



4-H Alumni Newsletter

Johnson County 4-H

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Welcome!

We started off the 2017-2018 4-H year on October 1. We ended the 2016-2017 year with 634 Johnson County 4-H'ers and over 300 Registered Volunteers!

National 4-H week took place October 1-7 this year and was celebrated by many of our clubs. In November we also held Achievement Celebration to celebrate all the hard work

of our 4-H'ers throughout the year. More can be read about both events on the next page.

There are also more details on the next page about a couple fun upcoming events: Food Fare happening in January and Club Day that will take place in February.

In October Lee Sigley resigned as 4-H Agent and

earlier this month we hired a Community Foods Systems agent, which is a new position to our office. We will conduct interviews in January to find a new 4-H Agent.

We hope you have a happy holiday season!



Science Matters

The Johnson County 4-H program has been chosen as one of five key markets for a new and exciting program sponsored by National 4-H Council and Bayer. The program aims to inspire young people to become tomorrow's science leaders, positively impacting the health and lives of people, plants and animals. The overall goal of the Science Matters program will drive youth to a pathway that will deepen their understanding of how science connects to their food, animals and health; spark their interest in agri-science careers; empower them with the skills and support to show their communities just how much science matters.

Youth will also earn a free trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the National 4-H Agri-Science Summit. The program will consist of 12-16 teens ages 14-18, broke down into teams, who will work on and develop community action plans from the information gained at the National 4-H Agri-Science Summit. The action plans will be based on the Science

Matters Mission: Inspire young people to become tomorrow's science leaders, positively impacting the health/lives of people, plants and animals. We will also be partnering with local Bayer employees throughout the project! This is a brand new program to Johnson County as well as National 4-H.



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What could you do as a 4-H Volunteer?

- Fair or Club Day Judge
- SPIN Club Helper
- Community Club Volunteer
- Project Club Volunteer
- Fair Department Chair (Photography and Flowers)
- After-school Helper

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Event Highlights

National 4-H Week/ 4-H Fun Day

The first full week in October is set aside each year to recognize and promote 4-H. 4-H clubs may have window displays, booths or special promotions of 4-H in their schools and communities.

This year the 4-H Ambassadors held a 4-H Fun Day on the last day of 4-H week. The purpose of this event was not only to have a fun afternoon as a family but to meet other families from all over the county. Activities included: scavenger hunt, field games, crafts and STEM activities! It took place at Shawnee Mission Park.



Obstacle course at 4-H Fun Day.

Achievement Celebration

On November 4th we held the annual 4-H Achievement Celebration. This event rewards 4-H'ers for all their hard work throughout the year. They fill out record books and applications in order to receive their pins and awards. We also take this time to honor club leaders and other various volunteers.



Happy Helpers 4-H Club with their awards.

Upcoming Events

Food Fare

4-H Clubs as well as the Extension Master Food Volunteers create a booth that follows a specific theme. This year's theme is "Around the World". A new theme is chosen each year. The last four themes were: Holiday, Movies, Restaurant Copy Cats and Books.

A Food Fare Booth is organized by a club and relates to the theme. No two Food Fare booths look the same, but booths usually consist of about 3-6 homemade food samples and decorations. This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to get the chance to plan and carry out a menu as well as improve their cooking skills.

A Food Fare participant gets to visit each booth at their own leisure and taste all the delicious food! It's free to all 4-H families and the public but we do ask that a non-perishable food donation be brought for a food bank. Families also must pre-register so each booth knows how much food to make so that there is enough food for all attending participants. It's a fun opportunity for the family to get to try tasty food and maybe get some

Club Day Judges

Many 4-H'ers say one of the most valued skills they learned from 4-H is the ability to speak or perform in public. Club Day is often the first time some of our 4-H'ers get up in front of a group of people.

One very important component of Club Day is the judges. The 4-H'ers look forward to hearing feedback about their presentations. Being a judge is also a very fun and rewarding job. We have a lot of talented 4-H'ers in Johnson County.

We are always looking for great judges and some of our best judges are 4-H alumni! If judging is something you think you would be interested in doing send an email to amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org to get more details.

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