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St. Charles County Edition

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Dates to Remember

December

- 8 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 County Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest
- 24 Office will be closed at noon for the Holidays
- 25-Jan 2 Office closed for the Holidays

January

NOTE: No rabbit meeting in January

- 2 MFA Saddle Award application due
- 12 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 National 4-H Congress applications due
- 12 State Council Regional Representative applications due
- 19 Office closed for Martin Luther King Holiday
- 27 Junior Leader Club meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.

February

- 3 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Shooting Sports Safety Workshop
- 18 Shotgun project orientation
- 19 Archery project orientation
- 20 Recognition Night
- 23 .22 Rifle project orientation
- 27-28 Regional Teen Extravaganza
- 28 Mandatory Steer Weigh-In

Volunteer Orientation – Basics for Success

This is another reminder that all currently enrolled 4-H volunteers must complete the volunteer orientation by January 1, 2009. New individuals applying to be a 4-H volunteer after January 1, 2009, must complete the volunteer orientation by June 1, 2009. **Volunteers must complete a volunteer application, be screened, and complete the orientation before they can begin working with youth. If you have not met these requirements, your status as a 4-H volunteer will be suspended and you will not be considered a recognized 4-H volunteer. This means you cannot lead a club or conduct a project meeting and you will not be covered by the University of Missouri liability insurance or county 4-H accident insurance until these requirements are met.**

Thank you to all of you who have attended one of the face to face orientation workshops or have completed the on line or written versions of the orientation. To those of you that have not met this requirement, there will be another face to face workshop at the Warren County Extension Center in Warrenton, December 11, beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Please call the Extension Office to sign up for this workshop so that we have a count for dinner. You can also complete the training on line if you have a computer and internet access. Here are the log in instructions:

1. Log on at: <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>
2. Select the **Login** button on the left side of your screen
3. Type this username: **_kids**
4. Type this password: **volunteer**
5. Select **Login**
6. Select **[YES]** whenever the security system message asks if you want to display non-secure items
7. Select **online 4-H Volunteer Orientation** link on left side of your screen.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can come to the Extension office and use one of our computers. You will need to call ahead to schedule a time to do this. We also have CD's that have the training module on them, however, you still need internet access to complete the quiz at the end. The CD's are helpful if you only have dial up internet access. There is also a written version of the orientation if you do not have a computer or do not wish to use one.

Leather Craft Workshops

Ruth Mellor has arranged for Tandy Leather Company to conduct two Leather Craft Workshops: Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.–Noon they will teach stamping and Monday, January 19, 2-4 pm. they will teach carving and stamping. (January 19 is Martin Luther King Holiday and schools are closed that day.) The workshops are for any St. Charles County 4-H member enrolled in the Arts & Crafts project. Other 4-H members are welcome if space allows, but preference will be given to Arts & Crafts project members. **Please call the Extension office to register before Jan. 5th for both dates.**

Steer Weigh-In

The mandatory steer weigh-in and ear tagging will be held February 28, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the St. Charles County Fairgrounds located in Rotary Park, Wentzville. The steer must be at the weigh-in and receive an ear tag in order for the 4-H member to show at the county fair in July. All beef project leaders are asked to contact Denny Meyer for further information and to volunteer to help at the weigh-in.

Beef Project Meeting

Denny Meyer and Jim Johnson will be holding a beef project meeting, Monday, January 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Center. All beef project members should plan to attend.

Weight Limits Set for Steers and Hogs

This is a reminder that the Fair Livestock Superintendents have set weight limits for steers and hogs for the 2009 fair. Market hogs will need to weigh a minimum of 230 pounds when they are weighed in at the fair in July. No decision was made yet about production hogs. Steers will need to weigh a minimum of 900 pounds when they are weighed in at the fair in July. Hogs and steers that don't meet these minimum weights will not be allowed to be shown and must be taken home. If you have any questions about these new weight limits, contact Denny Meyer, 281-1008, Jim Johnson, 939-9460, or Jeff Besselman, 639-8886 for steers and Joe Brune, 332-3386, Jeff Sulin, 366-9460, or Larry Schmidt, 398-6103 for hogs.

National 4-H Congress

This is a reminder that if you are interested in applying for the 2009 National 4-H Congress, you must complete the Y2200 Missouri 4-H Recognition Form Ages 14-18 Level 3. Applicants for this trip must be 14 or older as of January 1, 2009. These forms will be judged on a regional level and each region will be eligible to send 8 applications or 30% of the total applications (whichever is greater) submitted to the region for judging. The applications will then be screened at the state level and the top 35 to 40 applicants will be called in for interviews. Delegates selected for this trip will be

required to pay part of the cost. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Center for a form or you can access the form on line <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/#youth>. **Applications must be received in the Extension Center no later than January 12th.**

Regional Representatives Wanted

The Missouri State 4-H Council is an elected body of 4-H youth who serve one year. Council members help plan and carry out State 4-H Congress and State 4-H Teen Conference. They meet 5 to 6 times a year. Three 4-H members from each region are elected to the State 4-H Council at State 4-H Congress in the summer, however the process starts now. Youth who wish to become a Regional Representative must submit an application form and letter to the Extension Center no later than January 12th. You must be age 14–17 as of January 1, 2009 to apply. Contact John for an application if you are interested. Interviews will be held February 7 at the Lincoln County Extension Office, Troy, MO.

2009 Camp Dates

As you make plans for summer vacations, we wanted to provide you with the 4-H camp dates for 2009. Counselor training will be held June 14-16. Camp for 8 to 12 year olds will be held June 25-28. All teens, 14 & older as of January 1, 2009, are welcome to apply to be counselors. The application process is competitive and just applying does not guarantee that you will be selected as a camp counselor. Counselors must attend training. More details about camp will be provided much closer to camp time.

Naomi Crouch & Frank Graham 4-H Volunteer Awards

The Missouri 4-H Foundation is pleased to provide the Naomi Crouch and Frank Graham Leader Awards. The same nomination form can be used for the two different awards. **Nominations for both awards are due in the State 4-H office by February 1.** We have many deserving volunteers in our county. Please take a moment and nominate one of them for one of these leader awards. Information about these two awards and a nomination form can be found on the Missouri 4-H website <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/recognition/recognition.htm>

Shooting Sports Safety

We will be having a shooting sports safety program on February 14, 2009 at the Extension Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you are a new shooting sports project member this year, and you have not completed the Missouri Department of Conservation hunter safety education course, you must attend this shooting sports safety program. State 4-H office policy says "To enroll in any shooting sports

discipline, a 4-H member must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation or must enroll in and complete Shooting Sports Safety 740". The Department of Conservation course is open to those that are 11 or older, so this will be the only county training opportunity for members age 8-10.

Shotgun Project Meeting

The county shotgun project leaders have scheduled an orientation meeting for all shotgun project members and parents, February 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Cuivre River Electric Coop facility in Wentzville. This is an important meeting and at least one parent or guardian should attend with their son or daughter.

.22 Rifle Project Meeting

Bob Peca, rifle project leader, has scheduled an orientation meeting for all .22 rifle project members and parents, February 23, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Extension Center. This is an important meeting and at least one parent or guardian should attend with their son or daughter.

Archery Project Meeting

Mike Johnson, archery project leader, has scheduled an orientation meeting for all archery project members and parents, February 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Extension Center. This is an important meeting and at least one parent or guardian should attend with their son or daughter.

Poultry Project Meeting

Nancy Rolwes and Jennifer Stilwell, Poultry Superintendents, have scheduled a meeting for all poultry project members, December 18, 7:00 p.m., at the Extension Center. A detailed letter was mailed to all poultry members. Call Nancy or Jennifer if you have questions.

Missouri Agribusiness Academy

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is proud to sponsor the 2009 Missouri Agribusiness Academy. MABA is a youth leadership program designed for high school sophomores to explore career opportunities in agribusiness, government and production agriculture. To be eligible, students must be a high school sophomore and come from a Missouri farm family or be active members of a 4-H club or FFA Chapter. Call the Extension Center for an application or you can go to the web site <http://www.mda.mo.gov/Market/agribusacademy.htm> and type your application on line, print, and mail it by the deadline. **Applications and three letters of recommendation must be postmarked by February 2, 2009.**

Recognition Night

Recognition Night is set for February 20, 2009, 7:30 p.m., at the Extension Center, 260 Brown Road, St. Peters. This important event is the time that 4-Her's are recognized for all of their hard work during the 4-H year. The Friend of 4-H and Alumni awards are also given out at this event. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Missouri State Fair "Youth In Agriculture" Scholarship

The application deadline for a Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship has been changed to February 15, 2009. Seniors graduating in 2009 may now apply for the opportunity at the Missouri State Fair's web site www.mostatefair.com. To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must be a high school senior and be an active 4-H or FFA member; have participated in the Missouri State Fair as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor; have plans to enroll in an accredited Missouri college or university with a major in agriculture; have not sold livestock in any past Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions.

4-H Move Across Missouri

New physical activity program starting January 2009!

Wouldn't it be great if you could get credit for all the physical activity in your life? By joining the Move Across Missouri project, you can! This program promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy. There are lots of possibilities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. Using an online system, youths and their families can "log" the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. This would be a great program for your entire 4-H Club! MOVE awards will be provided. Stay tuned to your January newsletter for more details.

The Kids' Science Challenge

The Kids' Science Challenge is a nationwide competition for 3rd to 6th graders. Kids are encouraged to learn about four fun scientific fields; flavor science, water quality, skateboard engineering, and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI); and then submit a question, problem, or experiment to be solved. The first 1000 kids to enter the competition will receive free science activity kits (a portion of these have been set aside for 4-H applicants). Winners will receive a trip to visit the scientists to work collaboratively on their question, problem or experiment, and will be featured on Pulse of the Planet radio programs and podcasts. See <http://www.pulseplanet.com/>. For more information, visit the website <http://www.kidsciencechallenge.com/>

Web Page Building Resource For 4-H Clubs

Is your club interested in having its own web pages? A great resource that does not require special software or knowledge of html is Clubspaces at <http://www.clubspaces.com>. This site provides online tools to build your club's web page in a way that is interesting for older youth but accessible for younger 4-H'ers as well. In addition to web space, there are a variety of club formatting types from which to choose and tools to support club operation. The site generates revenue through advertising dollars, so there is no charge to your club for the web space. Ads appearing on the site are "kid-appropriate" and are fairly unobtrusive. Please note that this is only a suggested resource. Missouri 4-H is not affiliated or partnered with Clubspaces, does not endorse or oversee the content of 4-H clubs with a presence on this site, and cannot provide technical assistance. Please review the new *Guidelines for Missouri 4-H Club Websites*, available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/links/>.

East Central Regional Teen Extravaganza

Mark your calendars for this event to be held February 27-28 at the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Bus transportation will be available. This event is open to 4-H members 12 and older and the cost is \$10.00. Watch for more details in the January newsletter.

Discount Tickets for Professional Bull Riding

Looking for a fun 4-H Club outing or something the entire family can enjoy? Why not attend the Professional Bull Riding event at the new Chaifetz Arena on the St. Louis University campus. 4-H will receive a \$6.00 discount. See the enclosed flyer for complete details.



Clovers & Congratulations



To all of the leaders that attended the Volunteer Orientation workshop Nov. 10 and Nov. 22.



To all the leaders that have completed the on line or written version of the Volunteer Orientation.



Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, and work in groups, explore their interests, and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce five to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Gorp in a Jar

In a quart jar, layer the following items:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup corn and rice cereal squares

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup raisins

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup honey graham cereal

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup mini marshmallows

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup toasted oat cereal

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup candy coated chocolate pieces

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup miniature pretzels

Food gifts in a jar make a nice holiday treat! Using a quart jar and a colorful lid, Clover Kids can prepare Gorp and give to a special person.

Source: Iowa State University, Family Gathering Ideas, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/food/activities/index.htm>



Club Corner

At the November 13 **Josephville 4-H Club** meeting, we had snacks, bonfire, and a hayride. All the 4-H members signed cards for the soldiers. We also discussed the important dates to remember, such as The Salvation Army Bell ringing, and Christmas caroling. We plan to go Christmas caroling for our next activity, which will also count as our meeting. We reminded all members to be sure to fill out any important papers and have them turned in by next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. (Kristen Bampton, Reporter)

The Pauldingville 4-H Club had a very good November meeting. Everyone brought a canned food item for the Shiloh United Methodist Church food pantry. We voted on t-shirt designs and we discussed fundraising ideas. (Ryan Stotts, Reporter)

November 18th was the **Wentzville 4-H Club's** third meeting. 41 people attended. We started the meeting with the pledges, followed by Treasurer Samantha Beilman giving the new balance plus the \$507.00 earned from the Applebees Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. We then discussed the new ideas for Health/Safety and Recreation. Members proposed paintball, skydiving, city museum and go-cart racing. For our community service idea we decided to do bell ringing for the Salvation Army and Christmas Caroling. Project reports, project leaders, and sign up for refreshments were then noted. Membership paperwork for the 2008/2009 year to be completed and turned in. Remember to bring your \$10 gift for the gift exchange on December 9th at our next meeting. Thank you to the Blunts, Herins, and Schons for great refreshments! (Hannah Beilman, Reporter)

The Callaway 4-H Club met October 9 with 28 members and 24 guests. Pizza orders were turned in and need to be picked up at the November meeting. Our club is donating clothes for the crisis foundation. Enrollment for 2008-2009 deadline is the November meeting. The November 13

Callaway 4-H Club meeting was held with 41 members, 9 leaders, and 8 guests in attendance. We discussed bringing food and clothes for Crisis Center. Awards will be handed out at the December meeting. Committees or project groups reporting include Fund raiser committee: pizza and t-shirt orders were handed out; Recreation committee: Christmas: bring dish for dinner, will do gift exchange. Main program topic for next meeting will be project leaders needed. (Abby Schmidt, Reporter)

The Harvester 4-H Club held a meeting on November 11. There were two birthdays and we answered roll with our favorite Thanksgiving food. During the meeting we discussed the fair dates and the judging and achievement changes. We also discussed how we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our club next year. For community service each member picked out an item they would buy for our adopted family this year for Christmas that we are to bring to the next meeting. The Christmas committee also discussed our plans for the next meeting. (Sam Peters, Reporter)

The Daniel Boone 4-H Club held its October meeting by holding a short business meeting and then tie dyed t-shirts green. S & J Specialties of Defiance later printed our club name on the shirts. They were kind enough to donate the screen printing services. The Daniel Boone 4-H Club held their November meeting at St. Paul's UCC Church. There were 19 members and 10 others present. Eli Nadler led his first meeting as president. Delaney Schmidt and Olivia Diederich lead us in singing God Bless America. The finished t-shirts were passed out to all members. We discussed fair auction basket ideas. Darby Schmidt discussed her community service project. A list of items for a paper drive was given out to all members so they can bring them to the next meeting. After the meeting all members boxed together items they brought that would be sent to soldiers overseas. The Clover Kids met at the same time and made cards for the soldiers and also made aliens out of hedge apples. (Darby Schmidt, Reporter)

Happy Holidays!

