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## Dates to Remember

### January

#### Note: No rabbit meeting in January

- 2 MFA Saddle Award application due
- 10 & 19 Leather craft workshops
- 12 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 National 4-H Congress applications due
- 12 State Council Regional Representative applications due
- 17 Regional volunteer orientation training, Park Hills
- 19 Office closed - Martin Luther King Holiday
- 24 Volunteer orientation training - St. Charles
- 27 Junior Leader Club meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### February

- 2 Booth descriptions due for Fun Festival
- 2 Agribusiness Academy applications due
- 3 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Shooting Sports Safety Workshop
- 16 4-H King & Queen Demonstrations
- 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

### March

- 9 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Fair Board dinner auction
- 20 4-H Club fundraising money due on Extension Center by 4:30 p.m.
- 24 Junior Leader meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 Fun Festival

## Regional Teen Extravaganza

A Regional Teen Extravaganza for ages 13 to 18, as of January 1, 2009, will be held at the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center in Ste. Genevieve beginning at 9:30 p.m. February 27 and ending at 6:00 a.m. February 28. There will be a full night of activities including swimming, movies, basketball, volleyball, dancing, pizza and soda, and much more. The cost is \$10 per person. Bus transportation will be available. Contact the Extension Center for a registration form. You must also complete a youth health form and submit it with the registration form. <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/Y640fillable.pdf>  
**Registration form, health form and payment are due in our office by February 15. Make checks payable to St. Charles County Extension Council.**

## Volunteer Orientation Training

If you did not get your volunteer orientation completed by December 31, there are two additional face to face sessions planned for January. There will be a Regional Volunteer Orientation Training in Park Hills January 17. I will also conduct a volunteer orientation training at our Extension Center on Saturday, January 24, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please call the office and let us know if you plan to attend either of these trainings so that we can get a count.

Remember, **all 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.**

Shooting Sports Leaders, Sportfishing Leaders, and Horse Bowl Leaders have already satisfied this requirement through their previous certification training. Also, remember that the volunteer orientation is a one time requirement. However, volunteers must complete an application and be screened every year.

## Move Across Missouri

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity! MOVE encourages youth to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. Using an online system, youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program. 4-Hers can enroll in the online MOVE program as individuals or as part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group. MOVE awards will be provided. Visit the website and register and stay tuned for more information about MOVE next month. <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/move>.



## Recognition Night

Recognition Night is set for February 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Extension Center, 260 Brown Road, St. Peters. This important event is the time that 4-Hers 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.

## 2009 Fun Festival

Hopefully by now, most of our 4-H clubs have started planning for the Fun Festival, which is scheduled for March 28. This annual event is always a lot of fun with game booths, food, and the coronation of our 4-H King & Queen. There will not be a dance this year after the coronation. If they haven't already, clubs should decide what kind of a game booth they will have, select their King & Queen candidates, and decide how they will raise money for the 4-H Council. **Booth descriptions are due in the Extension Center by February 2.** Booths cannot be duplicated, so it is best to get your choice in early. **The 4-H club fundraising money is due in the Extension Center by 4:30 p.m. on March 20.**

## State 4-H Scholarships

A number of 4-H scholarships are available through the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Present and former Missouri 4-H members, planning to enroll in college in the fall, may apply for these scholarships. One Missouri 4-H Scholarship Application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to the conditions specified by the donors. If you are interested in applying, call the Extension Center for the application form and complete details or visit the website <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships>. **Applications are due in the State 4-H office by April 1.**

## 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.

## Nose Printing Of Market Steers

Nose printing of market steers for the Missouri State Fair is required again this year. Legible nose prints will be required before an animal can be named Breed Champion or Grand Champion. Nose prints are due in the Missouri State Fair office by March 15. If you plan to send a market steer to the Missouri State Fair, you can get your steer nose printed and ear tagged at the county weigh in on February 28.

## Lamb Weigh-In

The mandatory market lamb weigh-in will be held May 2. Please mark this date on your calendars now so that you don't forget to hold that date. We will have more details in a future newsletter.

## Missouri State Fair Animal Entry Deadline

Please be aware of an important change for 4-H members interested in showing 4-H livestock/animals at the Missouri State Fair in 2009. Entries must be “received by” July 2 to be on time. This is a change from past years when entries had to be “post marked” by the due date.

## Missouri Equine Council Education Celebration

Plans are well underway for the Missouri Equine Council's 18th Annual Equine Education Celebration, to be held January 23-24, at Midway Exposition Center in Columbia, Missouri.

Visit [www.mo-equine.org](http://www.mo-equine.org) for updates to the schedule or call (800) 313-3327.

## Block and Bridle Junior Steer and Heifer Show

The University of Missouri Block and Bridle Junior Steer and Heifer Show is scheduled for March 20-22. If you are interested in attending this show, contact Denny Meyer or Jim Johnson and let them know.

## Shooting Sports Spring Workshop

A Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop will be held March 27-29, 2009, at Camp JoOta, Clarence, Missouri. Registration and detailed information available in mid-January. We always need additional shooting sports leaders.

## Budget Cuts Affect Extension

Everyone is well aware that we are in very difficult economic times that are affecting businesses as well as local, state and federal governmental agencies. Extension receives funding from all three of these sources. The St. Charles County government is the source of local funding for our Extension operation. The county has been very good to Extension over the many years that we have been in St. Charles County, but they are experiencing lost revenue also. They had no choice but to cut funding to the many outside agencies they provide funding for. As a result, we are experiencing a 25 percent cut in our appropriation for 2009. Prior to 2009, our county appropriation had been flat for about five years.



In addition to county funding, Gary Foresee, University of Missouri System President, has informed us of a possible 15 - 25 percent cut in state funding to the University in fiscal year 2010.

What does all of this mean for 4-H and the other Extension programs that we offer? Business will continue, but we will have to make changes in the way we operate. We are in the process of discussing ways that we can cut our budget to make up for this shortfall. A couple of examples include going to electronic newsletters to save money on paper and postage and dropping some of our phone lines to save monthly phone costs. I will keep you informed as we deal with this difficult situation.

## Shooting Sports Safety

This is a reminder that we will be having a shooting sports safety program on February 14 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 in order to participate in the 4-H shooting sports project. 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.



## Leather Craft Workshops

Ruth Mellor has arranged for Tandy Leather Company to conduct two Leather Craft Workshops: Saturday, January 10, 10a.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 Center before January 5 to register for one or both of the dates. If you call when the office is closed, please leave a message.**



## 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.

### Ice Fun

What You Need:

- ◆ Variety of containers of ice
- ◆ Rock Salt

What You Do:

Place the various sizes of ice in a large container. Ask the children if they've ever slipped on the ice. What types of things do people use to make it safer to walk on the ice? Let the children predict what will happen if they pour rock salt on top of the ice - based on their past experiences. Then, let them try it. What happens? Use the rock salt to make tunnels and different designs in the ice.

### Ice Cube Painting

What You Need:

- ◆ Water
- ◆ Ice Cube Tray
- ◆ Powder tempera paint Craft sticks

What You Do:

Freeze water in the ice cube trays with craft sticks in them. Take out and sprinkle powder tempera paint on paper. Use the ice cubes to mix the colors and paint.

Source: Iowa State 4-H Clover Buds Program, January 2007.  
<http://extension.iastate.edu/4h/clover/materials.htm>



## Club Corner

The **Callaway 4-H Club** met December 12 with 39 members in attendance. We gave out 4-H completion pins, introduced new members, had a gift exchange and Christmas dinner, and gave donations to the Crisis Center. Our next meeting is January 8. *Abby Schmidt, Reporter*

On December 9, 2008 the **Wentzville 4H Club** had their fifth meeting and Christmas party. Hannah Beilman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Louie Conti led the 4H Pledge. Attendance was next; everyone in attendance said a Christmas tradition their family always does. The Beilmans (Hannah, Samantha, Roger, Olivia) made a card for the Schon family (Dani, Andrew, Emily & Meg) who are moving to Singapore. Every one signed the card. We will miss them and hope they have a safe trip and wonderful life! The treasurer's report was approved and we had no correspondence. We talked about community service next; a big thanks to all the great bell ringers and the mighty carolers who did a great job!! The project reports and volunteer training was discussed to be completed by either training on line, printed, or face to face. The meeting ended with a gift exchange game and great snacks brought by all. Have a safe and fun Christmas! *Hannah Beilman, Reporter*



## Clovers & Congratulations

To **Nancy Krenski** for organizing the County Horse Bowl contest held Dec. 13.

To the horsemanship members that participated in the County Horse Bowl Contest; **Hailey Cue, Ashlee Martin, Abbie Campbell, Anna Wheeler, Jessi Huston, Samantha Beilman, Hannah Beilman, and Olivia Beilman.**



# Happy New Year!

