4-H is for all!

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4-H—BRIDGE TO SUCCESS
ESSAYS/STORIES NEEDED

Bright orange shirts for members and adults can be earned by turning in an essay on the topic. 100-300 words.

In addition to earning this year’s elite version of a shirt, essays turned in before our March 29th Share the Fun will be eligible for People’s Choice Award.

Voting will be at Share the Fun, by age groups: 6-8, 8-10, 11-13, 14-18, and adult. After that, all will be submitted to KC Star Newspaper. They will select one from each age group to print in the 816 edition of the paper.

Other ways to earn the shirt are later in the year: demonstrations, fashion revue, public speaking, (June 20) filling out award forms (September) which means you have to wait to be orange.

TRIP APPLICATIONS
The 4-H Council will pay $20 and then 20% of the remaining registration costs for the following trips:
- 4-H Conference on Global Careers - March 11-12  extension.missouri.edu/platte
- Teen Conference - March 28-29 4h.missouri.edu/go/events/teenconf/

POULTRY NUTRITION SESSION
March 5th with Dr. Joel Firman, Poultry Specialist with MU will present on poultry nutrition and other related topics on March 5th at 6:30. This is for youth and adult, 4-H and non 4-H. Location is Platte Resource Center.

Registration is free, but required by February 27th.
The following dates and locations have been set for State Shooting Sports:

- **SS Leader Certification Workshop – Spring**: March 20-22, Camp MoVal, Union, MO
- **Hunting Skills Leader Workshop**: April 17-19, Windermere, Roach, MO
- **State Trap Shoot**: August 22, MTA Fields, Linn Creek, MO
- **State Archery - NFAA 300**: August 22-23, Prairie Grove, Columbia, MO
- **SS Leader Certification Workshop – summer/fall**: August 28-30, LifeChange Camp, Clinton, MO
- **State Shoot – all other events**: September 19-20, Prairie Grove, Columbia, MO

Registration info for the March 20-22 Certification workshop will be ready by next Monday, Jan 19.
4-H COUNCIL OFFICER INSTALLATION
4-H Council officers to be installed at the February 19th meeting are:
President: Addie Eber & Kate Leape
Vice President: Dylan Bishop, Gabriel Sowell
Secretary: Jack Bartlett & Chris Leape
Treasurer: Courtney Leape, Heidi McKern and Donna Taylor.

4-H PRESENTATION DAY JUNE 20TH
This is the day of amazing learning & sharing: demonstrations, public speaking, fashion revue, outstanding 4-Hers and Ambassadors named, interview skills, and decision making. Demonstrations, speeches, and fashion revue representatives to state fair and contest are selected at this event. If you already know you cannot attend that day, plan on arranging for a taping of your talk or demonstration.

COUNTYWIDE PROJECT GROUPS UPDATE
Archery, led by Jack Remboldt has started with safety training. Foods project had a field trip to Red X grocery for price comparison.

DOG OBEDIENCE
Begins April 1st. Immunizations required.

NORTHLAND ETHNIC FESTIVAL & SHARE THE FUN ALL ON ONE WEEKEND
Put a big clover on your calendars for March 28 and 29th.
Northland Ethnic Festival on march 28, 11-3:30 at Park Hill South. Volunteers needed to help vendors, greet people, take photographs and of course help set up and take down.
This is not a 4-H event, but sponsored by Extension, school, library and college, so a great way to learn about dozens of ethnic and cultural groups.
Free admission, food and crafts for sale. Stage schedule posted on Facebook.
SHARE THE FUN — A SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF FUN
Clubs planning and leading games, challenges, activities or even skits or talent acts is what the event is about. No competition, just family time from 2-4 pm.
Voting for People’s Choice of this year’s Essays is also planned — so get them in! The fashion statement orange 4-H t-shirt is the recommended attire for this event.

GREAT NEWS FOR 4-H SERVICE & TREASURY
Platte County Steam Engine Show Tractor Parade, August 6, has requested Platte County 4-H to plan, prepare, and serve dinner for the parade. 4-H Council was honored to be selected 4 years ago and doubly honored for 2015. This involves cooking a lunch, having homemade desserts, and lots of servers and hosts, all of course in 4-H shirts. Location will be at Grace Community Church in Smithville. What fun to see all the old tractors come driving in and what wonderful people!!

PLATTE 4HERS TO CONFERENCES
Jack Bartlett, Park Rangers, Faith Perkins, Cassie Sherwood will attend the Missouri 4-H Teen Conference in Columbia. In March, Courtney & Kate Leape, Lady Bugs & Beetles hope to attend State 4-H Congress. In June Addie Eber, Park Ranger, & Dylan Bishop, Lady Bugs & Beetles will travel to Washington DC with the 4-H Citizenship Workshop.

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LADY BUGS & BEETLES MEETINGS
Lady Bugs & Beetles meeting space is being remodeled, so their club meetings will be at New Mark Care Center in February and Platte Resource Center emergency preparedness center in March.

Clubs, we want to hear from you about each of your meetings; please email report day after your meeting.