



Clover Connection

June 2019

NW Float Trip - Ages 13 and up

On July 24-26, we will journey to the Meramec River near Steelville, MO. Activities will include float trip, camp activities, hiking, and a few surprise stops at MO natural sites and...

AIR CONDITIONED CABINS!!!

Registration fee is \$160. This includes transportation (we will plan on taking a school bus, dependent on numbers), most food, raft, t-shirt, and cabin fees. Applications will be accepted until we're full or until July 10.

Applications online at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx>

Contact your local office or Shaun Murphy (660-646-0811) or murphyse@missouri.edu for more details.



June

- 4 Grundy Shoot forms due
- 3-6 4-H Camp week 1
- 8 State Poultry Day
- 11 Mercer-sheep/goat weigh in-5:30pm
- 10-13 4-H Camp week 2
- 22 Grundy 4-H Shoot
- 24 Grundy Council NOON-
- 25 Mercer Council NOON-

July

- 1 STATE FAIR PAPERS ARE DUE
- 10 Float Trip reg. DUE
- 13-20 Livingston County Fair
- 24-26 NW 4-H Float Trip

Aug

- 1 Grundy Electric Dinner-Grundy CO-2:00pm
- July27-Aug 3 NCM Fair

State Shoot—Skeet (8/17), Trap (8/24), Archery 300 (8/24-27), West. Heritage (9/7-8), All others (9/21-22)



Mercer County Sheep and Goat

Nose printing—

We will be Nose Printing Market Lambs & Market Goats June 11th for the State Fair, at the fair building 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Upcoming Area Shows/Livestock Events

For a complete list, go to:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/daviess/fairs.aspx>

Achievement Day FAQ's

Q: What is Achievement Day?

A: Where members show 4-H projects (up to 3 for each project).

Q: When and where is Achievement Day?

A: Mercer-July 16, Grundy-July 29

Q: Are there specific requirements for each project?

A: Some projects (like photography and cake decorating) have very specific guidelines, so be sure you have up to date info on those. All other projects will have general guidelines outlined in the Fair Book, **so be sure to check that out**—find that online here:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/schedules.aspx>

Q: What are the requirements to show?

A: To be a member in good standing, members should attend at least 1/2 of club meetings and complete 6 hours of project education.

Q: What if I don't have a project leader?

A: Some projects are countywide projects (shooting sports, dog, horse, etc), but most are not. Sometimes club leaders may have ideas on who may lead a project, or clubs may be interested in sharing leaders. Often, parents, family friends, grandparents, etc are the best project leaders! We have some curriculum available for checkout at the office, or you can find resources or order curriculum here: <http://4h.missouri.edu/programsprojects.aspx>

Q: Can parents go with children to be judged?

A: In order to prevent congestion and keep the event youth focused, parents are not able to go with children. However, youth and adult helpers are ready with a smile to help children!

Q: What will the judge talk to my children about?

A: They will ask how the project was made, what was learned, what they liked, what they didn't like. We have great judges, their job is to put children at ease and they are good at what they do!

Q: What tips might other parents give me for Achievement Day?

A: Bring water, snacks (especially if you have several small children). During busy stretches, you may be waiting out side the building, so dress and prepare accordingly.

Guidelines for Photography

1) Photos must be mounted on an 8" x 10" solid mounting surface.

2) The mounting surface should be mat board, in a color of the photographer's choice.

3) Photographs must be 8" x 10" or smaller, with no more than four photos per mat board.

“Mat board” is a specific material, intended to keep the photo from getting bent or destroyed. It is not cardboard, foam—**YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE TO PURCHASE.**

o Mat board may be easily purchased from online retailers or contact your extension office.

o Examples of online retailers that sell 8" x 10" mat board include [Sears](#), [Golden State Art](#), [Redimat](#), [Etsy](#) and several others which can be found via Google.

o If uncertain whether it's mat board, do the “wave it and squeeze it” test: Mat board is not squishy or flimsy. If it isn't light, thin, stiff, and solid, the material is not mat board. Mounting material meeting this test will be given the benefit of the doubt.

Single *window mats* (“frames” made of mat

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Photography—Mat Board at the Office

Are you tired of scrambling to find mat board? This year, the Extension Office will have mat board available that is directly from the State 4-H Office so it will be official! The price will be \$1/board. We also have photo sleeves to place the photo and mat board in to display. If interested, contact us or stop by the office.

2019 Mercer County Fair

Tuesday July 16

5-6pm 4-H conference judging, Open class exhibit judging
6pm Fair Royalty

Wednesday July 17

8am Rabbit registration
9am Rabbit show
10am Poultry registration
11am Poultry Show
2-4pm Kid's water games sponsored by Health Dept. – at Health Dept.
6:00pm Pet Show & Baby Show Registration
6:30pm Baby Show, Pet Show to follow

Thursday July 18

8-9am Hog registration
10am Hog show
6pm Mini, Jr & Senior Super Farmer Registration
6:30pm Mini, Jr & Senior Super Farmer

Friday July 19

8-9am Sheep/Goat registration
10am Sheep show, Goat show to follow
5:30pm Corn Hole Registration
6pm Corn Hole Contest
8pm Free Live Music Entertainment – Fast Times

Saturday July 20

7:30am Community Breakfast – upper grounds
8-9am Beef registration
10am Beef Show
5pm Ice Cream Social by 4-H
6pm Livestock Auction
6pm Tractor Pull

2019 4-H Contest Rules!!!! Please read so you know the guidelines for your projects!!!! If you have questions please call the office.

<http://www.mostatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/premium-guide-2019/4h-building.pdf>

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