**Up-coming Dates:**

- **May 12**  Polk County 4-H Council
- **May 12**  4-H Day with St Louis Cardinals
- **May 19**  Discover the Clover – Springfield
- **May 22**  Polk County Achievement Day
- **May 29-31**  Dairy Cow Camp
- **May 30-June 1**  State 4-H Congress
- **May 31**  4-H Congress Livestock Judging
- **June 2**  Shooting Sports Quarterly Meeting
- **June 9**  State Poultry Day
- **June 9-20**  SW Regional 4-H Camps
- **June 21**  4-H Exhibit Day
- **June 21-23**  Polk County Fair
- **June 26-28**  MCIA – MO Citizenship in Action

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**2012 Polk and Dallas County Achievement Day!**

**May 22**

Bolivar United Methodist Church  
105 E. Division St.

Events begin at 6:00 pm

- **Personal Appearance**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Demonstrations** - must be done on one of the project areas you are currently enrolled in.
- **Member Project Judging**: You must be enrolled in the specific project to judge in it. Categories this year will be:
  - Horse
  - Shooting Sports
  - Foods
  - Beef
  - Woodworking
  - Clothing
  - Dogs
  - Photography
  - Gardening
  - Arts & Crafts
- **Fashion Revue** – must be enrolled in Clothing, Knitting or Crochet project.
- **Share the Fun** – any group or individual talent, skit or presentation is accepted! Think youth friendly variety show!
- **Clover Kids** – while Clover Kids are non-competitive and do not advance on, they have their own special area at Achievement Day. They will be offered an opportunity to use provided props for a brief demonstration, or they may prepare a demonstration of their choosing for the Clover Kids’ judges.

Events noted with (*) require pre-registration by calling the Polk Co. Extension office or e-mailing kirbyp@missouri.edu by May 15.

Details of all events were included in your April 4-H packet.

I look forward to seeing you at Achievement Day!

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A meal of pizza, cookies and a drink will be available for $1.50 to all 4-H members and families. Members of the Polk County Foods project will be providing the cookies!
POLK COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, May 12 @ 9 am  
Location: Polk County Fairgrounds Youth Building

Polk County Achievement Day  
Polk County Fair  
Courthouse Flower Project  
Cemetery Project  

Be sure your club representatives are present for the meeting. Bring your shovel and gloves - assistance is needed to help with tree planting at the county farm cemetery after the meeting.

COURTHOUSE FLOWER PROJECT

Way to go.. SoPoCo 4-H club did a great job planting and mulching the flowers. Remaining clubs of the county will have weeding and watering duties throughout the growing season. Be sure to watch for your club’s assignment. Let’s keep them growing!

COUNTY-WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS...check with your project leader for any changes to the regular schedule!

- May 5  Crafts  2 pm  Melony’s
- May 10  Woodworking  6:30 pm  Tim’s carpentry shop
- May 12  Archery  10:00 am  Viles’ farm
- May 12  .22  2:00 pm  Viles’ farm
- May 19  Crafts  2 pm  Melony’s
- May 19  Air Pellet Rifle  2:00 pm  Viles’ farm
- May 19  Air Pistol  2:00 pm  Viles’ farm
- May 24  Woodworking  6:30 pm  Tim’s carpentry shop
- May 26  Crafts  2 pm  Melony’s
- May 26  Shotgun  9 am  Viles’ farm
- June 1  Crafts  2 pm  Melony’s

PROJECT RECORD FORMS

Be sure to complete your project record forms and get the required signatures-including your Project Leader’s as you finish up your project meetings. You will need the completed forms for end of year recognition! If you need a form—get one from your club leader, project leader or the county office!

POLK COUNTY FAIR  June 21-23

Exhibit Day  June 21 ... 4-H Exhibit Guidelines were mailed directly to you in your April packet. Be sure to exhibit follow the guidelines in the 2012 4-H Exhibit Guidelines booklet when preparing projects for judging at the Polk County Fair. Note the new photo requirements for 2012. As always, remember to keep exhibit dimensions as listed to avoid disqualification. Check out your 4-H Project Curriculum, Project Leader resources and Project Brief to get exhibit ideas. Project Briefs can be found at: [http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/](http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/).

Youth Building Cleaning ... is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 beginning at 8:30 am. We all benefit from use of the Fairgrounds Youth Building for our 4-H activities, let’s show our appreciation and join in the annual cleaning day!
POLK COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW BOOKS will be available at the Extension office or on the Polk County Webpage at: www.extension.missouri.edu/polk/ in early May. This book contains information about special events at the fair, livestock entry forms, show schedule and other pertinent information pertaining to showing your livestock. Special events this year include: the Super Farmer Contest, Pie Contest, Butter Making Contest and the new Poultry Show!

MEMBERS IN “GOOD STANDING”
You must be in “good standing” to represent 4-H in county fairs and regional and state events. A member in good standing is a member who has attended 6 club meetings, or the simple majority of their club meetings and been an active club member. Club leaders will need to submit the names of members in good standing to the county office by May 30.

SHOOTING SPORTS
County Shooting Sports Contest will be conducted on Saturday, June 23 at the Polk County Fair with the following schedule: BB/Pellet / Air Pellet Rifle/ Air Pistol 7:30 am  Archery 9:30 am
        Shotgun 1:00 pm .22 Rifle 3:30 pm

BEEF COW CAMP
A 4-H Beef Cow Camp is scheduled for June 5 at the Dallas County Fair Grounds in Buffalo for youth ages 8 years and older. Campers will receive instruction in nutrition, fitting and grooming, showmanship, ethics and judging of beef cattle. Preregistration fee is $5 - due by May 18 to Dallas Co. Extension.

SW REGIONAL 4-H CAMPS
The 4-H camps at Roaring River State Park have a “Safari” theme this year. Teen camp (for students age 13 and over) is June 16-20. Clover Kids Camp (for 5 to 7), is scheduled for June 9-10. Clover kids are accompanied to a parent. Member camps are scheduled for June 10-13 and June and are for children ages 8-12. Children who are not members of may attend camp with a 4-H friend by paying the camping fee of $80 and $8 state 4-H dues. Pre-register by May 15.

OZARK EMPIRE FAIR
4-H WESTERN HERITAGE & COWBOY SHOOTING PROJECT
June 29 – July 1 Bolivar, MO
Missouri 4-H is expanding the Western Heritage and Cowboy Shooting program to an additional 6-8 counties. County programs wishing to be part of the second phase of implementation must apply as a team of 2 or 3 volunteers. Participation will be limited. Team applications are due June 1 and selected programs will be informed by June 5. A $30 per person fee will cover the curriculum resources, noon meals, and the ammunition used. Programs currently participating in the Western Heritage project are limited to 1 volunteer for this workshop. Additional details can be found on the 4-H shooting sports web page at 4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

OZARKS SHOTGUN FUN SHOOT
July 21, 2012 Ozark Shooters, Branson
4-H shotgunners are invited to a fun day of shooting at Ozark Shooters, July 21. The fun shoot will include 25 Skeet, 25 Trap, and 25 Sporting Clays. State instructors and state team coaches will be on hand. Open to all 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Shotgun project. Objectives: * Introduce 4-H shooters in Southwest and South Central Missouri to the state team try-out process – in hopes of recruiting more shooters for 2013

* Determine if there is enough interest to merit adding a second set of state shotgun team try-outs in southern Missouri. State shotgun instructors/coaches will be on hand after the shoot to lead a discussion and Q & A period; specifically in regards to the state teams and the try-out process. Pre-register by July 13. A minimum of 10 pre-registered is required or the event will be cancelled. Details will soon be posted on the 4-H Shooting Sports website at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm

MO STATE FAIR EXHIBITOR INFORMATION
Aug. 9-19 in Sedalia. The Missouri State Fair Online Premium Guide is now available - announcing competitions that will take place during the annual agriculture event. Show schedules and pertinent information including official rules are available at: mostatefair.com. Entry forms for competitions will likewise be available through the online resource starting at 9 a.m. May 1.

ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST/CLINIC
May 31, 2012
Registrations due to Polk Co: May 8
Open to 4-H youth ages 8-18. Cost is $2 per youth individual. Adults do not compete but may participate and help as needed. Members and adult helpers must bring a sack lunch and drinks. This is an opportunity to prepare for 2012 State Contest in September. Registration forms are available at the county office or at: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/#state

Resources for Livestock Judging: http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/curriculum/livestock/livestockjudgingmanual.pdf

STATE POULTRY DAY
June 9 - Held at the Animal Sciences Center on the University of Missouri campus. Activities for the day include: Poultry Showmanship; Poultry Health; Production Judging Contest; Fun Poultry Quiz; Domestic Poultry Photo Contest; Dozen Egg Contest. Pre-registration deadline: May 4. More information and registration forms may be found at: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/#poultry
ROBOTICS CAMP
June 20-22
Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla will host a Robotics Camp. Student teams will have the opportunity to invent, design, build and program robots while learning the basic structure of computer programming. Robots will be programmed to respond to their environment, react to light, avoid obstacles and do amazing things.
Youth ages 12-15 can register online at: http://summer.mst.edu

AEROSPACE CAMP
Aerospace Camps will be held June 19-21 and June 26-28 at the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus in Rolla. Space campers experience aeronautics and space flight from a ground up perspective. They learn about the history of flight, astronomy and space exploration. Campers get to visit with a real astronaut, participate in rocket construction and launching, and compete in a paper airplane contest. For ages 10-13. Registration forms are available at: http://summer.mst.edu

SUMMERS AT MIZZOU
Two weeks of camps are being offered on the University of Missouri campus:
July 15-19 will be Director’s Cut, Scrub-In to a Health Career, and Geo Tech camps;
July 22-26 will be Build-A-Business, bicycle camp, Survival for Life for military youth, and the popular Dog Days of Summer vet camp. Summers at Mizzou camps are for youth ages 12 and up.

SUMMERS @ MIZZOU CAMP BUILD-A-BIZ!
Got a bright idea? Camp Build-a-Biz, July 22-26, is for youth ages 12-16 to explore what it takes to be a young entrepreneur! Learn how to start your own business as a teen, while having fun with other young innovators who are turning their ideas into reality. Make connections with MU faculty, students, and community business people who can offer advice and encourage you. Gain skills for planning and starting your own business as a teen now! Day and overnight camp rates available at http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers

SHOW ME 4-H WARES SALES BOOTH!
Want to sell your 4-H projects or other original items at the Missouri State Fair, Aug. 9-12? With Show Me 4-H Wares, you can! Learn how to determine your price, make a sales pitch, practice good customer service, and earn money from your work! Contact your local 4-H staff about a sales booth at your county fair. Apply to be selected as a state fair youth exhibitor this summer by July 1, by visiting: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/showmewares.htm

MCIA – MISSOURI CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION
June 26-28
Registrations are due to Polk Co: May 11
Youth who have completed the 8th grade are invited to Jefferson City to learn how your government works...from the inside! This event will put you in the action as you train with state legislators; local, state and federal office holders; legal staff and journalists to take on their roles and even have the opportunity to solve issues surrounding a state disaster....This isn’t just another spectator sport...this is Missouri Citizenship in Action! For more information visit: http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/events/mcia/
WOODSY VASE

Supplies:
Sticks (about 1/4 inch in diameter)
Clippers
Glue
Empty plastic jar
Thick rubber bands
Raffia or ribbon (optional).

Directions:
Break or cut sticks to about an inch longer than the jar. Put two rubber bands around the jar, one inch from the top and one inch from the bottom. Tuck sticks under both rubber bands placing them as close together as possible. Once the jar is surrounded with sticks, slide the rubber bands together in the middle of the jar and cover the bands with a bow.