



Boone County 4-H Newsletter

January 2024



Welcome Back

Hope everyone had a refreshing holiday season! I am looking forward to what 2024 brings and grateful you are a part of Boone County Extension and 4-H. Let's have a great year!

Shooting Sports 740 Safety Class

The SS 740 Safety Class is required for first year shooting sports kids. The class will be held at the Boone County Extension Office on January 19-20, 2024; both days are required. The times for Friday, January 19th, 5:30-9 pm and Saturday, January 20th, 7 am - 1 pm. Please make arrangements to come as Boone County Shooting Sports volunteers has set aside time to train shooting sports first year members.

4-H Camp Counselor Application

4-H Camp Counselor Applications are now open! Counselor Training will be February 17, 2024 at Eldon, MO. Location information will be sent out. Counselor Camp will be June 7-8 at Camp Clover Point. Please mail or bring completed application to the Boone County Extension office, February 2, 2024. The application can be found [here](#).

MU Extension Internship Opportunity

The position is posted through Handshake. It is a requirement that the intern be a University of Missouri student. Therefore, applications are only accepted through Handshake, which requires a student log-in. It is Job #8390530. Please share this amazing opening!

Recognition Night

Another huge thank you to those who attended the 2023 4-H Recognition Night in November. There will be a link to access the event's [photos](#).

Calendar

- **January 1 - April 30**
 - 4-H Feeding Missouri
- **January 4**
 - Spring Energizer Planning Zoom
- **January 19 - 20**
 - SS 740 Safety Class
- **February 1**
 - Applications due for State Council and Civic Engagement Ambassadors
- **February 2**
 - Counselor Application Due
- **February 10**
 - Market Beef Weigh-In
- **February 17**
 - Counselor Training
- **June 7-8**
 - Counselor Camp
- **July 16 - 20**
 - Boone County Fair



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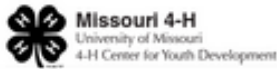


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Livestock Notables

Market beef weigh-in will be February 10th, 2024. The location of this event will be held at the University of Missouri's South Farm, Creed Barn from 8 am to 10 am. Pending weather, February 17th weigh-in. The location and weather will be the same.



4-H Project Record

Please complete both sides of this form for each project at the completion of the project year. Use with all projects including animal projects.

A story is to be submitted with the 4-H Project Record. (A one-page story accompanied by two pages of pictures, may help in describing your project.) If forms Y2205, Y2105 or Y2205 are submitted, a story is not necessary.

Project	County	Year
Name	4-H age (as of Jan. 1)	Birth date
Address	City	State Zip
Name of 4-H club	Years in project	Years in 4-H

Goal Setting

Project goals (What would I like to learn this year?)	Date accomplished/Comments
1.	
2.	
3.	
Overall 4-H goals (What would I like to learn this year?)	Date accomplished/Comments
1.	
2.	
3.	

Learning and Leadership Experiences

List your learning and leadership experiences in the project area and tell what you have learned. Designate level of participation with the appropriate letter: Local or club (L), County (C), Regional (R), State (S).

Experience	What was learned	Level

University of Missouri Extension

Y620

State Project Forms

Forms shared in the November newsletter are the state resources. If wanting to compete in a state event, these forms must be used.

Boone County Forms

For Boone County, the project committee have created a preferred project report that members can use. In the form, it is noted that the Annual Project Report for shooting sports is just needed to be included their shooting log.

Boone County 4-H Project Award Form

Boone County 4-H Annual Project Award Score Sheet

Coming Soon:

Northeast Region Spring Energizer

Planning for a regional spring event will begin in January with the first of a few Zoom meetings. We are looking at a date in early March and a location in the Marion/Ralls County area.

We are looking for youth to serve on the planning committee! So if you are looking for a leadership experience, make plans to join us on January 4th! We will be electing a committee chair and begin making decisions on a date and location, along with beginning to decide what you would like to see at the regional energizer this spring.

To participate in the [Planning Zoom](#), log on Thursday, January 4th from 6-7 pm! Passcode: 8675309



Missouri State 4-H Council Applications

It is time to apply if you would like to serve on the youth governing board for the Missouri 4-H Program. In coordination with the Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development, the State 4-H Council's charge is to represent youth interests throughout the state in matters of policy and programming so that the educational and developmental needs of Missouri 4-H'ers may best be addressed. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the planning and implementation of State Congress and to represent Missouri 4-H at the annual Missouri State Fair and the various state 4-H events across numerous programmatic areas such as public speaking, fashion revue, shooting sports, judging competitions, and leadership development events/trainings.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES give voice to regional perspectives in the context of the State Council. In addition, they represent Missouri 4-H in public contexts both within their counties and at regional and state-level events. There are eight regional representatives, one delegate representing each of the eight Missouri Extension regions.

THE MISSOURI 4-H STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS consists of five individuals that have been elected by their peers to serve as the executive officers of the Missouri 4-H State Council and the highest-ranking youth officials within the Missouri 4-H Program. The positions are president, vice-president, and three state representatives. The board constitutes the most public facing delegation of Missouri 4-H membership because they formally represent the program to the University of Missouri, state and local government, friends and donors of 4-H, industry partners, and other key stakeholder groups. The board will preside over State Council meetings in addition to the annual Missouri 4-H State Congress.

You will find full details and expectations on the applications which are due February 1, 2024:

- [State 4-H Council Application Form](#)
- (same form for Board of Directors and Regional Reps)
- [State 4-H Council Academic Reference Form](#)
- [State 4-H Council Reference Form](#)



Missouri 4-H Civic Engagement Ambassadors Applications

The purpose of the Missouri 4-H Civic Engagement Ambassador Program is to educate local policy makers, industry stakeholders, community partners, and 4-H'ers at the county and regional levels on the topics of land-grant history, 4-H program offerings, and service-learning opportunities. Through this program, ambassadors can expect to develop meaningful professional connections as they seek to educate others on ways to engage with Extension and to positively contribute to their communities. Ambassadors are paramount to further connecting 4-H'ers with each other throughout the state and to developing social capital with individuals and entities directly and indirectly invested in the land-grant mission of the University of Missouri and the 4-H motto to Make the Best Better. Ambassadors are expected to engage with local policymakers that include county commission boards and local school boards. In addition, they are asked to connect with 4-H'ers and 4-H faculty in their region through county meetings, regional energizers, and service projects. Ambassadors will plan and preside over Missouri 4-H Teen Conference. In addition, they will be invited to represent Missouri 4-H at statewide events including but not limited to the Missouri State Fair, Legislative Academy, and State Congress. An ambassador's term begins at Missouri 4-H State Congress and lasts a calendar year from that event.

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- [Civic Engagement Ambassador Application](#)
- [Civic Engagement Ambassador Academic Reference Form](#)
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Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is National 4-H Council's premier leadership and civic engagement experience for high school students. Teens from around the nation gather to have meaningful discussions, hear from prominent speakers, and learn the skills they need to lead their local communities and build a brighter future. The 2024 event will be held June 20th-27th in Washington D.C. For the full details on this opportunity, visit the state [website](#).



The event is first-come, first-serve as spots are limited by the National 4-H Council. The deadline to apply is January 15th, however spots may fill before then, so don't delay- sign up today and make your first installment. Youth will be notified of their selection by January 16, 2024.



MO Agribusiness Academy

Are you a high school sophomore interested in becoming a future leader in agriculture and your community?

Then the Missouri Agribusiness Academy is for you! MABA is a youth leadership program designed for 30 high school sophomores to explore career opportunities in agribusiness, government, and production agriculture. The selected students will participate in a yearlong program to learn about unique opportunities in the Springfield area, volunteer at the Missouri State Fair and learn more about the agriculture industry in Jefferson City. The 2024 schedule will be finalized in the spring and will include visits with industry and agribusiness leaders, as well as tours of their facilities. For applications and guidelines, as well as more information on the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs, visit the Department [online](#).

4-H Volunteer Impact Study

4-H volunteers, what you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region.

This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering.

It will focus on three areas:

- the personal benefits of your volunteer experience;
- the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and
- how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work.

A random sample of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected, you will receive an email to let you know you have been selected to participate.

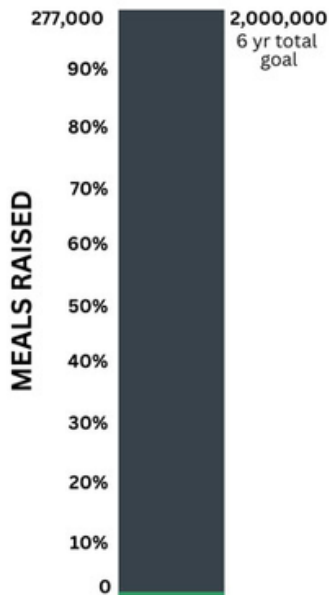
You may be picked!!! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences.

Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve state region.

Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!!!



2024 GOAL
277,000
MEALS



4-H Feeding Missouri

4-H Feeding Missouri began in 2018 as a partnership between Missouri 4-H and Feeding Missouri. Our goal was to bring awareness to the issue of food insecurity and to encourage our members and volunteers to take action in their own communities to fight hunger. This is the 6th year for 4-H Feeding Missouri and so far we have provided over 1 million meals to Missourians. This year our goal is to provide 277,000 meals for the food insecure, which will push us over the 2 million meal benchmark for the life of this program.

The friendly competition for members across the state kicks off January 1st and will run through April 30th.

Food insecurity is an issue in every community across Missouri, what can you do to help in addressing this need? Help us meet our goal and make a difference in the lives of Missourians where you live!

Additional information and resources on the 4-H Feeding Missouri Initiative can be found [here](#) on the State 4-H Website.

Move Across Missouri 2024

The 4th "H" stand for Health, so in the new year, it's time to get moving! Move Across Missouri is a 12-week program that aims to improve physical activity and this year things are going to be a little different than it has been in the past.

Register as an individual or a group in 4-H Online starting on January 15th by selecting the Move Across Missouri event. The program will run from February 5th until April 28th. After registration, you will receive a link to a Google Form that can be accessed on your phone, computer, or tablet.

Each week, you will use that link to log your minutes of physical activity and the type of activity that was done, along with writing a short (2-3 sentences) reflection for points. There will be bonus points available too.

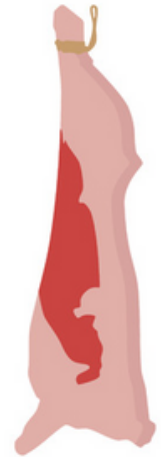
At the conclusion of the competitive event, prizes will be awarded for the top individual in a county, top individual in the state, top group in a county, and top group in the state. Participation prizes will also be awarded to all who take part in the challenge. MU Extension Health and Human Sciences is also offering Move Across Missouri for adults and non-4-H members. Mark your calendars for January 15th to register and get ready to start moving!



State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

The meat industry is an important component of the Missouri Agriculture Industry. The Meat Identification and Judging Contest has been developed to encourage 4-H members to develop skills and abilities needed to enter and advance in careers in the meat industry. These activities are designed to encourage the development of broader analytical skills, critical thinking, the use and understanding of appropriate meat terminology, and the evaluation of meat animal products to optimize economic returns not only to themselves as producers, but also as consumers.

Classes will include both wholesale and retail cuts, including one or more sets of reasons. Identification includes thirty cuts of beef, pork, and lamb. Registration for the State Contest being held Saturday, February 17, 2024 will be through [4-H Online](#) between December 28, 2023 and January 29, 2024 at a cost of \$25 per youth.



SAVE THE DATE

2024 MISSOURI 4-H
EQUINE TOUR
MAY 20-26, 2024
DESTINATION - COLORADO



2024 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour

4-H Teens, ages 14-18, who are dreaming of an equine-related career, this is the opportunity for you! The 2024 Equine tour will travel to Colorado and explore the equine industry present along the way. The anticipated cost of this experience is \$850 per youth. Forty youth are needed to make the trip a go, but registration is limited to fifty youth. Registration opens in 4-H Online February 1st. So talk it over with your family and friends and save the dates of May 20-26, 2024!

2024 State Livestock Judging Contest- NEW TIMELINE

There is a new timeline for the 2024 State Livestock Judging Contest! Registration will run from April 8th to May 11 in [4-H Online](#) with the contest being held June 3rd on the University of Missouri- Columbia Campus. Registration will be \$25 per member. Judging will consist of placing classes of breeding and/or market beef, swine, sheep, and goats, reasons classes where youth will be required to place a class and present a set of oral reasons explaining their placings, and questions classes where youth will answer a set of questions about the animals they observed. For full details, check out the [state 4-H website](#).



Save the Dates for 2024 State Events



- February 17, 2024 [State 4-H Meats Judging Contest](#)
- March 23, 2024 [State Horse Judging Contest](#)
- April 13, 2024 [State Horse Bowl Contest](#)
- May 20-26, 2024 [Missouri 4-H Equine Tour](#)
- May 28-29, 2024 State 4-H Teen Conference
- May 29-31, 2024 State 4-H Congress
- June 3, 2024 [State Livestock Judging Contest](#)
- June 8, 2024 State Poultry Day

Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers college scholarships that help 4-H members pursue their educational dreams. In 2024, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer more than sixty scholarships each ranging from \$250 to \$2,500. One scholarship application allows the applicant to be considered for any scholarship, subject to the conditions specified by the donor. The application will open on January 1, 2024 with a deadline of March 1, 2024. For all of the details and the application, check out the [Missouri 4-H Foundation website](#).



Grow Ag Leaders Scholarships



Attention Ag Students! Grow Ag Leaders, a Bayer Scholarship Fund, awards scholarships to students pursuing ag-related fields of study. With more than 250 careers ranging from business management to diesel mechanics, the possibilities in ag are endless. To learn more about Grow Ag Leaders, program rules and eligibility requirements visit www.fund.bayer.us. The deadline to apply is January 11, 2024

FCS Scholarships

FCS Financial Scholarship applications are available now for 2023-2024 high school seniors! Applications are due March 1, 2024. For more information and to apply check [here](#).



MFA Foundation Scholarships



The MFA Foundation offers scholarships to help students pursue studies and develop careers that enhance rural America's future. These scholarships are offered to high school seniors who are children or grand children (including step-children or step-grandchildren) of a member of MFA Agri Services, MFA Oil Company Bulk Plants, or qualified customers of other MFA agencies. Application are available now and must be completed online by February 15th. Check out their [website](#) for the full details and application.

Youth in Agriculture Scholarships

The Missouri State Fair and the Youth in Agriculture Committee are accepting applications for Youth in Agriculture scholarships for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2024. The application form can be found on the Fair's [website](#).

Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be postmarked by January 16, 2024. Applicants must submit an original copy of their application and three additional copies. Applicants must be high school seniors, active members of Missouri 4-H or FFA, and have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair. Selected students must enroll (fall and/or spring semester immediately following graduation from high school) in an accredited community college, college or university.



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