

Dear 4-H Member:

It is time again to start thinking about the 4-H Council Auction held ***the last Saturday in February***, February 25, 2012. Remember that the money received from the Auction goes directly back to 4-H in St. Clair County, and at the same time, your club will earn 10% of the money received from the items your club collects. It can really add up fast.

To help you in your search, we would like to give you some ideas: If you have clubs with crafty parents, home-made craft items go well. Contact businesses you know and ask for donations. Several families could go together and purchase an item. Keep in mind that we need new quality items. Contact your doctor, lawyer, and insurance salesman. They may not have items to donate, but we gladly accept cash donations.

Remember, **to insure success, everyone needs to help**. As you are able to procure items for the auction, you may contact the MSU Extension office with the information so that we can include it in the sale bill that we produce. This information will be needed by the 4<sup>th</sup> of January. By starting early, we can give businesses a longer time span in which to work a donation into their budget so that we can reduce the number of denied requests. Enclosed are the forms your club will need to get started.

Good Luck and thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

St. Clair County 4-H Council



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