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Earth Day at Engler Park

Thank you to all of those who participated in the Earth Day Celebration held at Engler Park on April 25th. The St. Francois County 4-H youth council co-hosted a booth with the Bear Creek Kidz. 4-H'ers assisted the public with making Bird feeders, and planters out of milk cartons. We look forward to helping with Earth Day next year!

MOre Fun Than Ever at the 2009 4-H Round Up!!

Round Up is a fun and rewarding experience for all 4-Hers! It gives every 4-H'er the opportunity to show off what he/she has accomplished in the past year. They receive ribbons for their entries and money for their hard work. Round Up is a two day event which will be held on Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26. On Thursday 4-Hers will enter their exhibits at the St. Francois County Fairgrounds in the Home Economics building. All entries, except livestock, will be accepted from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Livestock will be entered on Friday at 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. On Friday we have a full day planned! The day will kick off at 9:30 a.m. with the entry of livestock followed by different events throughout the day such

as: bicycle skills (you need to bring your own bicycle for this event and helmet), style show, personal development, public speaking, shooting sports contest, the dog show, and much, much more!

Also on Friday, we have the 4-H Round Up Dinner planned. It will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with a 4-H Program taking place at 6:00 P.M. We will be sending out Dinner Tickets soon. 4-Hers may invite their parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors to attend.

The agenda for Round Up may vary slightly between now and Round Up. I will send additional information about Round Up shortly. Be watching the mail for the Round Up Book!

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The Great Outdoor 4-H Adventure...Tri- County 4-H Camp

We are excited to announce that we have booked 4-H Camp for July 20-22 at Camp Butterfly, a Girl Scout Camp located off Hwy F in Ste. Genevieve County. This will be a whole new experience for everyone. To see some of the facility check it out on the web at http://www.riverbluffs.org/About%20Us/camp_butterfly.htm

We will be camping with St. Francois and Washington Counties. All 4-H members ages 14 & up are encouraged to come and be counselors. Counselors will come to camp at 9:00 a.m. and Members ages 8-13 will come in at 1:00 p.m. Camp will end with a closing ceremony open to parents at 4:00 p.m. on July 22.

Cloverkids are invited to attend a one day camp at the facility on July 20th. They will arrive at 1:00 p.m. and stay for supper and evening events.

A registration packet is included in this mailing for all areas. **Registrations are due to the office by June 1st.**

We are still searching for adult volunteers to be nurse, Head & Assistant Cook. And also a certified life guard, canoeist and repeller. If you are interested please contact me. Please find enclosed the camp flyer for 2009 Camp Butterfly! Hope to see yah there!

2009 4-H Food Stand Manager Wanted

Please help out in a search for find our 2009 food stand manager. The food stand manager is responsible for running, ordering, delegating duties, for the 4-H foodstand for fair week. I have enclose a flyer along with an application, if you know of someone who might be interested please pass the information along, or if you know of area businesses who have public bulletin boards please display it, any help is greatly appreciated in the search for the new food stand manager!

2009 Buyer's Book and Project Report Form Reminder

We are still a little short on some information we need for the Buyer's Book. The Buyer's Book is a booklet that includes the names of all 4-H members who will be selling an item in the sale of Champions. Forms went out in the mail and were available at each weigh in. After all the information is collected the book is mailed to those who have supported the Sale of Champions in the past, and can also be used as a marketing tool when you go speak to potential buyers. A form needs to be filled out on each species of animals you will be selling at the fair. If you need an additional form please contact me at the extension office or visit: extension.missouri.edu/stfrancois You can also email us the information lachancea@missouri.edu or epsteinja@missouri.edu The earlier we have the information, the quicker it can go out to Buyers.

Please remember to fill out the project report form as you are working on completing your live-stock/ cured meats projects. The project report form must be turned in before you will receive your sale check. If you have any questions about the report form please feel free to contact me or Ben! Thanks!

Farmington 4-H K.N.I.G.H.T.S Duck Coloring Contest

The results quacked right in for the Farmington 4-H Afterschool K.N.I.G.H.T.S Duck Coloring Contest. The official placing is 1st place Baylee Brewster from the Bismarck 4-H Club, 2nd place will be Brittany Ladd of the 4-H Young Achievers Club, 3rd place Lainey Sanders from the Bismarck Club, and 4th places goes to Macy Butrey of the Bismarck clubs. I will send prizes out with club leaders at the May 4-H Council Meeting. Congratulations!



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Show Me 4-H Wares at the Missouri State Fair

Do you have a unique product or service to sell? Sign up to show your 4-H wares at the Missouri State Fair, Aug. 13-16.

MU Extension 4-H members can bring an exhibit or other materials to promote their business. They also may sell their products or take customer orders to fill after the fair. Applications are due to the MU Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development by May 15.

For more information about Show Me 4-H Wares and the application, visit www.4h.missouri.edu. If you have questions, contact Steve Henness at 573-884-6618 or hennesss@umsystem.edu.

Cyclone horse judging camp

Iowa State University is inviting MU Extension 4-H members to attend their annual horse judging camp, June 11-13. The three-day camp is for young people ages 12-18 to learn about judging horse conformation and performance. In addition, campers also will receive group and individual instruction and feedback on oral reasons.

Cost is \$200 and includes housing, food and instruction. Register by May 15. For registration and forms, go to www.ans.iastate.edu/events/horsejudging. For more information, contact Nikki Ferwerda at 515-294-3996 or nikkif@iastate.edu.

Steppin' out Monthly MOVEment

Youth can do this activity outside, in a large room or hallway. How many giant steps does it take to get across a yard or room? How many "baby steps" does it take to get back? Can youth walk backward doing baby steps? Can they do this without falling or losing their balance? Participants can make a list of different steps for the group to try. Next to each one they can write how many steps it took for each trip up and down the yard or room. Compare and discuss the results!



You can sign up to MOVE at any time on the MU Extension 4-H Web site, 4h.missouri.edu, but make sure you sign up before May 15 to receive a free T-shirt and a certificate for participating.

The MOVE competition ends May 31, so make those final days count! Winners will be recognized by county; the top individual will receive a sling backpack and the top team will be given a \$25-gift card to Subway.

Citizenship Youth Forum

This action-packed event, July 22-24, provides participants an inside look at Missouri's legislative, executive and judicial processes. Young people also can participate in the media track and report on state government activities.

Registration fees for both youth and adults are \$95 for early bird registration due by May 1 and \$110 after May 1.

State Poultry Day, June 13

MU Extension 4-H State Poultry Day will begin at 8:30 a.m. on June 13 at MU and will include informational presentations, an evaluation clinic, judging contests and a quiz bowl. Registration is \$10/youth, \$15/adult. T-shirts are available for \$6; include order and payment with registration. If you would like more information please contact Amanda for more details

Wanted-Host families

Seeking host families for two female students on the FLEX program who will arrive mid-August and depart mid-May. They will be enrolled as juniors at the local school. For more information on host responsibilities, contact Joyce Taylor at 660-728-2280 or TaylorJL@missouri.edu.

Speak out for military kids at the state speaking contest!

A new category has been added to 2009 State 4-H Public Speaking Contest on Sept. 26. In addition to the regular contest offerings, competitors may prepare a speech on issues affecting the United States military youth and families. This speech will follow the same guidelines as other prepared speeches, and medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in both the junior and senior divisions. MU Extension 4-H members may compete in this category *in addition to* two of the regular contest categories, which is the competition limit.

For information and examples of issues that military kids face, please visit 4h.missouri.edu or contact State Operation Military Kids Coordinator Joan Zeller at 573-882-6006.

Jr. Iron Chef Contest at State 4-H Congress

Excited MU Extension 4-H members, local Missouri foods, a brand-new contest...sounds like a recipe for fun! 4-H members attending State 4-H Congress now have the opportunity to form a team of 3 to 5 members and compete in the Jr. Iron Chef Contest, June 4.

Each team will prepare a dish featuring at

least five Missouri-grown ingredients. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative dish, the best use of Missouri ingredients and best of show. Eric Cartwright, executive chef at MU's Plaza 900, also will be on hand to teach knife skills and safety and lead a discussion of possible careers in culinary arts.

Pre-registration forms are due by May 15. For more details, go to 4h.missouri.edu or e-mail Jim Ronald, ronaldj@missouri.

St. Francois Co. 4-H Club News

Terre Bleue - Our next club meeting will be May 17 @ 2pm @ St. Joe Park. Well will have a mandatory wiffle ball game. Plus hotdog's! We are asking each family to bring a side dish and their own drinks! At our last meeting we had a good time with our Easter egg hunt and are planning to finish our bench in June for the Fair!

Bear Creek Kidz Bear Creek Kidz next club meeting is on Saturday, May 2nd @ 2. We will discuss what supplies to purchase for our Customer appreciation day at Bonne Terre Family Center. We will be serving lunch a BB-Q plate with all of the fixings for \$3.00 on May 16th all of the proceeds go to help support the club. All project groups will be meeting and getting ready for Round-Up and Fair. We are still selling chances for the Cardinals ballgame in August all members please bring in your tickets and any money.

Outdoor Adventure Club-The Outdoor Adventure 4-H Club will have a business meeting on May 14th at 1:00pm at the Methodist Church. After the meeting we will make our display for round up and the fair. Please bring any pictures, and other materials that would be helpful in making the display. Candy bar fundraising money will be due at the meeting. Later in the month there will be field trip to the St Louis Zoo.

Ozark Rough Riders- Ozark Rough Riders meeting Tuesday, May 5 at Herbst Farms. We will discuss summer programs, fund raisers and community projects. Spring 4-H Horse Show will be May 17 at the St. Francois County Fair-

grounds. We will be doing a concession stand at the June 12, Society Horse Show at the Fairgrounds and plans will be made for this. We will also review the Horsemanship Clinic that was held Saturday, April 4 and had a great response county wide.

Salem- Discussed fundraisers, and projects. Members are working very hard on their projects for Round Up and Fair. Next meeting will be a bon fire and Lisa will call with details.

Silver Spurs Saddle Club-Silver Spurs 4/H Saddle Club is hosting a Equine Horse Show Safety Clinic and a general First Aid Clinic on May 8, 2009 at Thomure Farms at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to come rain or shine. We wanted to get this in before our Annual Show on Mother's Day. The Mother's Day Horse Show in May 10, 2009 at the St Francois County Fair Grounds. This show is an open youth horse show and we really have a lot of fun celebrating Mothers Day. This year we will have concessions and great prizes. If for any reason we have to cancel, the show will be rescheduled in June/July sometime. We are also looking forward to the Equine Council Show on May 17, 2009.

Young Achievers-Young Achievers are ready to paint the inside of the Mell Building. They have worked hard on getting this building ready for the fair. Thanks to all that helped accomplish this goal. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at the Worley Home.

St. Francois Co. 4-H Club News

Wild Bunch-The Wild Bunch would like to thank everyone who purchased a raffle ticket during their Spring fund-raiser. Chuck Glore was the winner of the Benelli shotgun. The club has been busy with the smallbore rifle project at 67 Gun Club. There are 18 members in the project this year. Shotgun and Archery will start soon. On April 25-26 the club held a camp out at St. Francois State Park. Members participated in swimming, wiffle ball, hiking and flying kites. The country cured ham project will start soon. John Brewen will again be helping the club with this project. If you want to participate, call Mary Herbst. Congratulations to Ben Herbst who recently completed his Hunter's Education from the Missouri Dept of Conservation and to Shaun Smith who completed his Archery certification!

Bismarck- In April, Bismarck 4-H met at Distinctive Landscaping in Bismarck & learned lots of interesting information about trees from owner, Mike Henson. The kids had a great time touring his facility & learning about all the neat things that he does to help make people's yards beautiful. May meeting will be **Tuesday, May 19th @ 6:30 at UMC.** Hope to see you there!

If your club is not listed please contact your club leader.

Club Leaders please turn in your enrollment forms and treasurer's records if you have not already done so!

Attention Club Leaders- The fabric for the banners is in!! If you recall from last months issue in an effort to spruce up the fairgrounds clubs will be asked to make a banner for their club to be displayed in the exhibit building at the county fair and at other 4-H events. We will have an information sheet available when you pick up the fabric with all the details.

If anyone in the rabbit project, would like to participate in rabbit agility, please contact Amanda at the Extension office. If there is enough interest we will be having a new event at Round Up....Rabbit agility! Rabbits agility will be like dog agility, rabbits will go through a series of obstacle courses. Obstacles include tunnels, ramps etc.



2009 Summer Programs

Experience the fun and excitement of summer camps at Missouri S&T

Looking for some Summer Fun? Check out all the camps available through Missouri S & T in Rolla. From Aerospace to Explosives, they have something for everyone. For more information please check out <http://precollege.mst.edu/mets/index.htm> or visit the extension office for more information!