



# St. Francois County Homepage

## CASTING A WIDE NET

### MY 4-H Net Brings Teens Together on Issues

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As we move into the future, one of the things we should be excited about is Missouri Youth 4-H Network. The State 4-H Council envisions MY 4-H Net bringing together young people in every county to identify their top issues and concerns, then create youth-generated solutions.

At every State 4-H Council meeting, the issues identified by the youth of each county are discussed, and a plan to address them is coordinated by the council.

This coordination happens in two ways. First, the council members decide what their approach will be and implement it. Second, once they have led by example, members challenge participating young people to come up with their own unique plans and solutions as a county.

Facilitating the communication between the youth of the county and the State 4-H Council is the council youth liaison, a leader from within the county's MU Extension 4-H program with strong communication skills.

So why be excited? First, the council believes more teens will stay in 4-H if it offers them an active chance to make better the things they care about. Second, as we move beyond "4-H issues" and into community concerns, these youth solutions may require linkages with other community resources.

Once youth see the need, who better to help them identify these resources and open doors than your county's MU Extension Council? Linking these youth to your extension council will keep members connected to your 4-H program and the issues of concern to the youth in their county, while involving future voters in the role extension plays in addressing their priorities.

Finally, inviting youth to report on their progress provides a tangible youth role for those extension councils wishing to include a young person or two in their regular meetings.

As the future unfolds and the seasons change, 4-H continually works to strengthen the role of youth leadership and communication within our communities.



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## 4-H/FFA Trivia Night

The Farmington Women of Today are sponsoring a 4-H/FFA Trivia Night. This event will be held March 1, 2008 at Long Hall. The proceeds of this event will help provide bathrooms and showers for members at the fairgrounds. 4-H members are asked to solicit donations of prizes,

promote the event, and get some teams together. We would like to see each club get four donations for prizes. Please be thinking about getting a team together. The more teams we have the more money we can make for the bathroom/shower project. Amanda will

be sending out a Trivia Night package to each 4-H family with additional information when it becomes available. If you would like more information please contact Faye Worley at 756-6497 or Susan Baird at 756-2375.



# St. Francois County 4-H Club News

## The Wild Bunch

The Wild Bunch sponsored a blood drive on Jan. 21. The next business meeting will be Feb. 18 @ St. Paul Lutheran Church-7:00. The Spring raffle will start on this day. If anyone wants to purchase a ticket to help pay for the club's shooting expenses, please see one of the members. March 22 the kids will do a project with the Missouri Department of Conservation. On April 7th the raffle will end and this will be the last business meeting till September. April 12 will be the drawing for the shotgun @ Mega Sports and our camp out at St. Francois State Park.

## Kountry Kanine

Next meeting is on February 2nd at 2 pm. We will be meeting at Stephanie's House. We will have the lady from Tandy Leather Company come down so we can make leather dog collars. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie or Melody.

## The Outdoor Adventure Club

The 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club met in January and did leatherworking with the folks from Tandy in St. Louis. We also discussed various community service projects. Two of our club members did demonstrations. We will be going to the Cape Girardeau Nature Center on Jan 24th for a program. Our next regular meeting is February 7th at the Methodist Church in Farmington. We will sell candy bars in Feb/Mar to raise money for the club.

Silver Spurs Saddle Club Carlee Thomure went to the National Cowboy Mounted Shooting in Las Vegas, NV and is now a National Youth World Champion! Met on Jan. 4 and discussed show dates for the 4-H horse shows, MO Western Horse show dates, and we are making plans to have a Tack Sale & Pie Auction club fundraiser in March at one or two of the local feed stores. For

our program, Leslie handed out folders to everyone (1 on how to do demonstrations) and the second one being an Equine Record Book. The Equine Record Book includes our necessary 4-H papers, health papers, pictures, health records, dental records, farrier records, expenses, income, show records, inventory, and our yearly financial reports. The Record Book will be required to be turned in at the end of the 4-H year. This is to teach our club how to make a business from horses, give our kids more responsibility, and teach organization. This is a huge step for our 4-H club and we hope to inspire and help other clubs. Our club members are also required to do a demonstration within our club this year. Some of the Arts & Crafts projects we have completed in the last month were: whip holders for our horses, a custom decal'd dry-erase stall board for each horse, lighted potpourri decorated jars, and snow globes. In Horse, we started our Equine Record Books and are going over the parts and bones of the horse. Scrapbooking we have started with making 2-3 pages, learning how to arrange photos and make interesting decor for them. Photography, we learned about many types of photography, ways to make our pictures more interesting, and started a binder with lessons and picture cards. Our next meeting will be Feb. 5 at the Christian Life Church at 6:30. Silver Spurs now has a website! website address: [www.mlsequestrian.net/silver\\_spurs/silver\\_spurs.html](http://www.mlsequestrian.net/silver_spurs/silver_spurs.html) Leslie has Horse 1 plans if any other club would like to utilize them. Also available on the website is the Equine Record Book which can be adapted. They also have an email address [silver-spurssaddleclub@yahoo.com](mailto:silver-spurssaddleclub@yahoo.com)



### Bismarck

Bismarck met on Tuesday, January 15th. We made plans for meetings for the next several months. Our next meeting is February 7th at the Cowgirl Cafe in Bismarck at 6pm. Dena Miller will helping us learn about decorating cookies or cupcakes.

### Outdoor Explorers

At our last meeting members discussed doing the Conservation Frontiers. Suzanne will contact you with upcoming meeting dates.

### Salem

Jan meeting--held 1-8-08 @ Oak Hill Chapel-13 of 15 members in attendance--11 parents. Discussed upcoming projects and events-----played "Trust" and "Cooperation" games and made a "club puzzle", with each member coloring a puzzle piece and listing things that described them. Puzzle to be put together and laminated to display @ Fair. Next meeting will be 2-12-08 @6:30 @Oak Hill Chapel.

### Wranglers

Met to set goals for 2008. A fun day will be scheduled. For information call Roberta at 760-7563 or Lennie 631-3100.

Young Achievers— Next meeting will be held march 1, 2008 at the Worley Home. If you need directions, please call Becky at 756-4019. The March Meeting will be held on March 13,2008 @ 6:30 pm at the church.

Terre Bleue- Please contact your club leader.

Ozark Rough Riders—Met Jan 8th at Herbst Farms. 14 members and 7 adults attended, community service projects were discussed

and each member is going to have a Senior Horse enthusiast to correspond with as a special pen pal!! Cards will be provided at each meeting for members to correspond with and then sent out! ORR members also wanted to have a secret buddy within the club itself. discussion of 2008 programs and clinics were also discussed, the program was on record keeping and the benefits of keeping good records of your animals!! The next meeting will be at Hacienda De Molinero Feb 5th at 7pm.

## St. Francois County 4-H Spotlight

The 2008 Teen Conference will be held on Feb. 2-3, 2008 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, MO. Teen Conference is a fun-filled two day event for 12 and 13 year old 4-H members. This year three St. Francois County 4-H members will be attending the this conference. They are Klaire Lewis, Emily Rice, and Katie Morris. At the conference they will learn leadership skills, learn about 4-H youth opportunities, be introduced to 4-H conference and trips, meet other teens from throughout Missouri and have a chance to meet youth leaders on the State 4-H Council.

Special Thanks to Kathryn Lewis for chaperoning this trip!

We hope you all have a good trip, and learn lots of new 4-H things!



# Upcoming Events & Dates

## St. Francois County

### Shooting Sports Projects

If you signed up for Project 3742 or 743 .22 rifle or BB/pellet and are new to the project, the 1st meeting is Feb 27 at the fairgrounds 6:30-8:00. This is mandatory for anyone who hasn't taken the small bore rifle project in the last two years. For return shooters, your 1st meeting is March 17 @ 67 Gun Club 5:30 till dark. Important! If you don't have your Hunter's Education certificate from the MO Department of Conservation you will have to have Project #740. This safety course will be offered only one time and it is February 9 from 12:00-5:00 at the Marvin Mell building on the fairgrounds. You cannot shoot with the 4-H shooter without completing either this safety course or getting your Hunter's Ed. Certification. Please, call Susan @ 756-2375 to sign up for the safety course.

### Robotic Projects

The first session of Robotics will be ending in February and another session will be starting soon after that. If anyone is interested, please call Ann Boes at (573) 734-2324 for more information.

### Leatherworking Project

The Gateway Leather Guild of St. Louis is a group of adult leather workers, saddle makers, artists, hobbyists, etc. who meet on a monthly basis at the Tandy shop in St. Louis to do leatherworking, share techniques, and provide support to each other. They are starting a youth guild! One Saturday a month, they will meet in St. Louis and help kids develop their leatherworking skills and complete projects. If you are interested in attending, call Ann Boes at 734-2324 for more information. She will be going up most months and interested kids would be welcome to ride with her.

### Bowling & Pizza Party-

Will be February 17 @ 2:00 at the Farmington Family Fun Center. Each 4-H member and their family will be able to bowl one game at no charge. This event is sponsored by the St. Francois County 4-H Council from funds raised at the 4-H Food Stand at the Fair. If you plan on attending please R.S.V.P to Amanda at 756-4539 by February 11th.

### Trivia Night

The Farmington Women of Today will be sponsoring a Trivia Night March 1st with the proceeds benefiting St. Francois County 4-H and Farmington FFA. Proceeds will go towards improving bathroom and shower facilities at the Fairgrounds. Get a team together and help support a great cause. Watch your mailboxes for additional information!

### 4-H Council Meeting

Will be held March 3 @ 6:30 pm at Farmington High School.

### 4-H Youth Council

The St. Francois County 4-H Youth Council will meet March 3 @ 5:30 pm. All St. Francois County 4-H members 13 and over are invited to attend. 4-H Youth Council members work on community service projects, learn about 4-H opportunities, promote 4-H and take part in fun activities at the county, regional and state level. Please join us for a fun filled evening! Pizza and Soda will be provided by the St. Francois County Extension Office.

### Steer Weigh In

Steer weigh in will be March 16 @ 2:00 pm at the Farmington Livestock Market.

### Sheep, Goat & Swine Weigh In

Will be held at the St. Francois County Fairgrounds at 9:00 am.

## Regional Level

### Teen Extravaganza

The Regional Teen Extravaganza will be held on Friday, February 29 through Saturday, March 1 at the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center. This event is open to 4-H'ers aged 12 and over and you can bring friends with you who are non 4-H members. Last year the cost was \$12 per child and \$5 a child to ride the bus. We are still working on putting the event together but we will try to keep the cost the same. Watch for future details.

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## Upcoming Dates & Events Continued

### State Level

#### Meat goat camp on tap for Feb. 9

University of Missouri Extension will hold a meat goat camp Feb. 9 at the Darr Agricultural Center in Springfield. The camp is open to 4-H and FFA members. **The deadline to register is Feb. 1.** Registration is \$15 per person and payable to the 4-H-Greene County Foundation. Forms are available on the Web: [extension.missouri.edu/greene/4h/](http://extension.missouri.edu/greene/4h/)

#### Block and Bridle Showmanship Clinic

The 3rd annual Block and Bridle Showmanship clinic will be held February 23rd at the main show arena at the Midway Exposition Center in Columbia. This event is free of charge. This clinic is open to all youth in any age group, but is geared toward beginning cattle exhibitors. The clinic will focus on the basic showmanship skills such a show stick technique, show ring etiquette, and all of the skills that go along with success in the show ring. If you would like additional information please contact Amanda.

#### Livestock Judging and Grading

19th Annual Missouri Youth Livestock Grading and Judging Workshop and Contest will be held at the University of Missouri—Trowlbridge Livestock Center, Columbia, MO, Saturday, March 8. The purpose for this program is to improve Missouri's Livestock Industry by teaching youth and adults how to evaluate live animals by applying USDA grade standards. The contest is recommended for 8th grade and older. The workshop is open to youth in grades 8 and lower. Registration deadline is Feb. 8. For more information or a registration form, contact the Extension Office.

#### State Horse Judging Contest and Annual Horse Judging Workshop Clinic

Will be held March 15, 2008 at the Trowbridge Livestock Center on the UMC Campus. All regular 4-H member's (non Clover) interested in horse judging are invited to attend. The cost is \$15 per individual for the judging contest or \$15 per individual for the clinic (Members can only participate in one event). Pre-Registration is due to Amanda by 1/29/08. If you would like additional information please contact me.

#### 4-H schedules certification for shooting sports

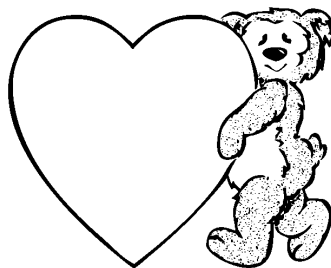
A certification workshop for volunteers interested in shooting sports will be held April 4-6 at Camp JoOta in Clarence, Mo. If you are interested please contact the Extension Office for registration details.

#### Agribusiness Academy

High School sophomores interested in the Missouri Agri-business Academy on June 9-13, can apply for the program through Feb. 1. Applications are available from the Missouri Department of Agriculture web site: [www.mda.mo.gov/](http://www.mda.mo.gov/)

#### Citizenship Youth Forum set for summer

The 4-H Citizenship Youth Forum 2008 will be June 30 to July 2 in Jefferson City. Look for registration details and scholarship forms online in January at [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu). **Scholarship applications will be due April 1; forum applications, May 1.**



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## Grants & Scholarships

### Mini-grants available for shooting sports projects

Counties can request mini-grants of up to \$500 for local 4-H shooting sports program. These funds are available from a grant awarded to the state shooting sports program by the National Wild Turkey Federation.

**Applications are due Feb. 1** to Gerry Snapp, state 4-H specialist, University of Missouri Extension, 810 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. For application forms, see: [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu)

### Missouri 4-H Scholarships

The scholarship guidelines and application are available on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>. Applications for Missouri 4-H Scholarships are due in the State 4-H Office by **April 1, 2008**

### Grants Available for 4-H Groups Starting Leadership Clubs, Projects or Ventures

Funding is still available for community groups proposing new 4-H leadership clubs, projects, or club-based ventures in 2008. Up to 7 grants of \$500-\$1000 will be made, thanks to support from Monsanto Company and Missouri 4-H Foundation. Counties proposing 4-H leadership clubs, projects, or ventures that expand club membership and participation are eligible to apply. If you would like information please contact Amanda.