offered spring 2015.

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

4-H Volunteer Registration

1) Register online at http://mo.4honline.com
2) Fill out paper Volunteer Application annually

2) Complete 1-time volunteer orientation

Multiple Options for Volunteer Orientation

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.

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

In-Person

Watch for area trainings this winter/spring Saturday, January 24th, at the Regional Energizer in Hamilton (see pg 1).

Online

Begin Here:
http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/

Print Version

Contact the office. We can assist by providing or mailing.

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/

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 Financial’s 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.
MFA Saddle Award

Sponsored by MFA Agri-Services Feed Division, the MFA Saddle Award is for Missouri 4-H members aged 14 years and older participating in the Missouri 4-H Horsemanship Program who demonstrate knowledge and skills in horsemanship and horse science, the ability to share the knowledge and skills with other members and a commitment to better their community. Applications can be found online at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/projects/curriculum/LG1400.pdf and are due back to the Office by January 2. The MFA Saddle Award is presented at the Missouri Equine Celebration in March. (Missouri Tennessee Walking Horse also has a reward program and those applications and record books are due by March 1)

State Teen Conference

March 28-29, 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 in the coming weeks. The announcement will be online at: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/teenconf/

when the Teen Conference Registration Module goes live! DUE FEBRUARY 10

Missouri Agribusiness Academy
- Postmarked by February 1

Are you interested in becoming a future leader in agriculture and your community? MAbA is a youth leadership program designed for high school sophomores to explore career opportunities in agribusiness, government and production agriculture. Links to the applications are below. Agriculture has a tremendous impact on our nation’s economy, and Missouri is at the heart of this industry. The Academy will help provide you with a foundation in agricultural leadership and prepare you to meet the challenges and reap the rewards of the world’s greatest industry. In 2015, thirty students will be selected to participate in MAbA through a competitive written application and oral interview process. Academy members will tour agribusinesses and meet agricultural leaders in the St. Louis area June 1-5, 2015.

http://mda.mo.gov/connect/youth/agribusacademy.php

4-H Move Across Missouri

Begins January 1!

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/
Missouri 4-H Youth Civic Leaders Summit
March 6-8, 2015
Lake of the Ozarks, MO

FROM: 4-H Youth Hosts of Newton County, and YCLS Planning Team
TO: All teens ages 14-18 and adult leaders who want to have a positive impact on their community!

Weekend Highlights...

- Youth/adult presenters from several states!
- Recreation including EDGE Challenge Course, Bridal Cave, and Line Dancing!
- Team Talent Showcase!
- Food, friends, and fun!
- Skills for leading your club, council, or community!
- Service-learning project ideas!
- Team mini-grants!
- Future trip opportunities!

For more information on attending with a youth/adult team from your area, go to: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit

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

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