April 2012

Thank You to Club & Project Leaders
National Volunteer Week
April 15–21, 2012

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4-H Leader’s Creed

I BELIEVE:

...The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.

...Learning how to do the project is more important then the project itself.

...4-H’ers should be their own best exhibits.

...No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.

...Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.

...Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.

...To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.

...Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.

...Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and be praised (leaders, too).

...Our job as leader is to teach 4-H members How to think, not What to think.

Source: anonymous

PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS

April marks the nation’s “Month of the Military Child,” a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, New Hampshire Operation: Military Kids (OMK), part of the 4-H Youth Development program of UNH Cooperative Extension, is inviting OMK programs across the country to join in the 2nd annual “Purple Up! For Military Kids.”

We are encouraging everyone across the state of Missouri to wear purple on Friday, April 13, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. OMK hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate these young heroes.

Waita Karcher
Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share and work in groups, explore their interests and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce 5- to 7-year-olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Seed sprouts: Does light make a difference?

What you need:

Sandwich bags
Paper towels
Navy beans
Permanent marker
Sprayer or mist bottle

What you do:

Give each child two bags, two paper towels and six to eight navy beans. Help them label their bags. Label one bag “with light” and label the other bag “without light.” Fold the paper towels to fit inside each bag. Spray with water until the paper towels are saturated. Place several seeds in each bag, and seal the bags. Ask the children to take the bags home; tape one to a window and put the other one in a closet or somewhere with no light. Keep the paper towels damp. Check on the seeds daily. What happens?

Related activity:

Take the children on a walk. Look under rocks or logs for seeds that have sprouted without the help of sunlight. What do they look like? What do you think will happen if they are kept in the sun?


Responsibilities of a 4-H member:

Know the pledge and the motto. Be able to explain it.
Come to the meetings. Come to the meetings ready to roll. Be an active member, not a passive one.
Help other members—be supportive, encouraging, and helpful.
Be aware of deadlines and rules and observe them.
Stay in touch with your Club leaders and Project leaders—don’t wait for them to call.
When a project leader holds a meeting, BE there.
Actively look for opportunities to help out and to lead.
Do at least one well-prepared speech or demonstration or presentation at the club level every year.

Urgent advice:

Take part in at least one non-fair 4-H function outside of the club every year.
SMQA— Show-ME Quality Assurance

Classes are scheduled:

Moniteau County– April 23 6:30 pm– High School Commons—This is a new location

Morgan County– April 18 6:30 pm– Sims Room

Morgan & Moniteau County Achievement Days

Start preparing your speeches and demonstrations. Achievement Day is scheduled in both counties.

Morgan County Achievement Night—June 12

Moniteau County Achievement Day– June 24 at 1:30 at Annunciation Catholic Church in California.

Blue Ribbon Demonstrations will be eligible for the State Fair. Speeches will go to the State Public Speaking Contest in September. Youth may compete as members of the junior division (ages 8-10), intermediate division (ages 11-13) or senior division (ages 14-18); Time limits for prepared, extemporaneous or technology assisted speeches will vary by division: juniors (3-5 minutes), intermediates (4-6 minutes) and seniors (5-7 minutes)

As with last year’s event, counties may send up to three speakers per division (junior, senior and intermediate) for the Prepared, Extemporaneous and Technology Assisted categories, and up to five competitors per division for Public Service Announcements, Dramatic Interpretations, Humorous Interpretations and Pantomimes. All other rules and guidelines will remain consistent. Information will be posted at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/.

Morgan County Shooting Sports

We start APRIL 14TH at 8 am at the Farmers-Sportsman Lodge, Fortuna MO. Please bring eye and ear protection and shooting equipment if you are using your own. If not, that is fine we have equipment (shotgun, rifles and bows/arrows).

In order to shoot, remember you have to have attended our Safety Class or have a hunter's education card. If you were unable to attend our Safety Class and need to do so please get a hold of myself, Mark Stafford or Marry Ann Patten at the Extension Office at the Courthouse, immediately.

If you have your hunters education card, bring a copy of that with you to the first shoot on the 14th.

Each shooter will need to check in with me when they arrive and will need a parent or legal guardian to accompany them to sign a Waiver of Release.

Any questions, please call or email................

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Mark Stafford 378-0435  missourigunslinger@yahoo.com

Mary Anne Patten 378-5358  pattenm@missouri.edu

ALSO WE DO HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE, "MORGAN COUNTY 4H SHOOTING SPORTS", BE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE ON IT, INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED THERE ALSO.

See ya'll on the 14th of April..............

Nancy Fergerson

Whose Been Where

Several members and volunteers have been busy attending state events and trainings.

William Inglish was a delegate to the National 4-H Conference in Washington DC.

Maleka Adams-Riley, Kyle Riley, Kent Riley, Ben Imhoff, Dakota Matthews, Payten Hampton, Alli Watts, Mitchell Moon, Cole Pettigrew of Moniteau County and Sarah Fergerson, Morgan Iman, Caleb Sousley, Hailey Colvin and Rachel McGary of Morgan County spent last weekend in Columbia at the State Teen Conference.

4-H is like a buffet: You have to get up out of your chair, get a plate and a tray, and then go through the line if you’re going to get anything good out of being there.
Editors Note: Club Reporters please email me your reports so that other clubs may read about your club’s happenings.

Jolly Jokers Club Meeting

The March meeting of the Jolly Jokers 4H Club was held Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the home of co-leader Pam Colvin. First order of business was the division of over 300 rolls of trash bags for delivery from the recent fundraiser. The meeting was called to order by club president Adrianna Hooper. Pledges were led by Conner Lehman and Sydney Yeager. In the absence of a couple of our officers secretary and treasurer reports were read for approval by Vice-President, Hailey Colvin.

Peanut Butter was collected for the Buddy Pack program as the March Community Service project. The club will be planting trees in April for community service. Demonstrations were given by Hailey and Addison Colvin. Project reports given for the following projects: scrapbooking, cake decorating, and sewing. Members voted to pay $25 towards members in good standing that will be attending Teen Conference, Teen Congress, 4H Camp, or other like activities.

Results of the recent fundraiser were discussed. The fundraiser was a very successful for the club. Top 3 fundraising honors go to Caleb Sousley, Hailey Colvin, and Addison Colvin. A club paid swimming and pizza party will be held Saturday May 5th at Westlake Aquatic Center for all members meeting their fundraising goal. Next meeting will be Saturday April 21st at 9:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned with the following projects meeting afterwards: Foods, Microwave Magic, and Swine.

Kountry Kids Club Meeting

Members of the Kountry Kids 4-H club met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at the Great Southern Bank in Stover. The meeting was brought to order and roll was taken with the question asked “What is your favorite project?”. The Treasurer’s report was then given.

Three new members were welcomed to the club and the club leader went over club rules and good standing qualifications. Those with a March birthday were recognized and scrapbooking project report was given.

Under old business, the Thousand Tree project was brought up. Motion made and seconded to plant 2 trees at the Stover City Park. Date set for April 22nd at 1pm.

As new business, the canned food drive at Wal-mart had to be rescheduled for May 19th as the date originally set was taken. The club then voted to attend the University College of Veterinary Medicine Open House for an educational day trip. Next, a motion was made and seconded to host both the Stover Fair and County Fair pet parades if asked to do so. Also voted to pick up trash at both fairs.

St Paul Lutheran School is hosting an End of School Fun Run on April 28th. Motion made to walk as a group and funds from the Alber-Kuhns fund will be applied for to pay for entry fees as this will be counted toward the club’s Move Across Missouri project.

Upcoming date to remember were reviewed, next meeting date set for April 25th immediately following the 5:30 trash pick up. Meeting adjourned.

Quote of the month: If we did all the things we are capable of, we’d astound ourselves!

The Little Rascals Clover Kids

The Little Rascals Clover Kids held their March meeting in the Sims room. Anders Hooper and Brody Kroeschen led the pledges. Seven members answered roll call by naming something green. Dates of upcoming events and trip ideas were discussed. Used cards, coupons and shopping bags were collected for recycling. Food for the local food pantry was also collected. Spencer Aeschbacher gave a demonstration on how to make chocolate milk and Brody Kroeschen provided a judging class on selecting appropriate puppy toys. Members planned and created a garden of their favorite vegetables. The next meeting will be April 3, 2012.
Livestock Project Updates and upcoming events

**Swine Ownership Dates**

**Morgan County Swine** Ownership date is April 28– Weigh-in is scheduled for 1 pm at Wayne Kroeschen’s Barn, off Hwy 135. Weigh-in is required if youth want to enter their project animal in the Swine Rate of Gain Contest. If swine is not weighed in a Swine Ownership Form is due to the 4-H Office by April 30.

**Moniteau County Swine** Project members must complete a Swine Ownership form and return it to either Jim Lepper or the 4-H office by May 7. Forms will be available on the county web site, in the office, and at the county SMQA meetings.

**ATTENTION 4-H MARKET BARROW EXHIBITORS... NEW PRICE ON DNA CARDS**

DNA cards for the state fair are now $3. DNA cards are required for all individual Market Barrows entered for state fair youth division competition. Mkt Barrows must have been owned solely by the youth exhibitor by May 1, 2012. A DNA Sample Card must be mailed to the Missouri State Fair, postmarked by May 15, 2012, and also must be received in the state fair entry department within 10 days following May 15th for each Market Barrow entered.

The cards are the same used in the past. You can use your old cards just send $3 with each card.

The exhibitor is responsible for getting their FFA advisor or Extension personnel the DNA for their barrows. FFA advisor or Extension personnel will mail the cards for the barrows to the Missouri State Fair. Cards sent from individuals are not acceptable and will be returned. Cards may be ordered from Edna Vollmer, Missouri State Fair, 2503 West 16th St., Sedalia, MO.

**GOAT AND SHEEP YOUTH CAMP**

North-Central Missouri 4H Goat and Sheep Camp 2012

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Lincoln University Carver Farm, Jefferson City

Cost: $15 per registration

Upon completion of the workshop the youth will have earned their SMQA certification.

For more information and registration form:

http://www.lincolnu.edu/web/program-andprojects/sheep-goat-camp

Contact Charlotte Clifford-Rathert, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension and Research, at 573-681-5169 or clifford-rathertc@lincolnu.edu

New Web sites are Launched

Morgan County Extension  [http://extension.missouri.edu/morgan/](http://extension.missouri.edu/morgan/)

Moniteau County Extension  [http://extension.missouri.edu/moniteau/](http://extension.missouri.edu/moniteau/)

Check them out!

**DEADLINES**

Don’t miss out on these great 4-H opportunities. Sign up today.

April 10

State Congress Registration due to County Office.

**EVENTS**

May 12

4-H Day with the Cardinals

May 30-June 1

State 4-H Congress, MU

June 1-2

Counselor Camp

June 7-9

Shooting Sports Camp

June 9

State Poultry Day

June 19-20

Public Speaking Academy

June 22-23

Family Camp

June 25-28

Regular Camp

June 26-28

Missouri Citizenship in Action

July 24-28

Morgan County Fair

August 5-11

Moniteau County Fair

August 5-8

Film Fest

August 9-19

Missouri State Fair

August 25

State Trap Shoot

Sept 15-16

State Shoot

September 22

State Public Speaking Contest
PUBLIC SPEAKING ACADEMY REGISTRATION OPEN

The 4-H Public Speaking Academy is preparing for its second year! Extension staff, along with former 4-H volunteers and college professors, will provide educational workshops to help youth build their skills and comfort with public speaking. Participants will be guided through the basics and finer points of writing and delivering a speech. Youth will receive individual assistance. The camp is open to all youth 11-13 years of age interested in learning more about public speaking.

The Academy will be held June 19-20, 2012 and registration is due May 15. Lodging will be provided on the campus of Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO, with activities that include swimming.

For more information, contact Patty Fisher at fisherp@missouri.edu or 573-324-5464 or Kathy Bondy at bondyk@missouri.edu or 660-584-3658 and be sure to download the brochure on the Missouri 4-H page at 4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/.

STATE SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATES

4-H Shooting Sports on Facebook

4-H Shooting Sports members, parents or leaders that are into social media are invited to visit the “Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports” page on Facebook. Take a look and “Like” to stay up to date on happenings regarding the state 4-H shooting program.

Hunting Skills Leader Workshop

April 13-15, 2012
Windermere Conference Center
Lake of the Ozarks
Registrations will be accepted through April 1 for the Hunting & Outdoor Skills workshop for volunteers. Previous shooting sports certification is not required. For more details and registration form visit the 4-H Shooting Sports website: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports

State Shoot Rules – 2012

The State Shoot rules were slightly revised for 2012 and are now posted on the web. Each certified leader, parent and member should review this newest version of the rules. Main changes are about ammunition. Shotgun shells will not be provided – shooters must provide their own. Small-bore rifle participants may elect to provide their own ammo, instead of using what is provided.

Also note the information about the 3D Archery and Sporting Clays events on Sunday. Doubles Skeet has been added.

http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm

4-H WESTERN HERITAGE & COWBOY SHOOTING

Leader Workshop
June 29-July 1, 2012

Missouri is expanding the Western Heritage project beyond the 6 pilot counties. A multi-state regional workshop to train volunteer leaders for the new 4-H Western Heritage & Cowboy Shooting project will be held in Missouri, June 19-July 1. The workshop will be a full 3 days. Counties must apply as teams of 2 or 3. At least 2 volunteers per county team must be previously certified in rifle, pistol, or shotgun.

More information and county team registration forms will follow – stay tuned. This is NOT mounted cowboy shooting – nor are horses involved.

Member in Good Standing

Participation in certain state and county events, including entering and showing at county and state fair is limited to those members who are in good standing.

This means members must meet deadlines, attend at least half of club and project meetings prior to the event. Check with your club leader to make sure you are in good standing.
Looking for a great Summer Adventure?

4-H Camp at the Lake of the Ozarks!

Our 2012 camp theme is...

4-H Hands Around the World

This summer we will travel the world through stories, songs, dance & more.

Registration Deadline is May 15.

Announcing this summer’s exciting line-up of 4-H Camps at the Lake of the Ozarks...

Traditional 4-H Camp
Ages 8 -13 June 25-28
Join campers at our annual summer camp as we travel the globe. Special guests will share the stories, songs and dances of other countries in addition to traditional favorites including swimming, team-building, line dancing, camp songs, crafts, and campfires!

4-H Counselor Camp
Ages 14 -18 June 1-2, 2012
At this special training camp, teens will learn the skills required to become an effective Camp Counselor. Topics covered include the flag ceremony, waterfront safety, working with homesick campers, being a positive role model and leading songs and games.

4-H Shooting Sports Camp
Ages 8 -18 June 7-9, 2012
Learn Archery, Air Rifle, Hunting Skills and much more under the guidance of certified 4-H instructors. Safety training will be emphasized throughout and campers will learn more about the many practice and contest opportunities to continue to develop their skills.

4-H Family & First Timers Camp
All Ages June 22-23, 2012
This weekend camp allows families and youth to experience hands on what 4-H Camp is like. This unique camp is family oriented. Enjoy a fun, educational get-away for the whole family.

Join us for 4-H Camp fun!

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