



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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Grants Available

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation will be offering grants to individuals or groups affiliated with Extension programming in Johnson County. Eligible parties include 4-Hers, volunteers and/or 4-H clubs. Grant applications will be accepted through December 1. The grant application and additional details can be found at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=671> Any questions about the application process may be directed to Dan Lekie at the Extension office at (913)715-7000 or via email at dan.lekie@jocogov.org.

4-H Day with the Lady Wildcats

Mark your calendars! Saturday, January 22 will be 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball Team in Manhattan, KS. The lady Wildcats will play Nebraska with a tip off time of 1 p.m. 4-H'ers and their families can purchase tickets at a special rate of \$16 per person. For \$16 each person will receive a game day ticket, t-shirt, hot dog and drink at the game. The registration form can be found at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=92> Registration is due to the Geary County Extension office by December 15.

Achievement Celebration Check In

The 2010 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for 2 p.m. November 13 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. This year's theme is a Reflection of Excellence. 4-Hers receiving an award are asked to check in prior to 2 p.m. Check-in will start at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 1:55 p.m. 4-H'ers not checked in will not be announced during the ceremony.

Tractor Supply Paper Clovers

4-H TSC Paper Clover Promotion starts this Friday, Nov. 5 and runs through Sunday, Nov. 14 at every Tractor Supply and Del's store nationwide! TSC Clover Card registration is open until November 21! Go online to register and receive your initial **10% coupon** and future specials from TSC stores. Spread the word to your family and friends.

Shooting Sports Update

We have had a great year in shooting sports. We had ten kids shoot in 11 competitions at the Spring State Match! Ethan Eccles also did great at the Fall State Match in October achieving 3rd place in the open JR Compound FITA and 6th in the 3-D shoot, which gave him 6th in the overall FITA+3-D. To top that, he went on to the JR Hunting skills competition in Hays and brought back 1st place. Congratulations Ethan!

Shooting sports is a parent participation sport and we are always looking for more instructors. We need your help to take Shooting Sports to the next level. Please consider instructor training as a way to get involved.

New this year we will be starting a shotgun discipline for ages 12-19! Mark Seeley will be our official instructor. Come to the safety meeting for details.

The Safety class for all disciplines (we offer, Archery, BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Hunting skills, **and Shotgun!**) will be held on Saturday Nov. 6 from 1-4 p.m. This will be held in the Green Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. (This is not hunter safety). There will be a one-time fee collected at the sign in of \$25 for each participant, with a maximum of \$75 per family. This is to cover the cost of ammunition, targets and other equipment and supplies for the season. Please bring a note pad, pencil and eye protection for the whole family. Glasses can be found at Wal-Mart for \$5 in the gardening section.

NOTE: ALL NEW PARTICIPANTS MUST TAKE THE SAFETY CLASS TO PARTICIPATE IN SHOOTING SPORTS. IF YOU ARE TAKING ANY NEW DISCIPLINES, YOU NEED TO ATTEND THE SAFETY MEETING. All shooters need to come and pay their dues and sign up for the new season. Bring an updated copy of your participation form.

Currently the proposed practice schedule for the each discipline is as follows:

All Shooters start shooting in **January**

January - May we meet every Wednesday evening.

June - November we meet every other Wednesday evening.

Archery - Ages 7-10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Ages 11-19, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Air Rifle and BB - All ages 7-19, 6:30 - 9 p.m. (ages 10-14 can compete in state matches)

Air Pistol - Ages 12-19, 6:30-9 p.m. (ages 12-19, Instructor discretion)

Shotgun - Ages 12-19, starting in mid-January; Saturdays 10-12 a.m. at Powder Creek, Lenexa.



Calendars will be available at the safety meeting. The calendar is also at the JOCO Shooting Sports Yahoo Group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jocoks_shootingsports/ If you have any questions please contact Ben Powell, County Coordinator at bpowell@bdyinc.com or (913) 302-3504. The Shooting Sports Homepage is <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=265>



SpaceTech Workshop

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team and K-State Research and Extension are sponsoring a Southeast Area SpaceTech Educators' Workshop on Saturday, December 4, in Paola, KS. Participants will get to attend two in-depth workshops in one of three tracks: basic and intermediate **robotics**, basic and intermediate **rocketry**, and introduction to **GPS** and introduction to **GIS**. Parents, volunteers and teen leaders ages 12-19 are invited to attend. Registration is \$22.50 and is due to the Northwest Area office by November 15. For more information visit <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=52>

Sewing Classes

Sewing class will start up again Nov 4 at 6:30 p.m. If you missed the orientation meeting on October 20, don't fret-we can get you in the class at anytime! Class is held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. We do not meet in December or March 17 (Spring Break). If you have any questions or need a list of supplies or project needs please call or email Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or (913)

Enrollment Cards - Due December 1

There are new enrollment forms for 4-H members and Cloverbuds posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms that will be used for the 2010-11 4-H year. ***New in 2010-11: Each enrollment form will require the member's and their parent's/guardian's signature. Our new enrollment system is an online database and the state 4-H office requires a signature on each enrollment form to verify that the 4-Her is aware of the database. We will only be accepting the new enrollment forms.

4-H Foods Meeting

The next 4-H Foods meeting is November 22 at 3:45 p.m. at the Extension office. We will be making plans for Food Fare on January 29. The theme this year is Breakfast and we would love to have your ideas on making this the best Food Fare yet. Everyone interested in the foods project is welcome to attend or you can provide input before the meeting by contacting Nichole Burnett, nburnett@ksu.edu or 715-7000.

Swine Project Meeting at Douglas County

Douglas County's 4-H Swine Group is hosting a free "Show Pig Health" discussion on Thursday, November 11 at 7 p.m. in the Dreher Building at the Fairgrounds in Lawrence. The speaker will be a Swine Veterinarian who's encouraging everyone to bring questions to have answered! An RSVP is needed by Wednesday, November 10. Contact Douglas County 4-H Agent, Mark Flory at mflory@ksu.edu to RSVP.

'Tis the time to reflect, while planning ahead for 2011!

What a wonderful experience this first summer of 4-H has been here in Johnson County for me. Congratulations to all of the participants of 4-H programs through the year. Everyone's efforts and enthusiasm certainly have not gone unnoticed. I am also thoroughly impressed by the adult volunteers and the truly committed community network of 4-H'ers in our county. We look forward to working with everyone in this new 4-H year!

As we enter the cool season of the year, we're excited to showcase the 4-H accomplishments of 2010 at the upcoming Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 13th at the Green Building of the Fair Grounds. Plan on attending to support your county, club and individual 4-H'ers achievements!

I'm happy to announce the forming of the Johnson County 4-H Project Club as well this past month. Denise King has been gracious to accept the club leader responsibilities. We're moving full steam ahead with monthly (3rd Monday of the month) livestock related activities for all Johnson County 4-H'ers even if you don't have animals. Keep a look out for 2011 show, clinics and educational opportunities dates!

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) is holding another 4-H paper clover campaign! A portion of the funds goes directly back to the county 4-H program in which the TSC store is located! Make it a point to support your local 4-H program while at TSC (at 11934 S STRANG LINE RD, OLATHE) or go online this fall! Check out TSC's 4-H resources page for projects at: <http://www.tractorsupply.com/content/storeevents/4h>

With the holiday season nearing, please take time to appreciate those around you and enjoy your family time! And of course, enjoy the bounty of great food. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mark Seeley – 4-H Youth Development Agent

Attention Knitters:

Several 4-H'ers have expressed interest in learning more about knitting. Knitting camp will start after the first of the year on Saturday mornings. Stay tuned for more details!



Jr. Leaders Meeting

Are you looking for ways to improve your leadership skills? Jr. Leaders is for you! Teens ages 12 and older are invited to join the Johnson County Jr. Leaders group. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 6 at 6:30 pm in rooms 1070 and 1075 at the Extension office. We will be doing a \$5 gift card exchange for our December meeting. If you wish to participate in the exchange bring a \$5 gift card from your choice of store/restaurant/etc. Hope to see you there!

NOVEMBER DATES

- 5-14 - Tractor Supply Paper Clovers
- 11 - Swine Project Meeting
- 13 - Achievement Celebration
- 22 - 4-H Foods Meeting

DECEMBER DATES

- 1 - Foundation Grant Apps Due
- 1 - Enrollment Cards Due
- 4 - SpaceTech Workshop
- 6 - Jr. Leaders

JANUARY DATES

- 22 - 4-H Day with the Lady Wildcats



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