

# Dade County



# 4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families,

During this time when we see the challenges before us, we are wondering what we are going to do and how are we going to get through this. I am reminded of an incident during my dad's Navy career that has helped me think through this situation that we are faced with today.

Towards the end of the Second World War in the Pacific there was an attack that was almost as devastating as Pearl Harbor. You almost never hear about this because the attacker was not the Japanese or the Germans, but Mother Nature. Just like the situation we now have.

As the Pacific Fleet was aiding General MacArthur in recapturing the Philippine Islands, the Leyte Gulf Battle to be specific, the battle groups were in need of refueling and my dad's task force was in charge of escorting the oilers in charge of refueling. It was December 1944.

My dad was assigned to the Destroyer Escort USS Rall (DE-304), as a Chief Gunner's Mate, they were all quite happy because as soon as they help refuel the ships that were in the Leyte Gulf, they had orders to escort a convoy back to Pearl Harbor and be there in time for Christmas.

They got the oilers there and were heading out with the convoy when they were hit by a typhoon (the Pacific version of a hurricane) There were several ships, most of them larger than the one dad was on, that were waiting to be refueled and had emptied their fuel/ballast tanks to receive fuel that were capsized because their skipper's panicked. You see if the ships are not ballasted right, they ride too high in the water and are very top heavy. In a typhoon, the waves can literally be higher than the ship. They can also list (turn side to side) as much as 60 to 70 degrees, enough that the decks can be level with the water. With that happening a ship that is not ballasted right can have water enter their air intakes and put their boiler fires out and be literally dead in the water, not a good thing in rough seas, the wind and waves will overcome the ship and if they get in a wave trough, they will capsize. The ships that were not lost were the ones where the skipper understood what was happening and refilled the ballast tanks with sea water and were not as top heavy and turned their ships into the wind and went full speed ahead. The same thing would happen, even if you were properly ballasted, if you didn't turn into the storm, you could also get caught in a wave trough and the waves would

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*More info: [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu)*

capsize you.

Luckily, because of being ordered to return to Pearl Harbor, the Rall had already been refueled when the typhoon hit. Dad shared with me how their little destroyer escort survived. When the skipper realized that they were in the storm, he ordered the ship to turn into the waves and told the men to batten down the hatches and hold on. That they were not going to be sunk by capsizing, if they were going to sink, it would be because the ship broke apart.

Dad said that it was quite a ride. He indicated that it felt like they flew over one wave and went under two. He also told me that a lot of the rivets of the ship were leaking. The important part was that they didn't sink. They made it through, had Christmas at Pearl Harbor and went back to fight some more battles, like being hit by three kamikazes the same day, but that is for another story.

I know today that our "seas" look pretty rough and we are concerned about the outcome and that there are bigger and more powerful "ships" that are probably going to sink. (I know that we are going to survive)

My challenge today is for us to "turn into the wind and batten down the hatches." Let's persevere, if we are going to sink it won't be because we turn tail and run, or because we were riding too high in the water and the storm put our fire out, it will be because we gave it all we had and we broke apart trying to beat the storm.

I hope the infighting or the outside forces don't "sink" are ship. We will need to do some damage control, I'm sure...bailing water...just keeping us afloat. That might mean some funding sources that are not traditional or even long term but some that just might get us over the hump. Build and forge some new relationships and funding sources that we might not thought that we needed to do before, grants and contracts can't do it all, we need new sources and new places for funding.

I don't believe this time, simply doing our jobs is going to work. I think we need to work on strategy that will control the damages that seems to be thrown at us, not radical attack measures. It is not time to attack, but to defend ourselves, not to sit and say that this is just another storm, it will blow over, but it is a storm that could sink our ship. We need "all hands," 4-H members and volunteers for defense.

We need to look at different ways to defend ourselves; with this pandemic we're going through the mass rallies, large delegations and other activities that we have used in the past aren't an option anymore. We need to look for new ways to deliver our story and find alternative funding sources and new ways of doing what we call 4-H Youth Development. We need new and drastic measures, we need to look and think outside the box.

I had a professor in college tell us more than once, "Folks if we do what we have always done, we will get what we have always got." It is time to change the ways we do things. In the short run, we need to be sure that we are not in a panic, make sure we are not trying to turn back, make sure we are not standing still, but that we are turning into the storm and we are going to get through this.

Hold fast...Don't give up the ship!

Have a good April!

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## Dade County Extension Services Are Still Available

Jay Chism, Southwest Regional Director, sent the following directive on March 24, 2020: *Today during Marshall Stewart, University of Missouri Extension Director, reiterated and emphasized that as we continue to work through this national health crisis, our primary focus is on the health and safety of all Missourians, especially our faculty and staff. In light of that consideration, beginning today, all University of Missouri faculty and staff housed in county offices (no exceptions) not otherwise already telecommuting are to begin telecommuting tomorrow through at least April 13, 2020. At that time, circumstances will be evaluated and additional direction provided.*

Effective 12:01 am, March 25, 2020, the Dade County Extension Office will be closed through at least April 13, 2020. Most of our services, like 4-H Training, Focus On Kids and Private Applicator Pesticide Training are available on line at [www.Extension.Missouri.edu](http://www.Extension.Missouri.edu) The answering machine has an updated message and will be checked through-out the day. Bob McNary will be available via email ([mcnaryr1@missouri.edu](mailto:mcnaryr1@missouri.edu)), office phone (417-637-2112) or Bob's home phone (417-537-8628) if you have any questions.



Missouri 4-H and the University of Missouri have an obligation to protect the youth and communities we serve. Social distancing is needed to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19. We want you to know that while the world around us is out of routine, Missouri 4-H is still going STRONG! Our many members, volunteers, faculty, and staff have stepped up to keep 4-H going better than ever! Just because we can't meet together in person, doesn't mean the projects, activities, and learning stops! We are just finding new and different ways to get the job done!

Check our [website](#) and [Missouri 4-H Facebook](#) page frequently for updates!

## As You Prepare for the Fair

Fair time is quickly approaching. Remember 4-H members must have 6 hours of project time to compete in fairs. If you are still showing pending in 4-Honline, it means we have not received your 4-H fee and therefore, you are not an active 4-H member. Please contact us ASAP so that we can get this resolved.

If you have any questions, sent us an email [mcnaryr1@missouri.edu](mailto:mcnaryr1@missouri.edu) or give us a call and leave a message at 417-637-2112.

## Missouri State Fair Cattle Barn Project

For the 2020 Missouri State Fair, the sand will be removed from the cattle barn stalls and will be replaced with mulch bedding. **A bedding fee of \$10 per head will be implemented for beef cattle exhibitors only. This fee will be collected along with beef cattle entries.** Dairy cattle, which show toward the end of the Fair, will still be allowed to bring in their own straw to place on top of the mulch bedding.

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## Missouri State Fair Swine DNA Cards

The deadline for Missouri State Fair exhibitor swine DNA cards to be postmarked has been extended to June 15. This extension is to assist exhibitors with meeting the requirements of the DNA cards.

Other important dates and deadlines for exhibitors will continued to be reviewed and modified if necessary as situations change. Information will be posted on the Fair's website, [mostatefair.com](http://mostatefair.com), as it becomes available.

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## Policies for 4-H organizations

Did you know that our 4-H Clover has the same prestige and protection as the Presidential Seal or the Olympic Symbol? All of us care deeply about 4-H programs and young people. As “keepers of the clover,” we are responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the 4-H program are of the highest quality and in accordance with approved 4-H policies.

Good financial management is an important aspect of our responsibility to 4-H. Since 1998, the required financial policies for **any** Missouri 4-H organization (clubs, county councils, committees and other groups that use the 4-H name) have been laid out in the publication *Missouri 4-H Treasurer's Record Book Y672*. **All entities (clubs, councils, committees) that use the 4-H name MUST use this record book and meet or exceed the policies outlined in this publication.**

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## 4-H Project resources

### 4-H Project Leader Planning Calendar

#### April

- Remind members of requirements for participation in fairs and shows
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project
- Check out the online materials for virtual club/project meetings at <https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-opportunities/quarantime>

#### May

- Horse project enrollment forms due May 1  
<https://extensiondata.missouri.edu/Pro/4h/Docs/GetInvolved/ClubManagement/ProjectLeader/Y1440.pdf>
- Discuss Dade County Youth Fair (DCYF)/Achievement Day
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project

## June

- Continue to encourage member project record keeping
- More discussion regarding fairs
- Encourage each member to exhibit 3 items at fair
- Final reminder about member in good standing
- Discuss OEF/State Fair project process
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project

## July

- DCYF/OEF
- Start recruiting project leaders for next year

## August

- Drop off and retrieve State Fair items

## September

- Attend club meeting
- Check out new Clover Book online
- Invite prospective members/volunteers to meetings

## Project Records

Members - get a head start on completing your end-of-year project forms. A video is available to view -

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=400900313770949> . Forms can be found at:

<https://extensiondata.missouri.edu/Pro/4h/Docs/GetInvolved/ClubManagement/ProjectLeader/Y620-project-record.pdf> and the scoring guide - [https://extensiondata.missouri.edu/Pro/4h/Docs/4-H-Y620-scorecard\\_projectrecord.pdf](https://extensiondata.missouri.edu/Pro/4h/Docs/4-H-Y620-scorecard_projectrecord.pdf) Remember to take pictures all year of your project work too!

## Please Complete the Mandatory 4HOnline Core Volunteer Orientation

Unfortunate circumstances mean many of our volunteer groups cannot get together. This is surely frustrating as you are itching to get back into the swing of 4-H. **If you have not yet done so, please complete the 2020 4HOnline Volunteer Orientation.** This new orientation covers many updates to Missouri 4-H that were not covered in previous versions. **All 4-H volunteers must complete the 4HOnline 2020 Core Volunteer Orientation.** More than half of you have. We still have a long way to go. Thank you for your diligence! If you are unsure if you have completed the training, contact your local Extension office. **Internet Reliability an Issue?** Talk to your local 4-H staff to learn about “offline” options to complete this important training.

## Dairy Cow Camp – June 8-10, 2020

As of right now plans are to hold Dairy Cow Camp. Decisions will be made in the next 30 days as to whether or not we can hold the camp...stay tuned

The camp takes a hands-on approach to learning about dairy cattle. Campers work in pairs under the direction of adults and take part in workshops to learn about judging dairy animals, dairy management, animal care ethics and showmanship. Persons working in the dairy industry visit with campers about careers in the dairy industry as well. For youth ages 8 to 18.



## State Poultry Day – June 13, 2020

State Poultry day is a youth training/skills demonstration event in an educational format. There will be educational workshops and contests. This is a great opportunity for leaders to pick up information and materials they can take back home to assist with their poultry training and programs and for members to hone their skills in a voluntary “just for fun” quiz bowl.



Registration closes: May 15

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## Southwest Regional 4-H Camp

As of today, plans are to still have camp this summer. Please stay tuned as a modified schedule might have to be implemented.

### 4-H – Zootopia

Camp dates have been set for June 2020.

**June 13-14** Counselor Training,

**June 14-17** Member Camp 1,

**June 17-20** Member Camp 2,

**June 20-21** Clover Kids Camp,

**June 21-25** Teen Camp.



Camp is held each year at Camp Smokey, a group facility in beautiful Roaring River State Park in Cassville, Missouri. Counselor Training is an overnight for all teens who are selected to serve as a counselor to the younger members at Clover Kids or members camps. Members Camps are for 4-H'ers ages 8-12, Clover Kids Camp is for members ages 5-7 (with a parent) and Teen Camp is for members ages 13-18. Teens must apply and be accepted to work as a counselor. Counselors work with 4-H Staff to develop and facilitate camp. Counselor applications and camp registrations will be available sometime in April. Put the dates into your 2020 calendar and plan to come to camp! Members young and old say 4-H camp is the best part of their summer! We hope to see you there!!!

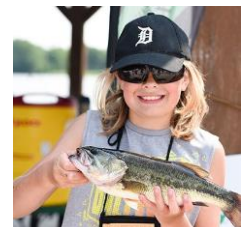
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## State Sportfishing Contest – June 20

This contest is for anyone registered in the Sportfishing Project. Join us for a fun filled day at Little Dixie Lake. Enjoy a Fishing Derby, Casting Contest, Skill-a-thon, educational demonstrations and more! [More info...](#)

Registration closes: May 1

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## Wildlife Habitat Education Program

WHEP is coming back! Volunteers and participants needed!

If you are interested in participating in this hands-on environmental education program aimed on growing wildlife knowledge and teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management contact your county 4-H extension office or [laurabrowning@missouri.edu](mailto:laurabrowning@missouri.edu).

## Introducing the Missouri 4-H Sportfishing Slam

Like to fish? Already in the sportfishing project? Not in our sportfishing project? Join Missouri 4-H's new sportfishing challenge – open to all in 4-H! The "Sportfishing Slam" challenges members to stretch their knowledge and skills while learning more about the variety of fishing opportunities in Missouri! Catch a variety of fish from different Slam Categories (e.g. Pan Slam, Bass Slam, Lake Slam, River Slam) and enter your catches to compete regionally and state wide! Rules, forms, and leader board can be found on our Missouri 4-H Sportfishing [website](#)! Happy Fishing!




**Call to ALL 4-H'ers:**  
**Be counted in the 2020 Missouri census**

In Missouri 4-H, we take civic engagement seriously and one of the ways to be a good citizen is to make sure you are counted in the 2020 Census! Please use [this information](#) to educate yourself, your family, your friends, and your 4-H club about why they should be counted in the census.

### Log those MOVEMENTS

Missouri 4-H is in the competitive period of the MOVE program (Feb 1—April 30). And just because we are at home, doesn't mean we shouldn't MOVE! Don't forget to log your MOVEMENTS! [More info...](#)

For ideas about how to be healthy and active at home check out our [4-H Choose Healthy Officers Guide](#).



## Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program Applications now being accepted

Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program is designed to promote 4-H and 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training that will allow them to return to their home counties and advocate for the program at the county, regional, and state level. Ambassadors provide public relations support at special events such as donor/sponsor functions and also serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, helping to make 4-H and the 4-H Shooting Sports Programs more visible. The Ambassador's further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

Applicants must be at least 12 years of age by January 1, 2020 to apply. It is recommended that the candidates also have at least one year left in 4-H. This Program will serve as a gateway to becoming a National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. Application packets are available on the Shooting Sports Ambassador [web-page](#). Application deadline is May 15, 2020.

## National Volunteer Week is Coming

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week and 4-H has MANY volunteers! We would like to highlight a few of our volunteers, and we need YOUR help! If you know an awesome volunteer we want you to send an email to Sherry Grace at [gracesk@missouri.edu](mailto:gracesk@missouri.edu) with a short blurb about how they volunteer in 4-H, what makes them awesome, and a photo or 2 of them in action. Make sure to include their name and county. Thanks for your help!

### Resource Links:

- [Missouri 4-H Quarantine](#)
- [MU Extension's COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [NASP's Countering COVID-19 Stigma and Racism: Tips for Parents and Caregivers](#)
- [Extension's Community Health Resources](#)
- [Helping Children Cope Emotionally with the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) by Brad Lindell, PhD](#)

## 2021 4-H Youth in Action Applications are OPEN

In 4-H, you've developed your passion. You've found your purpose. You've inspired others – and now you're moving forward. Share how

4-H propelled you to change your community and you could earn a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards!

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM. Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. For more information and to apply...



## 4-H Feeding Missouri Continues ONLINE

The Missouri 4-H Feeding Missouri project is partnering with Missouri Farmers Care Drive to Feed Kids Campaign to raise awareness of food insecurity and increase resources for the Feeding Missouri Network food banks across the state. The need of supporting our food banks is even greater, as the effects of the COVID-19 continues to grow. With school and workplace closures, many vulnerable families will face an even greater risk of becoming food insecure. Together we can help!

Please consider making a donation to Feeding Missouri at: <https://feedingmissouri.org/4h/> Feeding Missouri is a coalition of the six Missouri Food Banks working to provide hunger relief to every county in the state. All proceeds will be distributed to their network of more than 1,500 community feeding programs.

Your support of this initiative will help us improve the lives of Missouri's most vulnerable families.

**To our members and leaders:** *As you are re-thinking how you are doing 4-H, please make sure you are following the new policies in place. Feel free to use the above ad to do your own online donation drive. Here are some important links:*

- 4-H Feeding Missouri [website](#)
- Donation reporting [form](#)
- Monetary donation



## Missouri 4-H Updates

Due to the vast amount of changes in 4-H programming in the past week, we have compiled a list of opportunities/events and any details we have regarding them.

**Postponed events:** Refunds may be requested now by emailing the person listed in the notes column and giving your name and event. Refunds will be processed weekly on Fridays. MU’s refund policy states we will refund money in the way it was received—for instance, if you paid by credit card, your credit card will be credited back. We will re-open the events for registration once we have a set date. If it is found an event must be cancelled, everyone will be refunded automatically.

**Current and future registering events:** We are continuing registration as normal for future events. Credit cards will not be charged until we hit the “accept” button. This will not happen until we are certain these are events are a go.

Event/Opportunity:	Status:	Original Date:	Notes:
<b>MOVE Across Missouri</b>	ON	Competition period is from Feb 1 to April 30. May 1-15 is the report period in 4-HO.	MOVE is primarily tracking your movements. It is important to still keep physically active at home! See ideas below!
<b>4-H Feeding Missouri</b>	ON	Jan 1 through April 30. All efforts should be moved online.	During this time, some families are in more need than ever. While 4-H volunteering and meeting is off for now, we can still use social media to ask for monetary donations. (see resources below)
<b>State 4-H Teen Conference</b>	Cancelled	March 21-22	Next year Teen Conference will be May 31 – June 1, 2021. Refunds are being processed.
<b>Hunting &amp; Outdoor Skills Leader Certification WS</b>	Postponed	March 27-29	Refunds (see note above): Patty at <a href="mailto:hudnutp@missouri.edu">hudnutp@missouri.edu</a> .
<b>National 4-H Conference</b>	Postponed	March 28-April 2	New date: Sept 26 to Oct 1
<b>MO 4-H Computer Science Pathways Professional Development Opportunities</b>	Moved all ONLINE	March 28 & April 28 These face to face training are postponed.	Please see article below for list of webinars.
<b>Level 3 State Excellence Form &amp; National Conference Applications due to state office</b>	ON	April 1	Note: we may need to change the interview process this year, details to come.
<b>Spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification WS</b>	Postponed	April 3-5	Refunds (see note above): Patty at <a href="mailto:hudnutp@missouri.edu">hudnutp@missouri.edu</a> .
<b>Horsebowl &amp; Hippology</b>	Postponed	April 4 & 5	Refunds (see note above): Maria at <a href="mailto:calvertml@missouri.edu">calvertml@missouri.edu</a>
<b>Show Me Mizzou</b>	Postponed	April 18	

<b>4-H STEM Extravaganza</b>	Cancelled		Refunds are being issued. If the event is rescheduled we will let you know.
<b>Entrepreneur challenge</b>	Moving Online		Details coming soon.
<b>National Volunteer Week</b>	ON	April 19-25	We love our volunteers!
<b>Western Heritage Leader Training Workshop</b>	Postponed	April 24-26	Refunds (see note above): Patty at <a href="mailto:hudnutp@missouri.edu">hudnutp@missouri.edu</a> .
<b>Horse Enrollment Forms (Y1440)</b>	Extended	Deadline moved from May 1 <sup>st</sup> to June 1 <sup>st</sup> .	
<b>4-H Day with the Cardinals</b>	Cancelled	May 9	It will not be rescheduled. Refunds are being processed.
<b>Shooting Sports Ambassador Applications</b>	ON	May 15	
<b>Missouri 4-H Equine Tour</b>	Postponed	May 18-25	Looking for alternative dates. Refunds are being processed.
<b>State Congress</b>	Cancelled	May 27-29	The 75 <sup>th</sup> Congress will be June 2-4, 2020. Refunds are being processed.
<b>Public Speaking Academy</b>	Cancelled	June 16-17	
<b>State Sportsfishing Contest</b>	ON	June 20	Registering as normal.
<b>State Poultry Day</b>	ON	June 13	Registering as normal.
<b>Mo State Fair Swine DNA Cards</b>	Extended		Must be postmarked by June 15
<b>SMQA</b>	Extended	Moved from June 1 to July 1	Please remember you can take this training online at <a href="http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/">http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/</a>



**#1 holiday hack:**  
When you buy your gifts at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates.  
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### AmazonSmile Program

Did you know that when you shop for the holidays at [smile.amazon.com/ch/43-6044367](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-6044367), AmazonSmile donates to Missouri 4-H Foundation? Help Missouri 4-H this holiday season while you shop.

### Missouri 4-H Calendars

At [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu), you will find an icon that looks like this one. Click it and it will take you to the Missouri 4-H Google Calendar. You can add it to your own Google Calendar! Remember, these are *state* dates only. Your county will have its own calendar.



# 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 five to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

## **Thank You Notes Teach a Lifelong Skill**

Have you considered helping your Clover Kids write and send handwritten thank you notes? Teaching children to write thank you notes is a simple act that goes a long way in the development of good social skills. Here are a couple of suggestions to help you get your Clover Kids going:

- Be positive. Briefly explain that the gift-giver will feel good knowing the present is appreciated. The way you talk about thank you notes will influence whether your children think of writing them as a chore or as something thoughtful they can do for someone who has done something thoughtful for them.
- Give choices and help make writing thank you notes fun. For children that don't yet write encourage them to draw pictures. Provide a variety of interesting and colorful paper, pens/pencils, crayons/markers, glitter and glue. Let them choose the ones they will use.
- Make the handwritten note a special message from the heart. Help children understand the effort they put into creating a thank you is just as valuable as the gift itself.
- Be a good example and write letters! Children learn to be courteous and responsible by watching other adults.

## **Ideas for Making Thank You Stationery**

Materials: • Stamps and pads • Stickers • Decorate plain note cards • Stencils • Use decorative-edged scissors • Directions: Cut thank you postcards from card stock • Make thumbprints with washable ink pads (make balloons, flowers, patterns, people, words, or a clover).

## **Seed Sprouts: Does Light Make a Difference?**

Materials: • Sandwich bags • paper towels • navy beans • permanent marker • sprayer or mist bottle with water. Directions: 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. 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?