



COMING EVENTS

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STATE:

October 4-10 National 4-H Week

LINCOLN:

September 15 Sheep Group, 7 p.m., Extension Center
September 21 Proclamation Signing, 4 p.m. - Courthouse
September 21 Rabbit Group, 7 p.m., Extension Center
September 22 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
October 9 Recognition Night

MONTGOMERY:

September 10 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Extension Center

WARREN:

September 1 Club Leader Meeting 6:30 p.m., Extension Center
September 1 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
September 14 County Wide Rabbit Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
October 11 Recognition Night, 5 p.m., Wright City

WELCOME

I would like to welcome Luella Fischer as the new Montgomery County 4-H Program Associate! She will “officially” begin work September 6. I’m excited that she has accepted this position and know that she will be a great asset to the Montgomery County 4-H program.

OPPORTUNITIES

As we begin a new 4-H Year, let's keep in mind just what 4-H is all about:

-4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life-skills

-4-H is a Family Affair

-4-H strives to make the best better

Let me remind you that for an organization as large as 4-H to operate smoothly and accomplish all of these tasks, certain guidelines must be followed. Dale, Luella and I work with the State 4-H office, our individual county 4-H councils and each 4-H club to try to give members the best possible 4-H experience.

TIPS FOR RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

1. Plan a FUN activity for prospective members (hayride/wiener roast, pool party, skating party)
2. Simply ASK a friend to join!
3. Be ENTHUSIASTIC about 4-H. Remember that you are a member of one of the best youth organizations in the country. Share the experience.
4. Each-one-reach-one. Everyone bring a prospective member to a meeting.
5. Be CREATIVE.

Good Luck! Remember-The more members your club has, the more fun you will all have.

Club Activities

Clubs need to select activities to be studied by the membership. These may include; Community Service; Recreation; Safety; or others which are of interest to your members. Be sure to identify a volunteer to serve as the leader for each activity chosen. Only that volunteer enrolls in the activity. The club should set specific, obtainable goals for each activity. Activities are listed on pages 12- 17 of the 4-H Clover.

4-H Councils to Meet

The 4-H Council is the governing body of the county's 4-H club program and is comprised of representatives from every club. 2009-2010 council meetings begin in September. Please make sure your club is represented so business can be conducted and your club can remain informed. Warren County will meet September 1; Montgomery, September 10 and Lincoln September 22. The Councils have a lot of new business to discuss for the coming year. Please make every effort to be there.

4-H Day at Arrowhead

Plan now to see the Kansas City Chiefs play the New York Giants on October 4. Tickets are \$34.00 and \$54.00. To order go to www.kcchiefs.com/mygroup and scroll down to 4-H weekend and click on Giants. To plan a group outing contact BJ Supple at 816-920-4817.

Youth as Professionals Seminar

The State 4-H council proudly presents “Youth as Professionals” for teens 15-18. Sessions include how to apply for a job, how to nail the interview, how to shop for work clothes plus many others. The event will take place November 14 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the MU campus. The cost is \$10.00. Contact the office if interested.

North Central Region Volunteer Forum

Leaders should plan to attend this great conference October 1-4 in Lincoln, NE. Registration is \$250 and is due September 15. Contact the office for more information.

National 4-H Week October 4-10

This year’s theme will be “Keeping It Green.” Window displays are to be in place by noon October 5. Don’t forget to tell the office where your club’s display is located. These items must be in your display: Theme, club name, address and phone number of Extension Office.

Lincoln County Proclamation

Members are invited to take part in the proclamation signing for National 4-H week on September 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Shooting Sports Leader Certification

A shooting sports certification will be held October 9-11 at Camp Galilee near El Dorado Springs. The cost will be \$50 that includes meals, materials and lodging. Certification will be offered in Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzle loading and county coordinator. Instructors must be at least 21 years of age. Pre-registration is required by September 30 and space is limited. Contact the office if you know of someone that needs to be certified. We desperately need more certified leaders.

Leadership Opportunities

Junior Leader - As 4-H members reach 12 years of age, they can serve as a junior leader and assist an adult volunteer with a project.

Teen Leader - By age 16, they can serve as a project/activity leader and will need to enroll as a leader.

New Family Orientation

Plan now to attend the new family orientation for Lincoln County on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Come and learn all about 4-H and the opportunities it has to offer. As new members enroll, please let them know about this.

Videos Available

County Extension offices have several videos to check out – “How to conduct a meeting,” “Carrying the ball for a Great Meeting”, “4-H’ers Learn by Demonstrating”, “Singing is Fun” and the brand new DVD, “4-H Judging – Making Choices.” Contact the office to check one out.

Excused Absences

There have been several questions about what is an excused absence from a 4-H club meeting. There are three cases that will be excused. They are: 1) Anything that would effect your grade at school such as a band concert or chorus providing you bring a note from your teacher in advance. (This eliminates just going to watch) 2) A death in the family or illness of 4-H member. 3) A teenage member with a job. All other absences will NOT be excused. Anything you "choose" to do such as school sports or little league is considered not excused. Generally, club meetings are the same day and time each month and it is the responsibility of both the parent and member to attend club meetings. If you are having trouble getting to the meeting, please call someone in your club for a ride. Remember, you must attend a

majority of club meeting to complete the year and show at the Fair-NO EXCEPTIONS.

4-H Camp Food and Fitness

The 4-H camp food and fitness will be held November 14-15 on the MU Campus. Youth age 12 to 14 enrolled in 4-H foods projects is the primary audience. The cost is \$80 and includes meals, lodging and materials. Registration is due by October 15 and space is limited. Contact the office if interested.

Warren County Horse Members

Anyone interested in horse bowl or hippology should contact Michele Dreyer at 636-456-4633. Practices will begin in September.

REMINDERS

State Fair Exhibits Returned

State Fair exhibits are back so please get your exhibit picked up from the Extension Center as soon as possible. There are meetings held where the exhibits are kept and we don't want them to get damaged.

Montgomery County Raffle

Don't forget to turn in any money or unsold tickets. This year the fundraiser continued through Old Threshers with prizes given away on August 23.

UPDATES

Global Education

Anyone wanting to apply for trips to Japan, Australia, Finland, Norway or Costa Rica should contact the office for more info. Applications are due into State by December 1st.

State Event Participation

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 event, and meeting other requirements established by the club, county and/or state. If you want

to compete in ANY state contest, you must meet these requirements.

“One unable to dance blames the unevenness of the floor.”

Malay Proverb