HOW DOES 4-H DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS IN YOUTH?

Research has shown that there are certain elements (domains) present in effective youth programs. These “domains” are: A safe environment, a supportive environment, interaction, and engagement.

Peer Interaction
Adults acknowledge feelings, help youth respond appropriately. Members get to know each other, and are inclusive of all members. Members practice group process skills, are given mentoring and leadership opportunities. Youth and adults share control, expectations explained.
2015 Putnam County 4-H
Council Officers

President—Hollister Spurgeon
Vice President—Richard Rowland Jr.
Secretary—Grace Schnelle
Treasurer—Sheila Noland
Reporter—Abbie Casady

Lucerne Stock Show
August 6, 7 & 8 2015

2015 4-H Camp Dates
June 10-12: Counselor Camp
June 22-25: 4-H Camp

PUTNAM COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2015,
5:15 PM @ OLD SOLDIERS ROOM
IN THE PC COURTHOUSE

SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION TRAINING
MARCH 26, 2015
7:00 PM @ 4-H BUILDING

Putnam County Extension Information Night
February 18, 2015
Watch your newsletter further information

Check out Putnam County 4-H on Facebook
Like our page and you can receive important information as it comes in!

Shooting Sport Opportunity

Cabin Fever Clays Shoot
Saturday, January 31 9:00 am
Sponsored by 4-H Shooting Sports

The good folks at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, Columbia are conducting a fund-raiser Sporting Clays shoot that will benefit the Missouri 4-H state shotgun program and state team. This is an open shoot – open to parents, youth, friends, neighbors. 50 targets and lunch for $35. Other “games” will be offered such as the Ritz Cracker shoot, Long Shot, and 2 or 4 person flurries. Prizes and awards offered in several categories. Have fun, enjoy good food, and support the 4-H shooting program. The brochure with more details will soon be up on the 4-H SS website.
Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Application Now Available

The Missouri State Fair Foundation Youth in Agriculture scholarship application for current Missouri high school seniors is now available online at Missouri State Fair and Missouri State Fair Foundation. Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be postmarked by Feb. 2, 2015.

For the first time, one $5,000 platinum scholarship will be offered by Youth and Agriculture supporters. Additional scholarships being offered will include one $2,500 supreme scholarship sponsored by Sydenstrickers John Deere of Missouri/Sydenstrickers Angus Genetics, and thirty $1,500 scholarships sponsored by the Missouri State Fair Foundation and Youth in Agriculture supporters.

This year, a one-time donation of $1,000 was included in the scholarship funds, thanks to the contribution of 2014 Missouri Woman in Agriculture Contest Rising Star Award Winner Ashlyn Richardson. She chose the Youth in Agriculture Scholarship as the agriculture-related beneficiary of the $1,000 donation she received from contest sponsor, Monsanto.

Applicants must be high school seniors and active members of 4-H or FFA. Eligible scholarship applicants must plan to enroll in an accredited Missouri college or university and pursue a degree in agriculture. Applicants must have participated as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair at least once; however, applicants cannot have sold livestock in a past Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions auction.

Missouri State Fair scholarships are funded through the generosity of Youth in Agriculture sponsors and buyers of the livestock sold during the annual Sale of Champions; the sponsors and buyers list is available online. A portion of each animal’s sale price is allocated to the scholarship program. The Missouri State Fair Foundation also provides significant support of the scholarship program through fundraising efforts including the Governor’s Ham Breakfast.

For more information please call the Missouri State Fair at 1-800-422-FAIR (3247) or e-mail questions to mostatefair@mda.mo.gov.
ANNOUNCING STATE 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE 2015!

The State 4-H Council is pleased to announce the 2015 State 4-H Teen Conference, March 28-29 in Columbia. This year will feature a baseball theme, and the Council is having a great time planning an active, fun event! By popular request, we will be returning to the Holiday Inn Executive Center this year, the only hotel in Columbia large enough to accommodate Teen Conference. We will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and end at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Registration is being held to last year’s levels, $159 for youth (who share a bed with one other delegate) and for chaperones (who share a room – not a bed – with one other chaperone). For youth who would prefer their own bed, registration is $209.

Registration – NEW PROCEDURE
Teen Conference registration will take place through 4HOnline this year, via credit card payment(s). However, if your county has numerous participants register, you may still pay by one county check if you prefer. The planned process is:
- Families register for Teen Conference directly at http://mo.4honline.com. These registrations are due no later than January 21, 2015.
- After county approval, the registration will be automatically forwarded to the state 4-H office.
- An email (to the family and the county office) will be generated to confirm registration.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION
Volunteers: There are THREE things I need from you before I can accept you as a “recognized” volunteer:

ONE: Your SIGNED, paper application. You can find it here; http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/LG636FILL.pdf Turn this into the PC Extension Office.

TWO: Enroll online here; https://mo.4honline.com/Login.aspx403D402F574C345843424B7443733D

THREE: You must complete the one-time volunteer orientation. You can find it here; http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteerorientation/index.html

Why this is important to you: even if you are not currently a project leader, you still might be called upon to “volunteer” at the last minute. You are one of our most important resources and we want you to be protected from liability just as if you were a paid employee. Only recognized volunteers have this protection, and in order to be recognized, two things must be done, submit a volunteer application annually, and complete the one-time-only orientation. If you have questions contact the Putnam County Extension Office.
Snowflake Impressions

Materials
A large piece of glass (an 8” x 10” picture frame works well)
Can of hair spray
Magnifying glass
Falling snow

Directions
Chill the glass and the hair spray before doing this activity. Putting both in the freezer for about an hour before this activity works well. While snow is falling, take the glass and hair spray outside. Hold the can about 10 inches away from the glass and spray it with a quick sweeping motion. Spray from side to side once, then up and down. Use very little spray; only spray 1-2 seconds. Collect some snowflakes on the sprayed glass. Go back indoors and let the glass dry for 15-20 minutes. Ice crystals should have formed on the glass. Look at the results with a magnifying glass.

January Birthdays

January 3    Paden Evens
January 3    Kylea Webb
January 8    Hunter Hydorn
January 11   Abbie Koenen
January 17   Kaylynn Head
January 18   Zackary Durbin
January 21   Holly Hydorn
What’s Going On!!!!!

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Mary’s Office Hours*
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9am—3 pm each week
(*note: Although the posted work schedule will remain fairly consistent, there will occasionally be times where Mary may not be in the office during posted times. Please remember, Mary’s position is limited to 20 hours per week. Any hours worked outside the posted work schedule, requires hours to be deducted from the scheduled office hours.) Please feel free to call Mary at the Putnam County Extension Office (660-947-2705) or email odenm@missouri.edu. If you have an urgent need outside established office hours, you may contact Mary via cell phone 660-216-2926.

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To the 4-H Family of: