



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## 4-H Families,

September is a great month to be involved in 4-H! Catching up with record books, recruiting new members and families, and relaxing from a hectic yet exciting Fair experience. As you are electing new club officers please stress the importance of County Council representation for your club. We are looking for a few great leaders to serve on the County level. On a personal note I am looking forward to visiting clubs this fall which I have not been to yet!

All the best -Tara

## 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 now through Thursday, September 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keep in mind that we 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 8-9 a.m. on Friday, September 5. 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.

## Items That Still Need to be Picked Up

The Extension office still has many premium checks and special awards that need to be picked up. As well as some projects that were left behind in the 4-H Building. If you participated in the Fashion Revue your scorecard is also available for pick up at the Extension office.

Additionally, there was a white baby blanket (pictured at right) found in the Wheatridge Middle School auditorium after Fashion Revue that is now at the Extension office.



# Upcoming Events & Deadlines

## Officer Training and Project Fair Event Quickly Approaching!

This year's Officer Training and Project Fair Event will be held on Saturday, October 11, at the Johnson County Extension office. There will be a Project Fair that is open to everyone (both 4-H'ers and those interested in joining 4-H) from 1-2 p.m. where 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 p.m. A model meeting presentation and breakout sessions for the officer positions will be held from 2:15-3:30 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about officer roles is invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Olivia and Susan Rogers at [srgateway2000@gmail.com](mailto:srgateway2000@gmail.com) or 913-226-6167.

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## Record Books

If you can believe it, the 2014 4-H year is coming to an end and it's time to fill out your Record Books so you can get rewarded for your hard work. All forms and information can be found on the website at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hrecordbooks](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, KAPs, officer books, and pin applications.

Please note that "4-H Cloverbud Participation Recognition" has been added under membership pins. This will allow Cloverbuds to receive a certificate at Achievement Celebration if they complete the application and turn it into their club leader.

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## 2014-2015 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 4-H year will be done completely online by 4-H families. National 4-H has decided to use a new online data management system going forward. Online enrollment will open November 1, 2014. More information about the new system and how to enroll will be coming soon. 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](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms).

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

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## This Year's Achievement Celebration is Oz-some!

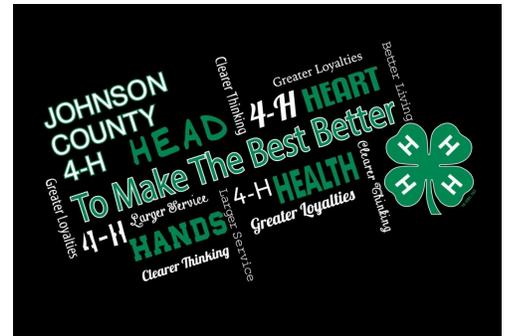
The 2014 Achievement Celebration, "Celebrating Oz-some Achievements," is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2014 4-H year. We will recognize membership and officer pin earners, project winners 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.



# Local Opportunities

## 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.



## 48 Hours of 4-H

According to the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development, 4-H'ers are nearly four times more likely to make contributions to their communities. But just how much can they do? In one weekend this fall, 48 Hours of 4-H challenges club members, adult leaders and 4-H alumni to explore their service capabilities and inspire the community around them by taking part in some type of service project during the weekend of October 11-12, 2014. It could be a little project for a club or something bigger. Find out more information on the 48 Hours of 4-H webpage at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=595>.

As a county we would like to challenge all Johnson County 4-H clubs to come up with a service project that both gives back to our community and promotes 4-H! Don't forget to register your project by September 15 at the website above and record your activities for a chance to receive awards or prizes from Kansas 4-H.

## 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](http://www.Johnson.ksu.edu/4HAmbassadors)



# Local Opportunities

## 2014 American Royal Youth Photography Contest

Calling 4-H Photography project members and any other student interested: The American Royal organization has a photography contest with categories for grades K-5, 6-9, and 10-12. More details are available at [www.AmericanRoyal.com](http://www.AmericanRoyal.com). The entries are due September 12, so don't delay!

## Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion

The fall Paper Clover promotion will be held at Tractor Supply Company October 8-19. Money donated from purchases will be given to the Johnson County 4-H program! If your group is interested in helping out with a booth to promote Johnson County 4-H contact Tara.

## Johnson County Extension Education Foundation (JCEEF) Update

After returning from a self-imposed hiatus last year, our JCEEF Board is rejuvenated and energized for the upcoming year. The JCEEF was organized in 1997 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. The primary purpose of JCEEF is to be an advocate for and increase the visibility of Extension in the community by raising and granting funds to further Extension programming. Projects and activities in our core programming areas of Ag and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H and Youth Development, Community Development, and Horticulture have benefited greatly in the past from these grants. In fact the Foundation has provided over \$50,000 in small grants to support our core programming areas since 2003. The majority of the money raised by the JCEEF comes from membership dues and an annual dinner and auction event.

### Foundation Dinner and Auction

Please save the date for our dinner and auction this year which will be held at the Extension office on the evening of Saturday, November 15.

## Check out the **NEW** Johnson County 4-H Website!

Here are just a few things you will notice with the newly reorganized Johnson County 4-H website:

- There is now a tab called "Youth Opportunities". This includes information about 4-H Council, Achievement Night, Ambassadors, Camps, Club Day, Countywide Projects, Food Fare, Johnson County Fair, Junior Leaders, Kansas State Fair, Livestock and Mr. and Miss 4-H.
- We have added some information on our "About/Join" page to try to make it easier for new families to learn about all that 4-H has to offer.
- "Countywide Projects" and "SPIN Club" pages are also an addition to the website. These are both great ways for us to communicate to 4-H'ers and new members about some of the great resources Johnson County 4-H has to offer.
- We have also made improvements to our "Volunteer" page by adding more information. This is such an important part of 4-H and we want potential volunteers to be knowledgeable about what our program has to offer.
- A new "Alumni" page has been created to learn about all those great 4-H Alumni from across the country that we have living in Johnson County.

Please take some time to browse through all the new pages and information at

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

We welcome your feedback on the new website as well.

# County Project Opportunities

## Don't Miss Your Chance to Shoot!

### Important changes have been made to Shooting Sports eligibility requirements.

Johnson County's 4-H Shooting Sports program has really taken off. Important eligibility changes have been made to maintain the quality of the program and ensure a safe experience for participating youth. If you are new to 4-H Shooting Sports simply enrolling in 4-H Shooting Sports as a project *does not guarantee the opportunity to shoot with the club.*

· If you are new to 4-H BB gun, you must enroll in the program through the SPIN (Special Interest) Club track. SPIN Club ensures inexperienced shooters have a safe and manageable introduction to the sport and puts potential competitive participants on a solid track toward long-term success in the more advanced disciplines. Therefore, *BB gun SPIN Club is effectively a prerequisite* for future participation in the more advanced firearm disciplines.

· BB gun SPIN Club enrollment for fall 2014 will open on September 15, at the following link and will only be accepted online: [https://events.jocogov.org/exc/dev\\_students.asp?action=coursedetail&id=2992](https://events.jocogov.org/exc/dev_students.asp?action=coursedetail&id=2992).

· BB gun SPIN Club enrollment for fall 2014 will be \$35 per participant and is capped at 30 participants. *It will fill up quickly*, so if you want to shoot, do not delay in enrolling.

If you have any questions go to [www.4-HShootingSports.com](http://www.4-HShootingSports.com), e-mail [rifleclub@4-hshootingssports.com](mailto:rifleclub@4-hshootingssports.com), or see the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/JoCo4HShootingSports](http://www.facebook.com/JoCo4HShootingSports).

(Please read the complete list of 4-H Shooting Sports requirements at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcountywideprojects](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcountywideprojects).)

## 4-H Shooting Sports Nationals

Two Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports competitors made a second year trip to 4-H Shooting Sports Nationals in Grand Island, NE this past summer. Individuals may only participate in a single discipline once at Nationals during their 4-H career. Teams of up to 4 members each from Kansas were picked from top placing individuals at Kansas 4-H State matches. Members and teams representing 9 disciplines competed against each other as individuals and as part of the state team. Awards were presented for each day, overall discipline winners, and overall team sweepstakes. States from all over the country participated in events during 1 day of practice and 3 days of competition.

Ethan Eccles took an individual daily award and earned a 10th place ribbon overall out of 52 competitors in the Recurve Archery competition. The Kansas Recurve Archery team placed 6th, just out of a team award, out of 17 states. Arn Eccles was the team's coach.

Bryce Zimmerman took 3 individual daily awards and earned a 4th place ribbon out of 70 competitors in the Air Rifle competition. The Kansas Air Rifle team placed 1st out of 19 states.

These two individuals helped earn Kansas a 3rd place overall in the sweepstakes, behind Texas and Missouri.

## Remember to Write Those Thank You Notes!

The 2014 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.



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***The Fashion Revue Committee would like to thank REW Music for donating instrument stands for this year's decorating theme: A Symphony of 4-H Fashion.***

# State Opportunities

## Apply to be on the Kansas 4-H 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 (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, Campference and other events. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2015 may apply. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW). Please visit the KYLF webpage on the State 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=419> for more information about the application process. The deadline is October 1, 2014.

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## Discovery Days Task Force Applications

If you love to attend Discovery Days apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force! Youth will meet once in December and then will have several conference calls throughout the year. Task Force members arrive to Manhattan the day before Discovery Days begins to help set up and will provide leadership throughout that week. Applications are due October 1. The application can be found on the Discovery Days webpage at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=418>.

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## Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 18-19 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme this year is "Join the Club." Registration will be due by October 1. All youth must be chaperoned by parent or 4-H leader. More information can be found on the Kansas 4-H Dog webpage at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=426>. Submit a t-shirt design by September 20 to Deryl Waldren at Northwest Area Extension Office, P.O. Box 786, Colby, KS 67701. The winner receives a complimentary registration to the dog conference and quiz bowl.

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## Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend - KYLF and KVF

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum (KVF) will be held November 21-23, 2014 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2015 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF 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. Registration deadline is October 15, 2014 for both events. For more information on KYLF visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=419> and for more information on KVF visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=422>.

# 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.

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## National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference will be April 11-16, 2015 in Washington D.C. and 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 1 of the year of 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. Applications and letters of reference are due in the State 4-H Office no later than 5 p.m. October 1. The application and more information can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=458>.

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## 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](mailto: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:**

- Costa Rica, travel dates are June 18 to July 17, 2015
- Finland, travel dates are June 29 to August 1, 2015 (approximate)
- Japan, 8-weeks, travel dates are June 10 to August 6, 2015
- Japan, 4-weeks, travel dates are July 8 to August 6, 2015

Exchanges 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.

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## September

- 2-4 - Kansas State Fair entry drop-off
- 5 - Food & Flower entry drop off 8-9 a.m.
- 5-14 - Kansas State Fair
- 15 - BB Gun SPIN Club registration opens online

## October

- 1 - New 4-H Year Begins!
- 5-11 - National 4-H Week
- 6 - Council Officers meeting
  - Junior Leaders meeting
- 8-19 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion
- 11 - Officer Training & Family Event
- 22 - Community Club Leader meeting

Check out [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2014 4-H Calendar at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H) to like our page.

# Leader Update

## 2014-2015 4-H Enrollment

There was a decision made from National 4-H which was to stop the support of 4-H ACCESS database by 2015. This link explains National's reasoning behind discontinuing the database: <http://tinyurl.com/ACCESS-fact-sheet>. The State 4-H office notified us in late July of this decision. The biggest positive is we will be using a new system which 19 of the biggest states currently are using and have been for several years called *4HOnline*. This new system will be used for the upcoming 2014-2015 enrollment process.

With 4HOnline, 4-H families will enroll themselves online. We are currently working on tweaking a brochure for our county and will provide each club with them to give to your families. This brochure is quite helpful on the "how-to" of 4HOnline.

We will no longer accept hard copy enrollment forms. We recognize this will be a big change for our 4-H families. While many families have been asking for online enrollment, others prefer the hard copy enrollment forms. Families will have the ability to print a hard copy form after they have enrolled. We understand leaders also like having hard copy enrollment forms for your records and we are more than willing to print hard copies after families have enrolled themselves, if you would like. This system will be a great resource for leaders, us, and the families we serve once we are able to utilize all the features.

**4-H families can start enrolling for the 2014-2015 4-H year on November 1, 2014.** This date has been set due to the very quick turn around that is happening therefore the state office is still setting up our database. The 4-H year will still begin on October 1, but 4-H'ers will not be able to enroll until November 1. Enrollment for returning 4-H'ers will be due December 1, which has not changed from the past. We are here to help families as we all make this transition.

**Participation Forms** - Due to the quick turn around Participation forms will still be **required as a hard copy**. We encourage Club Leaders to use participation forms to collect contact information for communication and tracking of club members until official enrollment is available on November 1. The process has not changed where both Club Leaders and the Extension office need to have copies of the participation form. If you have new 4-H families please send us their contact information, so they can receive important emails and the Clover Clips newsletter the first couple of months. For the 2015-2016 4-H year the participation form will be online.

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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](http://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.

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## 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.

October 22 - We will be discussing 4HOnline before enrollment opens on November 1.

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.

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## Club T-shirt Order Form

The order form can be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12GEcR15Ra8F5M34JME63iHnfHuB1x-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.