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## Greetings 4-H Families,

As the 2012 4-H year comes to an end, it's a great time to reflect on the past year and start planning for the new 4-H year. Putting the last entries in your permanent record and reviewing your previous 4-H activities are great ways to review your successes. Get rewarded for your hard work by completing a Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) or a membership pin application. We will kick off our new 4-H year on October 1 and celebrate National 4-H Week the week of October 7-13.

As we start the new 4-H year, clubs will be electing new officers in the next month and we challenge you to step up to the plate to apply/run to be a club officer. Serving as a club officer is hard work, but is also very rewarding. The number of leadership opportunities at the club and county level are endless.

This is also a great time of year to recruit new families to join our 4-H family. This fall each student attending a Johnson County School District will be receiving a promotional flier about joining Johnson County 4-H. Have you invited your friends and neighbors to a 4-H meeting? The best way for us to grow our program is through our current families spreading the word about 4-H.

## New 4-H Enrollment Form

The Johnson County 4-H Program has a new and improved enrollment card for the 2012-13 4-H year. The new enrollment form is posted at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms). Please note that a club leader signature is required in order for the enrollment card to be considered complete. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept any previous year's enrollment forms and/or unsigned forms.

## Achievement Celebration

The 2012 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2012 4-H year. We will recognize membership and officer pin earners, project winners and recognize volunteers for their many years of service. Check-in for awards recipients will start at 5 p.m. All award recipients are required to check in prior to 5:30 p.m. This year also includes a meal, which will be served at 5:30 p.m. The awards ceremony will follow at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$5 per person. RSVP and payment are due to the Extension office by Friday, October 19. Checks should be made payable to Johnson County 4-H Council. Money must be submitted to the Extension office by October 19 for the committee to complete the total meal count.

## Attention Horticulture Judges

There is renewed interest in Johnson County developing a horticulture judging team which can participate in a statewide judging contest held on the campus of K-State each August. Horticulture judging consists of three parts, plant identification, judging classes and written knowledge (test). To help introduce 4-H'ers to the concepts a session will be held Sunday, September 23, 3 p.m. at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. The arboretum is located one mile west of 69 highway on 179<sup>th</sup> street. The session will last one hour and parents are welcome to attend. The state contest is designed for youth 9 or older but all ages are welcome.

The session will be held at the Monet Garden in the arboretum which is maintained by the Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners. It is intensively planted with many colorful flowers which will be the focus of the session. Please contact the Pat at 913-715-7000 if you plan on attending to help with organization.

## CATS-Camera at the Springs

CATS will be held October 26-28, 2012 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Housing will be at the Rim Rock Area. CATS is an informal photography retreat for adults at the beautiful Rock Springs 4-H Center south of Junction City, KS. Sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Photography Action Team, CATS provides a relaxing shooting experience for adult photography project leaders as well as other adults having an interest in photography.

Formal classes will not be held. Photo Action Team members will be in attendance to lead photo excursions and answer questions relating to photography and the 4-H Photography project.

For full information go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=191> Registration deadline is October 15, 2012. Registration will be by paper copy.

## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum – “4-H Safari - Explore the Possibilities.” Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2013 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF. The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Forum is designed for youth ages 14-18. An awesome set of skill building workshops are planned. A community service project at KYLF will allow you to go home to create your own Revolution of Responsibility. Come to KYLF to learn more!

KYLF is November 16-18, 2012 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. You can register at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=48>. Cost is \$170, checks can be payable to Johnson County 4-H Council. You will also need to have an up-to-date participation form on file at the office. Online registration, payment and a completed participation form are due October 16, 2012.

## Officer Training and Family Night

This year's Officer Training and Family Night will be held on Saturday, September 29 at the Johnson County Extension Office. This event will start off with a project fair. Those 4-H'ers asked to set up a table will need to be there at 1:45 p.m. The project fair will be open to everyone from 2-3 p.m. Officer Training will follow from 3-4:15 p.m. We will not be having a dinner this year but cookies and beverages will be served. Officer Training will be run a little different this year, so come ready to learn everything about your new office!

The Great Plains 4-H Junior Leaders are holding a book drive for Reach Out and Read, which is a national organization that encourages children and their families to read together at home. Please bring any gently used books for children ages 6-12 to Officer Training Night, September 29. We would like to reach our goal of collecting 200 books and we'll have a prize for the family that brings the most books.

There will be a barrel where you can place your books. Thanks!

## **State 4-H Dog Conference**

The State 4-H Dog Conference will be at Rock Springs on October 20-21, 2012. Registration will be available soon with a deadline of October 1. T-shirt designs will also be due to the State 4-H Office by October 1 with the winning person receiving a free trip to Dog Conference. Be looking for registration information at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=41>

## **4-H Day with the Chiefs**

The Kansas City Chiefs will be hosting 4-H Day at Arrowhead on Sunday, December 23rd when they play the Indianapolis Colts! All 4-H family and friends are welcome to attend the game for only \$35. Missouri 4-H will be participating in this program, and will be emphasizing a group outing for this game. If you have a family or club who is interested in attending this game, please contact Ray Jordan at 816-920-4890 or at [rjordan@chiefs.nfl.com](mailto:rjordan@chiefs.nfl.com)

## **State Youth Council Applications**

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council (K4-HYLC) and Kansas 4-H'ers are looking for committed, enthusiastic members to serve on the 2013 Council. If elected, you will acquire many valuable, life-building skills through your K4-HYLC experiences. There will be 12 Council members (3 from each area) elected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 16-18, 2012 at Rock Springs 4-H Center to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2013 year. The process begins by completing and submitting the application online. After the applications are evaluated, up to 12 candidates from each area will be selected to interview at KYLF. Following the KYLF interview, up to six candidates from each area will get the opportunity to run for a position on Youth Council. DEADLINE for online application and photo to be emailed is October 1, 2012, 5 p.m. CDT and signature page and references must be postmarked by October 1, 2012. More information can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=48>.

## **Save the Date Kansas CWF Delegation Trip June 13 - June 24, 2013**

Citizenship Washington Focus is open to youth age 15-18 years-old. It is an intensive 12 day summer citizenship experience in our nation's capital. Along the route, delegates tour educational sites like the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and Independence Hall in Philadelphia/Gettysburg Battlefield or Monticello and Williamsburg, Virginia. Delegates and/or their counties are responsible for the majority of the cost of \$1,575. For more information visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=32>.

## **National 4-H Week October 7-13**

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

On the National 4-H website you can find several tools to help you promote 4-H such as bookmarks and flyers. Go to <http://www.4-h.org/Content/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2012-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/> for more helpful resources.

# *Beauty of the Heartland: Agriculture in Kansas*

## Photo Contest

Cash prizes awarded to selected winners

The offices of the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services, Veterinary Services and Plant Protection Quarantine are being relocated to a different building in Topeka, Kansas. Their mission each day is to protect and promote the health and value of American agriculture and natural resources. Now, they need the assistance of Kansas 4-H photographers in adorning their new office with photographs depicting the true aspect of agriculture in Kansas, and the 'Beauty of the Heartland'.

Top winners will be selected from each category for enlargement and display within the departments' office. Cash prizes will be given to the selected winners. The remainder of the entries will be put on display in a photo journal in the main lobby.

### **Entry Requirements**

- Photos should follow the theme – Agriculture in Kansas – being indicative of agriculture and/or rural living in Kansas and be categorized by the following subjects when submitted:
  - o Livestock, including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, cervids and horses
  - o Crops/Horticulture
  - o Landscapes/Natural Resources/Kansas scenery
- Photo submissions must include name, complete address, phone number, e-mail address, and category. Also include 4-H Club and county.
- Participants must be members of 4-H in Kansas, but need not be enrolled in the photography project. Limit of 6 total entries per 4-Her.
- The deadline for all entries is October 1, 2012.

### **Photo Submission Requirements**

- We encourage high-quality color photographs. They must be submitted digitally, and be at least 300 dpi and in JPG format.
- No artwork, paintings, Polaroids or enhanced images will be accepted. All photographs must be originals by the photographer. If an individual is part of the photograph and is identifiable, the photographer and USDA will need a photo release. These can be obtained by calling (785) 270-1300.
- All submissions become the property of USDA.
- Please submit photos via e-mail to: [AgKansas.photocontest@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:AgKansas.photocontest@aphis.usda.gov)
- Any questions can be directed via phone to (785) 270-1300 to Dr. Kimberly Kirkham.

## **ATTENTION: SHOOTING SPORTS PARTICIPANTS**

The shooting sports project is getting ready to kick off its new year. The mandatory safety meeting is set for October 4 at 6:30 pm in the Green building at the fair grounds. We will be discussing safety for all disciplines available for 4-Hers at this time. They include, BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Hunting Skills. If you are a returning shooter and are not adding a new discipline this year you do not have to attend the safety meeting. However, this is also when we collect the fees for this project. As you all know we use targets, bows, bb's and pellets in practice as well as provide equipment for 4-Hers to use at practice. All of these items cost money to replace, repair and maintain. Because of these costs each participant must pay a \$35 participation fee (max of \$105 per family over 3 kids). This fee is also due at the time of the safety meeting. We also are required to have a completed 4-H participation form on file with the project coordinators and instructors so you will need to bring a completed participation form with you to the meeting.

At the meeting we will also be discussing practice schedules and when all the different disciplines will be meeting for practice throughout the year. The first practice for BB/Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be on Oct 12th at the fairgrounds. For more information contact Martha Powell, Shooting Sports Coordinator, at [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com) or 913-302-5812

## **SEWING CLASS TO START OCTOBER 11**

Sewing is a life long skill that can lead to many rewarding creations and or possible career opportunity. The Johnson County Sewing class will begin on October 11 with an orientation meeting. We will not be sewing that night however, but bring something to write notes with as we will get the new year off to a quick start with sewing projects starting the week of Oct 25. For more information contact Martha Powell at [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com) or at 913-302-5812



## **Scarecrow Festival Pie Contest**

The Shawnee Downtown Partnership and KCPL are sponsoring a pie and bread baking contest as a part of the Scarecrow Festival on Saturday morning October 6, 2012. The winner of each contest will win \$50. The Festival is Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Shawnee City Hall. The entry form is due by Wednesday, October 3 and can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/forms>.

## **Don't Forget to Say Thanks!**

The 2012 Johnson County Fair was a huge success. We have an outstanding group of volunteers and donors who contribute to the fair each year. Don't forget to send a thank you to your department chair (s). If you received a trophy, belt buckle, a special award and/or sold a project in the auction, send a thank you note. It is important we let these gracious donors of awards and/or time know how much we appreciate their efforts.



Check out [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms) for the 2012 4-H calendar.

### September

29 - Officer Training and Family Night

### October

1 - State 4-H Youth Council Applications due online and signature pages postmarked

Dog Conference registrations due

Dog Conference t-shirt designs due

Youth Council applications due

4 - Shooting Sports Safety meeting

6 - Scarecrow Pie Contest

11 - Sewing Orientation meeting

7-13 - National 4-H Week

16 - KYLF registration due

20-21 - State 4-H Dog Conference

26-28 - CATS Camera at the Springs

### November

3 - Achievement Celebration

16-18 - KYLF

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### Join 4-H Yard Signs

Join 4-H Yard Signs are available for purchase. Consider buying one for your own front yard or your business. Signs are \$10 a piece. The signs are made of durable plastic and come with a wire base. Stop by



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