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4 - H L E A D E R L I N K

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DATES & DEADLINES

4-H & Youth Committee Meeting -	Sept. 3
American Royal entries due	Sept. 10
NCRVF registration due	Sept. 15
Leader's Meeting- 7:00 p.m.-Upstairs meeting room	Sept. 16
County Council Meeting- 7:00 p.m.-Ext. Office	Sept. 28
Ak-Sar-Ben	Sept. 22-27
Record Book information due to Ext. Office	Oct. 1
Record Book Awards, Special Awards apps, Community Service apps due to Ext. Office	Oct. 1
County Council applications due	Oct. 1
Leadership Development Program apps due	Oct. 1
National 4-H Week	Oct. 4-10
Awards Family Fun Night-Fairgrounds	Nov. 14

Leader's Trainings/Meetings

Just a reminder again this year, as a leader you will be required to attend 2 leader's trainings/meetings per 4-H year (Sept.-August).

Each year Washington County holds at least three leaders meetings. The meetings held in the fall and winter/spring will qualify as these trainings. The pre-fair meeting will not qualify.

If you are unable to attend our scheduled trainings/meetings, you may attend another county, check out the DVD, attend online or attend the State Leader's Retreat in February.

Our fall training/meeting will be held September 16th, 7:00 p.m. in the Fairboard Upstairs Meeting Room. See you then!

If you have not completed your two **mandatory** trainings from last year, please get those done immediately! Within the next week you will be receiving notice of your leader role. If you have already received a certificate of completion, we thank you and your leader duties will remain the same. Contact our office if you have questions.

Enrollment Fee Increase

The state has raised the 4-H enrollment fee to \$30/member. The exact amount that each 4-H'er in Washington County will pay is not yet determined, but there will be an increase from the \$10 they have paid in the past. Clubs may want to think of ways they can fundraise for this money or if you have a county wide idea you'd like to share, let Kati know. We just recently learned of this change so have not had time to plan any county wide events.

RECOGNITION

Don't forget to encourage your members to apply for Outstanding Jr. Member, project awards and/or special awards. They've worked hard and deserve the recognition.

Use of Fairgrounds Meeting Room

If you are intending on using a meeting room in the new building next year, please call the Extension Office now to schedule your meetings. Don't expect the dates to carry over from last year. Dates are filling up quickly so to ensure your usage, call today!

Important: County Council/Leadership Development Program

Reminder: In 2009, the Leadership Development Program becomes a prerequisite for County Council. Only those kids who took the Leadership Development Program in 2008-2009 are eligible to apply for County Council.

Any members in 9th-11th grade who want to be involved with County Council will need take the Leadership Development Class in 2009-2010. This year this class will be a one day class.

Members of age will receive information regarding this, if you have specific questions please call the Extension Office, 653-4811. Please be sure to pass this information to your members.

Thank You's

Please remind your members to write thank you's to auction buyers, trophy sponsors, helpers, and additional contributors.