



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." ~William Shakespeare

Spring is here and we have summer camps and Fair on the mind! This issue of Clover Clips has many opportunities for 4-H'ers and non-members to be a part of this great organization. Please let us know if there is anything we can help with or support. I am looking forward to a busy and fun spring! -Tara

Fantastic 4-H Camp Registration Closes April 1!

Fantastic 4-H Camp is June 6-9, 2015. This is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 7-12. 4-H membership is not required. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. There will also be singing songs by the campfire, making crafts and meeting new friends. Fantastic 4-H Camp is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, Ks. Transportation is provided.

Hurry registration closes TODAY! Visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcamps for more information about this camp and for directions on how to register and make your payment online.

This year a Kansas 4-H Participation Form and Camp Health & Medication Form are required to be filled out and turned in to the Extension office by April 1. Please note, even if your child is not taking any medication, you must still fill out the Health & Medication Form putting "None" under *Medication Name*.

New Family Orientation

We will be offering a second New Family Orientation on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. New Family Orientation is for parents of all 1st and 2nd year 4-H families. To register please complete the information at <http://goo.gl/forms/WrLub1ITg2>. The link is also posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. This time around we will be covering all things Johnson County Fair related!

As new families join our 4-H program, welcome them with open arms AND information. If they, or anyone else you know of, are not receiving the monthly newsletter, please direct them to the Johnson County 4-H website or our office. Thank you for your help in this area.

Very Important Deadlines Coming Up!!

Adding/Dropping Projects - Deadline May 1

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. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. This year and going forward, with 4HOnline, 4-H families can update this information any time by simply editing the 4-H'er's profile. This option will be available until midnight on May 1 and then after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to 4-H'ers' projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Extension office.

Completed Participation Form on File - Deadline May 1

A Kansas 4-H Participation form must also be on file at the Extension office and with your club leader by May 1, to be able to participate in the Johnson County Fair. The form can be found online at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. If you are unsure about the status of your Participation form please check with Christin.

Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates - Deadline May 1

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

KJLS and KSF Market Beef Nominations - Deadline May 1

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and/or the Kansas State Fair need to have nominations to the Youth Livestock office by May 1. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu.

Local Opportunities

Fantastic 4-H Camp Counselors Still Needed, Sign up Today!

If you are interested in being a counselor for Fantastic 4-H Camp, the link to sign up is on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcamps. Applications are due April 1. Adults and youth are needed as camp counselors. Youth must be at least 15 years old. Male counselors are always greatly needed. All counselors must be Registered Volunteers (or become a Registered Volunteer before camp) and have a participation form on file. For more information on becoming a Registered Volunteer visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer. Training for counselors will be given May 31 in Johnson County.

Countywide Junior Leaders

Next meeting: Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Who is eligible? Any 4-H'er between the ages of 12-18 who is interested in expanding their leadership opportunities and further developing their leadership skills in a fun environment with other 4-H'ers from across the county!

New meeting date and time: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Please also visit the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hjuniorleaders for information about the summer 2016 Citizen Washington Focus delegation trip.

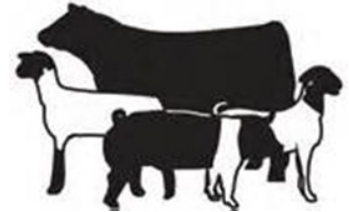
Summer Cooking Day Camps

There are two options available this year for the Cooking Camp: June 16-18 or July 14-16. Both sessions will feature the same recipes and activities. The Cooking Day Camps are open to youth ages 7-12 and are held at the Extension office from 9 a.m.-noon. Registration is now open and is \$50 per session. The registration link is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcamps.

Local Opportunities

2015 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Registration details and more information about each show can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hlivestock.



Spring Beef Show - April 18

The Spring Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 18, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by April 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after April 1. All market steers and heifers will be weighed from 7-9 a.m. on Saturday morning. 4-H Beef project members not showing in the Spring Beef Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 17, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Spring Goat Show - May 23

The Spring Goat Show will be held Saturday, May 23, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after May 1. Weigh-in will be 7-8 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Goat project members not showing in the Spring Goat Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Spring Sheep Show - May 23

The Spring Sheep Show will be held Saturday, May 23, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, beginning at 11 a.m. or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show. Pre-registration is due by May 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after May 1. Weigh-in will be 8-9 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Sheep project members not showing in the Spring Sheep Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Spring Swine Show - May 24

The Spring Swine Show will be held Sunday, May 24, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after May 1. Weigh-in will be 7-9 a.m. 4-H Swine project members not showing in the Spring Swine Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Spring Bucket Calf Show - May 24

The Spring Bucket Calf Show will be held Sunday, May 24, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, beginning at 1 p.m. or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swine show. Pre-registration is due by May 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after May 1. Weigh in will be 8-10 a.m. 4-H Bucket Calf project members not showing in the Spring Bucket Calf Show will be allowed to weight their animals from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Johnson County Horse Club 2015 Shows and 2015 District Horse Show

The show bill and entry form for the 2015 Horse Shows put on by the Johnson Co. Horse Club is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hlivestock. Countywide level testing will be offered at the May 16th show.

The 2015 East Central District Horse Show is scheduled for July 7, at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds in Lawrence. Deadline for entries is June 15. For more information visit the District Horse Show links at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=425>.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Photography Project Upcoming Meetings

A reminder to those that RSVP'd that the April meeting will be a portrait studio tour on Saturday, April 4, from 2:30-4 p.m. Meet at the portrait studio of James Ferris at 1427 W. 9th Street, Suite #410, Kansas City, Mo. 64101.

Please contact the Ladd Family at theladds5@gmail.com with any questions.

Countywide Rabbit Project

When: April 9 **Time:** 7 p.m. **Where:** Open Class Building, Johnson Co. Fairgrounds
GUEST SPEAKER: Veterinarian Matt Peuser, DVM, CVPP, Olathe Animal Hospital, will be there to talk rabbits!!! Feel free to bring your rabbit if you would like.

Next meeting: June 2 - Green Building, Johnson Co. Fairgrounds

Questions? Contact Susan Rogers at 913-226-6167, srcgateway2000@gmail.com or Maribeth Finley at 913-208-3921, finleyfarms@embarqmail.com.

4-H Shooting Sports 2015 Shotgun Season

Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports will begin the Shotgun season in May. Participants must be 4-H age 12-18, enrolled in a 4-H club, and enrolled in the Shotgun project. Equipment fees of \$45 (unless already paid this year) and Participation forms will be collected at the first practice. Shotgun shells and clay target fees are extra.

Both trap and skeet are shot in the program. Any safe, 20 or 12 gauge is legal. Practice will be held at Powder Creek Shooting Park. Dates and times are yet to be determined. If interested, please contact Lisa Smith at lisa@custompublications.com. Practices will eventually be posted on Shooting Sports website at www.4-Hshootingsports.com. Click on "Shotgun Club Calendar" in the upper left to view the calendar.

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Dog Shows

The informational/entry forms for the Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Dog Shows are posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hlivestock. The Invitational Dog Show will be Saturday, April 11, and the Agility and Rally-O Dog Show will be Saturday, July 11. Both shows are held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, Ks.

4-H Photography Lock-in and Photo Shoot

Wyandotte County 4-H is holding a 4-H Photography Lock-in and inviting 4-H'ers from Atchison, Leavenworth and Johnson Counties to attend. It is being held June 12-13 for youth ages 11-18 that are enrolled in the Photography project. The cost is \$15 per child which covers one dinner and breakfast. Registration is due by May 29. More information is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

4-H Food Stand Manager

Do you love working with our 4-H youth; teaching them through hands-on experience and helping to make the best better? Do you enjoy the Johnson County Fair? We are looking for one or two folks interested in coordinating and managing our 4-H food stand during the County Fair. The dates of the Fair are July 27–August 1. This position would start coordinating supplies and menus in mid-June and run through mid-August. It's perfect for any of our 4-H supporters with past food or restaurant experience to use their skills and training to help the kids. If interested please email joco4h@gmail.com or call 913-715-7021.

State Opportunities

2015 Discovery Days

Registration - Registration for this year's Discovery Days, "Be MARVELous and make an IMPACT," is open and will close April 15. Discovery Days is a one-of-a-kind overnight camp held on the campus of Kansas State University that gives all youth ages 13-18 an opportunity to explore 4-H projects and gain leadership and communication skills. This year Discovery Days will be held May 26-29. 4-H membership is not required. For more information about Discovery Days visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=418>.

Floor Counselors Needed - Responsible, mature and dependable young adults have the opportunity to serve as floor counselors for Discovery Days. Floor counselors will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks and making sure that delegates are safe in their rooms every night. Floor Counselors can expect to work evenings and early mornings. They will receive free room and board while at Discovery Days and a \$100 stipend. Floor Counselors should have been out of 4-H for at least one full year before applying. To apply, please fill out the information on the application form at <http://tinyurl.com/DD2015FloorCounselor>.

Campference 2015

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2015) and will be held May 31-June 3, 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, as youth go 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 the space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full in 2014! Register online by May 1. Payment and participation form must be in the Extension office on May 1. Registration and detailed information is on the State 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=30>.

Discovery Days and Campference Scholarships Available!!

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors group is excited to announce their sponsorship of scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend Discovery Days and Campference. The applications and Fact Sheets about each event are posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcamps. The deadline for applications to be turned into the Extension office is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 1.

4-H Photo Adventure Camp

4-H Photo Adventure Camp is an exciting four day photographic experience for teens ages 13-16. The camp, held May 31-June 3, 2015 at Rock Springs 4-H Center, offers hands-on workshops covering a wide range of topics and skills. Campers supply their own camera equipment. Parents, project leaders and other 4-H volunteers who have completed the 4-H Volunteer Screening Process are invited to attend camp and learn along with the youth. Enrollment is limited so don't delay in registering for Photo Adventure Camp 2015. The registration fee is \$190 for youth or adults. Register online at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317>. Registration closes April 15.

State Opportunities

4-H Shutterbug Photography Events

The Photo Action Team has scheduled two Shutterbug workshop events. Shutterbug events provide opportunities for youth to participate in hands-on sessions covering a variety of topics, such as lighting, composition, portraits and posing, camera Q & As, etc. Youth may choose from 7-8 sessions at each location. Dates and details are as follows:

Shutterbugs at Botanica (Wichita) - Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pay admission to Botanica (Adults \$7; Youth 3-12 \$5) at the door. No pre-registration or fees other than Botanica admission fee.

Shutterbugs at Lee Richardson Zoo (Garden City) - Saturday, May 2, 2015, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. No pre-registration. Fee: \$5 per person, maximum \$20 per family.

For more information about these events visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=427>.

Sewing Camp

Create a garment from a pattern to wear during this year's 4th annual Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp! Participants will explore new sewing concepts and improve current sewing skills. Junior participants (age 9-12) and Senior participants (age 13 and older) will attend camp at K-State Salina, work on touch control sewing machines, and receive assistance from teen counselors and textile knowledgeable adults. Junior camp will be held June 25-27, and Senior camp will be held June 27-30. All fabrics, supplies and equipment will be provided for youth to construct their garment.

Junior participants will choose from an apron, pull-over shirt or pants. Senior participants will choose between a tailored vest or "silky" shirt. Junior registration cost is \$170 and Senior registration cost is \$215. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged. Registration closes May 8, 2015. Visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/2rqkr0> to register.

2015 Kansas Junior Livestock Show

The 2015 Kansas Junior Livestock Show will be October 2-4, 2015, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. This new date, along with the new enhanced location, will allow the show to continue to grow. A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at two hotels in Hutchinson during the show weekend. The Hampton Inn Hutchinson, 1401 1/2 East 11th St., 620-665-9800 for \$89.95 plus tax per night. And the Ramada Inn Hutchinson, 1400 N. Lorraine St., 620-669-9311 for \$79 plus tax per night. Camper spots may be reserved by contacting Anthea Bryant at the State Fairgrounds office and rooms can be reserved at the Encampment Building for \$11.25 per person per night by calling Anthea Bryant at 620-669-3608.

Exhibitors or parents that have questions may contact show coordinators Rhonda McCurry and Betsy Anderson at rbkjl@gmail.com, or visit the KJLS website at www.kjls.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tailwaggers & Miami County Dog Show will be June 20, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.
48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge will be October 10-11.

National Opportunities

National 4-H Congress 2015 Centennial Delegates

The Kansas 4-H Centennial Delegates were added in 2002 when National 4-H celebrated 4-H's centennial year. Kansas 4-H has permitted each Extension Unit to send one at-large delegate to National 4-H Congress. These at-large positions are called Centennial Delegates. Cost for the Centennial delegate will be the full amount of approximately \$1,150.00. To be eligible, delegates MUST:

- 1) Have never before attended National 4-H Congress
- 2) Be enrolled in Kansas 4-H
- 3) Have a genuine desire to attend National 4-H Congress
- 4) Be available to attend 2015 National 4-H Congress in its entirety from November 27-December 1, 2015
- 5) Be at least 14 years old but not yet 19 years old before January 1, 2015
- 6) Remain committed to attending 2015 National 4-H Congress once they accept the trip
- 7) Agree to follow the prescribed code of conduct, realizing failure to do so may result in the loss of privileges during the event and/or in the future

If you meet these qualifications and this opportunity sounds exciting to you, please let Christin know of your interest by May 1, 2015. One name will be randomly drawn and the winner will need to provide a non-refundable \$100 deposit for the trip by May 11.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have a new opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a new section within Clover Clips that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the Clover Clips submission deadline. Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

April

- 1 - Fantastic 4-H Camp registration CLOSES
 - Spring Beef Show pre-registration due
- 4 - Countywide Photography Project meeting
- 6 - County Council Officers meeting
- 9 - Countywide Rabbit Project meeting
- 11 - Johnson Co. Invitational Dog Show
- 16 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 17 - Weigh-in for Beef project members **not** showing in the Spring Show
- 18 - Spring Beef Show
- 23 - Practice Horse show (Douglas Co. Fairgrounds)
- 29 - New Family Orientation

May

- 1 - Deadline to Add or Drop Projects
 - Scholarship Applications for Campference and Discovery Days due
 - Deadline to turn in Horse ID and Horseless Horse Certificates
 - Spring Goat, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calf Show pre-registrations due
- 4 - County Council meeting
- 16 - Official Horse Show (Johnson Co. Fairgrounds)
- 21 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 22 - Weigh-in for Sheep, Goat, Swine & Bucket Calf project members **not** showing in the Spring Show
- 23 - Spring Goat and Sheep Shows
- 24 - Spring Swine and Bucket Calf Shows

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2015 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips 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 2015 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

Club Reminders

Enrollment - Please help us with the process of getting all Johnson County 4-H members to an Active enrollment status in 4HOnline. You can do this by logging in to your club's account, clicking on "Search" at the top left of the page, and checking the "Status" of your club members and volunteers. If the member has completed and submitted an enrollment with Johnson County 4-H it will say either "Active," "Pending," or "Incomplete." If it says Active then their enrollment is complete for the 2014-2015 4-H year. If it says Pending then their enrollment is waiting for review by us at the county level. They will either be accepted (which changes their status to Active) or their enrollment will be sent back to them requesting additions or edits (this action changes their status to Incomplete). If their status is Incomplete then they need to make the additions/edits that were listed in the email they received from 4HOnline and re-submit their enrollment.

Please contact Christin with any questions. Thank you for your help with our new enrollment process!

Participation Forms - If you have not already turned in your club members' participation forms please do so as soon as possible. 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, countywide 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.