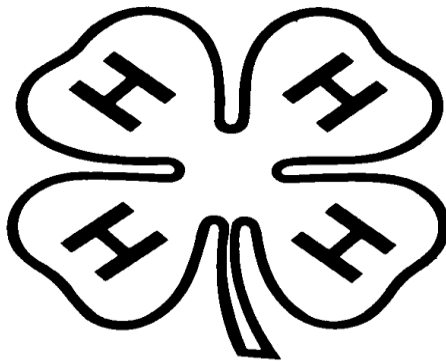


2008 - 2009

St. Clair County

4-H

Family Handbook



4-H PLEDGE

I Pledge: My head to clearer thinking, (problem solving; decision making; critical thinking skills and visionary leadership. Knowledge useful throughout life.)

My heart to greater loyalty, (strong personal values; positive self concept; productive family and peer relationships; and informal citizenship.)

My hands to larger service, (workforce preparedness; useful skills; science & technology literacy; & community service.)

and,

My health to better living, (healthy personal life styles; promoting environmental stewardship; creating communities that are safe and nurturing for youth and their families.)

for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF 4-H

4-H helps young people, 8 – 18 years old and Clover Kids – 5 – 7 years old, develop life skills. The basic life skills 4-H teaches are: building self-esteem; greater subject matter knowledge; social awareness; decision making; and physical skills.

THE PRINCIPALS OF 4-H

It is not what we know, but what we believe that determines what we do. 4-H leaders and parents can make their best contribution to the development of 4-H boys and girls if they understand 4-H objectives and principles.

- * The 4-H club boy and girl ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PROJECT.
- * Project work is one of the best devices for developing young people. To "learn by doing" is fundamental in any sound educational program and is the characteristic of the 4-H program.
- * 4-H is not trying to replace the home, church or school -- only to supplement them. This does not mean that 4-H should avoid areas touched by school or church. 4-H music, dramatics, etc. may give additional opportunities for participation.
- * 4-H'ers should be their own best exhibit. This means in manners, attitudes and courtesy, as well as appropriate dress and physical appearance.
- * Competition is a part of life and should be recognized in 4-H as a human trait, but competition requires careful planning and safeguards when used as an educational device.
- * No 4-H award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a 4-H member or leader.
- * A blue ribbon 4-H'er with a red ribbon exhibit is more desirable than a red ribbon 4-H'er with a blue ribbon exhibit.
- * Many things are caught rather than taught.
- * Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to achieve some degree of success, and to be praised.
- * Our job is to teach 4-H members to think, not what to think.

MOTTO: "TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"

EMBLEM: The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands, and health.

COLORS: The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity.

4-H CREED

The creed expresses the 4-H member's belief that opportunities offered in 4-H work are sound and useful to citizens of a democracy.

I believe in 4-H club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen. I believe in the training of my head for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason. I believe in the training of my heart for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic and true. I believe in the training of my hands for the dignity it will give me to be helpful, useful, and skillful. I believe in my world, my country, my state, my community and in my responsibility for their development. In all these things I believe and I am willing to dedicate my efforts for their fulfillment.

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2009 COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

- President** – Nicki Burrow 417/282-5515
- 1st Vice President** – Kyle Hawkins..... 417/646-2511
- 2nd Vice President** – Steve Hawkins 417/646-2511
- Secretary** – Kendra Hawkins 417/646-2511
- Treasurer** – Sunni Inman..... 417/644-2145
- Reporter/Photographer** – Rebekah Hawkins..... .417/646-2511

2009 CLUB REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL

BOOTS AND BRIDLES: Adult: Sunni Inman Members: Andra Hehner and Ally Burrow

LOWRY CITY TOWN AND COUNTRY: Adult: Jo Burrow Members: Dillon Davis & Rebekah Hawkins

CRAFTS N CRITTERS: Adult: Sheryl Gaissert Members: Katelynn Walters and

2008-2009 ST. CLAIR 4-H COUNCIL BUDGET

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
STATE TEEN CONFERENCE** - Council pays up to 1/2 registration for 2 delegates, 12 & 13 years old and registration and transportation for chaperon.	0	0	-0-
KANSAS CITY CONFERENCE** - Council pays \$145.00 for each of 2 delegates, 15 years old & older and chaperon registration & transportation.	0	0	200.00
STATE 4-H CONGRESS TRIP** - Council pays up to 1/2 of the cost not paid by other scholarships of delegates, 14 years old & older, depending on the # of delegates registered. It is determined annually. Council pays for chaperon registration.	200.00	-0-	200.00
4-H YOUTH FORUM – JEFFERSON CITY** - Council pays up to 1/2 the registration not otherwise paid through other scholarships for 4 delegates, who have completed 8th grade or are 14 as of Jan. 1. Council pays all of chaperon registration.	200.00	30.00	200.00
CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP – WASHINGTON, D.C.** Council pays \$300 for each of 2 delegates.	0	0	0
4-H DAY CAMP – Supplies, reservation fee, swimming fees for camp at McGennis Youth Center or local location	150.00	0	0
STATE MEMBER EVENTS – Fashion Revue, Livestock Judging, Shooting Sports, Horse Bowl, etc.\$10.00 per member per event	80.00	0	20.00
4-H RIBBONS – Achievement Day, Judging Event, Participation Records	75.00	353.22	75.00
RECOGNITION EVENT - awards, supplies	250.00	175.05	250.00
TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES – Ozark Empire Fair & MO State Fair exhibits	160.00	160.00	200.00
MISCELLANEOUS – Handbook, sign permits, curriculum	100.00	16.25	100.00
SCHOLARSHIPS – Graduating Senior	100.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	1,315.00	834.52	1,345.00

Current Bank Balance: \$3984.29 (09-18-2008)

2008-2009 4-H Council Committees

Executive Board

Jo Burrow
Nicki Burrow

Recognition Event

Jo Burrow
Nicki Burrow
Junior Leaders

Finance Committee

Jo Burrow
Nicki Burrow
Sunni Inman

Awards/Report Forms

Jo Burrow
Nicki Burrow
Sunni Inman
Kathy Davis

Nominating & Installation

Achievement Day

Jo Burrow
Nicki Burrow

Memorial Scholarship

Promotion Committee

Horse Committee

Phone Numbers:

Jo Burrow – 644-2263
Nicki Burrow – 309-0677
Sunni Inman – 644-2145

2009 ST. CLAIR COUNTY CLUB DIRECTORY

BOOTS & BRIDLES

**1st Wednesday
L.C. Scout Building
6:30 p.m.**

CLUB LEADER

**Nicki Burrow
13225 SE TT Hwy
Osceola, MO 64776
(417) 309-0677**

ASSISTANT LEADERS:

**Sunni Inman
1040 NW Hwy A
Lowry City, MO 64763
417-644-2145**

L.C. TOWN & COUNTRY

**1st Monday
Lowry City Civic Center
6:30 PM**

CLUB LEADER

**Jo Burrow
300 W. 5th St.
Lowry City, MO 64763
(Home) 417/644-2263**

ASSISTANT LEADERS:

**Sheila Hawkins
3030 NW 400 Road
Osceola, Mo 64776
(417) 646-2511**

CRAFTS N CRITTERS

**1st Monday
104 W. Leslie
Lowry City
6:30 p.m.**

CLUB LEADER

**Sheryl Gaissert
104 W. Leslie
Lowry City, MO 64763
(417) 644-1717**

ASSISTANT LEADERS:

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as the St. Clair County 4-H Council and is declared non-discriminatory.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to guide, promote, and improve the County 4-H Program through the following methods:

1. Identify the developmental needs of youth.
2. Approve the 4-H curriculum, which meets developmental needs.
3. Plan, coordinate, and manage county events and activities.
4. Establish communication between Extension staff and 4-H clubs.
5. Promote 4-H leadership development efforts.
6. Assume responsibility for financial support of 4-H programs.
7. Insure the 4-H programs are carried out in accordance with affirmative action guidelines.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

The County Council membership shall consist of:

1. One (1) adult representative and two (2) member representatives, (three persons) elected from each Club. Only those elected representatives shall vote. This adult may be a Club Leader or any adult selected by the Club to represent the Club on the Council
2. Ex-Officio members (defined by virtue of position, have a right to vote) shall consist of:
 - a. County Extension Personnel (one vote).
 - b. One (1) representative of the County University Extension Council.
 - c. One (1) representative of the County 4-H Junior Leaders.
3. Each 4-H Club Secretary shall report the names of the County 4-H Council members to the County 4-H Council Secretary BEFORE January 1 of each year.

4. Each NEW 4-H Club, organized after January 1, shall select their County 4-H Council members when the Club is organized and report the names immediately to the County 4-H Council Secretary.

5. Council representatives unable to attend the Council Meetings shall have a right to vote by written proxy.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. Elected officers of the Council shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporters/Photographers and Song Leader/Game Leaders.
2. All officers shall be Adult, Junior Leader age, or other responsible youth. President, Second Vice President, and Treasurer shall be adults.
3. The Executive Committee shall be composed of one (1) elected delegate from each Club and the presiding President. An Extension Staff member shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Executive Committee. An Executive Board Chairperson shall be elected, each year, at the first meeting of the Executive Board Committee. The Executive Committee's duties shall be:
 - a. To provide input to the agenda.
 - b. To take care of business between regular meetings.
 - c. To rule on interpretations of policies.

BY-LAWS OF THE 4-H COUNCIL

1. The President shall serve a two-year term, and shall preside at meetings of the 4-H Council.
2. The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in event of his or her absence.
3. The Second Vice-President shall attend Council meetings and preside over meetings in the absence of the President and First Vice-President and is automatically a member of the Executive Committee in the event the President resigns or is dismissed. In such an event, the Second Vice-President shall take over as President for the remaining term and a new Second Vice-President shall be appointed by the President.
4. Second Vice-President shall keep the meeting room in order using Parliamentary procedure.
5. The duties of the Secretary shall be:
 - a. Keep accurate minutes of each 4-H Council meeting and read the same at the next business meeting.
 - b. Call the roll at each meeting of the Council.
 - c. **Provide the University Extension Center with a copy of the minutes of each 4-H Council meeting.**
6. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- a. Keep an accurate account of the 4-H Council money.
- b. Make a financial report at each Council meeting and provide each Club Leader a copy.
- c. Pay bills as approved by the Council or Executive Committee.
- d. Invest funds as directed by the Council.
- e. Close the books at the end of each year for an audit.

7. The duties of the Reporter/Photographer shall be to write a newspaper account of each Council meeting and submit to the Extension Office for review and publication.

8. The Council shall hold meetings each year as follows:

September January March May June (optional)

9. Elected Representatives shall constitute a quorum of the 4-H Council and three (3) shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

10. The officers shall serve no longer than two (2) consecutive years in the same office.

11. The annual election of officers shall be by Official ballot, of the general 4-H membership present, and shall be held at the regular meeting in September.

12. The Nominating Committee shall report at the May meeting of the 4-H Council. The recommended slate of officers shall be sent to all clubs prior to their September meeting.

13. Any officer failing to attend (2) meetings, without reasonable excuse, shall be automatically removed and the executive committee shall fill the office.

14. Standing Committees, other than the Executive Committee, shall be approved by the Executive Committee and shall consist of the Finance/Fundraising Committee, Awards/Recognition Records Committee, Horsemanship Committee, Judging Event Committee, 4-H Members/Leaders Recognition Committee, Shooting Sports Committee, Achievement Day Committee, Promotion Committee, Nomination & Installation Committee, By-Laws Committee, and such other Committees as shall be authorized by the Council. Members may include people other than 4-H Council members, such as 4-H members, sponsors, 4-H leaders, and others.

15. Special Committees shall be appointed by the President and shall consist of Audit, and such other Committees as shall be necessary and authorized by the Council. Members may include people other than 4-H Council members.

16. Each individual Club in the County shall select their Club Leader and Assistant Club Leader each year when the Club officers are elected.

17. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Council membership present, providing the proposed amendment has been discussed at a previous meeting or notice of such amendments have been sent to the Club Leaders and County Council members prior to the Council meeting.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Lowry City Civic Center

CALL TO ORDER: Nicki Burrow

**PLEDGES: U.S. – Town & Country
4-H - Boots & Bridles**

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES: Kendra Hawkins

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sunni Inman

OLD BUSINESS: Report on 4-H Members & Leaders Recognition Event

**NEW BUSINESS: Report on County Jr. Leaders Program
Schedule Achievement Day Committee Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 18-21 - Kansas City Global Conference

ADJOURNMENT

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

March 26, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Civic Center, Lowry City

CALL TO ORDER: Nicki Burrow

**PLEDGES: U.S.: Boots & Bridles
4-H - Town & Country**

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ROLL CALL AND MINUTES: Kendra Hawkins

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sunni Inman

OLD BUSINESS:

**NEW BUSINESS: Welcome Crafts-N-Critters Club
Fundraising
Report on County Junior Leader Program
Need for Achievement Day Committee**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Congress & Youth Forum Registration Due Office
National Volunteer Week – April 26 - May 2
4-H Day with the Cardinals
Horse Enrollment forms due office May 1
Achievement Day – June 27– Community Church, Osceola**

ADJOURNMENT

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

May 28, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Civic Center, Lowry City

CALL TO ORDER: Nicki Burrow

**PLEDGES: U.S. - Town and Country
4-H - Boots & Bridles**

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES: Kendra Hawkins

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sunni Inman

**OLD BUSINESS: Report on Fund-raising
Achievement Day reminders**

**NEW BUSINESS: Discuss exhibits going to Ozark Empire & State Fair
Deadline to pick up exhibits from Ext. Office-to be announced
Nominating Committee Needs to Meet**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**

7:00 P.M.

Civic Center, Lowry City

CALL TO ORDER: Nicki Burrow

**PLEDGES: U.S. – Boots & Bridles
4-H - Town & Country**

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES: Kendra Hawkins

TREASURER’S REPORT: Sunni Inman

**OLD BUSINESS: Report on State Fashion Revue
Report of Participation in fairs and events**

**NEW BUSINESS: Budget Proposal
Enrollment Forms
Select a Friend of 4-H Award
Announce K.C. Conference & Teen Conference delegates**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members Recognition Event – November 7, 2009
6:00 p.m., Valley Center Church, Deepwater**

PROGRAM: Election & Installation of Officers

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: January 28, 2010

4-H PROGRAM YEAR

The 4-H program year is from September 1 to August 31.

LEVELS OF 4-H PARTICIPATION

- I. **STANDARD 4-H MEMBERSHIP** is open to any boy or girl between 8 and 18. Age in 4-H is always figured as of January 1 of the current program year. Their name must appear on the enrollment form at the Extension Center as of January 1. Members may join January 1 to April 1 with approval of Club Leader and Youth specialist.
- II. **4-H CLOVER KIDS** are a separate 4-H Club with suggested weekly meetings. Age requirements are 5-7 years of age as of January 1 in the current program year. Enrollment guidelines are the same as standard 4-H'ers. No participation in State programs, competitive or fundraising events is permitted until the program year of their 8th birthday.
- III. **JUNIOR LEADER:** the member must be at least 14 by January 1, and have two years youth organization experience. They must select one of six phases -- Project, Organization, Health, Recreation, Citizenship, or Activities, and submit their plan to the Extension Center by February 1. To receive credit, the plan must be re-submitted to the Extension Office by September 1. Must be enrolled in Leadership III—Leadership for Life.
- IV. **TEEN LEADER:** the member must be 16 - 19 and serve as the leader of a project -- need not have an adult advisor. Must have at least five members enrolled in the project. To receive credit, the plan must be submitted to the Extension Center by February 1 and re-submitted by September 1. Must be enrolled in Leadership IV—Leading into the Future.
- V. **ADULT VOLUNTEERS:** Serve as two types of 4-H Leaders: Club and Assistant Club Leaders – organizational leaders, resource leaders and Project Leaders - subject matter knowledge. All volunteer applicants will be screened for child abuse and neglect and criminal records prior to their acceptance for a volunteer position. As of January 1, 2009, ALL volunteers are required to complete a one-time Volunteer Orientation. Parents are usually the best source of adult volunteers -- but not the only source. Other friends of 4-H such as parents of former 4-H'ers, retired persons, and young adults are often willing to help the 4-H'ers.

MEMBER/LEADER IN GOOD STANDING

Participation in county and state 4-H events and recognition awards are limited to a member/leader who is in “good standing” within their local club. This includes:

1. Submission of enrollment forms & dues on or before county deadline for a given year.
2. Submission of specific forms required on or before county deadlines:
 - March 1 - Shooting Sports Leaders & Members - Health/Consent/Release & members only - \$1.00 for insurance.
 - May 1 - Horsemanship Members - Horse Enrollment Form(s)

3. Attendance at a majority of club meetings prior to the event.
4. Have participated in a majority of club activities and fundraisers.
5. Attendance at a majority of project meetings prior to the event.
6. Owe no money.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

TO RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARD A YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP IN 4-H

THE MEMBER MUST:

1. Attend a majority of club meetings between September 1 through August 31 of the current year.
2. Complete at least one project and submit a project record to his leader by September 1. (The project leader must initial such completion on the Club Secretary Book.).
3. Attend a majority of the project meetings held.

THE LEADER MUST:

A project leader must hold a sufficient number of project meetings to cover the educational materials in the project and help the member complete the project requirements as he has set forth on the Project Record Report. The leader determines what amount of time is necessary and sufficient. A minimum of six hours of instruction is recommended.

4-H RECORDS



Each 4-H'er must keep a record of his 4-H work. Records are not an extra task, but are a part of 4-H work. Few young people enjoy record keeping. However, the record habit is quite valuable.

ENCOURAGING 4-H'ERS TO KEEP GOOD RECORDS

A good 4-H record is a measuring stick. Members and leaders are kept informed of the member's progress and this helps stimulate self-improvement.

A good 4-H record is a mirror. It will reflect accomplishments and therefore serve as a basis for trips and awards.

A good 4-H record teaches a desirable habit. Every adult must keep track of business and financial matters, and developing this habit early in life is a valuable asset.

A good 4-H record can be achieved only when there is cooperation between members, parents, and leaders.

TYPES OF RECORDS

4-H'ers are asked to keep two different types of records.

PROJECT RECORD FORM -- a separate specific record sheet is used for each project in which a 4-H'er is enrolled. The sheets provide space for keeping expenses, receipts, skills learned, and other information about the project. New record forms are issued each year for the project in which the member enrolls.

ST. CLAIR 4-H PARTICIPATION RECORD AND PROJECT MEDAL AWARD APPLICATION -- 4-H'ers are encouraged to complete one recognition form per year. These records show all learning experiences gained through being a 4-H member. Several awards are available for completing these forms.

COMPLETION OF RECORDS

Records should be completed by the end of the 4-H year, August 31.

4-H ACTIVITIES

TRIPS, CONFERENCES, EVENTS FOR MEMBERS AND LEADERS COUNTY LEVEL EVENTS

ACHIEVEMENT DAY (June 27): Activities include conference judging of project exhibits – including animals, demonstrations/illustrated talks, working demonstrations, public speaking, fashion revue, Fashion Show and Clover Kid exhibits. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to submit projects and participate in the other activities

Articles made in 4-H projects are exhibited. The 4-H'ers must be present when their articles are being judged by a volunteer adult leader to be eligible to go on to district or state competition. Blue, red, and white ribbons are given, with the top articles in each class eligible to be exhibited at the State Fair or the Ozark Empire Fair, as determined by Achievement Day Judges.

Demonstration/illustrated talk enable a 4-H'er to "show" what he/she has learned about a project. A specific number of winners in various project areas are eligible to participate at the Ozark Empire Fair and Missouri State Fair.

Public Speaking top winners are eligible to compete in the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest in September.

Fashion Revue (14 and over & 13 and under). The top winner in each age category is eligible to compete in the State 4-H Fashion Revue.

Clover Kid Exhibits - Clover Kids receive green participation ribbons for each article they exhibit. They are not judged.

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL HORSE SHOW (July): Cass County coordinates and hosts this show. Registration fee.

4-H SUNDAY (October): The first Sunday is set aside each year to call attention to and emphasize the spiritual H (heart) of 4-H. The local club decides the way they want to observe 4-H Sunday. Some clubs attend church together, have a part in the church service, a 4-H family picnic or other activity. 4-H Sunday is the first Sunday in October (start of National 4-H Week).

4-H WEEK (First full week in October): A week is set aside each year to recognize and promote 4-H across the country. Many of our clubs will have window displays or booths or some special promotion of 4-H in their community and school.

RECOGNITION EVENT (First Saturday in November): This event is held each year to recognize the accomplishments of 4-H'ers who have completed the year and the adult volunteer leaders for their time and dedication. All families, leaders and their spouses are invited to attend.

STATE LEVEL EVENTS

STATE TEEN CONFERENCE (TBD): This conference is held in Columbia for 12 - 13 year olds to help them develop skills in leadership, peer relationships, and self esteem. Two delegates are chosen by the Council, which provides partial scholarships. May attend only once. Award score sheets are due September 15.

KANSAS CITY GLOBAL 4-H CONFERENCE (March): A three-day career-oriented conference. 4-H'er's from several states in the midwest meet together to tour numerous businesses and industries in Kansas City, and attend work-force preparedness conferences. Must be at least a sophomore and/or 15 years old or older. Award score sheet due September 15. May attend twice. Partial scholarships are available from 4-H Council.

MISSOURI YOUTH LIVESTOCK GRADING & JUDGING CONTEST (MARCH): This event is held to improve Missouri's livestock industry by teaching youth and adults how to evaluate live animals by applying USDA grade standards.

STATE 4-H SPRING CONTESTS: These events are held in Columbia. Dates to be determined.

STATE 4-H CONGRESS (June 3-5, 2009): A major state event held at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Delegates in attendance are official voting delegates to elect the State 4-H Council. Must be 14 years old and older, and may attend more than once. Registrations are due in Extension Office by last week in March.

4-H YOUTH FORUM (formerly Citizenship Workshop, Jeff City) (Last of June/First of July): A citizenship-oriented trip to Jefferson City to see state government in action. 4-Hers participate in the Legislative, Judicial, or Media Tract to learn first hand how to write a bill, try a case, or create newspaper articles, TV or radio spots. Must have completed the 8th grade or 14 years old. Limited openings, first come first serve basis. May attend up to three times, a different tract each time. Partial scholarships are available. Registrations are due in Extension Office first week in April.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (June): Each year 4-H'ers attend this course at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Delegates are involved in citizenship-leadership workshops in addition to viewing the historic area. Delegates must be 15 years of age or over and have been in 4-H at least three years. They are selected on the basis of an award score sheet. Partial sponsorship of the trip is provided. May attend only once. Award score sheets are due September 15.

OZARK EMPIRE FAIR (July/August): 4-H'ers who receive green District ribbons at Achievement Day may exhibit projects in the 4-H division at the Ozark Empire Fair in Springfield.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR (August): 4-H'ers who received purple State ribbons at Achievement Day may exhibit projects in the 4-H Division at the Missouri State Fair, Sedalia.

STATE FASHION REVUE (September): Top winners from the Achievement Day Fashion Revue categories may participate at the State Fashion Revue. Categories: Clothes You Make -Sr. (14 & over), Jr. (14 & under); Clothes You Buy. Include Knitting and Wool Categories. Eligible 4-H'ers participate in a day long series of workshops, luncheon, and ending in a Fashion Show.

STATE 4-H FALL CONTESTS:

September - These events are held in Columbia. Shooting Sports, Public Speaking and Computer; Fashion Review; State Livestock Judging Contest, Trowbridge Arena. There is a registration cost. Registrations are due in Extension Office first week in August.

NATIONAL LEVEL EVENTS

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE (April): Missouri 4-H leaders are invited to participate in weeklong leadership development conference, which takes place at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS' FORUM (November): Adult leaders participate in workshops, conferences and informal learning situations, and interact with other leaders throughout the region. Partial/full sponsorship of the trip is provided by State Missouri 4-H Foundation.

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL EVENTS

IFYE (INTERNATIONAL FOUR-H YOUTH EXCHANGE): These programs provide youth aged 12 - 25 and adult's opportunities to learn another culture by living it. Programs include a four-week family visit to Japan, plus a six to eight week experience traveling to another country. Adults can spend three to four weeks touring a country to see programs similar to 4-H. The participants, Missouri 4-H Foundation, National 4-H Council, County 4-H Council, and other friends of IFYE provide funds for youth programs.

HOST FAMILIES: Missouri 4-H families can serve as host to IFYE exchanges. Applications are available in the Extension Office.

4-H AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The award, no matter how nice, should not be the goal of a 4-H'er. Personal development is the real goal with continuous benefits and personal satisfaction the real reward. However, it is nice to receive a pat on the back and a word of encouragement along the way. 4-H has an awards program to do just that.

COUNTY LEVEL

The following awards are presented to Members and Leaders at the Recognition Event:

COMPLETION PIN: Given to the member to indicate that one more very important step has been taken up the ladder toward personal development by meeting minimum requirements of one project. A sponsor makes pins available each year.

JUNIOR LEADER PIN: Given to a Junior Leader 14 years and older, after successfully completing his first planned program of leadership. Junior Leaders must submit their plan for review by February 1 and then re-submit the plan by September 1, indicating their accomplishments to receive credit and pins. Numeral pins are given for succeeding years after that. The 4-H County Council sponsors these pins. Members must be enrolled in Leadership 3.

TEEN LEADER PIN: Given to a Teen Leader, 16 -19 years of age, after successfully completing a planned program of leadership. Teen Leaders must submit their plan for review by February 1 and then resubmit the plan by September 1, indicating their accomplishments to receive credit and pins. Numeral pins are given for each succeeding year after that. The 4-H County Council sponsors these pins. Members must be enrolled in Leadership 4.

PROJECT MEDAL AWARDS: This program provides medals in several project areas. Member must submit a Missouri 4-H Recognition Form by Sept. 15th to apply for these awards.

OUTSTANDING 4-H'ER: Awarded to two members for each year in 4-H. Selected from highest points achieved on award form due September 15.

4-H JACKET: Awarded to top four junior 4-H members (ages 8 - 13) selected from award form due September 15. May receive this award only once.

DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" AWARD: A challenging book given to two (boy & girl) outstanding 4-H'ers in the county. The Club or Club Leader nominates candidates. Application due: September 15. Must be 15 years of age.

KEY AWARD: Limited to members 14-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 1 year and must have worked with an adult mentor. It is expected that completion of all criteria will take two to several years. Applications are due September 15.

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD: This award is presented to individuals, groups, organizations or companies who have assisted 4-H at the local or county level. Recommendations are submitted at the September County Council meeting and voted upon by the membership. The County Council sponsors this.

COMPLETION PIN: Leaders who have completed 1 year of service receive a pin. Leaders who have completed 5, 10, 15, etc. years receive a pin and certificate.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD: Awarded to one leader at the Recognition Event. Nominated by Club Leader and/or members. Selected from application form due September 15. This award is sponsored by a local business and is presented at the Recognition Banquet.

STATE LEVEL

SCHOLARSHIPS: Check with your Extension Office about available scholarships - State & National 4-H and several provided by various businesses and agencies throughout the country. State and national 4-H scholarships are due April 1. Apply early in senior year.

MISSOURI 4-H OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTICIPATION:

To be eligible for recognition, 4-H clubs need to:

1. Plan and carry out various community service activities within the 4-H program year. Activities should deal with at least two different segments of the community.
2. Involve youth in planning and completing the activities.
3. Keep records of youth and adult participation in the community service activities by filling out the Youth Service To Communities" log. (Copies and information located at the back of the Clover.)
4. Submit the "Youth Service" log to the Extension office by August 1.

Recognition Levels:

- Purple Ribbon Club - community service projects involving 95% or above of your members.
- Gold Ribbon Club - community service projects involving 75% to 94% of your members.
- Silver Ribbon Club - community service projects involving 50% to 74% of your members.
- Green Ribbon Club -community service projects involving 49% and below of your members.

Clubs who meet the requirements will receive a certificate and seal. In subsequent years, the club will receive seals to add to the certificate.

MFA SADDLE - Sponsored by the State of Missouri MFA Agri-Services, Feed Division. Applicants must be 14 years (1/1) or older; been a 4-H member for at least one year; and willing to enhance local, multi county, and/or regional 4-H program efforts. Application is the Missouri 4-H Teen Application for State Wide Learning/Recognition & essay questions. Application Deadline: September 15.

NATIONAL LEVEL

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS - Applicants must be 14 years old (1/1) to apply. Applicant submits a Special Teen/Learning Recognition Experience application to the Extension office by September 15. Applications will be judged on the county, regional, and state levels. Interviews at the various levels are part of the process. State winners will attend congress in November, which is held at different locations throughout the country each year.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 4-H PROGRAM

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The Extension Service has charge of carrying up-to-date information from the classrooms and laboratory to the people of the state and bringing back to the University those problems that can be solved only by careful study and research.

The purpose of the County Extension Service is to provide instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture, home economics, and 4-H.

THE ROLE OF THE 4-H YOUTH SPECIALIST/YOUTH PROGRAM ASSOCIATE

The 4-H Youth Specialist and Youth Program Associate provide leadership for the 4-H youth activities on a countywide basis -- conducting leader training, planning activities, and keeping everything organized. In addition, the 4-H Youth Specialist and Youth Program Associate provide support for special interest youth programs throughout the county. The 4-H Specialist and Youth Program Associate are available to answer any questions you might have concerning the 4-H youth program.

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