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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Greetings 4-H Families,

Club Day is right around the corner! I hope everyone has had a chance to look over the schedule.

As you all know we are without a 4-H Agent for the next several months and I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with us here at the office. Pat, Dan and myself are working together to make sure the upcoming months run smoothly for Johnson County 4-H.

Thank you - Amanda Fraunfelter, 4-H Program Manager

2013 4-H Club Day

The Johnson County 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 16 at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day will begin at 8:30 a.m. The room schedule and room monitoring schedule can be viewed at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay. The Ambassadors will run a food stand all day and would appreciate your support!

Judging Activities at Club Day

There will be judging activities offered at Club Day. The Club Day committee is seeking volunteers to provide judging stations. Suggested topics include horticulture, livestock, consumer judging, photography, etc. The possibilities are endless! 4-H'ers interested in providing a judging station should contact Sam Reese at smileysami13@gmail.com. This is a great volunteer opportunity for your record book.

Regional 4-H Club Day

Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for March 16 at the Lawrence High School, 1901 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, KS. 4-H'ers receiving a top purple ribbon at County 4-H Club Day will have the opportunity to represent Johnson County at regionals.

Adding/Dropping Projects

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers will be May 1. 4-H'ers who have not established project enrollment by May 1 will not be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. A report of project enrollment will be published on March 1 for families to confirm project enrollment. 4-H'ers will have until May 1 to finalize their project enrollment. Any 4-H'er wishing to add or drop a project will be asked to submit a project add/drop form. The form can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

VIP Renewal

A reminder, for Kansas 4-H Volunteers to retain their registered VIP status they must complete and turn in an Annual Renewal form to the local county/district Extension office. This is a simple one page form that asks their contact information, what the leadership role(s) they will be doing, any changes in their legal involvement and to recommit to the Kansas Volunteer Code of Ethics. The renewal form gives the local office vital information for good management of the local 4-H program and as such is an invaluable management tool.

The form (in form fill-able PDF) is at: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H953.pdf>.

Reminder for 4-H'ers Attending CIA

The deadline to register your legislator for the banquet at Citizenship in Action is February 11, 2013. Please visit (<http://tinyurl.com/8zd9bqo>) to sign your legislator up! Local Extension Units will be billed \$30/guest that are signed up to attend the Citizenship in Action banquet.

Please make sure that you confirm that the legislators that you are inviting were elected to serve beginning in 2013.

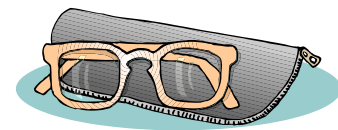
Images of Aging Photo Contest

Kansas 4-H photographers are again invited to enter the Landon Center on Aging annual photography contest, the Images of Aging Photo Contest. The purpose of the contest is to bring attention to the many faces of older adults. For full rules and entry process, please go to: http://www2.kumc.edu/coa/Photo_Contest/center_on_aging_photo_contest.htm. There are cash prizes. Each photo must have an adult over 60 in the photo. Entries are due February 23, 2013.

Knights of AK-SAR-BEN

The 2013 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show is requiring that in addition to being identified on a state ID sheet, all market animals must be DNA identified to be eligible to show. All nomination forms and DNA samples must be in County offices and postmarked by April 1, 2013. Feel free to email Amanda at amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org with additional questions.

SYMPATH EYES MONTH



March is **SympathEYES** month! Anna Hester, a member of the Great Plains 4-H club, is working in cooperation with the Lion's Club, a national service organization, to collect used eyeglasses to send overseas to underdeveloped countries that can't afford or don't have access to eye health services. She is challenging all individual 4-H'ers and clubs to place collection boxes in businesses or churches during the month of March. You can even collect from your own club! She would supply you with the boxes and your responsibility would be to place the boxes where you have arranged and pick them up at the end of the month. This is a great leadership and citizenship opportunity for all 4-H'ers. A box will be available for depositing used eyeglasses at Club Day on February 16, as well as the Extension office through the month of March. There will be **PRIZES** for the club that collects the most pairs and the individual that collects the most pairs. Help those who are less fortunate than we are and **SympathEYES!** Anna can be reached at 913-492-5814 or annahester28@gmail.com.

Camp Dates

To all you parents planning your 2013 Summer, here are some important dates to remember.



Discovery Days May 28-31

Campference June 17-20

Fantastic Four 4-H Camp June 23-26

Summer Cooking Camp TENTATIVE

July 15-19 (see Foods Project Update, page 5)

Photography Workshop

Join the 4-H Photo Safari Workshop on March 10, 2013 in Auburn, Kansas. Registration deadline is February 23, 2013. Workshop fee is \$5 and photography judging is \$2. Make checks payable to Shawnee County 4-H Events Council-Memo Photo Workshop. Mail forms/check to Kathleen Ramonda, 5436 SW Wanamaker Rd., Topeka, KS 66610. For the registration flyer visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

Shooting Sports Instructors Workshop

The next opportunity to certify Shooting Sports Coordinators and discipline instructors will be March 15-17, 2013 at Rock Springs. Training will begin Friday evening and end around 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Cost for all materials and entire weekend will be \$200 for adults and \$100 for Junior Apprentices age 14-17. Mark your calendars and recruit the instructors you need for your local program. Registration information will be available soon!

Deadline for Host Exchange

Families who would like to host a teen from Argentina, Cameroon, or Norway for one month should submit applications by February 15. These applications are submitted to States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Office in Seattle, so they have to have all details completed and sent to arrive there by March 1. Applications for 12-16 year olds from Japan can be submitted now or until Kansas fills our allotment for Kansas placements. Young adults 19-25 are expected from Wales, Germany, Taiwan, Austria, Switzerland and possibly some other countries under the IFYE program. They need families for 2-3 week periods between mid June and State Fair.

Apply now to be considered for any of these. Applications may be found on the Kansas 4-H web site under Programs and World Citizenship.

Discovery Days Class

The Discovery Days team is looking for anyone who would be interested in teaching a class at Discovery Days. They need any and all class ideas that you have! If you are interested in teaching an educational class at 2013 Discovery Days please click here <http://tinyurl.com/cc3ot58> and sign up today! There were some great classes last year with some fabulous reviews!

Video Contest for Discovery Days

The Media Team for Discovery Days 2013 would like to ask for YOUR help in making Discovery Days 2013 awesome! Last year at Discovery Days, youth who attended were challenged to Join the Revolution, this year we want to know how you joined the Revolution of Responsibility in 4-H. Youth are asked to submit a video of "How has 4-H sparked your Revolution?" The winner of the video will be shown to all delegates attending Discovery Days 2013 at the Opening Assembly. The requirements for the video:

- 1) Must be under 3 minutes in length
- 2) You must tell who you are, your Local Extension Unit and your age
- 3) Explain what you have done to be a part of the Revolution

Videos are due by April 15, 2013 and must be submitted to Sarah Keatley, Events Coordinator, keatley@ksu.edu. Acceptable formats include .asf, .asx, .avi, .wav, .wma, .wax, .wm, .wmv, .wvx.

Yes I Can Drive

Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm is holding a hands-on driving clinic for area youth. This clinic will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 and is for ages 8-18. The deadline is April 1 and the cost is \$10. Hands-on activities include: fitting and adjusting a harness, ground driving, working with line boards, driving stone boats, driving singles, driving teams, and vehicles and farm equipment. More information can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

Goat Project Members: Joyce Johnson will have kids available in February for 4-H members. Contact Joyce at 913-952-5272.

ROBOTIC CAMP

This Spring Break Camp promotes 21st Century careers in Science, Engineering and Technology through GPS, GIS and robotics. GEAR-Tech-21 teaches robotics, GPS (global positioning systems), and GIS (geographic information systems) technologies through building and programming a robot, navigation, and mapmaking activities. Camp participants will have experiential and empowering learning adventures programming robots to complete challenge courses, learning how to operate GPS units to find hidden waypoints, recording data in GPS units and importing it into GIS to create custom and utilizable satellite maps, and so much more! The evenings will be filled with friends and fun camp activities such as a low ropes teambuilding and leadership adventure course, cabin crew cook-offs, campfires, and more!

The registration fee will cover all meals, snacks, lodging, and activities, and campers will be led by cabin crew counselors and taught by curriculum certified instructors. By the end of the intensive camp, participants will have a much greater understanding of geospatial and robotics technologies, potential careers, ways to stay involved in these projects, and come away with new friends and excitement! For more information and registration please go to: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317>. Camp will be March 18-22, 2013. It is open to youth ages 10-14. Registration closes on March 1, 2013.

SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND WEIGH-IN

Registration and additional information for all shows can be found at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=883>. Mail check and entry for all shows to Denise King, 32415 W. 95th St., De Soto Kansas 66018. All checks can be made out to Johnson County Livestock Club.

Spring Beef Show

The Spring Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration due April 13. Entry fee is \$10 per head, \$20 after April 13. All market steers and heifers will be weighed from 7-9 a.m. 4-H Beef project members not showing at the Spring Beef Show will be allowed to weigh-in their animals from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 19 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Goat Show

The Spring Goat Show will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due May 4. Entry fee is \$10 per head, \$20 after May 4. Weigh-in will be 7-8:30 a.m. 4-H Goat project members not showing in the Spring Goat Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 10 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Sheep Show

The Spring Sheep Show will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. (or 30 minutes after conclusion of the goat show). Pre-registration is due May 4. Entry fee is \$10 per head, \$20 after May 4. Weigh-in will be 7-9 a.m. 4-H Sheep project members not showing in the Spring Sheep Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 10 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Swine Show

The Spring Swine Show will be held Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due May 23. Entry fee is \$10 per head, \$20 after May 23. Weigh-in will be 7-9 a.m. 4-H Swine project members not showing in the Spring Swine Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Out of County Spring Livestock Shows

So far flyers for Harvey County and Shawnee county are posted on the website at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=883>. Others will be posted as they are received.

Horse ID and Horseless Horse Certificate Deadline

All Horse ID and Horseless Horse certificates are due to the Extension office by May 1. Appropriate forms can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=658>

Save the Date

District Horse Show

When: July 10, 2013

Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence

KJLS and KSF Beef Nomination Deadline

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and/or the Kansas State Fair need to have nominations in to the Extension office by May 1. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu

K-STATE ANIMAL SCIENCES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Kansas State University will host the fifth annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy June 5-8 for young livestock industry leaders in Kansas. The program, hosted by the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, focuses on increasing participants' knowledge of the Kansas livestock industry, as well as enhancing leadership skills.

Twenty high school students will be selected to participate, based on educational, community, and agricultural involvement. Students will stay in campus housing and receive training in Weber Hall as well as tour the university's animal science facilities and Kansas livestock businesses. Students must apply by Friday, March 15. Candidates have to be enrolled in high school as of January 1 and able to participate in the entire academy.

The academy is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council.

More information, including the application form, is available on the Youth Livestock Program website: www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

Kansas Junior Swine Producers Day

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at Weber Arena in Manhattan, KS. This highly interactive, hands-on educational event will be a fun filled day of activities in which youth, parents, swine project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of swine production and management practices.

Presentations and demonstrations will be given by K-State graduate students and faculty, as well as our featured speaker, Kyle Baade. All participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, Skillathon practice, T-shirt, and a complimentary noon lunch. Participants with registrations after February 1 cannot be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Cost is \$10/person by February 1 or \$15/person after February 1. There will be more than \$600 in prizes given away! To view the entire brochure and registration, please visit the website, www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

Foods Project Update

Thank you to all of the leaders and helpers who made our 9th Annual Food Fare a success. The most popular items on the surveys were the tortillas, weaving, and "feeling" the grains. Next year's stations will have a literary theme so as you read your favorite series of books this year, keep in mind what foods, like Hunger Games Bread or Harry Potter Tongue Toffee, you might like to make at a station.

The next 4-H Foods county-wide meeting is on February 26 at 4pm at the Extension Office. We will be planning both adult and junior leader foods trainings, a summer Favorite Foods event and youth summer cooking classes including choosing dates and times, selecting themes and recipes, etc. Everyone is welcome to share their ideas for how to make this summer a fun learning experience in foods. If you are unable to make this date but would like to still be involved, please email Nichole (nichole.burnett@jocogov.org) or Amanda (amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org).

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2013 4-H calendar.

February

- 11 - Register your legislator for CIA
- 15 - Inbound host family applications due
- 16 - 4-H Club Day
Kansas Swine Producers Day
- 23 - Photography Workshop registration due
Images of Aging Photo Contest

March

- 1 - Robotic Camp registration due
- 1-31 - Sympath Eye Month
- 15 - Animal Sciences Leadership Academy
- 15-17 - Shooting Sports Instructors Workshop
- 16 - Regional 4-H Club Day

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