THEME & LOGO SELECTED

Platte County 4-H: Bridge to Success is the 2014-2015 themes, submitted by Donna Taylor, Platte County Park Rangers. The logo was from Marti Everett, our front office friend with a few tweaks from Emma Porting’s entry.

So now what, you may ask: 4-H stories/essays can be submitted between NOW and mid-March. People’s Choice selection will be made at Share the Fun and then essays also sent to KC Star soon after.

The 2013-14 essays will finally be printed in the Northland Star this week (or so we are told). Those selected by KC Star editor were written by: Emma Porting, Josi Billings, Courtney Leape, Miranda Vest and

4-H REQUIRES DECISION MAKING AND COMMITMENT

There are so many opportunities and terms in 4-H—sometimes like an overwhelming buffet, where choices are difficult, but you know you can’t try everything. Same in 4-H, there are responsibilities as well as opportunities; regular participation in club meetings and any project meetings that affect you are required for full membership and participation in county and state events.

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

For families wanting a sort of synopsis of the why and what’s of 4-H, a new family orientation is scheduled for either October 29 or November 6th, 6:30 pm at the Platte Resource Center. Registration is required to insure numbers for great discussion and sharing.

CLUB LEADERSHIP ROLES

For members interested or elected to a club office, and their parents, several options are listed for a training session. Each of the offices will be reviewed at these sessions. If able and interested, enroll in one of these sessions (all at 6:00-7:30 pm at 4-H office)

For members who have successfully completed a year or more of an officer role, hope you volunteer to come and share. Dates are November 4, 5, 12, or 13.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING & ORIENTATION

(REQUIRED FOR ALL LEADERS)

Our online enrollment may not be live yet, but the first step in your 4-H year is to fill out form and submit to our office by November 10th.

Our 4-H programs are stronger when everyone is on the same page. In support of that goal, all 4-H leaders (organizational, project, activity and resource leaders) are also required to complete a one-time volunteer orientation session BEFORE working with youth. You have 3 options for how you can complete that training: online with required quiz http://mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/#orientation; using a CD from 4-H office and online quiz; or contact Sharren to organize a group orientation.
asteam village statewide robotics conference, maker party, & robotics scramble – kansas city, october 18

This exciting event is organized by some Jackson County 4-H/ MU Extension partners and is the beginning of what will hopefully be a strong foundation for robotics and STEM programming collaborations in the future. Come to Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology at 6401 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO on Saturday, October 18 from 8:30AM – 3:30PM. Guests can attend for as little as $4 for the day! The event is a great way for youth who are just getting started in robotics to learn how they can get involved and see youth robotics teams in action. Guest speakers throughout the day will support adults in learning how to help build such programs in their clubs and communities.

Event information and registration is available here: http://robocon2014.asteamvillage.org.

4-H global education

Have you ever wanted to travel abroad and expand your 4-H knowledge with an international experience? A variety of 'outbound exchanges' are available for youth ages 15 and older, and for adults as chaperones through the Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development. Visit their website at http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/globaled/ and pay attention to upcoming November 1 deadlines.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2015

June 20-June 29, 2015 chartered bus trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City. Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth ages 14-18. 4-H members will stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., and participate in a week-long program enriching their lives with activities that broaden their appreciation and respect for themselves and others. 4-H Members will tour national landmarks and meet their elected officials. Side trips to Fort McHenry and New York City will follow the conference.

Total Trip Cost: $2000 Costs include all travel expenses on chartered bus, tours and ticket costs, lodging at the National 4-H Center and hotels, meals, registration for the CWF conference, Dinner Theatre, CWF and Missouri 4-H polos. The only expense not included is cost of souvenirs. Cost includes funds for meals while traveling.

Payment Schedule:
December 1 $500 and application; January 15 $500; February 15 $500; April 15 $500

Application available: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/cwf

Youth Specialists Patty Fisher and Kathy Bondy will be chaperoning. For more information, go to www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org.

Membership Assistance

Did you know that three health care companies in Missouri will pay annual membership dues (state and county) for their insured youth to participate in one youth organization – like 4-H – each year?! If you or any members in your club are covered by HCUSA-Aetna, HomeState, or MissouriCare, talk to our 4-H office to find out how to get a copy of the membership voucher application.
Holiday Fair---Fundraising for 4-H and 4-Hers

Each member is asked to sell at least $5 worth, which is a set of 6 for $5 of $1 each. The tickets allow people to choose items in the raffle; all tickets and money must be in before the Holiday Fair.

A special invitation to 4-Hers and volunteers/parents If you want to sell handmade items, you can put on the 4-H table. 90% of sale price goes to you and 10% to 4-H.

Tickets will also be distributed at your October meeting as well as some signs. Clubs are asked to help with this event--set up (Nov 7, 4 pm), help with information and 4-H members volunteer sales, and vendor hospitality (8:30-3:30) as well, of course, as clean up 3:30-5:00 on Nov 8th. Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church on Barry Road is the location.

HOLIDAY FAIR VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Shifts are set up on 2 hour basis; sign up with your club or office—first come choice you will need to sign in and out. This is for county wide fund raising; the food booth will be for Horsemanship project group.

November 7
4 pm-6 pm set up tables, chairs, signs, raffle table (tables are heavy, so need older youth/adults
Prepare the pots for coffee, hot water, etc in area away from food booth

November 8
7:30-9:30 meet vendors at door or parking lot and help carry /transport items, unload at table and repeat (again this takes people that can lift and carry sometimes heavy and breakable items)
Need 6-8 people please for this role

7:30-9:30 offer coffee, tea or hot chocolate to vendors; this is no charge for vendors or volunteers (2 people)

10:00-2:00 Offer to watch vendor booths if they want a break (2 people)

8:30-10:30 Stay at raffle ticket table and use positive but low key salesmanship to invite visitors to buy (2 each shift)
Watch the 4-H tables, keep track of items sold, make change, etc (2 each shift)

10:30-12:30 Stay at raffle ticket table and use positive but low key salesmanship to invite visitors to buy (2 each shift)
Watch the 4-H tables, keep track of items sold, make change, etc (2 each shift)

12:30-2:30 Stay at raffle ticket table and use positive but low key salesmanship to invite visitors to buy (2 each shift)
Watch the 4-H tables, keep track of items sold, make change, etc (2 each shift)

3:00-4:30 Help vendors load and move items; take down tables, chairs, decorations, take out trash, vacuum.
The more help the faster it gets done.
Family Fun Families

Thanks to all that came, asked and answered 4-H questions, contributed to the great meal, grilled the hot dogs, led games, registered people, and the amazing helpers in packing up –some of the wet, rained off game equipment.

Recognition Event

September 20 was our day of recognizing members, clubs, and volunteers also included voting on People’s Choice of logo, a Clover Store and Clover Auction.

Club Awards:
Hoover Heroes, Gold Seal; Lady Bug & Beetles, Gold seal and Community Service Award, Platte County Park Rangers: Gold Seal and County wide involvement Award.
Officer recognition to Katie Parkhurst, LBB for secretary book, Jack Bartlett, PCPR for treasurer tribute;
County Medals to Jack Bartlett, PCPR, Eli Grusenmeyer, HH, Courtney & Kate Leape, LBB for Missouri Recognition Reports that earned 85% or higher
First year hoodies were earned by: Ailisia Bogdon, HH, Bethany Conley & Katherine Roberts, PCPR, and Courtney Dehn, LBB.

Clovers and appreciation

Jack Bartlett and Josi Billings for their great performances at State Public Speaking; Jack earned 2nd place in the 11-13 age group and Josi first place in her division
Zoey Dutcher, Kate Leape, and Elly Anderson for participating in State Fashion Revue; Elly earned 4th place in Clothes You Make.
These 4-Hers were selected at our June Presentation Day to advance to State Contests.

4honline.com our new enrollment system will allow you to pay both county and state dues, but not club dudes.
It works best with Google Chrome, but also works with Mozilla Firefox.

Another way we will try to be more user friendly with sign up/registrations for County wide events is Sign Up Genius. This will be sent via email and you will be able to just click on the link to sign up for camps, Presentation Day, family fun event, etc. May try to have operational for trial run for Holiday Fair too.

4-H Holiday Fair Raffle addition

Paint ball gun ensemble, slightly used, donated by former Extension Council officer; Although not listed as option on the raffle tickets, if interested you can add to bottom. Photos of the set will be at raffle table, and the real item will be available for viewing outside (in someone’s vehicle). If a youth’s name is drawn, we will check with parents before awarding.
Roles of a 4-H Member

4-H IS LIKE A BUFFET:
You have to get up out of your chair, get a plate and a tray, and then go through the line to get your food
You also have to make choices, as there is always more than you can finish
Taking or sending texts or calls during a meal is not respectful—same at 4-H club meetings

Responsibilities of a 4-H member:

- Know the pledge and the motto. Be able to explain it.
- Stay informed: club, county, and state happenings. The Clover is a great resource, as well as web page, mailings, and quarterly newsletter
- Come to the meetings, ready to roll. Be an active member, not a passive one. Attending a majority of meetings is required to be in good standing.
- Help other members—be supportive, encouraging, and helpful.
- Be aware of deadlines and rules and observe them.
- Stay in touch with your Club leaders and Project leaders—don’t wait for them to call.
- When a project leader holds a meeting, BE there! If cannot, be sure to let them know before.
- Actively look for opportunities to help out and to lead in your club and county.
- Do at least one well-prepared speech or demonstration or presentation at your club every year.
- Do your share with club and county wide fund raising and responsibilities.

4-H Clubs are Teams in Platte County 4-H

Take part in one county or regional 4-H event in addition to the fair.
Examples: 4-H Week promotion, Sell Holiday Fair raffle tickets, Share the Fun, Family Fun Day, 4-H Presentation Day, Day Camp, Recognition Event, 4-H Council, County Fair set up, hosting, and clean up, etc etc

Parent’s Responsibilities in 4-H

- HELP your 4-Her(s) select projects that you can and will help them complete (See lot of project info and other of Missouri Clover. Enroll them on line as soon as the new system is online.

Additional projects (beyond 3 or 6) can be added on “County Level” only, which means members learn and exhibit at county shows only. A form indicating which projects are “County level” only must be attached to official enrollment form. Form available on web page: http://extension.missouri.edu/platte
- Support your child’s interest in 4-H membership.
- READ the Clover, which gives an overview of the 4-H program and specific project goals.
- HELP your child with project LEARNING, but ALLOW them to do their own work.
- ATTEND monthly club meetings with your child(ren).
- READ the 4-H notices/letters and visit web page often
- ATTEND countywide events and programs with your child.
- SUPPORT your club AND countywide fundraising.
- VOLUNTEER to help with your club’s program and its County 4-H RESPONSIBILITIES.
- SHARE your skills and interests by teaching other 4-Hers from your club or from throughout the County.

To find out goals of each project, refer to Project Briefs found at: 4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects1.htm
Platte County 4-H Calendar of Events:

August 21       4-H Council meeting—select theme, set dues, fair review
August 22      Register for Family Fun Event
August 29      Family Fun Event, 6-8 pm; come early to set up
September 1    Happy New 4-H Year—club attendance starts anew
September 4th  Award applications, secretary book, treasurer year end audit, club community
service logs, & write up, county wide involvement form, and club seal application.
September 11   Horsemanship project meeting 7:00 pm 4-H office/building
September 15   Countywide crochet begins at 6:30 pm; must enroll with Beverly McClellan at no4mccle@msn.com
September 18th Logos due & Clover Award Forms due; 4-H Council meeting
September 20   Recognition Event 2 pm (see article)
September 23/30 Registration due on sept 23 for volunteer orientation on Sept. 30 at 6:45 pm
October 5-11    National 4-H Week
October 16     Orientation to 4-H
November 8     Holiday Fair