



Clover Connection

February 2019

4-H Camp Counselor Applications

4-H Camp Counselor are DUE February 8th. Counselor selection workshop will be 2/23 in Cameron. Find them on our website, call us and we can email them, or stop the office to pick up an application.

[http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/
events.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx)

Mercer County 4-H & FFA

BEEF STEER

NOSEPRINTING / WEIGH-IN

Feb 24, 2-3

Location TBD

SMQA Training

March 11, 2019-5:30-7:30pm

@ Grundy County Extension Office

Must RSVP By:3/4/19

MISSOURI SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE—required to show livestock

By June 1st, all 4-H members enrolled in food animal projects (including beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits, and poultry) must complete the appropriate level of SMQA certification **to be considered in good standing**. Youth must attend 2 consecutive years between the ages 8-13 and once after age 14.

Can't make the training? Go online to:

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/>

(they are updating the website—if it doesn't work, try back later in the month)

February

- 10 Teen Conference reg. DUE w/late fee
- 16 Shooting Sports Training
- 25 MO State 4-H Scholarships DUE in county office
- 23 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- 24 Mercer Co Beef Weigh-in

March

- 1-3 Youth Civic Leaders Summit
- 8-9 4-H Lock-In—Chillicothe YMCA
- 11 SMQA
- 16-17 State 4-H Teen Conference
- 22-24 Shooting Sports Leader Training—Clarence
- 25 Grundy 4-H Leaders/4H council 5:30/6
- 26 Mercer 4-H Council 5

April

- 1 County 4-H Scholarship DUE 3:30pm
- 5 Grundy 4-H Contest Day
- 11 Mercer County Contest Day

2019 4-H Camp—June 3-6, June 10-13



Missouri Pork Expo—Feb. 12-13

Holiday Inn Executive Center
2200 I-70 Drive SW
Columbia, Missouri
(573) 445-8531



All information can be found on our website,

<http://www.mopork.com/events/missouri-pork-expo/>.

If you have any questions, contact Diane Slater
Director of Communications at the Missouri
Pork Association diane@mopork.com

4-H Club Corner

MO 4-H Foundation Scholarships—DUE in County Office Feb. 25

The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers educational scholarships for 4-H members and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study.

60+ scholarships are available, each ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. One scholarship application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor. Former 4-H members in college may apply.

<https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h-foundation/scholarships>

County 4-H Scholarship—DUE

April 1st

You must see your 4-H leader to get the Scholarship!!!!

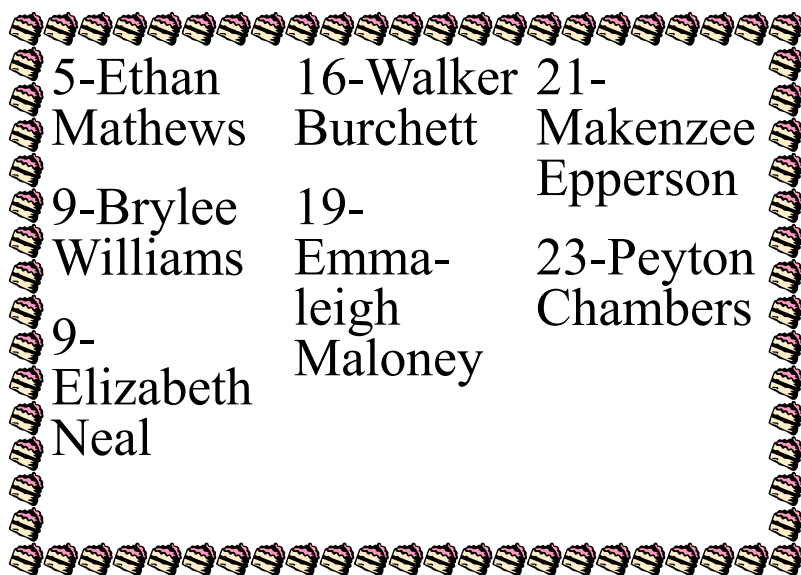
Are you a member in Good Standings?

Members, now is the time to make sure you are getting enough meetings to qualify to show at the fair and participate in other activities like camp this summer. Per council guidelines, members must attend at least 1/2 of club meetings (typically 6) to be a member in good standing. Questions? Contact your club leader or contact the office.

Volunteer Leaders Needed

If you are currently signed up and active as a 4-H Volunteer, Thank You! If you are trying to get signed up and have not been approved yet, please contact us and we will help you with the necessary steps. If you haven't signed up yet, we encourage you to do so. The steps are easy. 1. Enroll in 4-H online, 2. Take the 1 time online training, 3. Fill out a volunteer consent form and turn it in to Sharon Van Dusen. Volunteer Leadership can be as simple as working with your own children on their projects or you can be a project leader for other members in your club or in the county or you could be a SPIN Club project leader. Most of these take only 6-8 hours and will make a huge difference for the youth.

Happy February Birthdays!



4-H PROJECT BRIEFS—paper copy or online

Project Briefs – Have you considered trying out some new projects this year? We will have project briefs at Recognition night for you to take home that will tell you a little about the various projects. We will also have copies of the Clover magazine.

Online Option—Looking for a way to get started on your new project? The Project Briefs were written for both leaders and members as a supplement to the 4-H project curriculum & offer project ideas, meeting suggestions, demonstration ideas, tours, and more! Project briefs are being developed for each project and will be posted as they are developed. Project briefs are on-line at the Missouri 4-H Website.

<http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/briefs/>

Shooting Sports 740 Safety Class

Shooting Sports Safety—all 1st year
shooters must complete this one
time safety training.

February 16th

9-4 Trenton 1st Baptist Church

RSVP by 2/15

anna.persell@yahoo.com

*If you cannot attend, you must make al-
ternate arrangements to attend*

Contest Day

Grundy-April 5, 2018

Mercer-April 11, 2018

**Time to start getting your demonstrations, speeches, pho-
tos, collections and much more ready for Contest Day!!**



4-H Lock-In

**FRIDAY
MARCH 8!!!**

Where: YMCA, Chillicothe – 1725 Locust St.

When: Arrive at 10:00 pm Friday, March 8
Leave at 5:30 am Saturday, March 9

Please pick youth up promptly at 5:30 am Saturday morning

Who: 6th grade and up (4-H members from across North MO are welcome!)

What: Come for sports, swimming (appropriate swimsuit), movies, games and leadership activities – most of all come to have a great time with area youth! *Staff and adult volunteers will be on hand to chaperone youth.*

FEEDING MO 4-H FOOD DRIVE – each member will donate 5 cans or \$5 that will go to a local food pantry. Members will make a “Can-struction” at the Lock-in!

Cost: Register by Wednesday, 3/6 **\$15 + 5 cans OR \$20**

Register w/health form after 3/6 or at the door \$20 + 5 cans OR \$25

Youth pre-registering from the NW Region do NOT need health form, youth from other regions DO need health form

Mail or bring payment and registration form to:

Livingston MU Extension
511 Elm St.
Chillicothe, MO 64601

**FOOD AND
DRINKS
INCLUDED!**

4-H/FFA OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

One of the objectives in owning an animal is to learn new skills in animal breeding, feeding, management and health. To accomplish this, the member should secure the animal as early in the year as possible. Livestock shows and exhibitions set up minimum dates for length of ownership necessary for exhibiting.

Beef Cattle	Steers 3/1	Breeding Animals 6/1
Bucket Calf	Born Jan. 1—June 1	
Sheep	Breeding Animals 7/1	Market Lambs 6/1
Swine	Breeding Gilts 90 days, Market Hogs 5/1	
Breeding Boars	Since farrowing	
Goats	Dairy Goats - 6/1	Meat Goats - 6/1
Dogs - 4/1		
Horses - 5/1		
Rabbits - 6/1	Meat pen 5-10 weeks prior to show	

2019 Missouri 4-H Equine Career Tour Heads North!

The 2019 tour, May 20-28, will be exploring the horse industry in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Canada and is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. Tour highlights will include collegiate equine education departments, harness racing, visiting a variety of equine farms, meeting 4-H youth, and touring Mackinac Island. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, dressage, entertainment, training, art, harness racing, equine facility management and equine welfare.

The \$650 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff chaperones, and most all travel related expenses. Applications are available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/equine-tour> and are due before March 1, 2019. Specific travel information with detailed tour itinerary will be available to participants after March 1. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-866-9800, davisdd@missouri.edu.

4-H Move Across Missouri is Back!—Get Active and Win Prizes!!!

Youth and adults can register for it on 4HOnline!! Enrollment for new and re-enrollment for current MOVERS begins now and continues until May 1. MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Here's what youth and adults need to do to participate:

- **Enroll in the Move Across Missouri (MOVE) project (HF775) in 4HOnline in their profile.**
- Using a paper tracking system found on the 4-H website at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo>, youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes throughout the year. The competition period will be from February 1 to April 30. Youth and families will submit their log between May 1 - 15 in 4HOnline. **Best of all, it's FREE! Challenge your club to see how many members can participate and win the county challenge!**

4-Hers and adults can register for the competitive event as individuals or as part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group.

For more information about 4-H MOVE visit - <http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/main>

4-H Feeding Missouri—Alison Copeland

The goal of 4-H Feeding Missouri is to raise one million meals the month of February in a first-of-its-kind statewide food drive, and every 4-H club in the state can contribute to its success! From February 1-28, 4-Hers across Missouri will engage in a friendly service competition to see which clubs can contribute the greatest amount of food, donations and volunteer hours.



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In the meantime, please consider including educational opportunities about hunger and food insecurity during club meetings and other events leading up to the February drive. Included on the [4-H Feeding Missouri webpage](#) is a resource section that features a “4-H: Empowering Youth to End Hunger in Their Communities Toolkit” with ready-made activities for youth to learn about this topic. You can draw from this resource to help youth learn about hunger and food insecurity.

Livingston County will be collecting food items at the 4-H Lock in—challenge your club to participate or to start their own campaign!

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