

Dade County



4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families,

As we come to this holiday season with all the hustle and bustle that is involved in it, sometimes we forget what we are in this life to do. I would like to relate this story to you.

In the city of Philadelphia there was a little third-class hotel. Into it one night there came two tired elderly people. They went up to the night clerk and the husband pleadingly said, "Mister, please don't tell us you don't have a room. My wife and I have been all over the city looking for a place to stay. We did not know about the big conventions that are here. The hotels at which we usually stay are all full. We're dead tired and it's after midnight. Please don't tell us you don't have a place where we can sleep."

The clerk looked at them a long moment and then answered, "Well, I don't have a single room except my own. I work at night and sleep in the daytime. It's not as nice as the other rooms, but it's clean, and I'll be happy for you to be my guests for tonight." The wife said, "God bless you, young man."

The next morning at the breakfast table, the couple sent the waiter to tell the night clerk they wanted to see him on very important business. The night clerk went in, recognized the two people, sat down at the table and said he hoped they had had a good night's sleep. They thanked him most sincerely. Then the husband astounded the clerk with the statement, "You are too fine a hotel man to stay in a hotel like this. How would you like for me to build a big, beautiful, luxurious hotel in the city of New York and make you general manager?"

The clerk didn't know what to say, he thought there might be something wrong with their minds. He finally stammered, "It sounds wonderful." His guest then introduced himself. "I'm John Jacob Astor." So, the Waldorf Astoria Hotel was built, and the night clerk became, in the years to follow, the best-known hotel man in the world.

Every year, the 47-story Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City serves over three-quarters of a million guests in its 1,900 rooms.

You never know what a little kindness shown will do for you. We all need to be watchful of what we do and how we treat others. It might only make you know that you have done the right thing, but who knows, it might lead to something even greater.

Is Anybody Happier?

Is anybody happier
Because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember
That you spoke to him today?
This day is almost over,
And its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now
A friendly word for you?
Can you say tonight is passing
With the days that slipped so fast,
That you helped a single person.
Of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing
Over what you did or said?
Does one whose hopes were fading
Now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day, or lose it?
Was it well or poorly spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness
Or a scar of discontent?

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Have a very merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year!

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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 <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/resources-forms.aspx>. 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



State 4-H News



Teen Leadership Opportunities

Learn how you can get involved with Missouri 4-H as an Executive Officer, Regional Representative, or Ambassador in 2022.

State 4-H Ambassadors

Applications are open in 4-H Online from January 1 to March 1 and are open to all 4-H'ers ages 14-18. Ambassador applications will be reviewed by the State 4-H Council in April and final selections will be announced at State 4-H Congress. Ambassadors will begin their term at the close of State 4-H Congress 2022 and serve through State 4-H Congress 2023.



State 4-H Ambassadors

Each region has four ambassadors.



Executive Council

Executive officers on the Missouri State 4-H Council include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Coordinator. This opportunity is open to all Missouri 4-H youth ages 14-18.

Applications are open in 4-H Online from November 8, 2021 through January 15, 2022. These applications will be reviewed by a panel, then 2 candidates will be selected for each office.

Candidates will prepare a campaign speech to give at the 2022 State 4-H Congress, and will be voted on by the delegates.

Regional Representatives

There is one regional representative per region, although an alternate may also be selected from each region. This position is open to all 4-H members ages 14-17.



Check with your 4-H Specialist for your region's application and deadline.

For more information on any of these positions, contact your county's 4-H specialist.





JSHS challenges, engages, and recognizes students (Grades 9-12) conducting research in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

Why participate?
 Scholarship opportunities
 MU campus experiences
 Career exploration
 And much more!

For more information, visit:
<https://www.jshs.org/region/missouri/>

Day 1: March 18, 2022
 9:00 - 5:00
 University of Missouri-Columbia

Day 2: March 19, 2022
 9:00 - 12:00
 Virtual via Zoom



The Missouri Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) is a national STEM event to challenge and engage 9-12th grade students in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). This year’s Missouri JSHS will be a two-day event on March 18-19, with day one in-person at the University of Missouri-Columbia and day two held virtually via Zoom. The in-person day will include campus experiences to give participants a better understanding of STEM opportunities beyond high school and prepare them for undergraduate pursuits. Participating high school students will be able to share their research projects and compete for scholarships. Finalist will be funded to participate in the National JSHS. There is also a regional teacher award to recognize educators advancing student participation in STEM research.

There are eight categories for student research:

- environmental sciences
- biomedical sciences
- life sciences
- medical and health/behavioral sciences
- engineering and technology
- mathematics and computer science
- physical sciences
- chemistry

For more information on this year’s Missouri Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, please visit the website [here](#) or email the Student Organization for the Advancement of Research Education (SOARE) at muengrsoare@missouri.edu.



4-H Feeding Missouri

JAN 1 – APRIL 30

To continue to help fight hunger in Missouri, Missouri Farmers Care Foundation’s Drive to Feed Kids invites pig farmers and swine exhibitors to donate pigs this summer through Hogs for Hunger. Pigs can be processed and donated locally, or up to 50 pigs will be accepted for donation at the Missouri State Fair. Missouri Farmers Care asks state fair exhibitors to indicate their willingness to donate their pigs by July 30 at MOFarmersCare.com/hogs-for-hunger.

"Food banks consistently report that protein is the most requested and hardest to procure item," said Ashley McCarty, executive director of Missouri Farmers Care. "It is fulfilling to see the heart of Missouri agriculture expressed by Missouri youth donating much-needed protein to hungry Missourians. These generous donations through Hogs for Hunger will make a difference in the lives of our neighbors, over 1.1 million Missourians facing food insecurity."

The 2021 Drive to Feed Kids will culminate at the Missouri State Fair with a variety of activities, including a meal box packing event in the 4-H building on Aug. 16. Fairgoers that day are welcome to stop by to view the exhibits and pack a box. Learn more about this event and the other Drive to Feed Kids activities at MOFarmersCare.com/drive.



Show Me Clovers



In 4-H we believe in the power and future of America's youth. However, only one in three youth say they have the skills they need to handle what life throws their way. Together, we can change that! We're asking 4-H friends to "Show Me Clovers" by raising their hands for Missouri 4-H so that even more youth can benefit from the lifechanging opportunities that 4-H provides.

The five counties in Missouri with the most "Clovers" (alumni hands raised) will win \$100! Help us grow the next generation of True Leaders - vote for your county now!

Citizenship Washington Focus

CWF is National 4-H Council's premier leadership and civic engagement experience for high school students.

Highlights:

- Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, PA, and Williamsburg, VA
- Tour national monuments and memorials
- Meet their elected officials and tour the US Capitol
- Network and exchange ideas with 4-H'ers from across the country

Apply in 4-H Online Cost: \$2,600; first payment due Jan. 10

More info



University of Missouri Meat Evaluation Clinic

December 18, 2021
9:00-3:00 PM
Mizzou Meat Market
Event is for agriculture instructors, 4H project leaders, and other adults interested in meat evaluation.

Registration: \$60
Topics Include:
Beef Yield and Quality Grading
Carcass, Primal and Retail Evaluation for Beef and Pork

For more information and to register contact
Teagan Schnurbusch, trs6r3@missouri.edu

Further details regarding the day's schedule will be provided to those who register. Lunch will be provided.

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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!

- Register in 4-H online through December 31, 2021
- You **do not** have to have a social media account to participate!

More info



Free Robotics/Computer Science Training

December 11th 10:00 – 3:30 PM

Micro:bits and Introduction to EV3 robots training at Missouri S&T in Rolla

Register at this link.





REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR HEALTHY LIVING AND AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMITS

The National Youth Summit Series are immersive, three-day experiences where you dive into the issues, expand your career horizons and grow as a leader while working with and learning from other teens and experts with shared passions. The 2022 Healthy Living and Agri-Science Youth Summits are now open for registration and will take place in-person in the Washington, D.C. area.

4-H Community Service grants

Through generous grants from **Crader Distributing** and **Stihldealers.com**, the Missouri 4-H Foundation offers grants of up to \$1,000 to match funding for a 4-H Community Service project.

Successful 4-H Community Service projects fulfill the following goals:

- Projects are youth-driven: youth are involved in planning, fundraising and execution.
- Projects offer youth opportunities to serve, work and develop life skills.
- Projects reflect youth/community partnerships.
- Projects are geared to the skill level of youth participants.
- Projects demonstrate a "Return on Investment" in the community.

4-H Community Service grants will not fund:

- Facility improvement projects that primarily require adult labor (such as specialized construction skills or heavy equipment operations.)
- Annual flower gardens
- Flagpoles.
- Fundraising events that benefit the 4-H program hosting the event.



Successful project examples include: state lake improvements and waterfowl box construction, raised garden construction at nursing homes, community vegetable gardens, heirloom gardens at historic sites, day camps and events for special needs youth and recycling events.

[Click here 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 [donating today.](#)



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.

Sounds Great—Bottled Music

Supplies:

- Five identical plastic bottles
- Water

Here's How:

Fill five identical plastic bottles with varying amounts of water. Arrange the bottles in order from most to least full. Blow across the top of each bottle and compare the different sounds you make.

Why?

Changing the amounts of air and water in the bottles lets you change the pitch—how high or low the sound is. When you blow across the tops of the bottles, you are making the air inside vibrate. In bottles with more air, vibrations are slower, so the pitch is lower.

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