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St. Charles County Edition

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## Dates to Remember

### November

- 4 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 Volunteer Leader Orientation, 6 p.m.
- 10 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Teen Conference trip application due
- 22 Volunteer Leader Orientation, 9 a.m.
- 25 Junior Leader meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday—office closed

### December

- 1 BOAC Grant applications postmarked by this date
- 1 Trip applications due
- 2 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 County Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest

### January

- 2 MFA Saddle Award application due
- 12 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Junior Leader Club meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.

## Volunteer Orientation – Basics for Success

This is another reminder that all 4-H volunteers must complete the volunteer orientation by January 1, 2009. Adults 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.** I have scheduled two face to face orientation trainings: Monday, November 10, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 22, 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. Please call the Extension Office to sign up for one of these trainings so that I have an idea how many people plan to attend. 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 rom disks 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.

## Enrollments for the 2008-2009 4-H Year

Thank you to those club leaders that have submitted enrollment forms. If you haven't submitted your enrollment forms, please do so as soon as possible so that new families can begin receiving the Youth News and special project announcements. Remember, the deadline for members to enroll to be eligible to show at the county fair is December 15.

If you have not completed a 4-H Name and Emblem Request (formally transmittal letter A) for this year, please do so and turn it in with your enrollments. Submit a check, made payable to St. Charles County Extension Council, for the \$8.00 per member enrollment fee. Enrollments will

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not be entered into the computer without payment. The 4-H Council is paying for the accident insurance for both leaders and members.

### **National 4-H Congress**

If you are interested in applying for the 2009 National 4-H Congress, you must complete the Missouri Recognition Form 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 an application. **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. You will be called in for an interview at a later date.

### **State 4-H Teen Conference**

This is a reminder that the State 4-H Teen Conference will be held January 31 - February 1, 2009 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, MO. The conference will provide leadership and learning experiences for 4-H youth, provide opportunities for 4-H youth from across Missouri to meet other teens, and introduce 12 and 13 year old teens to 4-H conferences and trips. Conference activities include workshops, assemblies, a banquet, and recreation events. Teen conference is open to youth ages 12 and 13 as of January 1, 2009. The fee is \$119.00. The St. Charles County 4-H Council provides full scholarships for up to four teens to attend this conference. To apply for one of these scholarships, you must complete a Teen Conference trip application and return it to the Extension Center **no later than November 15.** The application is available on our website [http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/4-h/Conf\\_app.pdf](http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/4-h/Conf_app.pdf) or you can contact the Extension Center and we can send you an application.

### **Trip Applications**

This is a final reminder that trip applications for council scholarships for State 4-H Congress, 4-H Citizenship Youth Forum, Kansas City 4-H Global Conference, and Regional Teen Retreat are due December 1. Please refer to your October newsletter for details and age requirements on all of these trips. If you have lost your October newsletter, it is available on our St. Charles website at <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles> The trip application is also available on our website in PDF format.

### **MFA Saddle Award**

Each spring, MFA donates a western saddle to a Missouri 4-H member aged 14 – 18 by January 1 participating in the 4-H Horsemanship Program who demonstrates knowledge and skills in horsemanship, horse science and the ability to share the knowledge and skills with other members to better their community. **Applications for this saddle are due in the State 4-H office January 2.** MFA saddle information is available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#MFA>.

### **BOAC Grants**

This is as a reminder that the Missouri Department of Agriculture Building Our American Communities Grant applications must be postmarked by December 5. Applications are available by accessing the website at <http://www.mda.mo.gov/abd/boac.htm> . Contact Snap Seisennop, Fair Board President, for information on what projects the Fair Board may need funds for. I encourage clubs to consider applying for a BOAC grant.

### **Annual Fair Fundraising Events**

The St. Charles County Fair will be conducting its annual sausage sale January 17. Please visit website under Pre-Fair Events Tab for an order form. [http://www.stcharlescofair.org/prefair\\_events.html](http://www.stcharlescofair.org/prefair_events.html) You may e-mail your order via the fair website or contact a fair board member. The Fair Board will be holding their Dinner Auction March 14, 2009. It is not too early for 4-H clubs to begin talking about what they would like to donate to the Fair auction. Both of these events help make it possible for our Fair Board to have a County Fair

### **4-H Clover Now Available On line**

All St. Charles County 4-H families should have received a new 2008-2009 copy of the 4-H Clover from your Club leader. If you did not get one and you want one, contact the office. A PDF version of the Clover is also now available on the Missouri 4-H website <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/resources/clover> Please take time to read the section about being in good standing and completing goals in 4-H. I get a lot of calls and questions about this every year and it is explained very well on page 8 and 9 of the Clover.

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## Kansas City Chiefs 4-H Day At Arrowhead

Arrangements have been made with the Kansas City Chiefs to offer a limited number of group tickets to all 4-H members for the Buffalo Bills game on November 23 for **\$30 a ticket**. This great ticket price is available in the red select section of the stadium which includes seats as low as row 1 in the upper level. There are a limited number of seats available at this price, so order your tickets today! Go to [www.kcchiefs.com/4H](http://www.kcchiefs.com/4H) and select the November 23<sup>rd</sup> 4-H Day and enter promotion code **4H**. If you are a new user, enter your email address under "Create an Account" on the

right side of the page. You will be able to purchase and print tickets directly from your computer.

## County Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest

A county horse bowl and hippology clinic/contest is planned for December 13. The intent of this event is to introduce horsemanship project members to these programs and hopefully increase participation in regional and state horse bowl and hippology events. Contact Nancy Krenski, 636-463-1110 if you are interested in participating.

### Teen Leadership Opportunity

Wanted: an active 4-Her, age 13-18, with good communication skills to serve as the liaison for St. Charles County 4-H. This County Youth Liaison will serve for 1 year. Duties include:

- ◆ being a spokesperson for county 4-H youth at meetings and special events.
- ◆ communicating regularly with a representative from each county 4-H club.
- ◆ being knowledgeable about what's happening in St. Charles County 4-H.
- ◆ communicating with our State 4-H Council Regional Representative.
- ◆ providing the latest updates to clubs about statewide 4-H events.
- ◆ serving as a role model for other 4-Hers.

For more information on this leadership opportunity, please contact John.



## Clovers & Congratulations

On September 23, 2008 the **Junior Leaders Club** had a meeting at the Extension Center. There were 19 members, 2 leaders, and 1 guest. We discussed and signed up for committees. We also had election of officers. President is Nick Meier, Vice President is Mark Reininger, Secretary is Rachel Reininger, Treasurer is Emily Meier, and Reporter and Photographer is Katie Kampmann and Brittany VanHook. We also talked about our exchange trip that we will be going on in the summer. The Leaders Banquet which is scheduled Nov.1 was discussed. (Brittany Van Hook, Reporter)

Today at our **Josephville 4-H Club** meeting, we talked about the ingredients that are mixed together to make a cookie and how the ingredients represent the different offices. We welcomed the new 4-H members with a cookie. We discussed what fundraisers we will do. We also talked about different community services we could do for each month such as having a health program and pet food drive in January, gathering paper/toiletries in November, senior night in February, and sending cards to soldiers in the military in November. Scott Cornett has volunteered to be our

assistant club leader. We have confirmed a bonfire and hayride for our November activity. It will be held on November 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. at the St. Charles County Fairgrounds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (Kristen Bampton, Reporter)

On October 21st at 7:00 p.m. the **Wentzville 4H Club** called their meeting to order with 39 in attendance. The pledges were done first. Then President Lindsey Conti called the new officers up individually for officer installation presenting each of them with a candy bar that represented their job. Examples: The treasurer received a Pay Day for all the money she would be handling, and the reporter received Whoppers for a whopper of a story. The different fundraisers the club members proposed were discussed next. The club decided on dates and times for their pancake breakfast at Applebees and the Dominos Pizza Cards. Lastly, members volunteered for Health and Safety, Recreation, and community service ideas. To close the meeting members enjoyed snacks while socializing. (Hannah Beilman, Reporter)



## Clovers & Congratulations

- ✿ To all of the leaders that attended club leader training September 29.
- ✿ To all of the club officers that attended officers training on October 20.
- ✿ To the Pauldingville 4-H Club for having the highest number of members (10) at officers training.
- ✿ To the Callaway 4-H Club for having the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of members (6) at officers training.
- ✿ To Linda Conti, Sandy Schmidt, Bruce Van Hook, and Ruth Mellor for assisting with officers training.
- ✿ To Sheri Tenney and Nancy Krenski for organizing the county 4-H horse show held October 19.
- ✿ To Kala Smith for being our announcer at the county horse show.
- ✿ To Kayla Pohlmann for being our ringmaster for the county horse show.
- ✿ To Paul Mareschal for volunteering his services to be our judge for the county horse show.
- ✿ To all the adults who helped in any way the day of our horse show to make it successful.
- ✿ To the Junior Leaders and their advisors, Lola Brand and Marsha Perotti, for providing a wonderful dinner and enjoyable evening November 1st for the volunteer leaders in our County.
- ✿ Congratulations to all the leaders that received special service awards at the Leaders' Banquet November 1<sup>st</sup>.



## 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.

### Floating and Sinking

#### What you need

Bucket  
Water  
Spoon  
Bowl  
Paper clip  
Cork  
Coins  
Marbles  
Sponge ball  
Other items that will sink or float

#### What you do

1. Guess which objects float and which sink. Put each object into the tank of water.
2. Record which objects floated and which sank. Why do some objects float? Why do some objects sink?
3. Things that are light and things that contain air will float in water.

Source: Iowa 4-H Clover Kids - <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Clover/models.htm> - Water Surface Tension