

# Dade County 4-H Newsletter



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Dear 4-H Families,

When I think of the Fourth of July, I cannot help but think about patriotism and loyalty. In the 4-H Pledge we pledge our heart to greater loyalty. What is loyalty?

The dictionary defines the word loyal as unwavering in allegiance; some examples of this are 1) faithful allegiance to one's sovereign or government, 2) faithful to a private person to whom fidelity is due, 3) faithful to a cause, ideal or custom. Synonyms of loyalty are: faithful, allegiance, devotion, dedication, constant, unwavering, steady, and unfailing.

Let's look at being loyal. What's the difference between being loyal to a local sports team; say the Royals or the Cardinals, and being loyal to the coach of a team for which you play? Being loyal to a team is faithful to a cause, your team and being loyal to a coach is being loyal to a private person.

Think of the people, organizations, teams, and causes, to which you are (or have been) loyal. Ask yourself these questions: Which ones are deserving of your loyalty? Which ones are not? When we give our loyalty, we should be sure that it is something that we can or should be loyal to.

Some guidelines that we should consider about loyalty and being loyal are:

1. Loyalty is unwavering in good times and bad.
2. Loyalty is what you do, not what you say.
3. Loyalty is in your heart. It is willing and not reluctant.
4. Loyalty can be very demanding.
5. Loyalty may require you to make sacrifices.
6. Loyalty to the right cause will be rewarded, but loyalty to the wrong cause or for the wrong reason is a waste of time.
7. Disloyalty will bring about distrust and unwillingness from others to be loyal to you.

Being loyal and being friends are similar, but also different.

Friends are defined as 1) one attached to another by affection or esteem; an acquaintance, 2) one who is not hostile and 3) one who supports or favors something.

So, you don't have to be friends to be loyal, but it is almost impossible to be loyal to someone without being friendly towards them.

Being loyal to a cause or group is quite important today. It seems that there is not much loyalty to anything anymore; whether it is spouses to spouses; companies to employees; employees to companies; members to churches; or members to clubs. Loyalty is what holds society together, if we are not loyal to each other and our causes that we agree on, our society as we know it will fall apart.

In 4-H it is important to be loyal, especially to each other, our club and the cause of 4-H. Through 4-H, members learn to be loyal through the nurturing of caring, loyal adults.

Have a great July!  
Bob

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## Mark your Calendar

SW Regional Achievement Day  
Ozark Empire Fair  
Missouri State Fair

July 20, 2021  
July 29-August 7, 2021  
August 12-22, 2021



## Missouri 4-H plans for Missouri's Bicentennial

### Missouri 4-H's Bicentennial Quilt is on the MOVE!

You can visit the 4-H Quilt in these places:

Courtyard Community Center in Plattsburg, July 19-21

Maple Reparatory Theatre in Macon, July 23-25

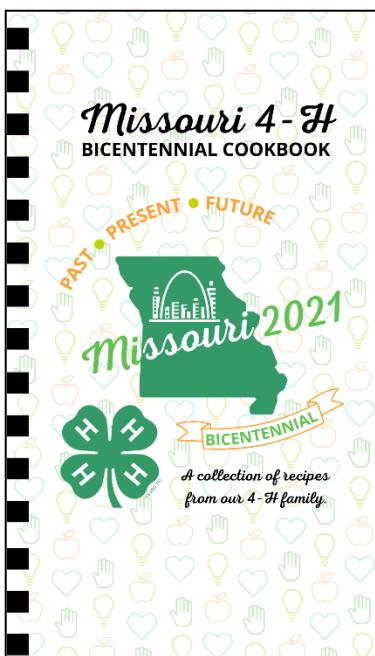
Bushwhacker Museum in Nevada, July 27-29



You can also see the quilt on the [Missouri 2021 website](#). While this link will take you to our quilt's page, you can use the navigation bar to see many other events and activities surrounding Missouri's Bicentennial celebration.

- You can utilize this [pre-order form](#) to take orders and collect money up front. It is a fillable PDF, so you can fill in the name of your club, etc. to save a bit of time writing out the receipt.
- YOU DO NOT have to take pre-orders. Your club can just order a quantity of books and sell them.

## Missouri 4-H Cookbook Sales



**THANK YOU** to everyone who submitted recipes to our Missouri 4-H Bicentennial Cookbook! Our cookbook will have 530+ recipes thanks to your help!

We know some of you just want to order a cookbook for your family and that's it. We also know that some of you would like to use the cookbook as a fundraiser for your club. To accommodate both, we will be taking orders in 4-H Online using an event called Missouri 4-H Bicentennial Cookbook.

**Cost per cookbook is \$9.00.**

### Cookbook Timeline:

#### June 15-July 31:

- Order in 4-H Online (if you don't have an account, see participant instructions below)
- The cookbook event will allow you to "register" multiple times—so if you didn't order enough the first time, you can order more. You cannot adjust your first order, simply create another.
- Once you "register", your status will be pending until the county approves your registration. If you chose "pay by check", they are waiting on your check before they hit approve. Please be patient, we are in the middle of camp AND fair seasons, so approvals may not be done daily.

#### August 15:

- Last day for payments. It is preferred that you pay by credit card as you are ordering, however if you need to pay by check, please do so ASAP by submitting the check to your county's Extension Office. If your payment is not received, your order will be cancelled.

### **First part of August:**

- The State Office will order the cookbooks.
- Morris Press will print and ship the cookbooks to the State Office by the end of August.

### **In September:**

- We will use what we lovingly call the Clover Express (all the folks who come and go from State Office to different parts of the state) to get the cookbooks from here to your county offices. You will pick them up from there.

### **Using the Cookbook as a fundraiser:**

You will sell the books for more than \$9. The books cost \$9 when you order them, if you sell them for say \$12, your club keeps the \$3.

- You can utilize this [pre-order form](#) to take orders and collect money up front. It is a fillable PDF, so you can fill in the name of your club, etc. to save a bit of time writing out the receipt.
- YOU DO NOT have to take pre-orders. Your club can just order a quantity of books and sell them.

### **To order cookbooks:**

If you are a 4-H member or volunteer:

- Log-in to your 4-H Online account and use any member/volunteer to "register" for the "event" Missouri 4-H Bicentennial Cookbook.

If you are not a 4-H member or volunteer:

- You will need to create a "participant" account in 4-H Online. Step by step instructions are [here](#).



## No Limits P.I.G. Show

Thursday, August 19th ~ Swine Barn ~ 2:00pm

*Join us for this special event!*

The Missouri State Fair Foundation is hosting a No Limits P.I.G. Show to provide youth with physical or cognitive challenges the opportunity to enter the show ring at the Missouri State Fair. Each novice exhibitor will be paired with a 4-H/FFA swine ambassador to experience the GREATNESS (independence, confidence, respect, and fun) that comes from exhibiting livestock.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR FOUNDATION

For more information :  
Mostatefairfoundation.net  
660-951-4053

For more details on the No Limits PIG Show, registration forms, and to order shirts visit their site

<https://www.mostatefairfoundation.net/p/getconnected/no-limits-pig-show>



Save the date and team up with the Missouri 4-H Foundation for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Clover Classic Golf Tournament presented by The Climate Corporation, a subsidiary of Bayer and Great American Insurance-Crop Division. **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at the A. L. Gustin golf course in Columbia**





## Missouri 4-H at the State Fair

### State Fair Demonstrations

*Did you know you can do a demonstration at the State Fair?*

Demonstrations must have earned a blue ribbon at a county achievement event and been selected for the State Fair. Youth will need to complete a registration in 4-H Online. 4-H Staff should approve general and working demonstrations in 4-H Online as close to July 15 as possible – extensions will be given for counties with fairs/achievement days after July 15. More details can be found in the [4-H Building Guidelines](#).

- General Demonstrations: The 4-H member shows and tells others how to do something. They are more formal than working demonstrations; therefore, require the use of a microphone (provided). These are five to ten minutes in length.
- Working Demonstrations: Youth work on a project while responding to fairgoers' questions. A poster giving the topic of the demonstration and the 4-H member's name can be displayed on the table during the working demonstration. These are approximately thirty minutes in length.
- Specialty Contest Demonstrations
  - **Pork** demonstrations may be on any facet of pork, including food, nutrition, production practices, or by-products. Demonstration topics should be challenging and exhibit contestant's knowledge as well as presentation skills.
  - **International Topic** demonstrations should include a lot of information about the place where the item originates and the people who use the item. If the item made is a food item, a copy of the recipe, nutrition information, and a sample of the food should be given to judges.
  - In **egg** demonstrations each contestant prepares an egg dish and also presents information that reflects the contestant's knowledge about eggs, including nutritional value, preparation, storage, function, grading-sizing, versatility and economics of cooking with eggs.
  - **Cooking with Honey** demonstrators must use honey grown or made by a Missouri honey producer or company; provide the honey producer or company's name; give nutrition information; the health benefits of honey and the benefits of pollinators. The demonstrator must present a finished product for judges' sampling and a recipe handout for the judges.
  - **Missouri Grown Foods** demonstrators must use a food product grown or made by a Missouri producer or company; provide background information on the producer or company, nutrition and preparation information, and the economics of the food product and the final dish. The demonstrator must present a finished product for judges' sampling and a recipe handout for the judges.

### 4-H Chicken BBQ Contest

Contestant's barbecue skills as demonstrated while preparing/cooking the chicken, and by judges' sensory evaluation of the finished product. Entries are to be submitted through the state fair. [Entry Form](#)

### Show Me 4-H Wares at the Missouri State Fair

4-H members can sign up to market and sell original products and services at the Show-Me 4-H Wares sales booth at the Missouri State Fair! All 4-H youth, ages 11–18, can sign up to sell on their own, with a biz buddy or as a team. Youth ages 8–10 can partner up with an older youth to sell items on-site. This year, we plan to give exhibitors a full 11 AM to 5 PM shift on one day of the fair to help them maximize their opportunities. All days of the fair, August 12–22, will be available as choices for exhibitors. However – we will prioritize filling August 12–15 and August 19–22 before filling the remaining dates.

The youth marketplace is for business-minded 4-H'ers to gain confidence, apply public speaking and learn marketable skills while selling projects and earning their own money as entrepreneurs! 4-H'ers are not required to be enrolled in an entrepreneurship project to participate.

Registration fees go to cover program materials, venue expenses and administrative fees. Participants will also receive a Show-Me 4-H Wares t-shirt! If you need financial assistance, please contact Samantha Brandeberry at [brandeberrys@missouri.edu](mailto:brandeberrys@missouri.edu).

**How to apply:** Youth registration is open in 4-H Online through July 1. Selection begins June 21, so youth who apply early will have more date options! For all the details, please visit our [website](#).

## 4-H at the Missouri State Fair

Every day you will find youth livestock shows in the show barns! Access that schedule [here](#).

Please note that Mizzou Central is also known as the MO AG Theater

Thursday August 12	4-H Building	Pork Specialty Contest 9AM – NOON	
		Youth Demonstrations 1 – 7PM	
	Mizzou Central	Aquatics activity 9AM – 6PM Show Me Wares 11AM to 5PM	
Friday August 13	4-H Building	Youth Demonstrations 9AM – 7PM	
		Youth Agriculture and You activity 9AM – 6PM	
	Mizzou Central	Show Me Wares 11AM – 5PM	
Saturday August 14	4-H Building	International Topic Specialty Contest 9AM - NOON	
		Youth Demonstrations 1 – 7PM	
	Mizzou Central	Zoo Apprentice Camp activity 9AM – 6PM Show Me Wares 11AM – 5PM	
Sunday August 15	4-H Building	Egg Specialty Contest 9AM – NOON	
		Youth Demonstrations 1-7PM	
	Mizzou Central	Healthy Living activity 9AM – 5PM	
		Show Me Wares 11AM – 5PM	
	Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall	4-H Show Me Robots Day	
	4-H Building	Chicken BBQ Specialty Contest starts at 9:30AM	
		Youth Demonstrations 9AM – 7PM	
		4-H Feeding Missouri activity and packing event 10AM – 4PM	
Tuesday August 17	4-H Building	Youth Demonstrations 9AM – 7PM College and Career Readiness activity 9AM – 6PM	
Wednesday August 18	4-H Building	Youth Demonstrations 9AM – 7PM Food Science activity 9AM – 5PM	
Thursday August 19	4-H Building	Youth Demonstrations 9AM – 7PM Youth Preparedness activity 9AM – 5PM	
	Mizzou Central	Show Me Wares 11AM to 5PM	
	4-H Building	Cooking with Honey Specialty Contest 9AM - NOON	
Friday August 20		Youth Demonstrations 1 – 7PM	
		Beef activity 9AM – 6PM	
Mizzou Central	Show Me Wares 11AM – 5PM		
Saturday August 21	4-H Building	Missouri Grown Foods Specialty Contest 9AM – NOON	
		Youth Demonstrations 1 – 7PM	
	Mizzou Central	4-H Shooting Sports activity 9AM – 6PM Show Me Wares 11AM – 5PM	
Sunday August 22	4-H Building	Youth Demonstrations 9AM – NOON	
	Mizzou Central	Show Me Wares 11AM – 5PM	



<https://extension.missouri.edu/media/wysiwyg/Extensiondata/Pro/4h/Docs/Reports/2020-4h-annual-report.pdf>



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## DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY

Hello Missouri afterschool students!

Ready for something new, fun and exciting, experiencing yourself as an entrepreneur? It takes ONE idea and ONE minute in the [2021 Youth Entrepreneurship Pitch Challenge](#)! The pitch challenge is OPEN to all K-12 students like YOU in afterschool programs, sponsored by the Missouri AfterSchool Network!



31st!!!

like  
only

Upload a ONE-minute video of yourself pitching an idea you have to make your community or world better. It can be an idea for a business, product, service, social venture, or even a technology solution. [See sample youth pitches here](#). ONE grand prize winner (\$500), and 3 winners (\$100) and 5 runners-up (\$50) will be named per grade level group (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12). That's 25 total awards!

Videos are due by July 31. Prizes and celebration will be by virtual gathering, August 23rd. As a contestant, you will also receive FREE online resources and meet others who can help you with your idea, or to take next steps as a young entrepreneur.

By entering, you may also receive a scholarship to the incredible [VentureLab "Spark" program](#), which offers FREE virtual mentoring and support to students like you across the United States!

Ask your afterschool program leader how you can participate in the 2021 Pitch Challenge, and the Young Entrepreneur Toolkit for [tips on making your pitch!](#)

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## Shooting Sports Opportunities

### Calendar Fundraiser

If you have not placed your calendar orders, please do so immediately. Quantities are limited and going fast.



Please use the links below for an order form for calendars and a FAQ sheet to help with sales.

Calendar order form: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eWc\\_lZG6GMpl2hGX3Za0iM3KCJn-HS3m/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eWc_lZG6GMpl2hGX3Za0iM3KCJn-HS3m/view?usp=sharing)  
FAQ: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mpqnr-A\\_fj3Ok\\_k6iPUjQ\\_lBy8NWKnz/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mpqnr-A_fj3Ok_k6iPUjQ_lBy8NWKnz/view?usp=sharing)

### Time to Register for the State Shoot!

The State 4-H Shooting Sports contest will be held over three weekends and at four separate locations. It will be important to note these locations and distances during your registration of each entry in the contest. Registrations are non-refundable.

- Find registration instructions here: <https://extension.missouri.edu/.../2020InstructionsShootingSp...>
- Register here: <http://moshootingsports.fairentry.com/>
- Rules for all events: [https://extension.missouri.edu/.../ShootingS.../SSRules\\_2021.pdf](https://extension.missouri.edu/.../ShootingS.../SSRules_2021.pdf)

<a href="#">State Shoot: Skeet</a>	Aug 7	June 15-Aug 1	Gateway Gun Club, Hazlewood
<a href="#">State Shoot: Trap</a>	Aug 28	June 15-Aug 15	Mo Trap Shooters Assoc., Linn Creek
<a href="#">State Shoot: Archery NFAA 300</a>	Aug 28-29	June 15-Aug 15	Prairie Grove, Columbia
<a href="#">State Shoot: Everything else</a>	Sept 18-19	June 15-Sept 1	Various locations TBD

<b>Opportunity</b>	<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Registration Dates</b>	<b>Notes:</b>
<b>Please note: We have done our best to provide accurate information. Circumstances beyond our control may change these dates. Any changes will be communicated in the EYC and through social media.</b>			
<a href="#"><u>State Sportfishing Day</u></a>	June 26	May 15-June 15	
<a href="#"><u>State Shoot: Skeet</u></a>	Aug 7	June 15-Aug 1	Gateway Gun Club, Hazlewood
<a href="#"><u>FilmFest</u></a>	Aug 7-8	June 14-July 11	
<a href="#"><u>Missouri State Fair</u></a>	Aug 12-22		
<a href="#"><u>State Shoot: Trap</u></a>	Aug 28	June 15-Aug 15	Mo Trap Shooters Assoc., Linn Creek
<a href="#"><u>State Shoot: Archery NFAA 300</u></a>	Aug 28-29	June 15-Aug 15	Prairie Grove, Columbia
Western Heritage State Shoot	Sept 11-12	June 15 – Sept 1	Dysart Range, Marshall
<a href="#"><u>State Shoot: Everything else</u></a>	Sept 18-19	June 15-Sept 1	Various locations TBD
Clover Classic Golf Tournament	Sept 21		
<a href="#"><u>State Public Speaking Contest</u></a>	Sept 25		
<a href="#"><u>State 4-H Fashion Revue</u></a>	Oct 9		

**FilmFest 4-H** will be August 7 & 8. **Registration June 14 - July 11**

**Public Speaking** will be September 25, 2021.

**Fashion Revue** will be October 9, 2021.

#### **Note: State Horse Public Speaking and Demonstration Contest**

As we work to remain relevant and have greater impact, we continually evaluate our program offerings. With decreased participation over the last few years and a need to work more strategically with new opportunities on the horizon, we have decided to sunset the State Horse Public Speaking and Demonstration Contest. This contest had a great run over the years, and we would like to thank everyone who attended as a participant, volunteer, or judge. Youth will still have the opportunity to share their knowledge and develop their communication skills at the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

## Hogs for Hunger

The Drive to Feed Kids is a yearlong effort to fight food insecurity. This year, Missouri Farmers Care is adding to the with a new program called Hogs for Hunger. Below is a provided for exhibitors. To read the press release, go [here](#).



**Missouri  
Farmers Care**

Dear Missouri 4-H or FFA swine exhibitor,



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One in five Missouri children is food insecure, facing uncertainty as to where their next meal may come from. Food insecurity in childhood is associated with poor academic performance, developmental delays and chronic illness. This year you have an opportunity to change the lives of your friends and classmates who don't have enough to eat. Building on the success of the 2020 Pork Partnership, Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's Drive to Feed Kids invites swine exhibitors to donate pigs this summer to feed hungry Missourians through Hogs for Hunger.

There are two paths for swine exhibitors to give this summer through the Drive to Feed Kids Hogs for Hunger. Missouri 4-H and FFA exhibitors can process and donate their pigs locally or up to 50 pigs will be accepted for donation at the Missouri State Fair. Exhibitors need to indicate their commitment to donate their hogs at [www.MOFarmerscare.com/drive](http://www.MOFarmerscare.com/drive).

For pigs processed and donated in local communities, processing spots are to be booked by exhibitors at USDA or state-inspected lockers. Missouri state-inspected lockers can be found at: <https://agriculture.mo.gov/animals/health/inspections/officialplants.php>. USDA-inspected lockers can be found at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/establishments/meat-poultry-and-egg-product-inspection-directory>.

To complete the local donation, exhibitors coordinate and deliver pork to the Feeding Missouri food pantry of choice; partnering food pantries can be found at: <https://feedingmissouri.org/get-help/your-fb/>. Upon delivery, the invoice for processing and the receipt of donation from the food pantry can be submitted to [info@mofarmerscare.com](mailto:info@mofarmerscare.com). The Missouri Farmers Care Foundation will reimburse exhibitors for processing costs up to \$100 per pig.

In partnership with the Missouri State Fair Foundation, up to 50 pigs will be taken for donation at the Missouri State Fair. Missouri 4-H and FFA members must indicate their willingness to donate their pigs at [www.MOFarmersCare.com/drive](http://www.MOFarmersCare.com/drive) by July 30. Pigs will be released early on Saturday, Aug. 14, processed at Kempf's Custom Butchering, and donated to The Foodbank for Central and Northeast Missouri, which serves 44 Missouri counties. By donating one hog you can feed 525 Missourians in need. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of neighbors in need. To learn more about Drive to Feed Kids and the Hogs for Hunger program, visit [www.MOFarmersCare.com/drive](http://www.MOFarmersCare.com/drive).

Sincerely,

*Ashley McCarty*

Ashley McCarty  
Missouri Farmers Care Foundation  
Executive Director

*Alan Wessler, D.V.M.*

Alan Wessler, D.V.M.  
Missouri Farmers Care  
Drive to Feed Kids Chairman

**Hogs donated THIS  
summer can be  
added to your 2022  
4-H Feeding  
Missouri totals!**

# STAY HOME. STAY CURIOUS



## Virtual summer camps at Missouri S&T

Attending camp from home is exciting with Missouri S&T. Curious campers have the opportunity to build a microsatellite at home and watch it go to the edge of space, learn about explosives, tour a nuclear reactor, explore diverse engineering careers, make art, create monsters and more.

Our summer camps are all about discovering and exploring what it takes to have a future career in the business, science, communication, math, technology, and engineering fields. Join us and experience S&T from the comfort of home!

### Scholarships available

A limited number of need-based scholarships for 2021 summer camps are available. If you would like to apply, please register online at [summer.mst.edu](http://summer.mst.edu) for the camp you plan to attend, and check the "Yes" box on the form to receive information (via email). Scholarship review will begin April 1 and continue until funds are gone. Priority will be given to Missouri residents.

For questions, email [pce@mst.edu](mailto:pce@mst.edu) or call 573-341-4200.

## SUMMER 2021 VIRTUAL CAMPS

### EPIC STORYTELLING

**Session I: July 26-30, 2021**

Rising second- through fifth-grades

**Session II: Aug 2-6, 2021**

Rising sixth- through ninth-grades

Create your own epic story through written exercises and dramatic performances.

### EXPLOSIVES CAMP

**June 28-July 9, 2021**

Rising eighth- through twelfth-grades

Fire in the hole! Experience our one-of-a-kind explosives camp.

### JACKLING INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING

**June 21-23, 2021**

Rising tenth- through twelfth-grades

You'll discover how engineers use their knowledge to turn ideas into reality at this interactive camp.

### MAGIC OF DIGITAL ART

**Session I: July 26-30, 2021**

Rising second- through fifth-grades

**Session II: Aug 2-6, 2021**

Rising sixth- through ninth-grades

Experience graphic design, digital art and visual expression.

### MAKING MONSTERS

**Session I: June 7-11, 2021**

Rising second- through fifth-grades

**Session II: June 21-25, 2021**

Rising sixth- through ninth-grades

Let's make monsters! Learn to make crazy monsters and develop their personalities.

### MATERIALS CAMP

**July 18-22, 2021**

Rising eleventh- through twelfth-grades

From advanced composites to nano-particles, materials are all around us. Learn how engineers and scientists turn materials into things we use every day.

### NUCLEAR ENGINEERING CAMP

**July 21-24, 2021**

Rising eleventh- through twelfth-grades

Explore the power of the atom and great career opportunities.

### SPACE – THE FINAL FRONTIER

**July 11-15, 2021**

Rising tenth- through twelfth-grades

Design and build microsatellites that will launch to the edge of space.

### STAY UPDATED

Join our mailing list to stay updated on important information, such as new camp offerings, registration deadlines, and more.

[summer.mst.edu](http://summer.mst.edu)

# 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.



## Fun with Water

Invite children to play outside with water. Remind them to bring a swimsuit and towel!

### Ideas include:

- Water balloon toss
- Water painting - provide paint brushes and water in a bucket. Encourage children to "paint" with the water and watch how the water evaporates in the warm sun. Paint rocks, trees, the sidewalk, anything!
- Car wash - children can bring and wash toy cars and vehicles
- Water sprinklers
- Spray bottles
- Frozen water - ice cubes are refreshing and feel good as they melt in your hands on a hot summer day!
- Watermelon - a fun snack after water play activities!

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