



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy New Year! "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Here is to a great 2016 and a wonderful 4-H experience starting with Club Day on February 13th! Hope to see you all participating in a project talk, demonstration, or a club skit. - Tara

Achievement Celebration by Matthew Boehm, County Council Reporter

On November 14, 4-H'ers and their families had a chance to celebrate "A Picture Perfect 4-H Year." The festivities opened with a catered pasta dinner. Host and hostess for the evening were Mr. and Miss 4-H -- Ethan Eccles and Olivia Rogers. Clubs and 4-H'ers were recognized for their work, service, and achievements. Congratulations to all the winners!



Key Award winners receiving their awards from Miss 4-H.



First year leaders from the Sharon 4-H Club with their awards.

Sign up Now to be on the Food Fare Committee!

The Food Fare is an event where 4-H clubs and the Master Food Volunteers create food stations based on a theme. A new theme is chosen each year and ranges anywhere from countries of the world to literature. Participants then get to walk around to the different stations and sample food relevant to the theme. Anyone who would like to be on the Food Fare committee and help plan this year's event should send an email ASAP to Amanda (amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org) as planning will start soon!

County Project Opportunities

Tail Waggers Registration

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is accepting registrations and all registration materials must be submitted no later than January 5, 2016. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 20; and Agility training sessions will be held on Sundays (2-4 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 31. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html; or you may contact Denise McKenny at 913-515-8574.

Plaza Photo Shoot

The Countywide Photography Project will be meeting at the Antioch Library parking lot (8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, KS 66202; corner of Antioch Road and Shawnee Mission Parkway--east of I-35) on January 9 at 3:30 p.m. to go over nighttime photography and then walk around the Plaza. The holiday lights will still be on. Bring your camera, tripod (if you have one) and dress for the weather. It often becomes much colder once the sun goes down. Questions, or to let the Ladd family know to expect you, email theladds5@gmail.com or contact Nina on her mobile number at 913-530-0316.

Dog Club Spring Training Enrollment Information

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club would like to welcome 4-H'ers to join the spring dog training group. It does not matter what kind of dog you have at your house except that they must be at least 6 months old. All the training is done in one night for the very busy child/family and starts in February. Informational documents with training dates and shows and the enrollment form are posted at <http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html>. Please complete the Training Class Enrollment form and send with payment to Tammy Locke by January 15, 2016. If you have any questions please call Tammy Locke at 913-206-7079.

Kansas Lifts Ban on Poultry Exhibitions

The Kansas Department of Agriculture announced on December 4, 2015, that it will be lifting the ban placed on poultry exhibitions and other events where birds are gathered or commingled. The order was implemented in an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI) and protect poultry health in Kansas. The ban was lifted as a result of no new cases of HPAI in Kansas since March 2015. While the ban is lifted all poultry owners are encouraged to monitor their flocks and maintain good biosecurity practices. For additional information about HPAI and the response efforts in Kansas, visit <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/animal-disease-control-and-traceability/avian-influenza>.

4-H Horseless Horse Project Clarifications

The State 4-H office has had questions concerning the Horseless Horse project, below are some clarifications based on learning and risk management.

4-H Horseless Horse

- 4-H member does not own or lease a horse.
- Project intended to offer a 4-H member opportunity to learn about horses.
- 4-H member may participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology and give presentations.
- 4-H member may volunteer to assist another 4-H member at horse shows and trail rides.
- Project member may exhibit at local fair with a borrowed 4-H Identified horse in the showmanship class only.
- No riding.

Local Deadlines & Opportunities

Registered Volunteers, Please Submit Your Renewal Form

Renewal forms were due to Amanda on November 17. If this deadline slipped your radar, please complete the form and submit it ASAP. The Volunteer Renewal form must be completed by all Registered Volunteers each year. A link to the form is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/renewal.html. If you have any questions please contact Amanda.

Has Your Family Completed Enrollment for 2016?

The deadline to reenroll for returning 4-H members was November 2. If a returning 4-H member has not been reenrolled yet, please do so right away as all correspondences from the 4-H office will now be sent using information from the 2016 enrollments in 4HOnline.

New families may enroll for the 2016 4-H year at any time, but the sooner the better so that they can start receiving correspondences as well.

The State 4-H office has made a step by step brochure for reenrolling which we have posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. We have also posted the State's brochure for enrolling for new families. Please read the brochure to assist your family in reenrolling, and here are a few tips to point out:

- *Log in to your family's existing profile. **DO NOT** create a new family account!*
- *Most data will pre-populate from the 2015 year's data, but make sure you double check and edit items that may have changed from last year. Items like: Volunteer Status (Yes or No), Volunteer Type (i.e. Project Leader, Secretary, etc.), Club, Projects, etc.*
- *If you are a Club Leader or Project Leader you will not be able to log in to your club/project until you have reenrolled and your enrollment has been accepted by our office.*
- *The Participation Form will be filled out online this year as part of the enrollment/reenrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.*

As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

Sign Up to be on a Council Committee

Have you ever wondered how our countywide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hardworking and dedicated adult volunteers and 4-H'ers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to Johnson County 4-H Council Representatives from each club. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events. Please review the details of each committee at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. 4-H'ers and adults interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to sign up at <http://goo.gl/forms/ARZakzg3Yn> by January 1, 2016.

Volunteer Orientation Dates

One part of the Volunteer Screening Process is the orientation. Currently the online orientation is not available, but in-person orientations are held at the Extension office. There are two trainings scheduled in February.

Dates: February 9 – 6:30-8 p.m. February 24 – 6:30-8 p.m.

To register, complete the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/hLuEDRo9VL>. Still have questions about becoming a Registered 4-H Volunteer? Please call the office or visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/ for more details.

Local Opportunities

2016 Northeast 4-H Leadership Event

What: The Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event is designed for future and present day leaders! This is open to youth ages 12-18 years old as well as volunteers/adults. This is an event that will help to create leadership skills, with class leaders from all over the state of Kansas.

When: January 30, 2016, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Riley, Ks. Registration closes January 15. The cost of the event is \$25 which includes workshops, lunch, and a snack. To register go to www.Kansas4-H.org and click on "4-H Event Registration."

Why: If you are looking for a one day leadership experience with new friends, leadership skills, and great ideas to take back to your clubs then you should attend!

The Northeast 4-H Leadership Event is put on by the Northeast Area Representatives from the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

Johnson County 4-H Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. Registration and payment links and the guidelines are posted at <http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html>. For club group events please have only ONE person from your club complete registration.

Club Day Timeline: January 20: Registration and payment due
January 25-29: Sign up for specific time slots
February 4: First draft of schedule posted
February 10: Final draft of schedule posted

Johnson County 4-H Junior Leaders

The Johnson County Junior Leader group is open to Johnson County, Kansas 4-H members age 12 and up who are enrolled in the leadership project. We provide an opportunity to expand leadership opportunities and to further develop leadership skills - while also offering a fun environment to meet other 4-H'ers from across the county. We do not follow a traditional 4-H club meeting format. Our group meetings are focused on discussions and activities to boost leadership skills, as well as organizing and hosting events. Our events are designed to provide leadership experience, community service, cooperation across county clubs and, of course, FUN!

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2016 and is a social meeting. We will have games that will test strategy, hand-eye coordination and quickness. There will be snacks and prizes. This meeting will be a lot of fun and the more who participate, the more fun it will be. We look forward to seeing you in January.

If you have a friend that is not in a 4-H club but might be interested in learning about leadership opportunities we would like to invite you to bring them along to the January meeting.

SAVE THE DATE!

Jr. Beef Producer Day will be March 5 at Kansas State University's Weber Hall.

Jr. Sheep Producer Day will be March 19 at Kansas State University's Weber Hall.

New Family Orientation will be April 9 at the Johnson County Extension office.

Discovery Days will be May 31-June 3 at Kansas State University.

AKSARBEN Stock Show & Rodeo will be September 22-26 in Omaha, NE.

State Opportunities

Citizenship In Action Registration and Scholarships

Have you been to the State Capitol and actually sat in the seat of one of our House Representatives or Senators? Citizenship in Action gives 4-H youth this unique and amazing opportunity February 14-15, 2016! Youth debate bills on the floor and will have the chance to talk with our local legislators. Youth who are 13-18 by January 1, 2016 are eligible to attend. The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but also show them how they can affect the legislative process. To register and for more information visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>. The registration deadline is January 15.

There are also scholarship opportunities available for this event. The link to the application can be found at the website above. **Scholarship applications are due January 4.**

2016 4-H Horse Panorama

The Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama will be held January 30-31 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project for 4-H members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters. There is also educational activities for 4-H'ers of all ages. Registration and payment are due **to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on January 12**. The registration form and more information about Horse Panorama are posted at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>.

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification Training News

The Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification training will be held January 29-31, 2016, in Sabetha (note location change from Seneca) in Nemaha County in Northeast Kansas. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to learn about the four phases of dog showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training project. This is also a good opportunity for local project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. For registration and more information visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/dog-leader/index.html>. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. on January 15.

Ag Innovators Experience (AIE) Challenge

Kansas 4-H will be participating in the Ag Innovators Experience (AIE) in 2016. This opportunity is open to 19 youth who are between the ages of 15-18 before January 1, 2016. This year the AIE Challenge will be focused around Honey Bees and pollinators. Youth who participate as a Teen Leader will receive an iPad to use during the grant and after successful completion of the grant, they will be able to keep their iPad. Teen leaders will receive training in February on topics including: The AIE Honey Bee Challenge curriculum; teaching and facilitation skills; developing local implementation plans; and reporting impacts. This year there is also the opportunity to send three of the Teen Leaders to Washington, D.C. If those applying are interested in being one of these three Teen Leaders, they should indicate that in their cover letter. A document with more information about the AIE Challenge and how to apply is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/ under "State/County Opportunities." The deadline to apply is January 15.

State Opportunities

2016 Scholarship Applications Available - Note New Submission Deadline!!!

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Form can be found by visiting <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479>, this is the only form that will be used for the 2016 4-H scholarships. NOTE: Letters of reference are most helpful if they describe leadership and achievement results of the 4-H'er. A list of scholarships available to apply for will be posted soon. 4-H members wanting to apply must submit completed applications **to the Extension office by Thursday, January 21, 2016.**

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 19-20 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all county/district 4-H Ambassadors, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is "Rockin' and Rollin' with 4-H Ambassadors." There will be workshops, speakers, fun and fellowship. To register and for more details visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/ambassador-training/index.html>. Registration will close February 1. The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team accepts members (teens, volunteers and Extension staff) year-round.

Apply to be a Floor Counselor during Discover Days

Floor Counselors must be responsible, mature and dependable young adults. They will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks and making sure that delegates are safe in their rooms every night. Floor Counselors can expect to work evenings and early mornings. They will receive free room and board while at Discovery Days and a \$100 stipend. Floor Counselors should have been out of 4-H for at least one full year before applying. To apply, please fill out the information at <http://tinyurl.com/DD2016FloorCounselor>.

National/International Opportunities

Citizenship Washington Focus 2016

There are still several spots left to attend the 2016 Citizenship Washington Focus trip! This is a great opportunity for youth ages 15-18 to visit their nation's capitol, visit with the legislators and participate in Citizenship Washington Focus at National 4-H Headquarters. For more information, please visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html>. You are encouraged to sign up sooner rather than later as spots are going quickly and the deadline to register is January 15!

Become a Host Family for an International High School Student

Kansas 4-H offers hosting opportunities for high school students from Japan and South Korea. These students wish to improve their English skills, make friends and learn about the culture. They must pass minimum English standards through testing and interviews and generally are good in other academic areas. Families provide housing, food and transportation for the students, ages 15-18 who attend local public schools. The students' families provide their school expenses and personal items. While in Kansas they participate in local and statewide 4-H projects and activities. Kansas 4-H has committed to hosting at least two students in the Academic Year Program through States' 4-H International Exchange Programs next school year.

Interested families should contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, for more information and application form at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Rose Estates Country Fair by Nathan Anderson, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

Rose Estates Assisted Living Community sponsored a country fair for Johnson County 4-H members on October 3, 2015. Club members took a variety of their projects to display and discuss with Rose Estates residents. Lucky Clover was well represented. We had a number of projects on display including arts and crafts, woodworking, sewing, photography, and basket weaving.

Each member described their project and answered questions from residents. The Rose Estates residents then passed out ribbons for each project. Rose Estates treated us to lunch after the fair.

Everyone enjoyed this activity, and we hope to do it next year!! =)



Back row: Katrina, Davis, John; Middle row: Amelia, Abby, Maddie;
Front row: Nathan

Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have a new opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a new section within *Clover Clips* that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the *Clover Clips* submission deadline. Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

January

- 1 - New Year's Day, office closed
 - Council Committee sign-ups due online
 - Superintendents' Fair Book changes due to Amanda or Shelly Harrison
- 4 - County Council meeting
- 5 - Tail Waggers registration due
- 9 - Countywide Photo. Project Plaza photo shoot
- 12 - Horse Panorama registration and payment due to Extension office
- 15 - Jo. Co. Dog Club training enrollment due
- 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
- 20 - Club Day registration and payment due
- 21 - State 4-H Scholarships due to Extension office
 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 25-29 - Club Day time slot sign-ups
- 30 - NE Area Leadership Event

February

- 1 - County Council Officers meeting
- 4 - Club Day Draft Schedule posted
- 9 - Volunteer Orientation
- 10 - Club Day Final Schedule posted
- 13 - Johnson County 4-H Club Day
- 18 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 24 - Volunteer Orientation

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2016 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2016 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the deadline for that month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Christin at christin.bartels@jocogov.org.

Johnson County 4-H is now on Twitter!

Follow [@jocoks4h](https://twitter.com/jocoks4h).



Johnson County 4-H on Facebook

'Like' our Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information and news about the happenings of Johnson County 4-H! Visit www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H to like our page.

Leader Update

Reenrollment for Returning 4-H Members

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As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

Participation Forms: A hard copy of the participation form for all members in your club that were Active as of December 9, was handed out during the last Club Leader meeting. If someone enrolls in your club going forward, we will email you a PDF copy of the person's participation form. Please contact Christin or Amanda if you have any questions.

Community Club Leader Meetings

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings.

Next meeting: April 26

*All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

If you have a conflict on this date please contact Tara.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

Direct Volunteer: A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, countywide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.) **Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.**

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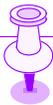
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Episodic Volunteer: A volunteer helping with a single “episode” or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

Indirect Volunteer: A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.



New Publish Date for Clover Clips!

In an effort to get information out at a more beneficial time, Clover Clips will now be published on the 25th of each month for the upcoming month. For example, the February issue of Clover Clips will be published on January 25. (Remember there is no August issue due to county fair.) Submissions for Clover Clips will now be due to Christin on the 15th of each month. Please check the Johnson County 4-H Calendar for exact dates as the 15th or 25th may fall on a weekend or holiday. If you have any questions please contact Christin.