December 4-H Newsletter

Ripley County Programs:

**Yoga for Kids**
A 4-H Healthy Living Program

*We are excited to be offering a new 4-H Yoga program to our 4-H members this year!*

**4-H Christmas Painting Santa Night**
Thursday, December 14, 2017
6 pm
4-H Building
at the Fairgrounds
Doniphan, Missouri 63935
Presenter: Stephanie Moreland

Come enjoy a night of FUN, painting, cookies and hot chocolate!!

**4-H Christmas Cookie Night**
Monday, December 18, 2017
6 pm
4-H Building
at the Fairgrounds
Doniphan, Missouri 63935

Come enjoy a night of decorating Christmas Sugar Cookies.

**4-H Online** ready for your input!

*If you have forgotten your password, please use the reset password instead of creating a new profile. PLEASE - Do not forget to re-enroll in 4HOnline for the New Year! All members and volunteers must re-enroll to continue in 4-H. All re-enrollments are due by December 31 to be sure you continue to receive 4-H mailings, etc.*

REMEMBER!!! – to participate in events you MUST be enrolled and active!!!!
Volunteers- All volunteers must enroll through 4-H Online. NEW volunteers must complete the paper volunteer form & the one time volunteer orientation. Volunteers who were active last year will not need to complete the paper form this year.

ENROLLMENT COVERAGE BY MANAGED CARE

Youth covered by some Managed Care Plans, also known as Missouri Medicaid/MO HealthNet, MAY be eligible to have their membership in one afterschool program or club paid by their insurance company.

You must call and request a voucher if you have the following insurance plans: MissouriCare 1-800-322-6027 or Home State Health 1-855-694-4663. If you qualify for this option the insurance company will verify eligibility & send a voucher in the mail. Sign & date the voucher form & send the original to your County Extension Office to have your insurance company pay for your child’s 4-H membership

United Healthcare is NOT participating in this service.

Southeast Regional Energizer
February 17
Registration due mid-January

Pick up STEAM at Winter Camp
December 20-21
Poplar Bluff
4-H cost is $25 a day or $40 for both days. Open to ages 8-18. There are only a few spots left! Both days will be filled with science, technology, engineering, art and math activities!
Contact Willie for the forms needed.

Photo Contest!! Missouri youth have an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned about science through the “Why Science Matters to Me” photo contest. There are two ways to enter: Visit www.4h.org/sciencematters & submit your photo along with a caption that explains how science makes a difference in your life. Enter with Instagram. Share a photo of you with a caption that explains why science matters to you. Be sure to tag it with #ScienceMattersContest

Entering gives a chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip to the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science, Jan. 12-15, 2018. Three winners selected - For info, contact Amanda Meek at 314-400-7386.

Ag Career Resources
Farm Bureau resources on When I Grow Up, Bringing, Technology to Life, Discover the Powerful Peanut, Dive Into Water Careers, My American Farm, Farm to Cart & Food Science Fun. All could be great club activities. To learn more visit http://www.agfoundation.org/resources/more-free-resources?utm_source=When+I+Grow+Up...Discover+Ag+Careers%21&utm_campaign=discover+ag+careers+&utm_medium=email
Super educational toy and camp
Dec. 27-28,
Recommended age range: 4th-8th grade.
Cost: $189.
(The Airblock toy alone is a $179 value & can be configured into a hovercraft & other modes.)
Choose either the morning (9:30 am-noon) or afternoon (1:00-3:30 pm) class in Columbia on the MU campus in the agricultural engineering building. https://columbiarobotics.org/events/holiday-programmable-drone-camp-morning-section/ & https://columbiarobotics.org/events/holiday-programmable-drone-camp-afternoon-section/nd
check it out here: https://goo.gl/2JvkD3
This may sell out, so sign up today on www.armyants.us!

2018 Missouri
State 4-H Congress
May 30—June 1, 2018
Fee: $225
• All New Leadership Sessions
• New Focus on college/career sessions
• Delegates will select two sessions
• Congress Dodgeball Tournament! Make a team of 5 or a team can be made for you. Register and pay for your team at check in for Congress. $5 per person.
• Registration: You must be at least 14 years of age before January 1, 2018 to attend.
Registration through 4HOnline will open on March 1, 2018 and extend through April 15, 2018. Chaperones start registering February 1.
Scholarships Available for a limited amount of delegates, $50 will be awarded to each selected delegate. Please contact your county youth specialist for the application.

13th Annual Missouri Youth Civic Leaders Summit
March 2-4
Windermere Center, Roach, Missouri
The Summit is a statewide energizer for teams of teens and adults engaged in leadership and service through local 4-H clubs, councils, afterschool programs, community betterment groups, municipal or countywide efforts.
As a Summit team leader or member, you can join with other teen/adult leaders from across Missouri to learn, act out, and showcase youth-adult partnerships! Youth-adult partnerships are key to growing new leaders, gaining youth voice on community issues, engaging in thoughtful and meaningful local action, and delivering solutions.
2018 team registration (the fine print)
• Registration period is Nov. 20, 2017 through Feb. 1, 2018.
• Teams made up of a group of teens ages 14-18, & at least one adult team leader (staff, volunteer, parent).
• Teams can represent a local club, council, afterschool program, community group, organization, community or countywide effort.
• Teams must have a minimum of 3 (1 adult, 2 youth) & a maximum of 10 (2 adults, 8 youth).
• Participation open to 4-H members & non-4-H members; adults must be approved as 4-H chaperones by date of the event.
• Registration fee will be finalized by the launch date. A limited amount of financial assistance will be available for youth with financial need (scholarship application required).
• For the first 20 teams to register, first adult per team will receive a discount registration.
• Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged!
• For more info, check back often at http://4h.missouri.edu/YCLS/main
Resources, Resources

Project Leaders Kit Now Online-
The 4-H Project Leader Kit Table of Contents (LG913) is available online on our Club Management page (http://www.4h.missouri.edu/club-management.aspx) and you will find it on our Resources and Forms page (http://www.4h.missouri.edu/resources-and-forms/) under the new topic area Project Leaders.

The Missouri 4-H Service-Learning Website offers many resources for clubs, junior councils, and other 4-H groups to lead and involve others in community service-learning this next year! A new series of Adult Leader Guide-sheets on service-learning include: What Is It?, Five Steps, Core Elements, Teambuilding, Action Planning, Goal Setting, Building Partnerships, Local Governing Officials, Reflection, and Continuing Support. Leaders will also find success stories and resources for service project funding, recognition, and evaluation on the site.

Some older project resources for 4-H groups (with a new look) include: Service-Learning Ideas from A to Z, Camo Coolers, Carry On Suitcases, Feeding Communities (Hunger & Food Security), Letter Writing Kits, Make-a-Wish Scrapbooks, and Weighted Blankets.

Looking for something you cannot find? Please let us know! The webpage will continue to be updated.

Pictures & Events to Share?? Send them to me & I will be glad to include them in the newsletter. LOTS more photos on Facebook!

Member Recognition Opportunities

National Leadership Award (Formerly the Danforth “I Dare You” Award)
Youths ages 16 & older can apply by writing a one-page essay on leadership and/or citizenship, including personal 4-H leadership, citizenship skills and experiences.

Key Award
Youth ages 16 & older may complete the Key Award Form. Please contact Steven Ivy if you are interested in doing so.

State 4-H Robotics Volunteer Training

January 12-13, 2018
A 4-H robotics training and exposition, in conjunction with the Computers on the Farm Conference at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach, Missouri, will be January 12-13. Friday night is optional and will have a 4-H Technology Exposition where adults and youth can get their hands on robot kits, electronics, computer science and other equipment used in the 4-H science projects. The formal 4-H robotics training on the Lego Mindstorms EV3 will be on Saturday from 9:00 am-2:00
pm for adult 4-H robotics volunteers. 4-H members are invited to share their 4-H robotics or other projects with the participants of the Computers on the Farm event.
Tan-Tar-A offers a very inexpensive room rate for Friday night. Meals are provided for the training on Saturday. Registration for the Saturday event will be through 4HOnline and will be open by November 1. Watch this website for more details:
http://mo4h.missouri.edu/robotevents/robottraining
This 4-H Robotics training will be held in conjunction with the Computers on the Farm Conference at Tan Tar A in Osage Beach. Content of the robotics training will be determined. Includes a hands-on 4-H Technology Expo where youth & volunteers can get their hands on robot kits, electronics, programs & other equipment used in robotics education.

State 4-H Robotics Contest - May 19, 2018  Location TBD
Please mark your calendars now for the 2018 State 4-H Robotics Contest. Location & challenge tbd.

Show Me Themed Photo Contest
If you take great pictures, Painted Wren Art Gallery offers a chance to be recognized & rewarded.  
Any photo taken by any camera accepted.
Themes include:
“Winter Landscapes” (deadline Sat., Jan. 31, 2018)
“Baby Animals” (deadline Saturday, April 28, 2018)
Divisions: Adult (18 & older as of entry deadline) & Youth (17 & younger as of entry deadline)
Entry fees: Adult/$10 for up to 3 photos; $3 for each additional photo; Youth/$5 for up to 3 photos; $1 for each additional
Photo size: no smaller than 8 x 10 inches; no longer than 16” on the long side (not to exceed 16” x 16”). NO frames, no mats, no watermarks or names on front of photo.
Photos & fees must be delivered in person or mailed to Painted Wren Art Gallery at 223 South Plaza Way, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. After judging photos can be picked up at the Gallery or mailed back per self-addressed, stamped envelope.
Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 1-6 pm
Questions?
Call Aaron at 573/579-1000 or visit Painted Wren Art Gallery.

Applications Open for 2018 Pork Industry Scholarship
The Missouri Pork Association is accepting applications for the 2018 Youth Pork Ambassador Program. The program allows students to actively interact with leaders in Missouri’s pork industry & receive a $1,000 scholarship, payable to any technical school, community college or four-year institution. The Ambassador will not only be awarded a scholarship; but will have many opportunities to increase their knowledge of the pork industry.
To qualify: applicants must be a senior in high school up to a sophomore in college as of January 1st of the year they will begin the program. Applications & 3 letters of recommendation are due December 15, 2017. For complete details and an application, visit
http://www.mopork.com/youth/youth-pork-ambassador/
You may also contact Diane Slater, director of communications for MPA, at (573) 445-8375, or diane@mopork.com.
4-H Foundation Scholarships

In 2018 thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer over 50 college scholarships ($500 - $2,500/scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors & former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines & application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/.

Applications are due to the local Extension Office by February 16, 2018.

Staats Awards/Missouri Association of Fairs & Festivals Past Presidents scholarship is available to graduates in the spring of 2018, and is a one-time $1000 award to the selected recipient, who must be active at the county fair or festival, with the fair a member of Missouri Association of Fairs & Festivals.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth M. "Betty" Schlueter Scholarship Chair, MAFF Past Presidents
880 West College Troy, MO 63379
Phone: 636-528-4613 (days only) Fax: 636-528-7423
E-mail: schluetere@missouri.edu

Opportunities from the MCSC

- The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC)-Monsanto High School Scholarship is an initiative established by the MCSC to recognize outstanding high school students in Missouri who provide service to their communities and encourage volunteerism. Each year, the Monsanto Company sponsors eight student-volunteers to receive a college scholarship award of $1,000. If you have a student or know of anyone who is interested, you can access the application, requirements & instructions at https://www.movolunteers.org/awards.htm. The deadline to submit nominations is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018.

- The 2018 Annual Celebration of Service and Volunteerism Awards nomination form is now available. These awards are presented annually to individuals and groups at an awards ceremony to acknowledge their commitment to communities in Missouri. If you know of anyone who would be a good candidate for these awards, PLEASE submit a nomination! The Commission wants to recognize Missouri citizens who generously give of themselves to support their communities and ensure needs of the people are met. The deadline to submit applications is 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2018. For more info, go to https://www.movolunteers.org/newsletters.htm.

Southeast Regional Representative to State 4-H Council — Any 4-H participant, age 14-17 on Jan. 1 of the election year, may apply to be a candidate for Regional Representative. 4-H’er must meet age requirements, be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit & have completed the previous year of 4-H work. Candidates should be selected by their region on the following basis: 40% 4-H experience; 50% personal interview; 10% recommendation by county 4-H professional staff. Council meets 4-5 times per year in weekend meetings. Lodging & some meals are provided. All other expenses including travel, green jacket & gold tie are 4-H member’s responsibility. Some funds are available to assist with council wear expenses if needed. For application visit http://4h.missouri.edu/missouri-4h-council.aspx. Applications due to your local Extension office by January 22.
Ripley County 4-H Pictures:

Kids in the Kitchen

4-H Recognition Banquet

MOVE Across Missouri Jessie Kelly

Friend of 4-H Joe Kelly

4-H Recognition

Cupcakes

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