



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

“The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership.” *Harvey S. Firestone*

Those who volunteer through 4-H programs know all too well that working with and teaching our Johnson County youth positive youth development is a rewarding experience. As the World Series ends one of my favorite actions of our Royals team is the tipping of their hats to fellow team players. Amanda, Christin, and I tip our hats on a daily basis to our amazing 4-H volunteers!

2014-2015 Enrollment

As you are hopefully already aware, enrollment for the 2014-2015 4-H year will be done completely online by 4-H families. Online enrollment will open November 1, 2014, and the website is <https://ks.4honline.com>.

There is an informational flyer that was created by the State office and we have posted it on our website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. This flyer walks you through how to enroll your family. We also **strongly** recommend reading three User Guides that we created specifically for our county. These are posted on the same page as the flyer.

Here are some key points we want to bring to your attention:

- (1) 4HOnline works best with the browsers Firefox or Google Chrome; avoid using Internet Explorer.
- (2) Adults/Parents should not create their own profile within the family unless they serve in a volunteer role. Volunteer role types are listed on page 4 of the “Adding an Adult to a Family” user guide.
- (3) If you choose the “Direct Volunteer” type during enrollment, you must complete the VIP process. (More information about the VIP process is at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer.)
- (4) The entry box for “Years in 4-H” and “Years in Project” defaults to the number “1”. So make sure you enter the correct number here! The system will prepopulate these boxes when you re-enroll in the future based on what you entered this year.
- (5) Once you have clicked the “Submit Enrollment” button the profile’s “Club” selection and any officer positions that were chosen cannot be edited.
- (6) Please remember that enrollment in the Shooting Sports project has requirements in addition to selecting the project during the enrollment process. Please read the shooting sports eligibility requirements at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/doc55857.ashx>.

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As in previous years we are asking returning 4-H members to complete enrollment by December 1, 2014. If you have any questions please contact your club leader, as they attended a training on the new enrollment process.

Project Selection - The Project Guide is online at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. The Project Guide has been modified to cater to Johnson County specifically. We hope this guide will explain projects better to new 4-H families.

Participation Form - This year a hard copy Participation Form is still needed on file at the Extension office by December 1, 2014. For the 2015-2016 4-H year, both Enrollment and Participation Forms will be completed online. You can find the Participation form at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

Project Resources Available

There are a variety of project resource books in the office available to purchase. They typically cost less than \$5 and have a lot of activities and lessons about each specific project. They are also usually broken down to match the skill or age level of the 4-H'er. Stop by the office to take a look at the materials or call Christin for more information.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

County Council Elections and Information

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 p.m. starting on November 3. 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. This meeting is also where 4-H'ers and parents have the opportunity to sign up to be on a Council Committee. Please review the details of each committee at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcouncil and come to the meeting prepared to choose the committee you are willing to help out with.

On the off-month of Council meetings the newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the 1st Monday at 7 p.m. starting on December 1. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

This Year's Achievement Celebration is Oz-some!

The 2014 Achievement Celebration, "Celebrating Oz-some Achievements," is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2014 4-H year. We will recognize membership and officer pin earners, project winners and recognize volunteers for their many years of service. Check-in will be at 1:30 p.m. and the celebration starts at 2 p.m. RSVPs are required and are due to Christin by Friday, October 31.



County Project Opportunities

Shooting Sports 2014 State Fall Match Results

Over the course of three Saturdays beginning on September 20, members of Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports attended State Matches. These individuals had to shoot minimum qualifying scores to get to the State Match in their discipline. All of these individuals did a great job by making it to the State Match. Many did well enough to bring home State awards.

Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports took 26 individuals to the State Archery Match. Amy and Emma Ullrich earned a spot on the Nationals team for Kansas in the Archery Recurve (Olympic) team at 4-H Nationals. Ethan Eccles secured a spot on the 4-H Nationals team for Kansas in the Archery Compound division. We had two individuals at the State Hunting Skills Match and team Eccles defended their team title. We had six individuals at the State Small bore Rifle Match. We had two individuals at the State Muzzle loading Match and Bryce Zimmerman secured a spot on the 4-H Nationals team for Kansas in Muzzle loading next summer in Nebraska. All results are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/doc56560.ashx>.

Tailwaggers Registration

Johnson County 4-H Tailwaggers Dog project will be opening registration for the 2015 training season on December 1, 2014. All registration materials must be submitted no later than December 19, 2014. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 21. Agility training sessions will be held on Sundays (2-4 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting February 8. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcountywideprojects under the Tailwaggers Dog Project heading. Or you may contact Denise McKenny at 913-515-8574.

Countywide Photography Project

Capture your friends, family and important events through photography. Learn about basic and advanced film cameras, and/or digital cameras, and how to plan, compose, light and exhibit your photos. Advance into wide-angle and telephoto lenses, filters, light meters and computer enhancement.

Upcoming meetings:

Saturday, November 15, 2014, 3:30-5 p.m., *Level 1 and 2 Project meeting* - it will be in the Pickert Study Room at the Central Resource Library. Come to find out the basics and how to progress in the photography project. We will work on goals for the year and get your input for the meetings in the winter and spring.

Saturday, January 10, 2015, 3 p.m., *Plaza photo shoot* - Meet at Antioch Library parking lot (corner of Antioch Rd. and Shawnee Mission Parkway). We will go over nighttime photography and then walk around the Plaza. The holiday lights will still be on. Bring your camera and tripod if you have one and dress for the weather. It often becomes much colder when the sun goes down.

Email questions to the Ladd Family at theladds5@gmail.com.

The schedule for countywide photography meetings is also posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcountywideprojects.

Local Opportunities

Outstanding in their field: JoCo 4-H Ambassadors

Do you love 4-H?
Do you love to meet new people?
Do you love to tell your 4-H story?

We would love to have you apply!

2015 JoCo 4-H Ambassador Applications
Online NOW!

www.Johnson.ksu.edu/4HAmbassadors

Applications due November 3!

Countywide Junior Leaders

Next meeting: Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Who is eligible? Any 4-H'er between the ages of 12-18

NEW meeting date and time: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

Please bring your completed Junior Leader Program application to the November meeting. The application is on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hjuniorleaders. Also on this page is information about the potential Citizen Washington Focus delegation trip for summer 2016.

Fun Science Event

A new event for those interested in learning more about science. Led by Olathe North Students.

Science Fun!

When: Sunday, November 30, 2014

Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

For Whom: Elementary school students (Maximum of 20)

Why: To show youth how fun and engaging science can be!

Where: Extension office

RSVP: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KdfwrouGAsKJM9fODAO2nMg7zGS83Ns26uw_B0t3lcs/viewform?c=0&w=1

Local Opportunities

Volunteer Orientations for the Volunteer Screening Process

Are you a Leader in your club? Are you leading 4-H youth through project work? Then you need to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process and become a Registered Volunteer. This process is designed to keep you safe as well as the 4-H'er. One part of the process is the orientation. You can either do this online or attend an in-person orientation. In-person orientations will be held at the Extension office.

Dates: January 14, 2015 – 7-8:30 p.m.
January 29, 2015 – 6:30-8 p.m.
February 24, 2015 – 7-8:30 p.m.

To register complete the form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19MU9KxwoQJ5yh4DRjYmfpjfxEJbFdObEPH9cYwCBmw4/viewform>.

Still have questions about becoming a Registered 4-H Volunteer? Please call the office or visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer for more details.

4-H Livestock Record App

Do you agonize over 4-H record keeping? Now you can organize your market livestock project information on your iPhone or iPad and send customized reports right to your email inbox. (An Android version is not yet available due to additional costs of development.)

- Track multiple 4-H'ers and their individual livestock project animals
- Track participation in events, meetings, shows, contests and more
- Record animal weights, feed, and health and monitor average daily gains
- Enter project income, expenses, and assets to generate financial statements
- Use photos to customize each 4-H'er and animal
- Export reports to analyze in spreadsheets, create graphs, or use in state or local 4-H record keeping forms

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tractor Supply Company, National 4-H Council brings you this easy, flexible way to keep all your 4-H market livestock records all together in one place. So stop writing animal weights on feed sacks and trying to re-create records from calendars, checkbooks and faded receipts. There's a better way!

To download the app, visit the iTunes Store and search for "4-H Livestock Record".

Johnson County 4-H T-shirts

These T-shirts are a Johnson County 4-H Council fundraiser. 4-H Council provides many opportunities for 4-H'ers throughout the year. By buying a T-shirt you are helping to fund some of these great opportunities. 4-H Council relies of fundraisers such as the 4-H food stand and this year's T-shirt sales to provide those opportunities. Cost per shirt is \$10. There are youth sizes small to XL and adult sizes small to XL and 3XL. Contact your Club Leader to place an order.



SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification Training will be Jan. 30-Feb. 1, in Kinsley, Ks.

2015 Citizenship in Action will be February 15-16, in Topeka, Ks.

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

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be February 28, in Weber Arena at KSU.

Johnson County Club Day will be March 7, at Wheatridge Middle School.

2015 Discovery Days will be May 26-29, at Kansas State University.

State Opportunities

National Junior Swine Association Regional Leadership Conference

The National Junior Swine Association Regional Leadership Conference will be held December 6, 2014, in Weber Hall on the K-State campus. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the swine industry, gain leadership skills, have fun and meet new friends interested in pigs from across the country. Registration fee is \$40 which includes lunch, t-shirt and materials. Youth ages 12-18 years old are eligible to attend. Parents, adults and youth over 18 may attend the adult conference. Updated information coming soon to www.nationalswine.com. Registration deadline is November 16, 2014.

National/International Opportunities

Citizenship Washington Focus 2015

The 2015 Citizenship Washington Focus is June 11-22, 2015. Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. Registration is open and there are already a handful of youth who have applied to attend. Registration is limited to 46 youth and 4-5 chaperones. If you are interested in attending or chaperoning visit the CWF webpage at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=456> for more information.

2015 Kansas 4-H Exchange Programs Outbound Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Exchange Programs in collaboration with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs and the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. are offering several exchange outbound opportunities for Kansas youth and 4-H alumni. Applications and returned reference forms for all programs for travel in summer/fall 2015, are due by November 1, 2014, to Mary Kay Munson at munson@ksbroadband.net. Interviews for all programs will be conducted on December 6 in Manhattan, KS. A comparison chart, individual flyers and application forms are posted on the Kansas 4-H Exchange Program website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=234>.

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs are only for youth aged 12 – 18 and include a home stay with a host family for most of the month.

IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. exchanges are only for 4-H alumni, aged 19-25. 4-H alumni 19 to 25 may apply for individualized programs of 6 weeks to 6 months in partner countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Visit the Kansas 4-H Exchange Program website for more information.

From the Kansas 4-H Journal:

"The upcoming project selection guide will be the last issue of the Kansas 4-H Journal. For 64 years the 'Journal' has shared 4-H stories, photographs and information across the state. We are eternally grateful to the many sponsors and local 4-H supporters who have made this magazine possible. In the future, watch for 4-H news on the Kansas 4-H website, Facebook page and twitter. You will find additional 4-H information on the Kansas 4-H Foundation website and Facebook page as well as the Alumni and Rock Springs 4-H website and Facebook page."

November

- 1 - **2014-2015 Enrollment opens online!**
- 3 - Ambassador Applications and Recommendation forms due at Extension office
 - Club Financial and Organization Reports due to Extension office
 - County Council meeting and Officer Elections
- 8 - Achievement Celebration
- 10 - Basket/Stools for JCEEF Silent Auction due to Extension office
- 11 - Veterans Day/Extension office Closed
- 15 - Johnson Co. Extension Education Foundation Dinner & Auction
 - County Photography Project meeting
- 19 - Ambassadors meeting/interviews
- 20 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 27-28 - Thanksgiving/Extension office Closed
- 30 - *Science Fun!* event at Extension office

December

- 1 - Online Enrollment and Participation forms due for returning 4-H members
 - County Council Officers meeting
 - Club orders for Jo. Co. 4-H T-shirts due
- 17 - Ambassadors meeting
- 18 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 19 - Tailwaggers registration due
- 25-26 - Christmas/Extension office Closed
- 31 - New Year's Eve/Extension office Closed

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/

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.

January 27

April 28

*All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

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

Club Reminders

Club Reports Due Soon!

If your club has not already turned in the Club Organization Report and Annual Financial Report remember these reports are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on November 3, 2014.

Club Organization Report - As your club kicks off the 2014-2015 4-H year with electing new officers and forming new committees, you will also need to take a few moments to complete your club's 2014-2015 Club Organization Report. The report is posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubleaders>.

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 <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubleaders>.

Participation Forms - Participation forms for all returning 4-H'ers are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on December 1, 2014. The participation form can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms>.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

Direct Volunteer: A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, county-wide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.) **Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.**

Episodic Volunteer: A volunteer helping with a single "episode" or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

Indirect Volunteer: A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer.

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Club Leader Resource Page

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubleaders. There are links to all the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year and turned in to the Extension office; including a Club Leader Checklist. While on this page you will also notice that many of the documents have a new option where they can be filled out online through Google Docs and will be automatically submitted to the Extension office.

Club T-shirt Order Form

The order form can be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12GEcRl5Ra8F5M34JME63iHnfHuB1x-epw-KMsOCzNZs/viewform>. Please submit your club orders anytime between now and December 1. We ask that you pay for the t-shirts in full when you pick them up and then distribute them to your club members. Please email Amanda with any questions.

Strengthening Clubs Resources

From Meadowlark District: Tips for Conducting 4-H Business Meetings

Smooth-running business meetings take practice. They are built on hard work, organization, teamwork and common sense.

The following are some tips for conducting well-run business meetings.

- Officers, committee chairpersons and organizational leaders should meet before the meeting to plan the business agenda.
- Officers, committee chairpersons, members, leaders and parents should know their roles, and leaders and parents should support the members and officers as they strive to make club decisions, reaching club goals.
- Each officer should know the proper order of business.
- Simple parliamentary procedure can be used to govern the club's business.
- Only one person should speak at a time.
- Talk about issues, not personalities.
- Start and end this part of the meeting on time (20 minutes or less for most meetings) so boredom doesn't have time to set in!

Leader Update

To: 4-H Community Club Leaders

From: Dan Lekie

Re: Extension Foundation Dinner and Auction

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation will hold their annual dinner and silent auction on Saturday, November 15. Our theme this year will be "Step Up to Extension." The Foundation Board is asking all 4-H clubs to participate in acquiring items for the silent auction. There are three ways to help the Foundation with this task.

1. You may create a theme basket to be used as an auction item.
2. We have nine Duratote Stools available on a first come first serve basis which can be decorated and filled with items of interest and also be used as an auction item.
3. This is outlined in the last paragraph of this note.

All proceeds from the event will help support the Foundation's grant funding program which benefits special projects in the Extension program areas of 4-H, FACS, Horticulture, Agriculture and Community Development.

Baskets or stools can be developed around a 4-H project theme like gardening, clothing, foods, art and crafts, etc. As an incentive the three clubs receiving the highest bids will be awarded prize money of **\$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third**. If your club is interested in creating and donating a basket or stool, please contact me. Baskets and stools are due to the Extension office by November 10.

I also want to ask you to consider soliciting donations for the silent auction. As an incentive, **all items solicited by 4-H will receive half the proceeds for program support**. This money will be held in the Foundation and dedicated to support 4-H programming through the grant funding process. Items such as restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia, clothing, tickets to the many Kansas City venues, and personal and business services are popular auction items. Please contact me directly at 913-715-7012 if you need auction donation forms to help with your efforts. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Extension office.

Sincerely,
Dan Lekie
Director, Johnson County Extension