

# Dade County 4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families,

One of the traditions that we have had in my home for several years is that my sons, now grandchildren and I decorate the Christmas tree during Thanksgiving break while Mom, now Grandma is busy in the kitchen. As my family gets older and more spread out, it is more difficult to get everyone together at the same time, so we try to make family times extra special for those that are there at these special times. As we dig through the boxes of aging Christmas ornaments, many special thoughts of years gone by are brought to mind.

As I reach in the box and pull out a silver bell and hang it on the tree, I think of church bells and school bells. We can learn best, and use what we have learned when we keep our head, “clear as a bell.” A clear head helps us show respect for ourselves and others.

Next out of the box comes an angel, which we place at the top of the tree. I think about the true meaning of Christmas. The angel reminds me of times of caring and sharing from the heart. Others find us trustworthy when they know we care.

In a smaller box by itself, I find a carefully preserved colored paper chain. The individual links of the chain are made from strips of green and of red construction paper diligently cut and pasted by young hands many years ago. Just as the boys worked together to construct the chain, we accomplish more in life when we do our part and work together. When we do our fair share, others know that we are responsible; we are a strong link in the chain.

As I reach in the last box, I find a pure white, handmade snowflake ornament, given to me by a friend. I can’t help but wonder if we will have a white Christmas, and I remember watching the boys play in the snow. The snow would be pure white before they tramped through it, but oh, what a mess when they got into mud. Our life and our health are much the same as the snowflakes.

During this time of the pandemic and not all of our family can gather together, we try to take the extra time it requires to keep these traditions alive for the next generation.

In 4-H, we can demonstrate our citizenship in the 4-H family by remembering the lessons of the bell, the angel, the chain and the snowflake.

Have a great December!

Bob

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## Attention - County Awards

If you are interested in applying for any awards on the county level, they are **due in the County Office by January 15<sup>th</sup>**. These awards include Level 1(Y2000) Member Award ages 8-10, Level 2 (Y2100) Member Award ages 11-13, Level 3 Member Award ages 14 and over (Y2200) and also the Project Awards (Y620) and the Shooting Sports Project Award (Y7405).

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### THINGS I DISCOVERED

in 2020



### Things I Discovered

2020 was a bit different than a normal year, and while some parts were challenging, we are betting there was a great deal learning and fun too. We are asking that you share it with us. Ask your child what they learned in 2020 that they might not have if things hadn't been a bit different. Share that with us by sending us an email at [4hyouth@missouri.edu](mailto:4hyouth@missouri.edu) with you child's first name, age, and county. We will compile them for you all to see!

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## Online Classes

Some of these online classes are held in Canvas—you will need to register for 4-H on Canvas to attend.

### New Resource

We are excited to introduce Missouri 4-H Project courses on Canvas. **Canvas** is an online learning system that allows us to create modules for multiple project areas in one place. Project areas will have videos, lesson plans and opportunities to connect on discussion boards to extend our project learning beyond our face to face meetings. This additional format can be used to supplement local meetings; fill in when project leaders cannot be found; and allow meetings to happen if you cannot gather due to restrictions or weather. Find more information on page 8 of [the Clover](#).



Learn all about Spanish  
Language and Culture on the  
4-H Canvas!



### Spanish Language & Culture Activities

Mizzou Education student Ethan Welker is hosting Spanish Language & Culture activities. Students will learn about the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries, cuisine, and learn to speak and read Spanish! Activities are posted on the **4-H Canvas** for students to complete at their leisure, along with weekly Zoom meetings to discuss the activities and to practice speaking together. [Zoom Link](#)

*Learn what it  
takes to be the  
best babysitter!*

Check out the 4-H Canvas page to learn more!

### Babysitting Class

University of Missouri Elementary Education student Rachel Ott is teaching The Babysitting Club, which is based around the book we will be reading. Students will have access to recordings of Rachel reading chapters out of the book through Canvas. Lesson plans and activities for the week will also be available through Canvas. Join Rachel and dive into learning what becoming the best babysitter is like!



## Missouri State Fair 2021

### MSF 4-H Building Youth Leader Program – NEW

Are you wondering what you will do this coming summer? Do you like planning hands-on activities and interacting with people? Do you want to learn more about the MO State Fair, 4-H, and youth development? Have you ever wanted to work in the 4-H Building at the Missouri State Fair?

As a Youth Leader you will:

- Work closely with 4-H Building Superintendents to plan and facilitate hands-on learning opportunities
- Learn more about the State Fair and planning programs
- Interact with fairgoers and 4-H'ers during the Missouri State Fair

Consider applying to be a Youth Leader in the 4-H Building at the Missouri State Fair!

More details and application will be on the Missouri 4-H website soon.

\*Youth should be between the ages of 14 and 20 to apply.



### MSF Scholarships

The Missouri State Fair and the Youth in Agriculture Committee are accepting applications for Youth in Agriculture scholarships for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2021. The application form can be found on the Fair's [website](#). **Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be postmarked by February 1, 2021.** Applicants must submit an original copy of their application and three additional copies. A total of 40 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must be high school seniors and active members of Missouri 4-H or FFA and have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair. Selected students must enroll (fall and/or spring semester immediately following graduation from high school) in an accredited community college, college or university in the state of Missouri. Applicants are not required to pursue a degree in agriculture; however, a five-point bonus will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in agriculture during the selection process.

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### Contest & Event Dates

We are hopeful that in-person events will be possible but will continue to monitor and follow University guidelines as we approach the contest dates. If an in-person event is not possible, we will look to hosting a virtual alternative. As always, we will notify you of any changes as soon as possible.

### State STEM Extravaganza – NEW

More details coming soon to the Missouri 4-H website!

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Registration opens December 1 and will remain open until March 1. (must include a summary of your project). Youth (ages 11-18) will identify a STEM based problem/question and develop a solution using the scientific process.

Divisions include:

- Animal and Plant Sciences
- Natural Resources, Environmental Sciences, and Energy
- Engineering and Technology
- **Other**

### State Meats Judging Contest

Meats Judging is currently scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021. Registration will be open January 1 to February 1. See the [website](#) for more details.

## State Horse Judging Contest

Horse Judging is currently scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2021. Registration will be open January 15 – February 15. See the [website](#) for more details.

## Horse Bowl and Hippology Dates

It was brought to our attention that we had accidentally scheduled the State Horse Bowl and Hippology contests over Easter weekend. The **NEW DATES** for the contests will be Saturday, April 10 Horse Bowl and Sunday, April 11 Hippology. The registration dates will remain the same (Feb. 15 – March 15).



**Winner's Choice Raffle**  
Only 200 tickets sold!  
5 winners!

Choose from these prizes:

- 2019 Missouri State Fair Grand Champion Ham
- 2020 Missouri State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Steer (1,325-pound steer packaged, processed and divided in half for 2 winners)
- 45-quart Big Frig Cooler
- Samsung Galaxy S5E Tablet



### Winner's Choice Raffle

Hungry for some award-winning meat? The Missouri 4-H Foundation is hosting a Winner's Choice Raffle. Three winners will be drawn. Only 200 tickets will be sold and each winner will choose from the following five items (or those that remain) shown. More information [here](#).

## Host Families Needed

Missouri will be hosting 12 Japanese youth (ages 12-15) and 1 Chaperon starting mid-July through mid-August. The host family application is also available on the [States 4-H website](#). Please consider hosting and contact me [TaylorJL@missouri.edu](mailto:TaylorJL@missouri.edu) with questions. We like to get our host families identified by March 1<sup>st</sup> so we can have in-home interviews, background checks completed, and references contacted for a host family orientation in early May.



**START PLANNING**

**JANUARY 1- APRIL 30, 2021**

4-H FEEDING MISSOURI

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## Kids Helping Kids Grants

Did you know that the State 4-H Council partners with the Missouri 4-H Foundation to give back to 4-H members and their families in times of need? If you know a 4-H family who has been affected by an emergency or disaster, consider recommending them to your local youth specialist or program assistant. Grants are limited to \$100 for an individual and \$300 for a family. *There is no deadline to apply.* Applications must be submitted electronically to Samantha Brandeberry ([brandeberrys@missouri.edu](mailto:brandeberrys@missouri.edu)).

More information [here](#).

## Target Circle

Missouri 4-H Foundation is participating in the Target Circle program! Friends and supporters vote for Missouri 4-H Foundation and help direct Target's giving to benefit Missouri 4-H. Votes are earned by qualified purchases at Target. For full program details and restrictions visit Target circle. Help Missouri 4-H this holiday season while you shop. <https://circle.target.com>



Help support us with Target Circle.  
Vote by December 31.

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## National Conference

National Conference is a once in a lifetime trip that focuses on Civic Engagement: learning, practicing and applying their skills in our nation's capital. This all-expense paid trip is sponsored by the Turner Family through their gift of an endowment to the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Only 3 Missouri 4-H'ers, ages 15-19 are selected each year.

2022 applications will be due on April 1, 2021 to the State Office. More to come with an updated application!

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**NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

**NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS**

### PURPOSE

National Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead, and impact their communities, their nation, and their world. Delegates actively participate in civic engagement by presenting briefings on important societal topics to federal officials in Washington, D.C.

National 4-H Congress is the premiere nationwide 5-day event for 4-H'ers to network with others from around the country. Youth engage while at the event in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Delegates participate in educational workshops, perform community service, attend International events, go on educational tours, and much more.

### WHEN & WHERE

TYPICALLY held in Washington, DC in April.

In 2021: virtual event

TYPICALLY held in Atlanta, GA in November.

In 2021: TBD

### THE DELEGATES

Ages 15-19 may apply.  
3 youth are chosen.

In 2021: delegates have been selected for the 2021 event. Delegates from the cancelled 2020 event, who did not age out, will attend as well.

Ages 14-18 may apply.  
20 youth & 3 alternates are chosen.

In 2021: delegates chosen for 2020, who did not age out, will go with 2021's delegation.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Application (for 2022):  
Essay question & video

Judging Process (NEW THIS YEAR):  
applications will come directly to the state office by April 1.

Applications are judged at the state level and 3 are chosen.

Delegates are announced at State 4-H Congress.

Application: Missouri Recognition Form Level 3 (Y2200)

Judging Process:

- Applications are first judged in region in the fall/winter.
- Each region chooses up to 8 applications to forward to the state office by **APRIL 1**.
- Forms are judged at state level and 30 are chosen for interviews in May right before State 4-H Congress.
- Delegates & alternates are announced at State 4-H Congress.

## State 4-H Executive Council Elections

Recently, the bylaws of the Missouri 4-H State Council have changed, and this effects how many members sit on the council and who can run for office. It is time to apply if you would like to run for an Executive Committee position.

### What is State 4-H Council?

State 4-H Council is the representative body of all Missouri 4-H'ers at the state level and consists of 5 Executive Committee members and one Regional Representative from each of the 8 Regions. They assist with planning and implementing statewide 4-H programs, give input on 4-H program and policy issues and work to address the issues and concerns most important to Missouri 4-H youth. Examples of their leadership can be seen through their work with Teen Conference, State Congress, and the Kids Helping Kids Grant. They often volunteer at statewide 4-H events, as well as represent Missouri 4-H at the State Fair.

### Who is eligible to apply?

All youth ages 14-18 (on 12/31/2020) who are enrolled in a Missouri 4-H program are invited to apply. No prior involvement with the State 4-H Council is required to run for an Executive Committee position.

### What positions can youth apply for?

- **President:** serves as chairperson of the Exec. Committee and presides over meetings of the Mo State 4-H Council and some assemblies during State 4-H Congress. The President shall keep a transparent line of communication with Council members, executive committee, and adult advisors.
- **Vice President:** serves as Parliamentarian. In the absence of the President, they preside over meetings. They oversee all standing committees and oversees the review of the Council's governing documents.
- **Secretary:** keeps the minutes of every meeting of the Exec. Committee and State 4-H Council. The secretary is responsible for keeping attendance and ensuring that attendance policies are enforced.
- **Treasurer:** is responsible for the disbursement of Kids Helping Kids funds and oversees the 4-H'ers Helping 4-H'ers endowment. The Treasurer also serves as the Missouri 4-H Foundation Trustee.
- **Outreach Coordinator:** is responsible for overseeing and collaborating with the State 4-H Office on all official external communication channels of the State 4-H Council. This includes, but is not limited to, social media, email and print publications.

### What about Regional Representatives?

Regional Representatives must apply via the separate application process. Regional Representatives are also part of the Council, but they are selected by their Region. More information about the Regional Representative application can be found [here](#). Candidates for State 4-H Council Exec. positions are allowed to interview for a Regional Rep position. If selected for a Regional Rep position and a State 4-H Council Exec office, their Regional Representative position will go to the alternate that was selected by their Regional selection committee.

### How to apply.

Applications are due **January 1st, 2020.**

Interested youth must submit an Executive Officer Application form, a resume, a letter of interest and a minimum of two letters of recommendation (one 4-H staff/faculty and one from a professional or personal reference of their choice) to Council Coordinator, Samantha Brandeberry via email ([brandeberrys@missouri.edu](mailto:brandeberrys@missouri.edu)) or postal mail (1110 S College Avenue Columbia, MO 65211).

Interviews will take place February 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> for those candidates chosen by the professional panel. 10 candidates (two per office) will be announced and have the opportunity to campaign at State 4-H Congress and give speeches in front of their peers. All Missouri 4-H members 4-H ages 14-18 will vote to select their State 4-H Council Exec Committee. Installation of officers takes place on the final morning of State 4-H Congress.

For more information and the applications go [here](#).

# 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.

## Easy Soap Making

Materials:

- Glycerin soap in many colors (this only works with glycerin soap)
- Soap or candy molds
- Microwave
- Microwavable cups or paper cups
- Plastic or metal spoons and/or wooden sticks or coffee stirrers
- Knife

Instructions:

- Cover table or work area with newspaper
- Cut bars of soap into about three pieces each
- Put a piece into a cup (cut the piece in half if you plan to mix colors)
- Put soap in microwave and melt it on high for about 10-15 seconds (it may take longer on low-wattage microwaves. If it doesn't change to liquid in 15 seconds or it starts to bubble or boil, you may not have a pure glycerin soap bar)
- Remove it using a potholder, and stir to mix thoroughly
- Pour melted soap (work quickly, it hardens fast) into molds(to prevent sticking, oil the molds with cooking spray or oil)
- Wait about 5 minutes for it to harden and cool
- Remove from molds and continue the process
- Put soap in gift bags or bath bags to give as presents!



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