



Fair News Flash

A newsletter for 4-H'ers participating in the Johnson County Fair 4-H Division.

2012 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

The electronic version of the 2012 Johnson County Fair Book is available to view at <http://jocokansasfair.com/Fair%20Book.htm>. The Johnson County Fair Board has graciously decided to provide each 4-H family with a hard copy of the fair book free of charge. Fair books will be distributed through club leaders this summer.

County Fair Entries

4-H online entries for exhibits judged at the county fair will be due August 1. All paper entries will be due on July 15. **All entries for home environment, fiber arts and clothing construction, fashion revue and dog show will also be due on July 15. ****New in 2012: all dog show entries will be due on July 15.**** Late entries will not be accepted. If a 4-H'er does not meet the August 1 deadline for online entries they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division.

All livestock exhibitors will be required to submit a stall request by July 15. All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit tag numbers by the August 1 deadline. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-H'ers name who is exhibiting the animal by August 1.

Online entries will be available on June 1 at <http://jocokansasfair.com/OnlineEntries.html>. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation. On step 5 you should find an option to print a detailed receipt. If on step 5 you have the box checked to send an email confirmation you will also receive a detailed receipt in an email. When in doubt enter the class! After August 1, adding a class/entry is not an option, it is much easier to drop a class at the fair. **Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.**

In order to save time with project check-in at the fair, 4-H'ers with non-animal projects are encouraged to print their entry tag(s) at home.

Mr. and Miss 4-H

The Johnson County Mr. and Miss 4-H Program recognizes young people for the leadership and commitment they have contributed to the 4-H program and their communities. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2012) are eligible to apply. Applications are due to the Extension office by July 6. Interviews and presentations will be scheduled for Saturday, July 21. All application documents and additional information about 4-H can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=657>. Questions about Mr. and Miss 4-H can be directed to Lynette Willis at lcmmwillis@yahoo.com or 913-269-0677.

Preservation Labels, Clothing and Food

Clothing and Food Preservation Labels are available to pick up at the Extension office. Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

“Something to Crow About” Scarecrow Contest

*Top two scarecrows go on to the Kansas State Fair. Please e-mail Denise King at Kingflock@aol.com to order your “scarecrow kit.” Orders must be received by **June 1**.

**Kit includes wood for body and cross arms, wood crow silhouette.*

Entry fee: \$15 fee for youth, non-profit groups; \$50 fee for businesses.

Scarecrow kit will be provided and available for pick up on Sunday, June 10 from 2-4 p.m. or Wednesday, June 13 from 5-7 p.m. at the fair office.

*Scarecrows may be turned in to the fair office anytime from August 1 through August 4 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

*Check the Johnson County Fair web page JoCokansasfair.com for complete rules.

Categories are:

A- Old Fashioned Scarecrow- A traditional farm or garden scarecrow made of straw, hay, etc. used to scare crows away from crops.

B- Celebrity or Character look-a-like scarecrow. A scarecrow (male or female) made to resemble a celebrity, such as a TV personality, sports figure, cartoon, etc.

C. Famous Couple look-a-like Scarecrow- A pair (2) of scarecrows made to resemble a celebrity couple such as a TV personality, sports figure, cartoon.

4-H Food Stand

Each year the Johnson County 4-H Council has a Food Stand at the county fair. This is our ONLY fundraiser for the County Council. County Council funds Achievement Celebration, Transportation for 4-H Camp, Discovery Days, trip scholarships for 4-H'ers, Family Night and Officers Training, County and Regional Club Days and much more. A two hour shift at the food stand is a small price to pay for a year of all the great county-wide activities.

The food stand schedule, along with the food stand info sheet is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. All 4-H families working the food stand should review the info sheet prior to the county fair. The info sheet will be posted by June 1. This will ensure a successful and fun food stand shift! On Monday evening (Aug. 6) each club will need to send two adult volunteers to your club's assigned time. Those volunteers will need to also work during your club's assigned shift later in the week. This will help with efficiency and organization of the food stand.

Fair Clean Up Schedule

Each club is assigned a day and area for fair clean up. If everyone pitches in, clean up goes smoothly and quickly. The 2012 clean up schedule is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. A “to do” list for clean up will be sent to club leaders in June.

Cloverbuds Show N Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the 4-H building. This is a reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts at age 7. Cloverbuds can bring a maximum of two projects to show and share. Each Cloverbud will sign up for a 15 minute time slot. A sign up sheet will be available Monday evening and Tuesday morning during the entry check in inside the 4-H building. For a list of approved pets for Cloverbuds, please visit <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=264> and check out the Cloverbuds Policy link. Projects that are reasonable in size and are not living/breathing will be displayed in the 4-H building and available for pick up Sunday, August 12.

Project Check In

Projects will be checked in on Monday, August 6, from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and again on Tuesday from 8 - 10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Please plan on arriving before 10 a.m. to have ample time to check in all of your projects.

4-H foods judging will take place at Gardner Elementary School from 1 - 9 p.m. on Monday, August 6. Livestock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check in time.

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. Sunday, August 12. All remaining exhibits will be released at 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. all remaining 4-H exhibits will be removed by club leaders. All 4-H entries and premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that 4-H exhibitors help with fair clean up.

State Fair

4-H exhibits that receive purple ribbons are eligible to enter their exhibits at the Kansas State Fair. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the state fair may sign up in the fair office from 3 - 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 8 through Friday, August 10. 4-H members must be 9 as of January 1, 2012 to enter. All entries for the Kansas State fair must be made by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 14. Please note all livestock entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by **July 15**.

Livestock T-Shirts

All 4-H'ers exhibiting beef, sheep, goats and swine are required to wear blue jeans and the official Johnson County Fair Livestock Show T-shirt. The color will continue to be purple. Feel free to re-use your purple shirt if you purchased one previously. Each livestock exhibitor will need wear their purple shirt for their respective show(s). 4-H'ers should contact their club leader to order. The shirts will be purple and are \$6 each. Submit your T-shirt size and money to your club leader. Club leaders will turn in all orders to Sue Pio by June 30. Club leaders refer to your Leader Update for more information about ordering shirts. Shirts will be sorted by club name and picked up by a representative of each club on Wednesday, August 8, at 7 a.m. at the livestock pavilion.

Photo Mats

The Johnson County Extension office has photo mats available for photography project members to purchase. Each mat is \$1.20 and checks are to be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council. Photos exhibited in the 4-H photography division at the county fair will require a photo mat. The Extension office also has photo mounting directions available.