



63rd Annual
State 4-H Congress
June 4th-June 6th, 2008
University of Missouri-Columbia

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Fellow 4-H'ers

The Missouri state 4-H council would like to request your presence at the premiere of 4-H... The Big Show, the theme for the 63rd Annual 4-H Congress. My name is Scott Niemeyer and I have had the honor of serving you as the Missouri State 4-H council this year. The state council and I began planning for Congress; we have been working since then to bring you the best State Congress possible.

This will be my fifth year attending congress and every year the state council has somehow managed to do just as our motto states by making the best better. I believe that this year's Congress will be the best yet!

We will also continue to strive for our goal of \$60,000 in our Kids Helping Kids fund. Kids Helping Kids is a program in which Missouri 4-H'ers donate money to help fellow 4-H'ers in their time of need. The council has been coming up some pretty unique ways to raise money this year. So make sure you bring your donations; just wait and see what we'll do to collect the money.

The theme for Congress this year is "4-H...The Big Show" and I ask you what has 4-H done for you? If you have yet to see the greatness of 4-H come to congress to find out what "4-H... The Big Show" can do for by exploring what it has done for others. I challenge all of you to come to our red carpet premiere and enjoy a few days with fellow 4-H'ers in Columbia and have fun with a purpose of accomplishment!

Sincerely,

Scott Niemeyer
President, Missouri State 4-H Council

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2008 State 4-H Congress Agenda

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Registration and Get Acquainted
1:15 p.m.	Candidate Meeting
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Opening Assembly – Welcome Introduction Officer Candidates
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Learnshops
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Regional Meetings, Dinner, and County Photos
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Small Groups/Surprise Activity
8:30 – 10:30 p.m.	Lowry Mall Dance, Skit Try Outs
11:00 p.m.	Pizza Delivery/Floor Meeting
11:30 p.m.	Delegates in Rooms and Lights Out

Thursday, June 5, 2008

7:00 – 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00-8:45 a.m.	Assembly – Regional Skits Scholarship Recipient Recognition
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Learnshops
11:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Learnshops
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Assembly – Investor Recognition Welcome from University Official Officer candidates speeches and Questions Friend of 4-H 4-H Council Alumni Award 2008 National Congress Delegates Recognition
8:00 – 8:45 p.m.	Regional Meetings
8:45 – 10:30 p.m.	Dance
10:45 p.m.	Small Groups/Afterglow
11:30 p.m.	Delegates in Rooms and Lights Out

Friday, June 6, 2008

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	Recognition Assembly – Retiring Council Ceremony Key Award Recipient Recognition Installation of New Council
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Regional Meetings
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Closing Assembly – Keynote Speaker
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	Check Out- TURN IN KEY Lunch on your own as you have a safe trip home.

Key Note Speaker Grant Baldwin

Grant Baldwin is a relevant leader and an engaging communicator who is making a significant impact on the lives of students across the country. His presentations address relevant issues such as identity, purpose, and leadership. Grant was formerly a youth pastor and worked with students for over 7 years. Grant has also enjoyed being an entrepreneur. From his early days of mowing lawns, to running a local vending route with nearly 50 locations, to operating an eBay business that sold over 1100 items in 20+ countries. He likes golf, eBay, and cookie dough ice cream. He lives with his wife and little girl in Springfield, MO.

CONGRESS OBJECTIVES

1. Provide quality age appropriate learning-experiences for 4-H youth ages 14-19, through workshops and other educational opportunities.
2. Introduce delegates to college life by simulating campus living, residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, etc. As with all 4-H events adult advisors are always available using a 1:10 adult to teen ratio.
3. Provide 4-H youth an opportunity to become acquainted with one another.
4. Facilitate the election of the next year's State 4-H Council's Officers and Representatives.

All delegates and advisors must arrive between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

Registration will be in Wolpers Hall.

**THERE WILL BE NO LATE ARRIVALS!
DELEGATES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO
LEAVE CONGRESS EARLY.**

**DELEGATES ARE REQUIRED TO
ATTEND ENTIRE CONGRESS
EXPERIENCE.**

“Equal opportunity is and shall be provided to all participants in Extension programs and activities, and for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without discrimination on the basis of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the armed forces of the United States of America.”

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Housing: Johnston Hall
1100 Rollins
573-882-6215
Wolpers Hall
1100 Rollins
573-882-4715
Columbia, MO 65211

If no answer at the above number and only in case of emergencies, call 573-882-7201.

2008 State 4-H Congress

CONGRESS CHECK-LIST

- Sheets, blanket, pillow, pillowcase
- Towels and washcloths
- Personal Grooming Items
- Dress clothes for Thursday Dance
- Casual Clothes

AIR CONDITIONED – DO NOT NEED FANS!!

LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME

(i.e. CDs, electronic equipment, etc.) Cell phones/pagers can be used in Dorm Rooms only!!!

Silver Rush

4-H Kids Helping Kids Silver Rush –

4-H Congress delegates are asked to contribute to the 4-H Kids Helping Kids Campaign by bringing silver coins (i.e., roll of quarter, dimes or nickels or loose silver change). Kids Helping Kids is a financial assistance program devoted to helping 4-H members and their families in times of need (i.e., fire, tornado, flood, or other natural disaster). Through donations made by 4-H members and families, support to others in need is available. Please plan to participate in this project.

During State Congress, we will have a contest by region, so support your region with a donation.

REFUNDS AND WORKSHOP ASSIGNMENTS

Due to residence hall and meal guarantees, refunds cannot be granted after **May 5, 2008**. **Substitutions will not be accepted after the May 5th deadline.** You will be notified of your workshop assignments, as well as participant fee(s), if applicable. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the complexities of scheduling, it is **NOT** possible to change workshops or roommates after arriving at Congress.

PARKING PERMITS - \$2.00 PER DAY

All participants will be responsible for \$2.00 per day to park a vehicle in residence hall lots. **Fees will be collected at the time of registration.**

HOW DO YOU REGISTER?

You must be at least 14 years of age before January 1, 2008 to attend. You may attend more than once, subject to county approval. The cost of this year's conference is \$130.00 and this fee **must accompany your registration form.** Your Youth Specialist will tell you to whom your check should be made payable and the county deadline date.

TO REGISTER YOU MUST:

Complete your registration form and health form. **Indicate your first through fourth choices. This is to ensure that if you do not get your first choice, you will at least be assigned sessions that are of interest to you.** The computer will not accept your registration unless you list four choices. **You will note that for some workshops a "Participant Fee" is indicated. This fee will be payable upon arrival.** Do not add the fee to your registration fee, since you may not get your first choice. ***Return the completed registration form to your Youth Specialist by the deadline set for your county. Be sure to enclose the registration fee.*** There will be no key deposit on residence hall keys; however, **those not turning in their keys upon checkout will be charged \$10.00 for the replacement keys.** Also, any damage to the room

will be billed to the individuals concerned. There will be a \$2.00 charge to replace any lost meal cards.

SEPARATE PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR WORKSHOP FEES AND T-SHIRT ORDERS!!! THESE PAYMENT ARE MADE AT TIME OF ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Your Youth Specialist must submit all completed registration forms and fees from your county **prior to April 30, 2008.** You need to bring spending money only for refreshments, bookstore items, or other shopping items you may wish to purchase while you are on campus, plus any participant fees associated with your workshops. If writing a check for fees make it out to: University of Missouri. If you are writing a check for a t-shirt, please make it out to: Missouri State 4-H Council.

PIZZA ORDERING

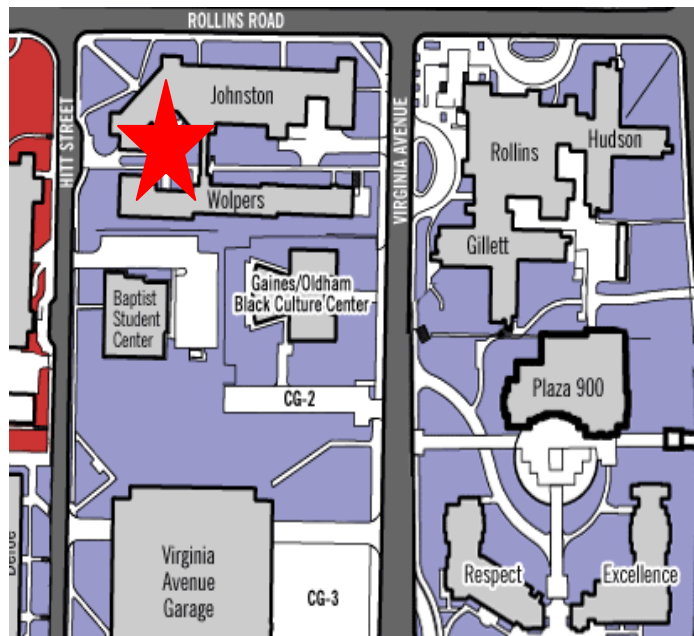
This year orders will be taken for pizza. We are charging a standard \$10 for each pizza order. Our profit will go to Kids Helping Kids. Orders will be taken during the dance and delivered to Johnston Hall. Team up with a friend or order on your own. Be prepared to pay for pizza when you place your order.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Community service is an important part of 4-H, the feeling a person gets when they help others and give back to a community is hard to put into words. This year at State Congress, each participant will have the opportunity to help others in some way. We have partnered with 4 groups who serve children who have been removed from their home, battered and abused women and children, and military kids. This is how you can help. While you are packing your suitcase to attend State Congress, add a few things from the list below to be included in "packs" that will be assembled at congress for the groups mentioned above. Embrace the chance to experience that feeling of helping others as you begin your journey to State 4-H Congress.

Items needed:

Batteries for electronic toys	Deodorant (boys & girls)
Barrettes	Shampoo
Hair bands	Toothpaste & toothbrush
Nail care items	Envelopes
African American hair care items	Stationary/Writing paper
Ball point pens (blue & black)	Lip gloss
Notebooks (spiral)	Lotions
Blank CDs	"disposable" camera
Small photo album	small journal



Directions to Wolpers/Johnston Hall on the MU Campus

East of Columbia (St. Louis)

Take I-70 West to the U.S. 63 exit.
 Turn left (south) on U.S. 63.
 Turn right onto Stadium Boulevard.
 Turn right onto College Avenue.
 Turn left onto Hospital Drive.
 Turn right onto Virginia Avenue.
 Turn left into Lot VAGS directly in front of the Virginia Avenue Garage.

West of Columbia (Kansas City)

Take I-70 East to the Stadium Boulevard exit.
 Turn right onto Stadium Boulevard.
 Turn left onto College Avenue.
 Turn left onto Hospital Drive.
 Turn right onto Virginia Avenue.
 Turn left into Lot VAGS directly in front of the Virginia Avenue Garage.

North of Columbia (Moberly)

Take U.S. 63 South to the Stadium Boulevard exit.
 Turn right onto Stadium Boulevard.
 Turn right onto College Avenue.
 Turn left onto Hospital Drive.
 Turn right onto Virginia Avenue.
 Turn left into Lot VAGS directly in front of the Virginia Avenue Garage.

South of Columbia (Jefferson City)

Take U.S. 63 North to the Stadium Boulevard exit.
 Turn left onto Stadium Boulevard.
 Turn right onto College Avenue.
 Turn left onto Hospital Drive.
 Turn right onto Virginia Avenue.
 Turn left into Lot VAGS directly in front of the Virginia Avenue Garage.

**Workshop Descriptions for
Wednesday, June 4th from 3-5pm**

I-A: Meet Mizzou

Are you thinking about where you want to go for college? The University of Missouri should be at the top of your list. Join us for a campus tour and college-visit experience. You'll learn about admissions, financial aid, and housing, as well as the many degrees and programs that Mizzou offers. Find out if Mizzou is right for you!

**I-B: Show Me the Money-
Entrepreneurship 101**

This session will introduce participants to entrepreneurship as a 4-H project, learn how to see business opportunities in your community, and apply your imagination and skills to earning cash. Love it, plan it, do it. Cost per student is \$10.

**I-C: Discover the World of Circle,
Square, and Line Dance**

A sampling of easy to learn folk, circle, and square dances for the active teen. A great way to meet new friends. Learn the easiest line dance ever, take the "Popcorn Challenge", and don't miss the Patty Cake Polka. Cost per student is \$5.

**I-D: 4-Habitat II: Helping Others,
Helping the Environment**

Join us for our second 4-Habitat project that helps a family who will soon purchase a Columbia, MO area Habitat for Humanity home! Learn about how youth volunteers in the areas of sustainable architecture, interior design, energy efficiency, landscaping, cooking and nutrition, photography, web design, and communications will work with low-income families who will benefit from all that 4-H/MU Extension has to offer.

**Workshop Descriptions for
Wednesday, June 4th from 3-5pm**

**I-E: What Every Horse Wish Their
Owner Knew! Helpful Tips for any
Horse Enthusiast.**

Topics include housing, nutrition, and general health.

I-F: What is Agility?

4-H Members interested in learning basic obedience for agility training will value in enrolling in this 2 hour hands-on workshop. Live animals and agility stations will be used to create the most favorable learning experience. Sarah Carlisle will be instructing the training. Her experiences in handling dogs include the following: three time national agility championship qualifier, competed at the Incredible Dog Challenge on Animal Planet, two-time UKC agility Premier Winner, top three junior handler in AKC agility from 2003-2005, number one junior handler in UKC agility from 2005-2006, the youngest person to have achieved a MACH title in agility, has been showing dogs since she was eight years old and in the 4-H dog project for 10 year, which included being a junior leader for three years, and teaching dog agility classes for five years. Prior dog experience would be helpful, but is not required.

**I-G: Putting the Ha in 4-H for the
Health of It!**

Join clowns "Liberty" and "Belle" to learn basic make up application, character development and a very short and funny skit. At the end of this workshop you will have a chance to share your inner clown and bring smiles to patients at the Veteran's Hospital located on the MU Campus. **You must sign up for IV-G as well.** (Workshop participants must pay an additional \$10 in order to cover expenses of a personal make up kit.)

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I-H: Cue the Music!

State Congress choir workshop that will perform songs during the two assemblies. The song titles are “Hooray for Hollywood,” “You Raise Me Up” by Josh Groban, and “For Good” from the Musical “Wicked.” Cost per student is \$5. **This session will be combined on Thursday, so you must also enroll in Thursday’s 4 hour session IV-H.**

I-I: Livestock Judging Clinic

Refresh your memory on livestock judging terms and contest strategies to maximize your judging ability in this 2 hour clinic. Taught by UMC’s premier livestock judging coach, Chris Kemp.

I-J: Skulls and Hides and Tracks, Oh My!

Increase your knowledge of Missouri wildlife, learn secrets of identifying various species, test your skills on furs, tracks, skulls, wings, and scat. Whether you are a novice or consider yourself skilled, you will learn something new in this session.

I-K: Dance-Latin Style!

Learn and practice Latin dance techniques. The instructor is a native of Colombia, South America (and a 4-H Youth Development Specialist, too). Cost per student is \$5.

**Workshop Descriptions for
Thursday, June 5th from 9-11am**

II-A: Swing Into Dance!

Learn and practice Swing dance techniques from a former 4-Her. Cost per student is \$5.

II-B: Leading the Fun!

Come and play fun games and sing crazy songs that you can lead at your 4-H club, camp, or even with your friends! If there is a song or game that you want to share at this workshop- e-mail Melissa Scheer at scheermb@missouri.edu or find me on facebook. Be ready for lots of action and high volume!

II-C: Council Youth Liaisons

Are you a Council Youth Liaison? Are you interested in becoming one? Come work with the State 4-H Council and help strengthen the voice of Missouri 4-H youth! Participants will work closely with the Council to plan the role of Council Youth Liaisons for the coming year, set goals, and get trained. Cost per student is \$5.

II-D: Make-A-Wish “Project Scrapbooks”

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Missouri has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish granting. The goal of “Project Scrapbooks” is to provide each Make-A-Wish child with a scrapbook to preserve the pictures and memories of their event (or “wish”). Participants will be making pages to go into a scrapbook that will be given to Make a Wish Foundation recipients. These scrapbooks really mean a lot to these youth, especially the ones made by other youth. There are approximately 110 children awaiting wishes in Missouri. Cost per student is \$5.

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II-E: Emergency Preparedness

This program is an overview of disasters applicable to the region, hazards associated with them and how to be prepared in advance. Based upon Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines, students learn about early warning, proper response, and maintaining an emergency supply kit. The presentation uses a Power Point slide show and audience participation. Available for students is the Power Point Presentation and Instructor Guide, so they can take the program back home to their groups.

**Workshop Descriptions for
Thursday, June 5th from 1:30-3:30pm**

III-A: Snackin’

Learn more about healthy snacks and try new foods that keep you going between meals.

III-B: Thinking (and Living) Outside the Box!

Flexible, creative thinking can be the key to your future! Approaching challenges and solving problems with an open mind can often mean the difference between doing something new and exciting with your life, or merely making the same mistakes over and over again. The good news is, creative problem-solving is a skill you can learn and have a great time doing it!

III-C: Come be a Clover Kid Again!

Are you tired of sitting at meetings and watching the “little kids” have all the fun? Then come take a step back in time and play with us like Clover Kids again!

**Workshop Descriptions for
Thursday, June 5th from 1:30-3:30pm**

III-D: Serving Special Heroes

Heroes come in many sizes. In fact, many of the unsung heroes of the war on global terrorism are military children. In this session, delegates will assemble “Hero Packs” in support of these heroes throughout the state of Missouri. Be a part of this special task and enjoy the excitement of helping others.

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III-F: Learn a Little, Help A Lot

A great part of what 4-H teaches members is the ability to give back to others. Being separated from other family members is never easy. During this session delegates will assemble care packs for women and children who are no longer at home due to safety. Delegates will also have a chance to learn about healthy relationships and how to recognize if someone needs help.

**Workshop Description for
Thursday, June 5th from 9am-3:30pm**

IV-A: Got a Business Idea? How to Turn Your 4-H Project to Profit!

This session will walk youth with a specific business idea through steps to planning and starting a business. Discover where you can go to obtain money and assistance for turning your 4-H skills into cash. Cost per student is \$10.

IV-B: Outdoor Adventures

Do you enjoy long walks in the woods? Willing to cook your own meal in a Dutch oven? How about testing your skill at tomahawk throwing? Ever hear of a Seneca Run? Looking for independent, resilient, open-minded youth, willing to sample an assortment of primitive skills. Cost per student is \$7.

IV-C: Practical Hands on Horse Care

Learn hands-on, how to give proper horse care. Topics include grooming, bandaging, checking vital signs, measuring heights and weights, showing in hand etc. Cost per student is \$5.

IV-D: Livestock Judging Contest

Practice makes perfect! Hone your skills and have some fun competing in this 4 hour Livestock Judging contest featuring classes in sheep, swine, and beef.

IV-E: Google Sketchup: Designing and Building in 3-D

Sketchup 3-D Design software has quickly become popular for its ease of use. Come see what the buzz is all about! Learn the basic of a program that helps architects and designers present their ideas to clients. Participants in teams who will work together and design and build a virtual community! Cost per student is \$3.

**Workshop Description for
Thursday, June 5th from 9am-3:30pm**

IV-F: Basic Electricity

Ever needed to change a light switch, put up a new light fixture, or repair and electric cord? This learnshop will teach you those basic repair jobs and some of the basics of electric circuits. Don't let electricity scare you. Come to this workshop and learn how electricity can be your friend.

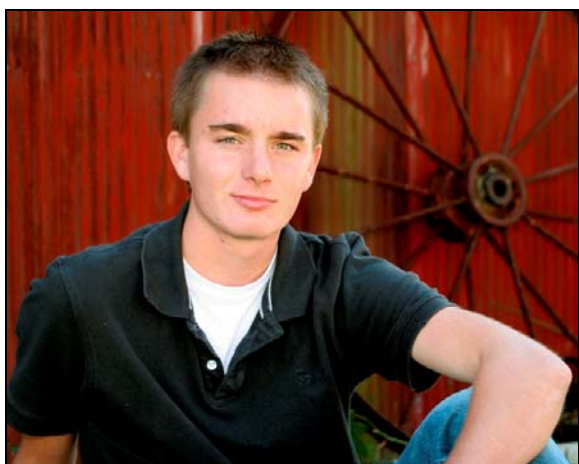
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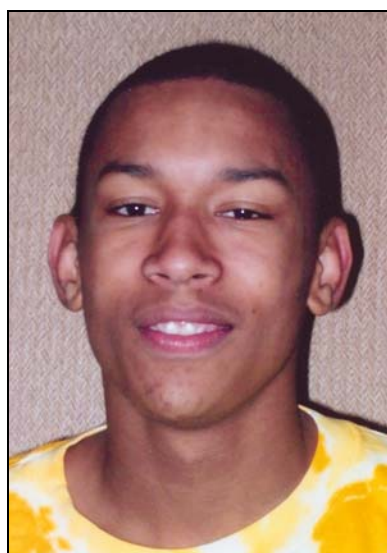
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Presidential Candidates



Derek Brucker

As a senior preparing for college, Derek has realized just how much his active involvement in 4-H has contributed to the person he has become. He has been an active member of the Pocahontas 4-H Club for the past eleven years. 4-H has helped him overcome fears while teaching leadership, hard work, cooperation, and perseverance. He has had many opportunities through 4-H and now has the experience and privilege to run for a state office. He has held every office in his local 4-H club while participating in Junior Leaders. He has attended State Congress, Kansas City Global Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus, and Legislative Academy. Derek has also been a camp counselor for five years and head counselor for the past two years. He has been given the Missouri 4-H Key Award and his local "Outstanding 4-Her" award. He is very grateful for 4-H, an organization that has given him many opportunities over the years, and he would love to serve as your State 4-H Council President.



Michael Johnson

I am a seven year member of the Dream-Makers 4-H Club in Cole County. This is my fourth year on the Missouri State 4-H Council as a Central Regional Representative. I have received the "Outstanding Teen Leader" award in 2006 and 2007. I have also represented Missouri to the National 4-H Conference. I am currently serving as a member of the National 4-H Board of Trustees also. I plan to graduate in May and will be attending Lincoln University this fall. I look forward to serving you as the next Missouri State 4-H Council President.

Vice Presidential Candidates



Katie Eggers

Katie Eggers has been an active member of the Hale Happy Hustlers 4-H Club in Livingston County in the Northwest Region for the past fifteen years when she began her 4-H career as a Clover Kid. She has served as her club's president for the past four years, held every office on her county 4-H Council, been a member of the Livingston County 4-H Foundation and Extension Council, and has served as a Northwest Regional Representative from 2007-2008. Some of Katie's awards and activities have included the Danforth "I Dare You" award, 2004 Livingston County Fair Princess, 2007 National Congress Delegate, 4-H State Exchange Delegate and Junior Leaders member. She has also been involved with the NW Regional 4-H Camp as a camper and counselor over the past twelve years. Some activities and honors that Katie has participated in consist of FFA, National Honor Society Vice-President, Student Council President, Varsity Cheerleading Captain, Art Club, Science Club, SADD, FCCLA, Softball, Speech/Drama Club, and is a member of her church. After high school Katie plans to go to college to major in Agricultural Education. She would like to wish everyone the best luck in the future.



Matthew Thompson

Matt graduated in May of this year and is looking forward to college in the future. He has been a member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club in Cass County for five years. During this time, he served as Vice President for two years and served as President for two years. He also served as Vice President of the Cass County Horsemanship Committee, a position that is normally filled by adults in the community. He enjoys horsemanship, horse judging, and leadership projects. His first year in horse judging he placed in the top 4 at the State Competition and went on to Nationals in Louisville. He also received the "High Point" award his second year in Horsemanship. Matt has competed and placed at many county, area, and state fairs. He has enjoyed the opportunity to go on many 4-H trips and also served as a 4-H camp counselor. Matt takes all these responsibilities seriously. Matt also has a fun side to him and enjoys the occasional talent show where he can show off his dancing skills. 4-H has given Matt many opportunities and loves to encourage younger members to set goals and strive to achieve them. Matt believes if you work hard enough there's nothing you cannot accomplish. He has had the privilege to serve as your Regional Representative this past year and would be honored to serve as your next State 4-H Council Vice President. Matt would like to say one last thing, lets all make our best better and our better, our best.

Treasurer Candidates



Wayne Lane

Wayne Lane is a five year member of LU Extension in Jackson County, and has been on the council for two years. He has also served as a Regional Representative for the West Central Region for two years. He has also served as the President of the 4-H Youth Futures group for two years. He was a delegate of the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. He attends Central High School and he is the captain for both the football and baseball teams. He is also in JROTC. He plays the role of the 1Sg. It deals with a lot of leadership roles. He feels that 4-H has been a positive impact in his life because the people he has met. He feels that it would be a great honor to serve as the 2008-09 State 4-H Council Treasurer.



Catherine Brown

Catherine is a ten year member of the Friendly Valley 4-H Club. By holding every office except Vice President, Catherine has shown both her leadership skills and efforts to improve 4-H in her area. She is now participating in her third year as Club President. Recently she has become more active with youth by working as a 4-H Camp Counselor. She is also serving as President of her county Teen Council. In 2007, Catherine was a Representative of Perry County as she presented to the Missouri Community Betterment judges on behalf of the youth in her town. She is a recipient of both the "I Dare You" award and the Key award. She has been active in sewing throughout her 4-H career and was selected to attend 4-H Fashion Revue in 2007. Catherine looks forward to meeting the challenges she will face as Council Treasurer and hopes to better aid Missouri 4-H in the future.

Secretary Candidates



Julie Ziler

"Think left and think right think low and think high. Oh the thinks you can think if only you try." (Dr. Seuss) We all set out on an adventure when we enrolled in 4-H, little dreaming we'd be so changed. I little imagined myself on the 4-H State Council and never as an officer candidate, but with 4-H...what great things and dreams can happen if you just try! My name is Julie Ziler; I'm an eight year member of the Lincoln 4-H club in Jasper County. For the past two years I have been blessed to serve as a Southwest Regional Representative, and I'm super excited to be taking a new step by running for your Missouri State Council Secretary. As you glance at this book I want to give you a quick snapshot of myself. I look forward to meeting you this summer! Over my years as a 4-Her I've done many wonderful activities and trips like: National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Missouri Citizenship Youth Forum, and the State Public Speaking Contest. All these have given me opportunities to grow, make friendships, and spark my enthusiasm for 4-H. In the Lincoln 4-H club I've held many offices including president and treasurer, and I'm happily serving now as game leader! I have also served as the Southwest Region's Teen Council president, and have been involved in my county's Teen Council. All of my experiences in 4-H have provided me with the experience I need to be secretary. I've also taken 4-H projects like: public speaking, sewing, goats, and arts and crafts. I will bring leadership, energy, creativity, and a serving attitude to the State Council. Other than 4-H I am part of the Avilla 1st Baptist youth group, I play piano, work at church camp, and I'm hoping to attend College of the Ozarks next year! 4-H will always hold a huge place in my heart and I pray that you as a 4-Her learn and grow as much (if not more) than I did. I hope to serve you to the best of my ability as your 2009 Missouri State Council Secretary. Enjoy 4-H!



Charlotte Jackson

Charlotte is an eleven year member of the New Cambria 4-H Club in Macon County. Charlotte has attended National 4-H Congress, the Missouri 4-H Legislative Academy, 4-H Camp, Kansas City Global Conference, and Missouri State 4-H Congress for four years. Charlotte has been enrolled in a variety of projects, but currently she is involved in dairy, sheep, cake decorating, theater arts, and public speaking. Charlotte is a very proud sophomore tiger at the University of Missouri, where she is majoring in Agricultural Education with a leadership emphasis. At college, Charlotte continues to be active in her love of 4-H, where she is currently serving as the Mizzou Collegiate 4-H President. She is also the Program Development Chair for the Agricultural Education Society, a member of CAFNR Student Development Board, and Mizzou Collegiate Cattlewomen. Charlotte graduated in May 2007 as valedictorian of Macon High School. In high school, Charlotte was President of the National Honor Society, captain of the Varsity Quiz Bowl team, and was a member of FFA, FCA, choir, and band. Out of all the activities in which Charlotte has ever been, 4-H has been the most influential. Charlotte feels like 4-H has changed everything about her, her outlook on life, her work ethic, and her goals for success. Charlotte has been so honored to serve the Northeast Region this past year as a Regional Representative, and Charlotte would love to have the opportunity to represent the whole state as the 2008-09 Missouri State 4-H Council Secretary!