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Dear 4-H Families,

As we come to November, we need to turn our thoughts to my favorite holiday – Thanksgiving. I thought that it would be interesting to print President Lincoln's Proclamation for Thanksgiving dated October 3, 1863 and I quote:

4-H Newsletter

"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe had enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union. It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the

overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord."

It is difficult for me to imagine that even in the midst of the greatest war our nation has ever experienced, the Civil War, that the leader of our nation would ever take the time to put thought to the fact that we needed to be thankful for what we have. So often times we are not too thankful even when we have so very small obstacles to face, but nothing like a great war that has our nation divided and is killing thousands every day.

As I have written before, Thanksgiving Day might have not come about except for a lady by the name of Sarah Hale. She started to lobby for the holiday as early as in 1828. She was told over and over by government officials that it was "impossible" and "impractical" and usually dismissed as this-is-none-of-your-business scolding. However, in 1863 President Lincoln listened seriously to her plea that North and South "lay aside enmities and strife on (Thanksgiving) Day. So, with that thought of unifying our country even just for one day he proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November as National Thanksgiving Day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Bob

County 4-H News

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).

*There is also a video on how to fill out your **project record form**. It is located under the project record form link at <u>http://www.4h.missouri.edu/resources-forms.aspx.</u> Project Forms are available, please contact the Dade County Extension Office for more information. Remember to include pictures and your 4-H story in your end-of-year report. We would like the reports submitted to the extension office no later than January 15, 2022. They will be used for recognition at the Awards Banquet in February, date and time to-be-determined.

Regional 4-H News

<u>Regional Awards</u>

If you are interested in applying for a regional award Level 1(Y2000) and Level 2 (Y2100) are due in the County Office by November 15th. If you are interested in applying for a regional award Level 3 (Y2200) they are due in the County Office by December 1st

*How-to videos for State Excellence Forms Levels 1, 2 and 3 are now available on the 4-H Website. Thank you to Karla Deaver, Lawrence County 4-H youth specialist for creating these videos and making them available to everyone. You can find the videos listed at <u>https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-recognition/4-h-awards</u> under each level.

State 4-H News

New 4-H Year Enrollment opened October 1st

Contact the office if you can't remember your log-in email. If you can't remember your password there is an option to reset it on the log-in screen.

Re-enroll in 4-H Online started October 1

Each year, members and volunteers must re-enroll in 4-H Online. October 1 is the first day of the new 4-H year, and the first day you can re-enroll and choose your projects for the year to come.

You will re-enroll using your existing account. Can't remember your password? Click the reset password button on the log in page.

- <u>4-H Online Login</u>
- <u>Step by step instructions (if on your phone, switch to *Reading View*)</u>

Clover Catalog

Each year, a new edition of the Missouri 4-H Clover catalog is printed and published online. The Clover lists all of the Missouri 4-H projects offered for the year. To receive your printed copy, contact your local 4-H Extension office.

The Online Clover

- There are 2 "views" to the online version of the Clover. You will want to choose *Reading View* for a better experience on your phone or tablet. On a computer, choose *Page View*.
- Each project heading is a link that will take you to the corresponding webpage where you will find links to curriculum and resources.
- Online Clover



Clover Updates

Each year we add/subtract/change projects as needed. This year we did not remove any projects. Below are some changes/additions (please see the Clover for more details):

Leadership & Personal Development

- CE—Career Exploration has been changed to CP—Career Pathways
 - This means Career Explorations (CE100) changed to CP100; the project content did not change
- Under Career Pathways (CP) we have added: (pg. 31)
 - Juntos (CP200) Offered in various districts/locations around Missouri
 - **Youth Futures (CP300)** This curriculum can be used in a Community Club, SPIN Club, In school or Afterschool setting.
- Under Communications (CM) we have added:
 - American Sign Language Online Taught only in Canvas—please read the instruction on pg. 32 about signing up.

Healthy Living

- Under Health/Fitness (HF) we have added: (pg. 38 & 41)
 - Soccer for Success(HF714) (LO714) Must have a certified leader

Engineering and Technology

• We have added:

4-H STEM Challenge (SC)(SC100) (LO100) (pg. 21 & 43) This is for the national 4-H STEM Challenges—topic changes yearly.

Don't forget to register for 4-H On Canvas!

Canvas is an online learning system that allows us to create modules for multiple project areas in one place. Project areas 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 will:

- Supplement what you are doing locally
- Fill in when project leaders can't be found

Allow meetings to happen if you cannot gather 4-H on Canvas includes videos, lesson plans, and discussion boards. One profile covers everyone in your household! For use by members and volunteers! Set up ONE profile for your entire household for \$5.00 to access ALL project areas. Scholarship funds may be requested. You will use any active member/volunteer in your household in 4-H Online to register for an event titled "4-H Goes Online - It's Project Time!" This course can be used by club leaders, project leaders and 4-H members alike. If clubs or project groups would like to establish their own groups within the course, please email the Missouri 4-H Canvas Manager at 4hcanvassupport@missouri.edu to do so. Please note: if you do not create your own group, what you post will be shared with Missouri 4-H Statewide within this course. This course is not intended to be mandatory, rather an alternative method for project meetings/resources.

CANVAS NOTE: Due to a platform move, sometime in December you will notice that Canvas looks different. We are working hard with MU to make that transition seamless. The content in Canvas will remain the same—it will just look a bit different.

2021-22 Missouri 4-H State Calendar

We have prepared a calendar with a listing of the opportunities we have dates for or information on. If you do not see an event listed, that does not mean it is not happening--we simply don't have any information to give you right now. This calendar will be updated monthly.

Go to Calendar

4-H STEM Challenge Kits

The 4-H STEM Challenge is coming up soon! The official kick off will be in October!

Designed by Clemson University, the 2021 4-H STEM Challenge, Galactic Quest, focuses on the mysteries and adventures of space exploration. Galactic Quest explores the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions, and the obstacles humans encounter in orbit. Activities explore important STEM topics ranging from physics and engineering to computer science and space agriculture.

Counties around Missouri have been asked if they would like to have a kit for their program. Check with your 4-H office to see if they are planning to participate this year. For a description of the kit and resources visit <u>https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-stem-challenge/</u>

Shop 4-H is selling <u>a family kit</u> for up to 4 kids and an educator kit with supplies for 12 kids.

Missouri 4-H State Equine Event Update

Beginning in 2022, these contests will be moved to one weekend in April (typical dates for Horse Bowl and Hippology) with the judging contest portion taking place on Saturday each year and rotating between Horse Bowl and Hippology on Sunday. Exact weekend may change from year to year depending on when Easter falls. Horse Bowl will be hosted on even years and Hippology will be hosted on odd years.

- 2022 Horse Judging and Horse Bowl
- 2023 Horse Judging and Hippology

Additionally, we are excited to announce a new partnership with William Woods University in Fulton, MO for our State Horse Judging Contest. They will serve as our hosts for this event. Horse Bowl/Hippology will remain on MU's campus in Columbia, MO.

The 2022 event will be held Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10. More details about the 2022 events will be shared closer to the registration date.

4-H Sportfishing Volunteer Certification Training

4-H Sportfishing Volunteer Certification Training is now available in 4-H Online. Volunteers must complete the certification to be sportfishing leaders. For those that completed the prior approval process, they will not need to take the new 4-H Online sportfishing certification. Steps to for volunteers to complete certification:

- Order or borrow the National 4-H CCS Sportfishing Curriculum (Fishing Curriculum Set of 4). These can be found on <u>shop4-H.org</u>.
- Review the <u>MO 4-H State Sportfishing Plan</u>.
- Review curriculum <u>resources</u>.
- Complete the Sportfishing Leader Training and Quiz in <u>4-H Online</u>. Leaders **must** have a profile in 4-H Online and be approved 4-H volunteers.
 - They can access it in 4-H Online by logging into their profile, select "trainings" from the left side column, select "register", and then complete the "Sport Fishing Leader Training."
 - The quiz will be graded (80% is passing). If the volunteer does not pass, they may complete the training and quiz again.

More information can be found at: https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4h-projects-opportunities/4-h-projects/sportfishingprojects Please share this with volunteers who are

interested in becoming a sportfishing project leader.

Missouri 4-H Social Influencers

Social media plays a big role in communication! Missouri 4-H is looking for a group of teenagers (13+) to help us talk to other teenagers about 4-H. We will provide learning opportunities and platforms for communication; YOU provide creativity and energy!

Who can participate? Members 4-H ages 13+

- *Why the age restriction?* Most social media platforms have an age requirement.
- Can parents/guardians/volunteers join the zoom sessions too? Absolutely, the more the merrier. You can either just join the Zoom with your youth OR you can sign up as a *Support Team* member to receive emails to your own account.

When will we meet and how? Meetings will be the 4th Monday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, starting January 24, 2022 on Zoom. Our yearly cycle will end December 31, 2022. We will re-register each year from October through December.

What will we do? Each month we will have a lesson, discussion, and assigned activity to create pieces to use on social media. Eventually we will add peer feedback on the pieces submitted.

What will we learn? The youth will:

- Learn the basics of social media safety.
- Utilize hashtags and tagging.
- Utilize the 4-H name and emblem correctly.
- Discuss basic copyright restrictions for choosing images and music.
- Create pieces that can be used to market various Missouri 4-H ideas/events/etc.
- Evaluate their work and the work of others.

Do you have to have a social media account to participate? No. We will learn about and discuss various platforms and create pieces to use on anyone's account. If a youth/family has social media accounts, they will be asked to share what is created with their friends and family *if they are comfortable doing so*. This is never a requirement.

What will happen with the content submitted?

All content submitted is subject to use by Missouri 4-H and our partners. Partners include County 4-H and Extension pages, Missouri 4-H Clubs and groups, and MU Extension.

How do I sign up? Register in <u>4-H Online</u> for the event called Missouri 4-H Social Influencers.

Registration ends December 31, 2021.





EXPERIENCE CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS 2022

+ GETTYSBURG & WILLIAMSBURG July 1st - July 11th, 2022

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H youth between the ages of 14 and 19 have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a life-changing week that empowers 4-Her's to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities.

4-H youth are empowered to make a positive impact in their communities, their country, and their world.

In eleven days, delegates will:

- EXPERIENCE THE GRANDEUR OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL WITH ITS HISTORIC SITES, MEMORIALS, AND MUSEUMS
- ENGAGE IN A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH THEIR PEERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON ISSUES THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO THEM
- PRACTICE INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMPETENCY AS LEADERS OF POSITIVE CHANGE
- EXPLORE COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG & THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY WITH A SPECIAL EXTENSION TO THE TRIP JUST FOR MISSOURI 4-H DELEGATES





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Friday, July 1st* Saturday, July 2nd* Sunday, July 3rd - Friday, July 8th

Lodging at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda

- Board chartered bus to D.C. Gettysburg, PA **Citizenship Washington Focus**
- Tour National monuments and memorials and Arlington National Cemetery
- Meet Elected Officials and explore the United States Capitol
- Leadership Training & Fun!

Friday, July 8th

Mt. Vernon, Washington Monument, Bureau of Printing & Engraving

Saturday, July 9th* Sunday, July 10th* Monday, July 11th *Hotel stays en route

Charlottesville, VA Williamsburg, VA **Arrive Home in Missouri**

Washington, D.C.

Cost to attend: \$2600 (paid in 4 installments of \$650)

Installments due: January 10, 2022; February 10, 2021; March 10, 2021; April 10, 2021 Price includes all lodging, meals, transportation, all entry prices to tour sights and meals while traveling. Only expense not included is the cost of souvenirs.

Cancellations will be accepted until January 20th with a 50% refund of application fee. If the trip is cancelled because of lack of interest, the planning committee will reimburse all registration money paid. After January 20th, cancellation will only be accepted if a replacement is found. Otherwise, registered youth will still need to pay for the whole trip.

Registration will be open in 4-H Online starting November 5th, 2022

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Fundraiser Opportunities

Building Our American Communities Grant

The Missouri Department of Agriculture awards Twelve, \$500 4-H BOAC grants annually. The Criteria is the Projects must benefit an agricultural community and/or promote community development and the Projects may include improvements to

existing facilities, grounds or buildings that are used by various groups or organizations in the applicant's community. Applications are **DUE December 1, 2021**



Target Circle

We're participating in the Target Circle program! You can vote for us and help direct Target's giving to benefit our nonprofit. For full program details and restrictions visit <u>https://www.target.com/circle?utm_campaign=696473_EYC%20July%202021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email&dm_i=42N5,EXEH,17W9UF,1KMXC,1</u>

Mark your calendars, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will host a statewide virtual quilt **auction on November 18-21, 2021**. We are currently seeking donations of hand-stitched or machinestitched quilts of any size, as well as barn quilts. Proceeds from individual quilts will benefit county and state 4-H programs. Quilts must be received by the Missouri 4-H Foundation no later than November 10, 2021. Please contact Chris Willow at 573-882-2680 or willowc@missouri.edu for more information.



4-H'ers Helping 4-H

The 4-H'ers Helping 4-H'ers fund was created by the 2015 State Council with the goal of providing scholarships to state events for 4-H members in financial need. The cost of attending state events is often too high for those who have few resources, and limits accessibility to a smaller number of members. Please help ensure that all youth in 4-H have the support they need to access invaluable leadership and career development opportunities by <u>donating today</u>.

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.

Apple Taste testing

What you need: Pencils Paper plates Knife 6 different apple varieties

Tart	Sweet
McIntosh	Red Delicious
Jonathan	Winesap
Empire	Fuji
Ida Red	Gala
Granny Smith	Jonagold
Braeburnl	Golden Delicious

What you do:

- 1. Wash each apple. Cut the apples so that each child has one slice of each variety. Assign each variety a number.
- 2. Give each child a paper plate and pencil. Children should number their plates like the face of a clock.
- 3. Give each child a slice of each variety and tell them to put the slice at the corresponding number on the plate.
- 4. Ask the children to taste each slice, one at a time. Help them describe the taste. Is it sweet? Sour? Juicy? Dry? Soft? Crunchy? Mushy? Crisp? How many like the taste? How many dislike the taste?
- 5. Repeat the questions for each apple slice?
- 6. After all the apples have been tasted, tally up the likes and dislikes to learn which apples are preferred.

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