



COMING EVENTS

TRI-COUNTY:

May 1: Camp Applications Due – County Office

LINCOLN:

May 18: Rabbit Group, 7 p.m., Extension Center
May 19: Sheep Group, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
May 21: Livestock Ethics meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fairgrounds
May 26: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
May 30: Jackpot Show, Fairgrounds
June 7: Horse Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
June 26: Judging & Achievement Day

MONTGOMERY:

June 10: Judging & Achievement Day/Share the Fun – theme: “Power of 4-H”

WARREN:

May 4: Rabbit Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
May 5: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
May 7: Poultry Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
May 16: Sheep Shearing Day, 8:00 a.m., Fairgrounds
May 20: Little Rascals Clover Club, 6:00 pm, Extension Center
May 20: Teen Leaders, 6:00 p.m., Extension Center
June 8: Rabbit Tattooing/Check-in, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
June 22: Judging & Achievement Day, 5:00 pm, St. Paul’s UCC, Marthasville

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OPPORTUNITIES

Judging & Achievement Days

Our 4-H Judging & Achievement events offer 4-H members many opportunities to test and present the knowledge and skills they've acquired through their 4-H project work. They also help members develop their decision-making and communication skills through judging and demonstrating. Information will be out on the events along with registration materials. Events will be: Warren: June 22; Montgomery: June 10; Lincoln - June 26.

Missouri State Fair Demonstrations

County Achievement Day blue ribbon demonstrations are eligible to go to the Missouri State Fair. Applications are due into county offices by July 1. If you earn a blue ribbon on your demonstration and want to go to the State Fair, it's up to you to contact the office. Demonstration categories are: General, Working, Electric Theatre, Agri-Missouri Food, Pork, Egg, International Foods, Lamb Meat, Lamb, Soybean, Soy Foods & Ham Curing.

An Electric Theatre demonstration needs to use electricity.

International Foods Demonstrations must include nutritional information and something about the people who serve this food.

Egg Demonstrations must include nutritional information on eggs.

I encourage everyone to try one of the specialty demonstrations. Most of these contests give cash prizes, plaques and one offers a trip to Louisville, Kentucky!

Lincoln County Fair Work Nights

Work nights will begin June 3 at 6:30 p.m. and will be every Wednesday night until the fair. All members – not just livestock – are expected to work at least one night.

Lincoln County Shooting Sports T-Shirts

Enclosed is an order form to return with payment by June 1. Contact Jeanne Thornhill at 636-528-7345 for more information.

Wal-Mart Donations

If you are an employee of Wal-Mart, you can turn in your 4-H volunteer hours and your 4-H club can receive a \$100 per quarter donation from Wal-Mart. The volunteer must accumulate 15 hours per quarter. The program is run through the home office of Wal-Mart, so your local store may not be aware of it. The program is called V.A.P. - "Volunteerism Always Pays." If interested, contact Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., at 1-800-530-9925, or go to <http://www.walmartfoundation.org>.

Montgomery County Student Loan

The Montgomery County Family & Community Education Council wishes to aid high school seniors with their college education. A loan of \$200 will be given to any graduating senior enrolled in any college, university or other school in the state of Missouri. The full amount of the loan is to be repaid in three years. Applicants must be in the upper half of their senior class. Students entering a home economics or agricultural-related field will be given priority over other applicants. Contact the office if interested. Applications are due June 1.

Missouri Sheep Scholarship

Members who are high school seniors and attending any college or university in Missouri and that have been a member of a 4-H or FFA sheep project for three years may apply for a Missouri Sheep Scholarship. Applications are due May 15 and can be downloaded at the following site:

<http://www.missourisheep.org/youthprograms.htm>

State Poultry Day

Poultry Day will be held June 13 at the UMC Campus. Topics include: production judging and breed evaluation. Registrations are due May 1. Contact the office if interested.

4-H Missions in Space

Members in 6th grade or above may apply for this trip October 8-11 in Huntsville, Alabama. This is a great trip for members to explore the history of manned space flight. Participants will receive hands-on training in space simulators. The cost is \$385.00. Pre-registration is due June 19. Contact the office if interested.

Missouri State Fair

Entry forms will be available online May 4 at the following website: www.mostatefair.com. If you have questions about animal health requirements for showing at the state fair, contact Penny Gottschalk at 573-751-4358.

Lincoln County Horse Members

All horse members should plan to attend a meeting on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Bring your horses to go over patterns and then plan to play riding games with your horse to cool off! There will be a super-soaker water fight (not on your horse!) so bring your water guns and towels. If you have questions contact Chrystal Schuerman at 636-236-2108.

Warren County Sheep Shearing Day

A sheep shearing day will be held May 16 at 8:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Contact Walter or Delanna Branson at 636-456-2549 with the number of sheep you are bringing.

Missouri State Fair DNA information for Market Barrows

The Missouri State Fair requires 4-H/FFA members who plan to show market barrows at the 2009 state fair to collect DNA samples and submit a card on each hog they could potentially enter for the market barrow show. Just to clarify: The exhibitors are responsible for ordering their own cards from the state fair and the exhibitors are responsible to bring cards for all potential barrow entries to either the Extension Office or Vo-Ag instructor to be mailed to the entry department at the state fair. Submission of the DNA sample cards does not constitute an

entry. The State Fair website is www.mostatefair.com

The deadline for providing DNA sample cards is **May 15**. Postmarks must be posted prior to the deadline, and metered-mail is acceptable. DNA samples must be on a card provided by the Missouri State Fair and show the date, exhibitor name, county and animal ID number. The ID must be the ear notch number.

Each exhibitor may nominate a total of fifteen (15) barrows.

There is a cost of \$2 per blood sample card. Please contact the Extension office for card ordering information.

An exhibitor may enter an animal in the Missouri State Fair that does not have a DNA sample card on file, but such animals will not be eligible for Breed Champion or Grand Champion in the division.

East Central 4-H Teen Camp

Teens 13-18 are invited to a teen camp August 28-30 at Camp MO-Val in Union. Activities include: high ropes course, canoeing, dancing, swimming, camp fire and team building workshops. Registration is \$75.00 and is due to your county office by May 15. Contact the office for more information and forms.

4-H & FFA Jackpot Show May 30

A Jackpot Show at the Troy fairgrounds will be held with a similar schedule as last year. In the morning, classes for Lincoln county exhibitors with hogs, sheep, and steers will weigh-in and show in that order with the first show to start at 8:30 a.m. Hogs are to weigh-in from 7:00 – 8:00. There will be a \$5 entry fee at weigh-in. A Lincoln county born and raised class will be available for each species.

In the afternoon, Troy FFA will sponsor shows open to all 4-H and FFA members, with a \$20 entry fee and hog weigh-in beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the show at 4:00 p.m. Sheep and steer shows will follow.

A \$20 entry fee from Lincoln County exhibitors will cover both morning and afternoon shows.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lincoln County 4-H Fun Fair

Congratulations to Tyler Combs & Kirsten Shramek for being selected King and Queen. Both are from the Spring Branch Helping Hands 4-H Club. Congratulations also to Rosaline Frans & Justin Havlik for being selected Clover Kid Prince and Princess.

UPDATES

Project Work Underway?

Please, Don't Forget -- In 4-H We Want to Develop Blue Ribbon Youth! That is why it is very important for project leaders to get their groups working. Besides creating items to exhibit at the fair, project work should provide members the opportunities to develop decision-making and communication skills. Don't forget to include judging and demonstrating practices in your meetings.

Judges & Assistants

Volunteers are still needed to serve as judges and assistants at judging and achievement events and county fairs. Please check your calendars and make plans to participate. We cannot conduct these educational programs without your help.

REMINDERS

To Participate in a State Event

Participation in State events and certain county events is limited to those members who are in "good standing" with their local 4-H club. This includes submission of enrollment forms on or before county deadlines for a given year, attendance at a majority of project and club meetings prior to the event, and meeting other requirements established by the club, county and/or state.

Horse Members

All horse members planning on showing at the Missouri State Fair or American Royal **MUST** have a horse enrollment form on file at the Extension Office by May 1.

Newspaper Articles

Club Reporters are reminded to send in articles about their 4-H club meetings to their local newspapers. This is a good way for our communities to keep up on 4-H.

"There's a big difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do."

Potter Stewart

