

Dade County 4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families,

I am sure that over the years you have seen this story about time by R. G. Lee, but I thought that it would be appropriate to use it again in starting the new year.

Your Daily “Bank” Account

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400, that carried no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and finally every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent—of course!

Well, you have such a bank and its name is “TIME.” Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off—as lost – whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries no balances. It allows no balances. It allows no overdrafts. Each day the bank named “TIME” opens a new account with you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day’s deposits the loss is yours.

How are you going to use your time this next year? Let’s look at the word time and see what we can see from it.

“T” – “Think” about what you are going to do in 4-H this year, in other words set some goals that you would like to accomplish.

“I” – “Implement” those same ideas on how you are going to achieve those goals.

“M” – “Manage” your time, like the story about the “TIME” Bank Account, you only have so much time to complete your goals.

“E” – “Evaluate” what you are doing along the way. Make sure that you are keeping on task of your goals.

For the year 2021, let’s use those seconds that are deposited every day in to our “TIME” account, seize the opportunities available in 4-H and give it our best. We need to be ever mindful of the time we are given. In this time of the pandemic it is easy to let “time” get away from us, but having the excuse that since we can’t meet in person or have a large gathering then our “time” will be wasted. We have to be ever searching for ways to connect and use our “time” as wisely as we can. We need to use our time carefully “make the best better.”

Have a great January, and an even greater 2021.

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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 15th**. 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).



New this year: Through a generous donation from Missouri Farmers care, we are able to offer the Feeding Missouri/Drive to Feed Kids matching grant! These grants are for match dollars up to \$300 to extend your Feeding Missouri donation, or help offset costs for events and fundraisers related to the campaign. We will be accepting grant applications from January 1-March 31. For more information and the application use the link below or visit the website:

- [Instructions and application](#)
- [Example application](#)

Drive to Feed Kids donates 1 million meals in 2020

One of our partners in 4-H Feeding Missouri is Missouri Farmers Care and the Drive to Feed Kids. They just released their yearend totals and the Drive to Feed Kids donated 1 million meals in 2020. Missouri 4-H provided a good chunk of those! Please [read more here](#).



3rd Annual 4-H Feeding Missouri Kicks Off January 1st

Did you know that over 800,000 Missourians struggle with hunger? That 1 in 7 children worry about when their next meal will be? Now is time the for Missouri 4-H to take action! Our food banks are struggling to keep their shelves stocked, especially now during the pandemic. This is why Missouri 4-H has partnered again with Missouri Famers Care and Feeding Missouri for the 3rd Annual 4-H Feeding Missouri/Drive to Feed Kids campaign! From January 1 to April 30, 4-H'ers will engage in a friendly service competition to see which counties can contribute the greatest amount of food, cash contributions and volunteer hours. For more information, link to log pounds of food, volunteer hours and cash donations please visit our [website](#).

Online Classes

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

Missouri 4-H Ready in the Middle, for ages 11 and 12 seeks to: a.) engage the entire household, b.) identify and mitigate risks and hazards in and around the house, and c.) provide solutions to enhance safety and preparedness. There is an added focus on emergency equipment and local emergency contact information, as well as family preparedness planning that includes escape plans, communication plans, insurance, and first aid kits.

- Course Instructor: Willa Williams, CES & 4-H Specialist
- Materials will be available by January 11th in Canvas to complete the course at your own pace any time before January 25th.
- Course required program wrap up Zoom on Monday, January 25th at 6:00 pm-please contact Willa to register.

Please contact Willa Williams with questions at williamswl@missouri.edu



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.

Missouri Agribusiness Academy

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is offering 30 high school students representing 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, as well as farm families, throughout Missouri the opportunity to explore careers in agriculture through the 2021 [Missouri Agribusiness Academy \(MAbA\)](#). MAbA is a competitive program for sophomores interested in pursuing agriculture-related degrees and careers. Applications can be found on MDA's website and are due February 1, 2021.



Contest & Event Dates

State Meats Judging Contest

Meats Judging is currently scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021. Registration in 4-H Online. January 1 – February 1. See the [website](#) for more details.

State Horse Judging Contest

Hosted virtually Saturday, Feb 27 – Sunday, Feb 28. Registration in 4-H Online. January 15 – February 15. Cost is \$15 per youth. Coaches may register for no charge. See the [website](#) for more details.

Horse Bowl

Horse Bowl is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2021. Registration in 4-H Online. February 15 – March 15.

Hippology Bowl

Horse Bowl is currently scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 2021. Registration in 4-H Online. February 15 – March 15.

USDA AgDiscovery Program

AgDiscovery is a unique opportunity for students to explore agricultural sciences, and gain knowledge about careers in animal and plant disciplines, wildlife management, veterinary medicine, biotechnology, entomology, food safety, food production, agribusiness, forestry, and MUCH more! Students experience hands-on learning workshops, behind-the-scenes tours, laboratory and field exercises, in addition to a variety of cultural and teambuilding activities. For more information:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct_agdiscovery_program Nearby opportunities include: Lincoln University, Iowa State University, University of Illinois, and University of Arkansas Pine Bluff. There is no cost to attend this program.

Missouri 4-H STEM Extravaganza

Saturday, May 1, 2021

The Missouri 4-H STEM Extravaganza will allow 4-H members in the Robotics and Computer Science projects an opportunity to showcase the skills they have gained in teamwork, engineering, programming, and problem solving. There will be a few contests: RoboPet Challenge, Robot Exhibition, Computer Science contest, and STEM Projects Exhibition. Robot platforms include Lego Mindstorms, VEX IQ/EDR/V5, or any other appropriate robot meeting the requirements of the challenges. Interviews are part of the challenges. Participants may also have an educational display and/or demonstration.

STEM Extravaganza Challenges

Registration: Jan. 1--April 26 in 4-H Online

The challenge is open to Missouri 4-H members. There is no requirement to qualify at a local robotics event.

This is an individual or team challenge: youth may be part of a team of 2–5 youth in the same age division. There is a participant fee of \$10 per youth; with \$5 entry fee per youth per challenge entered.

Investigate STEM Contest

Registration: open through March 1 in 4-H Online (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

For full details on all challenges, visit our [website](#).



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>

Shooting Sports Updates

Shooting Sports Safety

The 740 Shooting Sports Project which is a mandatory, one-time project for all shooting sports members is ideally held in person. However, we recognize that this is impossible in some counties at this time. This project has been revamped and will be available through Canvas with approval of County 4-H specialists to those counties that cannot currently hold face to face meetings due to Covid. You will register through 4-H Online as you would for any event in the 740 Shooting Sports Safety training at a cost of \$5.00 per family. Registration will open January 15 and will stay open through April.

This class will not be approved for any county that is holding in person classes.



Instructor Certification

The State Shooting Sports Advisory committee has met and is aware that there is a serious need for Shooting Sports Instructor Certification classes. Due to policies at the National and State levels in Shooting Sport and due to the restrictions placed on us by the CDC, holding large in-person trainings is impossible at this time. However, we have come up with some stop-gap training measures for areas with the greatest need. If you are in one of these areas, please work through your local Extension office.

2020 State Team Tryouts

The selection process for the nine state shooting teams began this fall after the completion of the State Shoot. 4-H youth selected for the state shooting teams represent Missouri 4-H at the National Invitational Match to be held June 20 - June 25 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

As the teams are set, we will be updating our page. [See the teams so far.](#)

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, 2021 however, applications are still being accepted!**

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) or postal mail (1110 S College Avenue Columbia, MO 65211).

Interviews will take place February 1st-4th 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](#).



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 with questions. We like to get our host families identified by March 1st so we can have in-home interviews, background checks completed, and references contacted for a host family orientation in early May.

States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal Program
 CONNECT WITH STATES' 4-H YOUTH FROM AROUND THE GLOBE THIS WINTER!
 OUR PEN PAL PROGRAM RUNS FROM MID JANUARY - MID APRIL 2021!
 Steps to Participate

- Sign up!** Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY> and fill in your information.
- Match!** We will pair you with a same gender, similar aged youth from a country of your preference (if possible).
- Connect!** Write at least twice per month with your match (you should each receive and send at least two messages per month).
- Make Friends!** Share fun facts about your daily life and culture with your pen pal. Be sure to check out our recommended topics of the month as a starting point for your messages.
- Share!** At the end of the program we will be creating an online space for participants to share what they learned from their pen pal.

LET'S MAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS THIS WINTER!

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.

Soapy Snowman

Materials/Supplies per person

- ½ cup water
- Mixer
- 2 cups Ivory Snow Detergent (not liquid!)
- Toothpicks, buttons, sticks, beads, felt scraps, yarn, chenille sticks, etc.

Instructions

1. Mix Ivory Snow Detergent with water until it is a dough consistency (a mixer works well).
2. Right away, shape the dough into 3 different sized balls.
3. Use toothpicks to hold the balls together as you stack them.
4. Add the decorations – arms, scarf, hat, etc.

Source: Iowa State University Extension, 4-H Clover Kids Electronic Newsletter, December 2007

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