



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy 4-H New Year! We are excited to be starting a New Year with you and your family. There are many activities over the next two months. Please let us know if there is any way we can help you out by answering questions and concerns. - Tara

Officer Training and Family Event Quickly Approaching!

This year's Officer Training and Family Event will be held on Saturday, October 5th at the Johnson County Extension Office located at 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe, Ks. This year there will be a project fair that starts at 1:00 pm. 4-H'ers will be available to answer questions about various project areas. 4-H'ers asked to set up a table will need to be there at 12:45 pm. The project fair will be open to everyone from 1:00-2:00 pm. Officers Training will follow from 2:00-3:15 pm. A model meeting will be held at 3:00 pm; newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about officer roles is invited to attend. There will also be breakout sessions for the treasurer, reporter and historian officer positions.

Enrollment Forms

2013-2014 enrollment forms are now posted on the website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Forms can either be given to your club leaders and they will turn them in or you can turn them in directly to the Extension Office. Your club leader may prefer you turn the forms into them, so please ask. The deadline for turning in enrollment and participation forms for returning 4-H members will be Monday, December 2nd, 2013.

Don't forget about National 4-H Week...



Celebrate National 4-H Week October 6th-12th by promoting 4-H in your community. Clubs may want to create window displays or set up a booth at a community event. The National 4-H website offers materials such as bookmarks and flyers to help you in promoting 4-H. Visit National 4-H's 2013 National 4-H Week page here: [National 4-H Week Toolkit](#)

4-H Group Classes & Meetings

Attention all sewers!!

Sewing Project Group will start up again on Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. We will be having orientation the first night with sewing lessons starting on Thursday, October 17th. If you are interested in learning how to sew, want to improve your skills, or just want to have a set couple of hours each week to sew, this is the place to be. Both boys and girls are encouraged to attend. We will meet on Thursday each week for two hours until November 21st then have a break until January 2nd when we will start up again. If you have attended this class before and want to know what you will be doing or if you have any questions please email Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com. Hope to see you on October 10th!



County-wide Photography Meeting

On Saturday, October 26th at 3:00 pm we will be meeting at the Extension Office in the parking lot to go to Schaake's Pumpkin Patch for a photo shoot. Please plan on joining us. We will go over tips for taking photos in natural lighting as well as taking still shots and photos of small children. If you have a good photo, you can submit it to the Kansas 4-H Foundation for use in the 4-H Journal or calendar for next fall. Questions? Email theladds5@gmail.com to ask Grace, Bruce or Nina Ladd.

Volunteer Orientation

An in person Volunteer Information Profile (VIP) Orientation will be offered on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Training will take place at the Extension Office. Please RSVP by October 28th by clicking this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b80eUlcq3aeD8HMZuaXIvoUgqT5gIMiXzq6mSd1s4Yo/viewform>. VIP orientation is one of the required steps to becoming VIP certified. Who needs to complete the VIP?

Definition of a 4-H volunteer:

1. Registered VIP = A volunteer, adult or teen, with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with other adults present or in a public setting OR a volunteer whose position puts them in close, ongoing, one-to-one interaction with youth. (Examples: judging team coach, community/organizational leader, project leader, camp assistant or counselor, Discovery Days or other event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, county-wide project leader, etc.)
2. Episodic Volunteer = An episodic volunteer would be a volunteer helping with a single "episode" or activity. This person is **not** required to complete the VIP process. Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, assistant fair superintendents, guest speakers, etc.

The upcoming orientation is open to anyone, whether you have filled out the VIP application or not. There will be applications at the orientation for you to fill out.

Upcoming Extension Classes for Youth

New “Kids-A-Cookin’” classes are now open for enrollment. All classes are \$5 per student ages 7-12 and are held at the Extension Office. To enroll, or for more information, visit Johnson County K-State Research and Extension’s “Classes and Events” page at: <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=20>.

Classes available:

- Kids-A-Cookin’: Pasta Madness!
Saturday, October 19th, 9:30 am-12:00 pm
- Kids-A-Cookin’: Entertaining Kid-Style
Saturday, November 16th, 9:30 am-12:00 pm
- Kids-A-Cookin’: Holiday Houses
Saturday, December 14th, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Kids-A-Cookin’: Holiday Houses
Saturday, December 14th, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Help! My Child is a Vegetarian

There is also a class available for both child and parent/guardian focused on vegetarian cooking for all ages.

“Help! My Child is a Vegetarian” is a hands-on class for children ages 7 or older and their parent/guardian.

The cost is \$15 and will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Kansas State University Olathe Campus located at 22201 W. Innovation Drive, Olathe, Ks., 66061. To enroll, or for more information, visit <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=20>.

- ◆ Should you have any questions about these classes you may contact Crystal Futrell, Family Nutrition Program Assistant at Crystal.Futrell@jocogov.org. ◆

Record Books

As the 2013 4-H year comes to an end it’s time to fill out your Record Books and get rewarded for your hard work. All forms and information should be found on the website at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hrecordbooks>. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books. You will submit ALL record books and applications to your club leaders. This includes but is not limited to your personal page, permanent records, KAP’s, officer books, and pin applications.

4-H Calendar for 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 Johnson County 4-H Calendar is now available. This is great for returning and new 4-H families to use as a reference for upcoming 4-H events and deadlines. This year we have created a Google calendar. It can be viewed at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. You can share the calendar with your own Google calendar and it will automatically sync with any additions or changes that might be made. The calendar is updated throughout the year as events are scheduled. You can also check Clover Clips for updates on event dates and deadlines.

Project Guide

The project guide is found online at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. The project guide has been modified to cater to Johnson County 4-H specifically. We hope this guide will be a great resource for our families.

Adding/Dropping Projects

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H’ers will be May 1st, 2014. 4-H’ers who have not established project enrollment by May 1st 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. 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.

4-H Council Representation

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of every other month at 7:00 pm starting on November 4th. This first meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation at as the new County Officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a position be present for the meeting. On the off-month of Council meetings the newly elected Officers will have meetings which will also occur on the 1st Monday at 7:00 pm starting on December 2nd. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

Achievement Celebration

The 2013 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2013 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 1:15 pm. This year desserts will be served. The awards ceremony will start at 2:00 pm. RSVP is required and is due to the Extension Office by Friday, November 8th. Please email Christin to RSVP at christin.bartels@jocogov.org. There will be a slide show presentation this year and if you would like to submit pictures from this year's 4-H activities you may submit up to two pictures per 4-H'er. Please email them to Sam Reese at smileysami13@gmail.com.

Another Kansas State Fair Has Come to a Close

Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers who exhibited, participated or presented at the 2013 Kansas State Fair! We have very talented 4-H'ers in Johnson County that were represented in many projects at the Kansas State Fair. The results for 4-H can be viewed by clicking the "State Fair 4-H Results" link under the "Hot Topics" section on K-State Research and Extension's homepage found here: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/>.

Reminder: There are still a few items from Fair that have not yet been picked up from the Extension Office. Please stop by as soon as possible to collect your items. Thank you!

National & International Opportunities

Applications due November 4th for 2014 Outbound Exchanges

4-H members between the ages of 12 and 19 have the possibility of traveling to Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, Norway and Tanzania next year. All the programs except Tanzania are one month including a home stay with a host family for most of the month. Tanzania is a two-week group experience in a dormitory environment. Japan has an option for an additional month stay with a Tokyo family while taking daily language and culture training before the home stay elsewhere in Japan.

Twelve-year-olds may participate in the Japan Exchange. All other exchanges have a minimum age of 15 except Australia which has a minimum age of 16 years. All programs except Japan and Costa Rica have a maximum age of 19. (Japan and Costa Rica have a cut off at 18.) A comparison chart, individual flyers, and a new application form are posted on the Kansas 4-H web site. 4-H alumni ages 19 to 25 may apply for individualized programs of 6 weeks to 6 months in partner countries Europe, Asia, Africa or Latin America. Options will be similar to those described in the IFYE Representative flyer currently on the 4-H web site.

Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by November 4th with interviews on December 7th in Manhattan for all programs. Questions can be directed to Beth Shanholtzer Stuewe at bshanholtzer@gmail.com.

State & Local Opportunities

Leadership Weekend (KYLF and KVF)

Online registration is available now for the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum (KVF). This year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15th, 2013 for both events. For specific Forum information visit the following links:

[Online Registration](#)

[Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#)

[Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum](#)

The Forums will be held November 22nd-24th, 2013 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1st, 2014 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers.

The theme for KYLF this year is SPYLF and will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The theme for Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum is Mission Possible and will include workshops, opportunities for networking and sharing resources. Joint activities between the two Forums will include the keynote speaker and the inspirational program.

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Camp

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team is partnering with the Rock Springs 4-H Center and Kansas 4-H to sponsor a SpaceTech Camp January 3rd-5th, 2014. The program will start with dinner on Friday evening and end at 2:00 pm on Sunday afternoon at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This techy weekend camp will offer participants introductory level activities in rockets, robotics, and astronomy. There will be four hours of activities and programs in astronomy, five hours in rocketry and five hours in robotics with everyone rotating in groups. Open to 10-14 year-old 4-H'ers, all youth must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Volunteer leaders, parents, and Extension staff are also welcome. Full details will be announced on the Rock Springs website, rocksprings.net and the Kansas 4-H website, <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=52> by October 18th.



Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Applications Now Available

The application process will include the following:

1. Application form/essay completed by 4-H'er due Friday, November 1st, 2013 to the Johnson County Extension Office.
The application packet can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.
2. 4-H Club Leader Recommendation Form due to Johnson County Extension office by Friday, November 1st, 2013.
3. Applicant will receive an email or phone call to schedule leader and team interviews to be held Wednesday, November 20th, 2013, in the evening.
4. Applicant will be notified of application status no later than December 16th, 2013.

Pictures Needed!

If you have any pictures that you would like to go into the Johnson County 4-H Council Historians book please email them to Erin Sullivan at erins1995@yahoo.com.

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2014 4-H calendar.

October

— **Happy New 4-H Year!** —

- 1 - Applications due for Discovery Days Task Force, Ag Youth Exchange Program, and Kansas Youth Leadership Council (along with items postmarked)
 - Deadline to register for Dog Conference
- 5 - Officer Training and Family Event
- 6-12 - National 4-H Week
- 15 - Deadline to register for Leadership Wknd.
- 19-20 - Dog Conference

November

- 2 - VIP Orientation
- 4 - County Council meeting
 - Applications due for '14 Outbound Exchange
- 16 - Achievement Celebration
- 22-24 - State Leadership Weekend

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Clover Clips News

Clover Clips will no longer be password protected on the website. We hope this will make Clover Clips more accessible to all of our 4-H'ers.

Submission Deadline - The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 20th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2014 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms 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 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

Record Books

As the 2013 4-H year comes to an end it's time to reward our 4-H'ers for their hard work. There are a couple of important details to keep in mind this year for the awards application judging. All forms and information should be found on the website at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hrecordbooks>. Please look over all forms listed under "Leader Resources" so you are not missing any important information.

Membership Pins Each club is asked to submit a list of 4-H'ers and the respective pin he/she has earned. The list of recipients is due to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on October 16th. Please understand we will be ordering the awards on October 17th and will not accept any additional names after the October 16th deadline. A signature will be required on each club's recipient list, verifying each 4-H'er has met or exceeded the minimum qualifications for their respective pins. **All Key Award applications must be submitted to the county judging by 5:00 pm on October 16th.

Officer Pins Please note which officer positions require an officers book or additional information. Requirements for each officer pin are listed on page 4 and 5 of the 4-H Award Procedures for Johnson County. The County Council will only fund one officer pin per position with the exception of reporter and historian. County Council will fund two pins for each of these positions. Any additional pins must be funded by the club. Please refer to page 4 of the 4-H Award Procedures. This form is also due to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on October 16th.

KAP Kansas Award Portfolios are due to the Extension office by 5:00 pm on October 16th. A Kansas Award Portfolio is a summary of a 4-H'er's work in a specific project area from the previous 4-H year (2012). 4-H'ers are eligible to submit multiple KAP's in different project areas. Prior to submitting a KAP to the county judging, the club leader or designated adult volunteer is asked to review the minimum qualifications for KAP's listed on page 3 of 4-H Award Procedures.

Record Book Judging

The county award application judging will start at 6:30 pm on October 16th in rooms 1070 and 1075 at the Extension Office. Each club is asked to send at least two adult volunteers to assist with the judging process. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Leader Meeting

The first Community Club Leader meeting will be October 30th which is a Wednesday. We will meet at the Extension Office at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in Room 1060. These meetings will be designed for both the seasoned as well as the new Community Club Leader. We are all in this for the final goal of making the best better and working as a collaborating group will help us achieve this goal. The expectation is that all Community Clubs will be represented by their Leader(s) at these meetings. The information which will be discussed will be at the core of how we conduct 4-H operations here in Johnson County. Agenda items to be discussed: policies, projects, VIP, 4-H council, agent support, calendar. We are looking forward to our conversations and ongoing work together!

Leader Update

VIP Process

As a reminder here are the steps to becoming VIP Certified:

- 1) Fill out the VIP Application found at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H673.pdf>. It is important that this application be complete. Missing information will slow the process down.
- 2) We will send reference checks to all 3 of your references.
- 3) We check all of our volunteers on the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and Kansas Adult Supervised Population Electronic Repository System (KASPERS) websites.
- 4) Once at least 2 references have responded and you clear the KBI and KASPER checks we will send you an acknowledgment e-mail telling you how to continue on to orientation.
- 5) Once you complete orientation we will submit your file to the VIP Review Committee. The Review Committee then submits a list of names for Extension Board approval.
- 6) Once the Board approves you, you are officially VIP Certified and will receive confirmation of your VIP certification.

Once you are VIP certified you will only have to fill out VIP renewals annually. Renewals can be found at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H953.pdf>.

National 4-H week October 6th -12th, 2013

Leaders, please let us know what your clubs have planned for National 4-H Week. If you have pictures from your displays we would love to share them on Facebook.