



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families

It amazes me how time flies! As we gear up for another great 4-H year please read over this special issue of Clover Clips. In order to provide clear communication we have decided to combine Clover Clips and the Leader Update into one publication. As a parent I completely understand the value of time and how clear, concise, and shared communication helps the greater cause. Amanda, Christin, Nancy and I are excited for a new 4-H year and all the wonderful happenings which come with that. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. - Tara

Kansas 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 until Thursday, September 5th at 5:00 pm. Keep in mind we will have limited room in the van, so if you have any large items you may need to transport them yourself. Feel free to call the office if you have questions about size. 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 8:00 am to 9:00 am on Friday, September 6th. 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 Book for any class you entered. A link to the State Fair entry information can be found on this page: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46>.

- 1) Scroll down the page to find the link for your Department.
- 2) Review all necessary forms for your entry.
- 3) We have all entry tags at the Extension Office, if there are other documents required you will need to print them off and bring in with your exhibit.

For example, you will find information as to what to transport your project in, like entomology and geology boxes with a cover if you have one, clothing in a clear plastic bag, and photographs in a zip lock bag.

We know this is a lot of information, please call the office if you have any questions.

Council Historians Need Pictures

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.

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. The deadline for turning in enrollment and participation forms for returning 4-H members will be Monday, December 2nd, 2013.

NEW Text Messages Option!

We will now be able to send text messages to inform you of deadlines, upcoming events and much more! To get this feature just fill in the appropriate box on your enrollment forms. This will be in addition to our current forms of communication. Please note we are only able to text one number per 4-H'er. You will not be able to reply to the number we text you from and standard messaging rates do apply.



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.

Officer Training and Family Event

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.

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.

4-H Council Representation

This is your group and your county, state, and national projects/events coordination group. Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 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 meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation 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 occur on the 1st Monday at 7:00 pm starting on December 2nd. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

Items at the Extension Office that Need to be Picked Up

There are still quite a few things from County Fair hanging out at the Extension Office and they are lonely and want to go home! We have projects and/or ribbons that were not picked up after the last day of fair, along with many Premium checks. The Fashion Revue Scorecards are also available to be picked. We also have a few items pictured to the right that were left at different events this summer. Please stop by the office as soon as possible to collect any of the items mentioned that are yours. Thank you!



Remember to say Thank you!

The 2013 Johnson County Fair could not have been such a success without all the amazing volunteers and donors that contributed this year. Please remember to send a thank you note to your department chairs. A thank you note should also be sent if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, and/or sold a project in the auction. Please take this opportunity to let these gracious donors of awards and their time know how much we appreciate all that they do.

Please Welcome Christin...

The Extension Office and 4-H Youth Development program is pleased to welcome Christin Bartels to our team. Christin was raised in Olathe, Ks. and graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in Agriculture, majoring in Animal Sciences and Industry. After graduation she joined the Education Department at the Topeka Zoo as a Program Assistant. In this position she was able to pursue her passion for working with animals and educating youth about their community and the natural world. Before joining the 4-H Youth Development team, Christin was the Front Desk Manager at a busy veterinary hospital in Fairway, Ks. Christin's husband, Jonathan, is also an Olathe native and K-State graduate. Please welcome her at christin.bartels@jocogov.org or 913.715.7039.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion

The fall Paper Clover promotion will be held at Tractor Supply Company October 9th - 20th. Money donated from purchases will be given to the Johnson County 4-H program! If your group is interested please contact Tara to set up a time.



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. For more helpful resources click here: [National 4-H Week Toolkit](#)

State & Local Opportunities

Become a Member of the Discovery Days Task Force

If you love to attend Discovery Days consider applying to be on the Discovery Days Task Force. As a member of the Discovery Days Task Force you will meet once in December, then have several conference calls throughout the year, and finally arrive to Manhattan the day before Discovery Days begins to help set up along with provide leadership throughout the week. Applications are due October 1. The application can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=418>.

Opportunity to Become a Member of the 2014 Kansas Youth Leadership Council

Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 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, Citizenship in Action, Campference and other events. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2014 may apply. This year's delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW). Applications are due on a Google Form on October 1, 2013 before 5 p.m. CST and a signature page and 2 letters of reference must be post-marked on or before October 1, 2013. From the applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel at the beginning of KYLF. From those that interview, up to 6 candidates will be selected to be in the election. For more information click here: [Application information](#)

4-H Leadership Weekend for Youth and Volunteers

The Forums will be held November 22nd-24th, 2013 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Joint activities between the two Forums will include the keynote speaker and the inspirational program. More information is available on the 4-H website. The registration deadline is October 15th, 2013 for both events. Register here: [Online Registration](#)

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1st, 2014. The theme for KYLF this year is SPYLF and will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. Find out more information by clicking here: [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#)

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum

KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. The theme for Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum is Mission Possible and will include workshops, opportunities for networking and sharing resources. Find out more information by clicking here: [Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum](#)

State 4-H Dog Conference

Saturday, October 19th, 2013 - Sunday, October 20th, 2013

Rock Springs 4-H Center

Come and learn more about your four legged friend and have some fun while meeting other 4-H members from across the state that love their dogs too! Sit in on educational sessions to learn important tips on keeping your dog happy and healthy. Then, test your knowledge in the Dog Quiz Bowl and Skillathon. Does your dog have a talent or its own special costume? Bring your dog and show them off during the costume contest and dog talent show. This event is open to all 4-H age youth and adults. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317>.

National & International Opportunities

National 4-H Conference

April 5th-10th, 2014

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. Delegates must be 15-18 years old by January 1st of the year of the conference. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected to attend the conference. One adult chaperone will also be selected to accompany the delegation. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old and must be VIP registered. Interested adult volunteers should complete the same application as the youth. A panel will screen the written applications and top applicants will be invited to interview at Rock Springs during Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. Nominees must register and attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the written application and interviews. Applications are due to the Extension Office by September 27th. Please use this link to find more information about the conference and download required forms: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=458>

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Citizenship Washington Focus 2014

The dates for the 2014 Citizenship Washington Focus trip are June 26th-July 7th. The cost for this year will be \$1,575. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317>. The deadline to sign up will be January 15th OR when all spots are filled so make sure that you get signed up today! The first payment is not due until 2014.

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2013 Taiwan Agricultural Youth Exchange Program Opportunity

The country of Taiwan is again offering a wonderful opportunity to travel and learn about Taiwanese agriculture. National Taichung Agriculture Senior High School in central Taiwan will run this program again and it is tentatively scheduled for six days in mid-November to early December 2013 (exact dates to be determined).

Criteria for applying:

- Must currently have a valid passport in hand.
- Open to 3 youths with strong backgrounds in Kansas agriculture.
- Must be at least 18 years old at time of travel.
- Must be a high school senior or a college freshman.
- Delegates will have about half of their airfare and all local accommodations, meals and transportation in Taiwan sponsored by the government of Taiwan.
- Delegates must be able to commit to approximately \$1,050 towards airfare costs, plus other personal costs like souvenirs.

Selection will be based on:

Resume

Letter of Introduction (*includes name, address, hometown, zip code, email and cell phone number and why you desire to participate in program*)

One Letter of Reference (*addressed to selections committee, mailed to address below*)

Essay of no more than 500 words. (*Essay should explain your agriculture background, career aspirations and any previous international experience*)

Application package is due Tuesday, October 1st, 2013. All required information pieces should be e-mailed to the below address as well as questions should be directed to Kate Bormann, (785)296-7063, kate.bormann@kda.ks.gov.

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

September

27 - Nat'l 4-H Conference application due

October

1 - Discovery Days Task Force application due

- Kansas Youth Leadership Council application due & items postmarked

- Ag Youth Exchange Program application package due

5 - Officer Training and Family Event

6-12 - National 4-H Week

19-20 - Dog Conference

November

4 - County Council meeting

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 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.

Club Organization Report

As your club kicks off the 2013-2014 4-H year with electing new officers and forming new committees, club leaders will also need to take a few moments to complete your club's 2012-2013 Club Organization Report. The report is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubLeaders. We ask club leaders to submit this form to the Extension Office by December 2nd, 2013.

Annual Financial Report

Clubs are also required by Extension law to submit an Annual Financial Report. This is a report that your club treasurer should be able to complete with the help of an adult volunteer. This report is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubLeaders. This form is also due to the Extension Office by December 2nd, 2013. This report is required to keep your club in good standing. Feel free to contact Tara at tara.markely@jocogov.org if you have any questions about completing the form.

Leader Update

2013-2014 4-H Enrollment Form

Please note: the Johnson County 4-H Program will not be using the Kansas 4-H Enrollment Form for the 2013-2014 4-H Program Year. The enrollment form has been slightly changed from last year so please make sure all 4-H'ers are using the correct form. You will notice we did not include a leader signature this year because you all will be given access to our online database where you can view your members' information (see paragraph below).

Enrollment Database

The online database with all 4-H'ers' enrollment information is called ACCESS. We will be giving each Club Leader access to their club's information on ACCESS this year. We hope this will help you communicate with your club members and help you see who is in your club. You will receive more information about log-in and use of ACCESS at the October Leader Meeting.

Volunteer Information Profiles (VIP)

Safety is our number one goal for you, the youth, and community we serve. Because of this necessity the VIP process is the most important paperwork you will need to fill out to be part of the 4-H experience. As the new 4-H year begins it is also time to turn in VIP renewal forms. Some may need to turn in the initial VIP application. All club leaders and project leaders are **required** to have a VIP on file. Any paperwork turned in on August 1, 2013 or later will be counted for the 2013-2014 4-H year. Please inform all parents and volunteers that would like to volunteer for your club that they will need to fill out a VIP and go through the orientation process.

Leader Meetings

Please mark your calendar for three Leader Meetings this upcoming 4-H year. The dates are October 29th, January 21st, and April 22nd from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Extension Office. The goal of these meetings will be to share resources (no reason to re-invent the wheel) and ideas to make your 4-H experience successful. The topics to be addressed during our time will come from you! We will be putting out a survey to the current and new Community Club Leaders on areas/topics to be discussed.

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