



Clover Connection

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11th Annual 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 12, 2012 for the 11th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The World Champion Cardinals will be playing the Atlanta Braves in a 6:15 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. 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 office, or on the web at www.mo4h.missouri.edu. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 2, 2012. 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 support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs. Complete information about the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle is on the ticket order form, will be available on the state 4-H web site soon

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/cardinals/index.htm>

2012 IN THE SHOW RING PROGRAM

The 2012 Missouri Pork Expo and In the Show Ring are rapidly approaching. In the Show Ring is set for February 8, 2012. Those attending also receive Show Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification. We are **strongly encouraging** attendees to pre-register, as it will make registration at the event much smoother and quicker for our staff as well as the students.

All information can be found on our website, www.mopork.com/events/missouriporkexpo.asp. There is a PDF In the Show Ring registration form on the page that can be typed on, printed and sent back by fax at 573-446-2398. It can also be saved to a computer and e-mailed to in-tern1@mopork.com.

Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share and work in groups, explore their interests and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce 5- to 7-year-olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Bouncy Balls

Pour **1 tablespoon of glue** into one cup—add a drop of food coloring and stir with a craft stick

In a second cup, combine **2 tablespoons of water** and **½ teaspoon of borax** together and mix with another craft stick

Add **1 tablespoon of cornstarch** and **½ teaspoon of the borax solution to the glue** and let stand a minute

Stir with the craft stick until fully mixed together and the mixture becomes very difficult to stir

Mold the ball in your hands. It will be sticky at first but will become more solid as you mold it.

Store your ball in a baggie so it doesn't dry out and crumble.



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/

And the Beat Goes On.....

Materials – Large room or open space outdoors

Music

Microphone (optional)

Ask volunteers or talented 4-Hers to lead dance instructions. Try something new like Latin samba, Russian folk, clogging, Polish Polka, swing, country line, or ballroom dancing. Good instructors will help make sure participants learn proper techniques so they are successful! Dancing is fun and good exercise – participants don't even realize they're working out!

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STATE WIDE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FUND-RAISER

All 4-H Shooting Sports programs are invited to take part in a joint fund-raising opportunity with the Friends of the NRA. 4-H Shooting Sports could benefit by as much as \$100,000 – and 75% of that would be for local or county shooting programs.

The state 4-H program director and Missouri 4-H Foundation executive director have both approved of this opportunity that involves selling calendars for \$50 each. Purchasers of the calendar are then eligible for 104 firearm give-a-ways during the calendar year. Calendars are for 12 months, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

Twice a week, a drawing will be held and someone will win a firearm. This will be repeated for a full year – 52 weeks. Winners remain in the pot and could win more than 1 gun. If all 5,000 calendars are sold, then return per calendar is \$15 per calendar for local 4-H shooting program and \$5 for the state shooting program. The Friends of NRA will also earn \$20 per calendar. The Friends of NRA will use their \$100,000 for grants for which 4-H Shooting Sports groups may apply. This is a true wind-win!

Local 4-H programs should decide if this will be done as a county-wide 4-H Shooting Sports fund-raiser or by club/group. It's up to each county to determine.

Timeline: Now to Feb 15, 2012

Request number of Calendars (first-come, first-served) You may request a second batch after first is sold...if still available. (may be extended)

March 15—Calendars distributed to counties

March 15-May 15 -Sell calendars.

July 1 -First drawing held

All Missouri 4-H shooting programs are asked to participate.

More information will soon be posted to the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports web page at 4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports

SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

March 30 – April 1, 2012

Camp JoOta

Clarence, Missouri

Registration fee: \$60

Pre-registration required by March 15.

NRA Certification is offered as an additional option to those taking Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun training. NRA Certification begins at 12 noon – Friday, March 30. \$50 additional fee for NRA.

Details and registration form are available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website at 4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

The link to the PDF document is 4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/SSwkshpMarAp_12.pdf

Hunting Skills Leader Workshop

April 13-15

Windermere Conference Center
(tentative)

State Shooting Team Try-outs Hunting Skills Team

Date: February 11, 2012

Location: Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports – Columbia, Missouri

Check-in 8:30 a.m. Begin 9:00 a.m.

Pre-register by February 6

Selection process will consist of:

Comprehensive written test over topics covered at the national event, including habitat management, map reading, outdoor skills, ballistics, optics, etc.

Wildlife Identification - furs, skulls, tracks, scat, etc.

No compass course at state try-out –but will be part of national. No shooting at state try-out, but will be required to shoot bow, shotgun, and .22 rifle at national.

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County Steer Weigh-in Date

Moniteau County Steer Weigh-In will be Saturday February 25 at the California Veterinary Clinic

starting at 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Morgan County Steer Weigh-In 12:30 PM at Mead Angus Barn, West of Versailles on Highway 52.

Procedure will be the same as in past years.

SMQA- Show-ME Quality Assurance

Classes are scheduled:

Moniteau County- April 23 6:30 pm- TBA

Morgan County- April 18 6:30 pm- Sims Room

Dates For Animal Ownership

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. Live-stock shows and exhibitions set up minimum dates for length of ownership necessary for exhibiting. For the Missouri State Fair the dates are:

Beef

Steers 3/1

Breeding Animals 6/1

Sheep

Breeding Animals 7/1

Market Lambs 6/1

Swine

Breeding Gilts 90 days

Breeding Boars Since farrowing

Market Hogs 5/1

Dairy Cattle

All Dairy Cattle 6/1

Dairy Goats 6/1

Meat Goats - 6/1

Dogs 4/1

Horses 5/1

Rabbits 6/1

Meat pen 5-10 weeks prior to show

Poultry

Meat pen 8-10 weeks prior to show

Editors Note: Club Reporters please email me your reports so that other clubs may read about your club's happenings.

Kountry Kids Club Meeting

Members of the Kountry Kids 4-H club met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at the Great Southern Bank in Stover. The meeting was brought to order, roll was taken and minutes were read. The Treasurer's report was then given. Any December and January birthdays were recognized.

There was no new business to discuss so on to new business. Date for the upcoming teen conference was discussed, applications for the Albers/Kuhns fund were available for those attending. Club to pay for the other half of the cost. The Move Across Missouri dates were given. Motion made to do as a club, seconded; motion carried. Each club member is to keep record of their exercise and activities then report at each monthly club meeting. Next the Central Regional Energizer date was given and all were encouraged to attend.

Projects list for each club member was read off so that the club would know what projects that leaders are needed for. Patty Ypya volunteered to be the First Aid project leader.

Motion made to have a Valentine swim party at the indoor Pool in Laurie and that members are to pay not the club, seconded; motion carried. Everyone is to bring snack foods. Date and time was set for Sunday, February 5th, 1-5pm.

Next meeting set for February 15th at the bank.

The Little Rascals- Clover Kid Club

Sarah Huffman and Spencer Aeschbacher led the pledges to open the January meeting of the Little Rascals Clover Kids. Roll call was answered by seven members. A mitten ornament, a snowman banner and a pinecone bird feeder was made by each member. Tye Edgar, Trace Murdock and Resse Murdock will give demonstrations at the next meeting, 6:30 pm, on February 7.

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 2012, thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer approximately 56 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/>. Applications are due in the County 4-H Office by March 15, 2012

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.

Moniteau County Scholarship applications are due at the same time.

SUIT UP FOR TEEN CONFERENCE!

Hey, 11-13 yr olds...are you ready for spring training??? This year's theme is NFL (nation's finest leaders), and your State 4-H Council teens are pulling out their playbooks for a fun and active event. Your training will include leadership and communication skills, along with routes to all the exciting opportunities waiting for you as a 4-H teenager! This is the first big trip away from home for many Teen Conference delegates, and it's a good choice. The environment is safe and fun, the Stoney Creek Inn is amazing, and making about 300 new friends keeps you too busy to feel homesick. Did we mention this event is planned by teenagers??? **Come be part of the NFL and report to spring training on March 24-25!**

Registration cost has not increased this year, and everyone who registers by the deadline date will receive a complimentary t-shirt with their registration!

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

A fillable .pdf registration form is available at the 4h.missouri.edu/
Coming Soon!

Morgan County Extension <http://extension.missouri.edu/morgan/>
and Moniteau County Extension <http://extension.missouri.edu/moniteau/>
will each have their own Web Page.

Watch for the new and improved page soon.

DEADLINES

Don't miss out on these great 4-H opportunities. Sign up today.

Feb 24 Teen Conference Registration
due to County Office

EVENTS

Feb 20-22

Legislative Academy

March 2-4

Youth Civic Leaders Summit

March 14-17

Kansas City Global Conference

March 24-25

Teen Conference, MU

Smallbore Pistol Team

Date: March 17, 2012

Location: Prairie Grove Shotgun
Sports – Columbia

Check-in 8:30 a.m. Shooting begins
9:00 a.m.

Pre-register by March 12

Two events:

Bullseye – slow fire (25 yds) 40
shots for score

Timed/Rapid fire (25 yds) 40
shots for score

Pre-Registration Cost: \$15 one-
time fee for 1 or more team try-
outs Late entries (after due date)
and walk-ins will be accepted **with**
an additional \$20 late fee (\$35 to-
tal)

Information and registration form
at [4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/
shootingsports/contests.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm)





Morgan & Moniteau County 4-H Events

February

- 18 Meats Judging Contest
- 24 Teen Conference Registration due to County Office
- 25 Moniteau Steer Weigh-in California Veterinary Clinic 8:00 am to 10:30 am
- 25 Morgan County Steer Weigh-in Mead-Angus Barn 12:30 pm
- 28 Morgan County fair Committee Meeting 6:30 Sims Room, Morgan County Courthouse

March

- 2-4 Youth Civic Leaders Summit
- 5 Morgan County 4-H Council 6:30 Sims Room, Morgan County Courthouse
- 14-17 KC 4-H Global Summit
- 15 Scholarship Applications Due to County office
- 20 Moniteau County 4-H Council 7:00 pm
- 24-25 Teen Conference– Columbia

April

- 10 State Congress Registration due to County Office
- 18 SMQA Training– Morgan County 6:30 pm Sims Room
- 23 SMQA Training– Moniteau County 6:30 pm Location TBA
- 28 Morgan County Swine Weigh-in 9:00am at the Kroeschen family farm

May

- 5 Moniteau County Swine Weigh-in 9-11 am at Fairgrounds
- 30 –June 1 State 4-H Congress Columbia

June

- 1-2 Camp Counselor Training
- 7-9 Shooting Sports Camp
- 25-28 Traditional Camp