



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." (Sonnet XCVIII) -William Shakespeare. Spring is here! Finally the sun is shining, birds are singing, and colorful flowers are blooming! This issue of Clover Clips highlights the many spring activities but also the variety of summer options our 4-H youth have available to them. Hope spring is off to a great start for you and your families! -Tara

Important Upcoming Deadlines!

Project Enrollment

Project enrollment as of March 31, 2014 is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. 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. **The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is 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. A list of the departments within the 4-H division of the fair and a list of corresponding projects is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Questions about edits to the list can be directed to Christin.

Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2014. Appropriate forms can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

KJLS and KSF Beef Nominations

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, 2014. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

County Project Opportunities

County Rabbit Project Meetings

Below are the dates and the possible topics of discussion.

Location: Open Class Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds

Dates, Times & Topics:

Tuesday, April 1, 7-8:30 p.m. - Veterinarian presentation and Q & A session

Tuesday, June 3, 7-8:30 p.m. - Rabbit Showmanship

Contact Information for Questions:

Susan & Liza Rogers - srcgateway2000@gmail.com or 913-856-4692

Maribeth & Joanna Finley - finleyfarms@embarqmail.com or 913-856-3921

Shooting Sports Shotgun Season

Johnson County Shooting Sports announces the Shotgun discipline will begin on May 2 with a safety meeting. Practices will take place generally every other Friday at 4:30 p.m. at Powder Creek. Participants must be 12-18 years of age (age as of January 1, 2014). Please contact Lisa Smith at lisa@custompublications.com if you plan on participating and to find out cost details.

Catch the Latest Buzz!

Calling all entomologists! Would you like to improve your pinning technique? Join us June 6, 2014, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Extension office room 1055. Learn from former champion entomologists. Cost is \$10. Questions and RSVP to karenezimmerman@aol.com or eccles@embarqmail.com by May 23, 2014. A list of supplies will follow your RSVP.

Johnson County BB Gun Team Going to Daisy Nationals!

Congratulations to the Johnson County Shooting Sports BB Gun participants that earned their spot to compete this summer at the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match held in Rogers, Arkansas. Team members accomplished this and took 1st place at a state wide qualifying match hosted by the Kansas State Rifle Association in Holton, Ks. Up to 12 Kansas teams may qualify for Nationals this year, but this team earned a spot at the first qualifying match and brought home first place medals and a plaque. Congratulations to all!

Volunteer Orientation Training Dates

If you are working with 4-H youth then come and participate in the Volunteer Orientation!* This training will fulfill one of the two requirements for the VIP process. Bring your application, or fill it out on site, and you will have completed the VIP process and we will do the rest of the work to get you fully registered as a Johnson County 4-H Volunteer. All trainings will be held at the Johnson County Extension office.

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Saturday, April 12

Saturday, May 17

4-5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15

7-8:30 p.m.

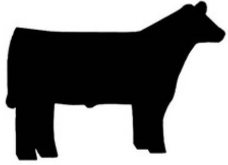
Tuesday, May 6

To register for the training please complete the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/VolunteerOrientationForm>.

*Not wanting to do an in-person training? Then feel free to do the online orientation and fill out the application in the convenience of your own home. Visit <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=87> to get started today!

Please contact Tara with any questions.

Local Opportunities



Livestock Tagging & Weighing Information

Registration details and more information about each Spring Show can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.



Tagging and Weigh-In

Tagging and weigh-in will be available for those not showing in the spring livestock shows on the Friday evening prior to each show. Those not showing in the spring show are encouraged to weigh and tag the Friday before their respective specie's show. 4-H'ers exhibiting in the spring shows will weigh and tag the morning of their respective show. Bucket Calf tagging will be available from 4:30-8:30 p.m. on May 30 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. There will be a \$3 fee for each tag. Cash and checks will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Johnson County Extension Council.

New! Pre-pay Option

In an effort to help livestock weigh-in go smoother, 4-H'ers will have the chance to pre-pay for ear tags this year. This way all you will have to do is check in at the front table and then put your animals on the scale without having to worry about bringing cash or writing a check. To pre-pay for your tags visit <http://tinyurl.com/LivestockTagPayment>. This is not required but highly suggested.

Livestock Tagging Deadlines

All market 4-H/FFA sheep, steers, market heifers, hogs and goats must be tagged by a County Extension Agent or their designee on or before our respective Spring Show date. So if you plan to show livestock at the county fair, they must be tagged on or before our spring show dates.

State Livestock Nomination Forms

4-H'ers going to the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must nominate their animals. To see the guidelines for nominating your animal(s) as well as the nomination forms visit www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu. State deadlines are May 1 for Beef and June 15 for Goat, Sheep and Swine.

Forms Made Easy!

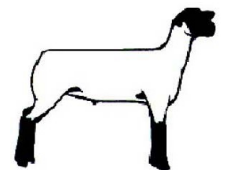
We have made filling out nomination forms much easier this year. All you will need to do is fill out the simple form found online at <http://tinyurl.com/JoCoLivestockForm> by the Thursday before your specie's spring show date and we will have a nomination form filled out with your information and signed by an Extension Agent ready for you at weigh-in. This will help speed up the process as we weigh-in as well as make it easier on the 4-H'ers. This will also help insure that you are filling out the correct forms. This is not required but highly suggested.

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Spring Beef Show - Saturday, April 26

Spring Goat and Sheep Shows - Saturday, May 31

Spring Swine and Bucket Calf Shows - Sunday, June 1



Upcoming Horse Shows

The horse shows are open to all participants and are scheduled as follows:

April 26, 2014 at 9 a.m. – Practice Show at Douglas County Fairgrounds

May 10, 2014 at 9 a.m. – Official Show at Johnson County Fairgrounds

June 7, 2014 at 9 a.m. – Official Show at Douglas County Fairgrounds

July 12, 2014 at 9 a.m. – Practice Show at Johnson County Fairgrounds

The Show Bill/Entry Form is posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.

Local Opportunities - continued -

"Fur and Feathers" 2014 Johnson County Fair Theme Contest

4-H members and clubs are invited to enter the Johnson County Fair Theme contest. A wood cut-out silhouette of a rabbit and chicken will be provided for members and clubs to decorate. They will be judged and placed around the fairgrounds at fair. To reserve your cut-out e-mail Denise King at kingflock@aol.com. The cost is \$10 for members and clubs. For complete details go to www.jocokansasfair.com.

Help needed for Mr. & Miss 4-H Competition

Looking for at least one adult leader to assist Lynette Willis with the Mr. & Miss 4-H judging. The judging will take place either late June or early July. Responsibilities for the judging are: getting three judges, assembling the judging notebooks, and getting refreshments. During the fair responsibilities are: arranging for the candidates to be announced at each evening event and communicating with the candidates to help with handing out ribbons at the livestock shows and other events as necessary. Call Lynette for more information at 913-269-0677.

Camp Registration Now Open!

Johnson County Summer Day Camps

Cooking Camp June 17-19 Ages: 7-11 Cost: \$50

Weird-Wacky-and Sometimes Edible Science June 24-26 Ages: 9-12 Cost: \$30

Science Explorations July 8-10 Ages: 9-12 Cost: \$30

(All times are 9 a.m.-Noon)

Visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HCamps for more information about these camps and directions on how to register and make your payment online.

Discovery Days Camp - June 3-6

Discovery Days is held in Manhattan, Ks. on the K-State campus. It is open to all youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1 of the current year. All documents for Discovery Days are posted on the State website at www.kansas4-H.org, click on "Events and Activities" and then click on "General State Events" and then "Discovery Days." Registration deadline is April 15.

Regional Opportunities

Sedgwick County

Shutterbugs in the Garden at Botanica, Wichita – April 12, 2014

No pre-registration required, just show up. Cost is the admission to Botanica (adults \$7, youth 3-12 \$5). In the event of rain or snow, workshops will be held indoors. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Workshops being offered: Camera Questions, Props and Costumes, Water Drops, Bubbles and Liquids, Portraits and Posing, Lighting, Getting Ready for the Fair. Sessions repeated every 30 minutes with the last session starting at noon.

For more information go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=427>

Finney County

Shutterbugs in the Garden City Zoo – April 26, 2014

Six workshops offered at sites around the zoo. Topics include: Costumes and Props, Frames, Bubbles, Kaleidoscopes, Mirrors, Making Photos Unique, and a Camera Q & A table. For more information go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=427>

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Garden City Zoo, Finnup Center for Conservation Education

Cost: \$5 per person

Please pre-register. See the flyer at: <http://www.southwest.ksu.edu/doc51000.ashx>

State Opportunities

Floor Counselors Still Needed for Discovery Days

Responsible, mature and dependable young adults are still needed to serve as Floor Counselors for Discovery Days 2014. These floor counselors will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks and making sure youth stay in their rooms after lights out each evening. Floor Counselors can expect to work evenings and early mornings. They will receive free room and board for 5 days and 4 nights and \$100. Please note: Applicants must have completed at least one year of college. To fill out an application, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/DDFloorCounselor2014>.

Images with an Edge – Photo Adventure Camp 2014

Registration for Photo Adventure Camp is now open. There will be many new workshops and activities this year. Camp will be photography all day every day!

Photo Camp will offer three tracks for campers based on equipment and experience level.

Cost is \$195 for campers (ages 13-16) and \$215 for adults. Registration deadline is May 1.

To register go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317>

For more camp information go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=437>

K-State Youth Horse Judging Camps

The Kansas State University Horse Judging Team will host two separate camps to assist youth in learning to judge horses and give oral reasons. Please visit the website www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu for more information and registration forms.

Beginner Camp - June 5, 2014

The beginner camp is designed for youth with very little experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note-taking and oral reasons.

Registration fee is \$35 per person and must be paid by May 10, 2014.

Advanced Camp - June 3-4, 2014

The advanced camp is designed for youth with some experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note-taking and oral reasons. Youth will be housed in K-State's dorms and will be assigned a roommate. Registration fee is \$115 per person and must be paid by May 10, 2014.

2014 4-H Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2014), and will be held June 23-26, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Register early as space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full in 2013! Register online by May 15 and payment and participation form must be in the local Extension office on May 15. Registration and detailed information is at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=30>.

State Geology Field Trips

State geology field trips are being planned for June 13-15. Trips are being planned in the Southeast corner of the state for the Tri-State Mining area and also South Central Kansas southern Flint Hills area. Watch for further details and on-line registration information coming soon.

State Opportunities -continued-

F.A.S.T. Academy

The F.A.S.T. Academy will equip high school students with the skills and knowledge needed to look at the challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability. Open to youth who have finished their Freshman, Sophomore or Junior Year in High School. Attendees should expect to attend the entire 4 days, 3 nights at K-State. Youth do not have to be a Kansas 4-H'er to participate! Attendees will have the opportunity to select two of the following five tracts while they attend the F.A.S.T. Academy: Food Processing, Food Safety and Security, Environmental and Natural Resources, Ag Engineering, Biotechnology. The fee of \$300 includes a conference T-shirt, lodging, meals, insurance, and program fees. Delegates should pay fees to the Kansas 4-H office. Payment is due by June 1. Registration is online at www.kansas4-H.org. Click on "4-H Event Registration" and then select F.A.S.T. Academy. Registration will open on March 15 and will close after the first 100 attendees sign up or May 15, whichever comes first.

2014 4-H Venturers Wilderness Trip

The Venturers program has been available to 4-H'ers and youth from our state to try their hand at wilderness backpacking, canoeing or whitewater rafting for the last 14 years. This year's trip will focus on backpacking, but will also include some sand surfing and whitewater rafting, as well as some sightseeing. Youth must be at least 14 by the date of the trip. The registration information is on the web at www.ksre.ksu.edu/Venturers.

Camp Corral Counselors Needed

Camp Corral is coming soon, July 13-18. Camp Counselor applications are currently available at the Rock Springs web page at <http://www.rocksprings.net/campcorral/index.shtml>. Please encourage past 4-H camp counselors to apply for this great opportunity! Male counselors are still needed. Counselors must be at least 15 years of age to apply.

2014 Kansas 4-H Sportsfishing Tournament

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2014.

One 4-H Angler of the Year will be named in each of the specie categories. These fish are commonly found in Kansas waters. Each Angler of the Year will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap and tackle box with fishing gear or comparable prizes (one per individual). All participants that enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap (one per individual). Find complete instructions and rules on the Wildlife Project page of the Kansas 4-H website: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=529>.

SAVE THE DATE!

Speech Workshop will be May 29, at the Extension office. (Stay tuned for more details!)

Junior (ages 9-12) **Wildcat Sewing Camp** will be June 30-July 2, at the K-State Salina Campus.

Senior (ages 13-18) **Wildcat Sewing Camp** will be July 1-3, at the K-State Salina Campus.

2015 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 20-21, at Rock Springs 4-H Center

National & International Opportunities

FSA Youth Loan Program

The FSA youth loan program is designed to help rural youth establish and operate an income-producing project of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H or FFA. The goal of the youth loan is to help youth develop an income-producing project that expands their knowledge of their projects and provides them with practical business knowledge. For example, funds may be used for fruit and vegetable production, purchase of 4-H market animals, breeding stock to start a small herd or flock, equipment for beekeeping, or to pay operating expenses for a project. The project must produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills. The project must be implemented with the help of the 4-H'er's parent or guardian and a volunteer leader, or Extension agent.

The FSA Youth Loan Program representatives are willing to work with 4-H youth. This is a great program that 4-H entrepreneurs from across the state could utilize. For more information see the FSA Rural Youth Loan Fact Sheet: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/loanyouth.pdf. If you have questions, contact Kim Cerny, FSA, at Kimberly.Cerny@ks.usda.gov or call 785-825-8269, ext. 1231.

International Hosting Opportunities Abound!

Approximately 55 families can have the opportunity to host exchangees from various parts of the world this summer. Hosting is a great way for families to help their own children gain a new world perspective, learn to communicate in new ways and reinforce family bonds. Exchangees they host enjoy learning our Kansas culture, farming practices and 4-H, while making new friendships that often last for generations. For information on being a host family go to www.kansas4-h.org and click on the link under "What's Hot."

Don't Forget!



4-H County Council Meetings

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of every other month at 7 p.m.

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. A hard copy of the "Events List" has also be uploaded to the website.

April

- 1 - The following are due for Fantastic 4-H Camp:
 - Registration, payment and forms
 - Scholarship Applications
 - Counselor Applications
- County Rabbit Project meeting
- 7 - Council Officers meeting
 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 12 - Volunteer Orientation Training
- 13 - Pre-registration due for Spring Beef Show
- 15 - Volunteer Orientation Training
- 22 - Community Club Leaders meeting
- 24 - Pre-payment for Beef ear tags due and Pre-filled Beef nominations forms due
- 25 - Evening weigh-in for Beef Project members **not** showing in Spring Beef Show
- 26 - Spring Beef Show
 - Practice Horse Show (Douglas Co. Fairgrounds)

May

- 1 - Project Add/Drop forms due to office
 - Horse Identification/Horseless Horse Certificates due to office
 - Beef Nomination forms due to office
 - Jo. Co. Science Day Camps registration due
- 5 - County Council meeting
- 6 - Volunteer Orientation Training
- 10 - Official Horse Show (Johnson Co. Fairgrounds)
- 15 - Pre-registration due for Spring Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Bucket Calf Shows
- 17 - Volunteer Orientation Training
- 23 - Entomology Pinning Class registration due
- 29 - Pre-payment for Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Bucket Calf ear tags due and Pre-filled nomination forms due
 - Speech Workshop
- 30 - Evening weigh-in for Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep, and Swine Project members **not** showing in Spring Shows
- 31 - Spring Goat and Sheep Shows

**Dates and information for Spring Shows and other events in other counties can be found by following the link near the bottom of our Livestock page at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.

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

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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

Community Club Leader Meetings

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings.

April 22

Extension office – 6:30–8:30pm

If you have a conflict on these dates please contact Tara.

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Website Renovation

We are currently working on revamping and modifying the 4-H pages on the website. Over the next month if you see any errors or misplaced pages please let us know so we can fix them right away. Thank you.

Google Calendar

The Google calendar has been simplified and we hope it is easier to use as a resource.