



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Thank you so much to all the 4-H volunteers, community judges, and the Fair Board that helped make 2018 Johnson County Fair a success. It is the perfect example of how the community comes together for a common goal of positive youth development. Now it's time to start planning for record book judging, community service days, and new officer elections. Good luck to those of you entering at the Kansas State Fair! – **Ami**

State Fair Entry Drop-off

Those projects that were registered for entry into the Kansas State Fair can be dropped off at the Extension office Tuesday, September 4, through Thursday, September 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be drop-off time before the Council meeting on Tuesday evening until 6:45 p.m. Fresh food and flower entries can be brought in at the same time as all other entries, however (to help with freshness) we will accept them from 8-9 a.m. on Friday, September 7. Please note that this drop-off time is only available for food or flower entries, as the van will already be loaded with all other entries. **IMPORTANT:** Please read the rules in the State Fair 4-H Handbook as well as check the Exhibit Area Downloads links for any class you entered in. A link to the handbook and the additional downloads links are posted at www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46. To find the Exhibit Area Downloads link for your class: 1) Scroll down the page to find your Department. 2) Review all necessary forms and information for your entry. 3) We have all entry tags at the Extension office, but if there are other documents required you will need to print them off and bring them in with your exhibit. We know this is a lot of information, please call the office if you have any questions.

Remember to Write Your Thank You Notes!

A thank you note should be sent if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, and/or sold a project in one of the auctions. Don't forget to send a thank you note to your department chairs as well. This year's County Fair could not have been such a success without all the amazing donors and volunteers. Please take this opportunity to let these gracious donors of awards and their time know how much we appreciate all that they do.

Eight Local 4-H'ers on Kansas Shooting Sports Team

Kansas took a team of 36 shooters to Grand Island, Nebraska June 26-29 to compete at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship. Teams of four shooters per discipline competed against other states all week in multiple events. The Kansas team took third place overall, with many teams and individuals placing as well.

The 4-H'ers from Johnson County were:

- Kenton S. (Livestock Club) and Liza R. (Morning Glory) in Air Rifle.
- Austin W. (Prairie Moon) in Compound Archery.
- Jennifer C. (Frontier Family) in Recurve Archery.
- Ben R. (Morning Glory) in Muzzleloading.
- Chase E. (Morning Glory) in Small Bore Pistol.
- Justine W. (Pioneer) and Kyleigh H. (Pioneer) in Small Bore Rifle.

The overall team placings at Nationals for those disciplines were: Air Rifle-1st place, Compound Archery-21st place, Recurve Archery-5th place, Muzzleloading-3rd place, Small-bore Pistol-1st place, and Smallbore Rifle-6th place.

Three Johnson County 4-H'ers were also recognized as top individuals overall. For Air Rifle, Liza received 1st and Kenton received 6th. For Muzzleloading, Ben received 1st.

Amazing job, 4-H'ers!

JOHNSON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION FOUNDATION BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION FEBRUARY 9, 2019



Table Designers Needed for 12 Tables

Volunteer designers will have the opportunity to display their creativity with color and design by providing décor for their individual tables. You may make this a team project or do this on your own. So use your imagination and get those creative juices going – this will be a great time for all! Table centerpieces will be auctioned off during the live auction. And, to add to the excitement – prizes for the top three decorated tables!

The benefit dinner and auction will be held at the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center. The proceeds from this auction will benefit the various Johnson County Extension Office programs.

If you are interested in volunteering as a table designer, for further information, please contact –

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Local Opportunities

Cloverbuds Program in Your Club Discussion

If your club is interested in information about starting a Cloverbuds (5-6 year old) program or is willing to share information about how your club runs its Cloverbud program, please join us for a virtual meeting on August 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss state expectations for the program, what it looks like in Johnson County, as well as share resources. Join us on <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/9137157000>. Contact Ami if you have any questions.

Your Pictures are Needed!

County Council Historian, Brie, is asking Johnson County 4-H families to please share any photos you have from the 2017/2018 4-H year so that a County Council Historians book can be completed. Brie has set up a Google Doc where pictures can be added. It is titled Photo book and here is the link: [Photo book](#). Please add pictures to this document and don't forget to include the names of people in the picture!

Record Books

As you fill out your Record Books so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work any forms and information can be found on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books to them. You will submit ALL record books and applications to your club leaders. This includes but is not limited to your personal page, permanent records, KAPs, officer books, and pin applications.

48 Hours of 4-H Service Projects

National 4-H week is October 7-13 with the 48 Hours of 4-H service challenge October 13-14. It is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project and step up your club's volunteer efforts! Email Ami at ami.lin@jocogov.org for more information or with details about your club's efforts to give back.

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Then apply to be a 2019 Johnson County 4-H Ambassador! Ambassadors share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer. The application and more information can be found on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Thursday, November 1.

County Project Opportunities

Join the Countywide Knitting and Crocheting Project

We have two skilled volunteers that would like to offer a countywide project opportunity in Knitting and Crocheting! They are willing to mentor youth of all skill levels. However, before they set a day to meet, they need to gather information from interested families. Please complete the online interest form at <https://goo.gl/forms/FkkqXXX0BMMWk0fA3> and more information will be sent to your family. If you have any questions, contact Ami.

County Project Opportunities

NEW! Shooting Sports Air Pistol 4-H SPIN Club

The Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports project will hold an introductory Air Pistol SPIN Club. Join us to learn the basics of air pistol shooting in a fun, safe environment. This indoor class will focus on providing an introduction to the sport of target air pistol shooting with an emphasis on gun safety and handling. Pistols, targets, pellets and other equipment will be provided, however participants are asked to bring their own safety glasses. The class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors. Participants do not have to be a 4-H member but must be between 12 and 18 years of age (before January 1, 2019).

This class is a pre-requisite for joining the air pistol competition squad and for participating in smallbore pistol next summer. Those who show an affinity and wish to compete further, may be invited to join the air pistol competition squad for the regular season which will run from December to April.

The Air Pistol 4-H SPIN Club will meet on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m. from October 4 through October 25. The class location is indoors on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, KS. A \$40 equipment fee will be required. Registration will open September 4, 2018. The link for enrollment will be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/. Non-4-H members will be required to turn in a SPIN Enrollment Form and a Kansas 4-H Participation Form.

For further questions contact Sara Eccles at sseccles@gmail.com or contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions about signing up.

Interested in 4-H Shooting Sports? Don't miss this required introduction!

If you are new to 4-H Shooting Sports, we want you in the next Fall Introduction to 4-H BB-Gun Special Interest (SPIN) club. Start planning now! Introduction to 4-H BB-Gun SPIN is a required prerequisite to shoot in some of the other 4-H shooting disciplines in Johnson County 4-H, including competitive 5-meter BB gun, 10-meter air rifle, 50-meter smallbore rifle, and muzzle-loader. If you want to shoot in any of those disciplines, **you must enroll in the Introduction to 4-H BB-Gun SPIN club**. Simply enrolling in the 4-H Shooting Sports project **does not guarantee the opportunity to shoot**. The SPIN club ensures new shooters have a safe and manageable introduction to the sport. It also puts youth who are interested in competitive shooting on a solid track toward long-term success in the more advanced disciplines.

BB SPIN gives you:

- A fun opportunity to shoot BB guns in a safe environment monitored by state-trained and certified 4-H adult volunteers.
- An intensive 6-session educational introduction to the exciting sport of 5-meter competitive BB shooting.
- Comprehensive gun-safety and gun-handling education.
- Introductory training in the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions.
- Test knowledge of NRA and Daisy BB Gun curriculums.

Don't have a BB gun? No problem. The club has a sufficient supply of guns. You do not have to own one in order to participate.

BB SPIN is open to anyone who will be at least 9 years old as of December 31, 2018. Meetings will be every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. from September 25 through October 30 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner.

After the BB SPIN 6-week course is complete, participants who show interest and affinity may be invited to join the competitive squad for the regular 4-H BB-Gun season, which lasts from November until the state 4-H championship in early April.

IMPORTANT: SPIN enrollment for fall 2018 will be capped and the course will fill up quickly. So if you want to shoot, do not delay in enrolling. Registration will only be accepted online.

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County Project Opportunities

BB 4-H SPIN Club (continued)

Registration will open on **September 4** at www.4-HShootingSports.com.

If you have any questions about these requirements or any other aspects of the Shooting Sports program, go to www.4-HShootingSports.com, e-mail rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com, or see our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JoCo4HShootingSports

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

Are you interested in space? Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered who, what, and where we are in the universe? If so, welcome to the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project! We have a number of fun and educational activities planned this year:

1. Trip to the Powell Observatory – Educational presentation entitled “Life in the Universe” along with a tour of the night sky and viewing through telescopes, including the Ruisinger Telescope, the largest telescope open to the public in a five-state area (askc.org/observatories/powell-observatory) **Date:** Saturday, September 29, 2018 **Time:** Presentation begins at 7 p.m. – The presentation lasts about 20 minutes and then telescopes are available to view the moon, planets, stars, nebula, etc. Telescopes are available well into the night, so interested participants can stay as late as they would like. **Location:** Powell Observatory, 26500 Melrose Street, Louisburg, KS 66053 **Requested Donation:** 12 & over=\$8, 5-11=\$5, Under 5=Free **Because the observatory is staffed by volunteers, a donation is requested upon entry to help maintain and operate the observatory** **Etiquette:** No white lights (headlights, flashlights, mobile phones, etc.) are allowed at the observatory. Red flashlights are allowed. Please dim your headlights when approaching and leaving the observatory.

2. Heart of America Star Party - The Heart of America Star Party is the Astronomical Society of Kansas City's largest annual event, hosted at their 40-acre Dark Sky Site, 75 miles south of Kansas City, near Butler, MO. There will be guest speakers, geocaching and other activities for kids, and lots of telescopes available for star gazing. Meals are included for those that register before September 15. Late registrants and walk-ins are welcomed but they cannot guarantee meals or merchandise availability. **Dates:** October 4-7, 2018 **Registration:** You can register for a single day, or 2 or more days at askc.org/index.php/events/hoasp. A group of 4-H'ers could meet on either that Friday or Saturday depending on the weather. Please e-mail handerson3@gmail.com if you are interested in coordinating a trip. **Location:** The Dark Sky Site is near Butler, MO. Once you register, you should receive a map to the campgrounds.

3. Spring 2019 - the dates aren't set yet, however we plan on having a series of activities in the Spring, including:

*Another trip to the Powell Observatory. (A date will be chosen once the schedule for Spring 2019 programs are released.)

*Interested members will meet to learn about the physics of telescopes and learn to make one to enter at the Fair.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project, feel free to contact Heather Anderson, Project Leader, at handerson3@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Robotics SpaceTech Experience will be November 16-14 in Hutchison.

Kansas Youth Leadership & Volunteer Forums will be November 17-18 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

State Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Application Process

Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H, and other events. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2019 may apply. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW).

Links to the Youth Council application and information are posted on the KYLF webpage at www.kansas4-h.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/. Applications are due online October 1, 2018 before 5 p.m. CST and two letters of reference must be postmarked or uploaded on the registration site before October 1, 2018 at 5 p.m. The signature page should be postmarked by October 1, 2018. This year the elections will include the application process detailed above, and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel on Zoom. From those that interview, up to six candidates will be selected to be in the election.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

More information about National 4-H Conference and electronic applications are posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/national-4-h-conference/. Applications are due October 1, 2018 to the State 4-H Office.

2019 4-H Youth in Action Awards

Every 4-H'er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Sharing your 4-H story could earn you a scholarship and trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards! The 4-H Youth in Action Program will recognize four confident youth leaders (ages 16-19) in agriculture, citizenship, healthy living and STEM. Winners receive a \$5,000 higher education scholarship, promotional video showing your impact story, all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and more. For more information and to access the application process visit <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Applications are due October 22, 2018.

International 4-H Exchange Opportunities

Opportunities for 4-H members begin at age 12 (for Japan and Korea exchanges) and age 15 for exchanges to Costa Rica and Finland in 2019 through States' 4-H International Exchange Programs. 4-H alumni 19-25 are eligible for exchanges to a number of countries through the IFYE program. Volunteers, staff and alumni over 25 may apply to chaperone all of the States' 4-H Exchanges. There are career enhancement opportunities for IFYE's in addition to the leadership and life skills development that all exchanges offer. New scholarship opportunities are offered this year as well. Applications and details are posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/.

REPORTER'S CORNER

As summer break was getting started, Pioneer 4-H Sewing Club members turned their minds to fabrics! On May 25, 19 members and their mothers made a visit to Sarah's Fabrics in Lawrence. It was a unique opportunity to learn about store ownership, running a successful small business in a college town, and how to offer a specialty line of textiles to our modern market. On a tour of the store, club members got insight on how the layout of collections of fabrics, by designer and color, as well as a closer look at the quality fashion fabrics and findings.

By Ingrid McGinnis, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter

On Wednesday, June 13, the Prairie Moon 4-H Club invited members to get together at the Arboretum to learn about photography. We got to walk around the paths and trails so we could find flowers, insects, and other scenery to take pictures of. We got to learn how to use our cameras and how to take the best pictures.

We learned how to use AV mode and Auto mode. One of the most important things we learned was how to get the best angles for a picture and how to zoom in properly so your picture doesn't turn out blurry. It was an amazing experience and we learned so much. Our 4-H club plans to have another photography meeting soon and learn more about photography.

By Kylie Rogers, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter



In July, the Great Plains 4-H Club hosted a crafts and food meeting at the Shawnee Reformed Presbyterian Church. Samantha taught the young 4-H'ers how to make Lemon Yogurt Muffins and Emma showed them how to make a suncatcher. The group also discussed

possible fair ideas for different projects. Overall this was a tasty, fun, and beneficial meeting for the young members of Great Plains 4-H Club.

By Emma Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter



REPORTER'S CORNER

The Oxford Hustlers enjoyed a shared meeting with the Blue River Wranglers on Monday, June 11th. The clubs enjoyed a fun ice breaker and sharing a meeting together with great presentations and judging activities. It was an opportunity to get to know fellow 4-H'ers and see how the 4-H values can be honored in different ways.

The Oxford Hustlers also had a chance to tour the Overland Park Emergency Operations Center on Thursday, June 28th. This tour helped the club learn ways to better prepare for a variety of emergencies and how to be more helpful to neighbors in need in case of emergency.

By Victoria Haney, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



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 an opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a 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.

September

- 3 - Labor Day, office closed
- 4 - Air Pistol 4-H SPIN Club registration opens
 - BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club registration opens
 - County Council meeting
- 4-6 - State Fair Entry Drop-off at office
- 7-16 - Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson
- 25 - Community Club Leader meeting
- 29 - Countywide Astronomy Project activity

October

- 1 - Club Organization Report due
 - Volunteer Renewal Forms due for all Registered Volunteers
 - 4HOnline open for Enrollment/Reenrollment
 - County Council Officers meeting
- 4 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 7-13 - National 4-H Week
- 13-14 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 10 - Record Book Judging
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 - Jo. Co. Extension Council Elections
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2018 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 2018 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.

Leader Update

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. All meetings are at the Extension office and start at 6:30 p.m. If you have a conflict on this date please contact Ami.

Upcoming meeting: September 25

Club Leader Resource Page

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html. There are links to all the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year and turned in to the Extension office, including a Club Leader Checklist.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on October 10 in room 1070/1075 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging.

4HOnline Enrollment for New Families

The 4HOnline system has been set up to not allow any changes to 4-H members' projects after May 1. New families can still enroll in 4HOnline, but they will not be able to choose any projects. The Kansas 4-H office has made a step by step brochure to help new families enroll. We have posted the brochure on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact the Johnson County 4-H staff.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

This is a reminder that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club. Please help us to make sure everyone volunteering in your club has completed the necessary steps. We are also asking that all volunteers create profiles in 4HOnline so that you as a club leader can see the status of each of your volunteers. For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.