



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

November 2011 Issue

Adding/Dropping Projects.....	3
Check-In for Achievement Celebration.....	2
4-H Club Day.....	2
4-H Day With the Wildcat Women's Basketball.....	3
Enrollment Cards.....	3
Foods Project Pilot....	3
Jr. Leaders Holiday Meeting.....	3
Kansas Jr. Beef Producer Day.....	2
Oratorical and Essay Contest.....	2
Speech 101: Sharpening Your Presentation Skills.....	1
4-H Yard Signs.....	2

Greetings 4-H Families!

We hope your new 4-H year is off to a great start! This is the perfect time of the year to start setting goals for what you would like to accomplish for the 2012 4-H year. Are you planning on exploring a new project or expanding a current project experience? Would you like to build your leadership skills or plan a community service event? The opportunities are endless.

As you establish your goals think about creating S.M.A.R.T. goals. Make your goal **specific**: think about the five W's, who, what, when, where and why? Goals should be **measureable**: how will you know when you have achieved your goal? Ask yourself, is this goal **attainable**?: given your time and resources is the goal realistic? Make your goal **relevant**: how does this goal contribute to your success as a 4-H'er and citizen? Create a **time-table**: when would you like to accomplish your goal? As you create your goals, refer to section 1 of your Kansas Award Portfolio and record your goals for each of your projects.

Speech 101: Sharpening Your Presentation Skills

Save the date! Speech 101 will be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 6 at the Extension office. This interactive and informational workshop is for all ages and skill levels of public speakers. Topic areas will focus on the various competition areas that are offered at our County 4-H Club Day in February. Breakout session topics include: demonstrations, project talks, public speaking, oral interpretation, impromptu and historical speech. December is the perfect time to learn about the various speaking events. 4-H'ers can work on their speeches for Club Day over winter break and be ready to show off their new skills by February.

Registration is free. We will be holding a winter glove and stocking cap drive at this workshop. 4-H families are encouraged to bring new gloves and/or stocking hats to donate. Space is limited. Registration can be completed at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDRCUHo2OGE0UXMzMEtPVDdnbFVYWkE6MQ> or by calling Pat Geier at 913-715-7000. Registration is due by December 1. The top three clubs with the most attendance at Speech 101 will receive an award.

Check-In for Achievement Celebration

The 2011 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for 2 p.m. on November 12 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. This year's theme is Celebrate Success. 4-H'ers 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. The celebration will be a dessert reception and the dress is semi-formal.

Join 4-H Yard Signs

Join 4-H Yard Signs are available for purchase. Consider buying one for your own front yard or your business. Signs are \$10 a piece. The signs are made of durable plastic and come with a wire base. Stop by the office today to purchase your sign!

Join 4-H

913-715-7000

www.johnson.ksu.edu/4H



JOHNSON COUNTY



2012 4-H Club Day

Mark your calendars! The Johnson County 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 4 at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. If you are interested in volunteering on the Club Day committee email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org. Stay tuned for more details.

Optimist Club Oratorical and Essay Contest

Optimist International is hosting an Oratorical and Essay Contest. The Oratorical and Essay contest offer a scholarship to the boy and girl winners at the District level. The Kansas District is the State of Kansas. The Oratorical this year is "How my Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles" and the Essay is "How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community". In order to participate the contestant must be sponsored by an Optimist Club. The Merriam Optimist Club has offered to sponsor anyone interested in participating. Additional information can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. 4-H Clubs can also participate as a group. Anyone who is interested in participating and/or has questions can contact Joe Shank of the Merriam Optimist Club at 913-962-7418 or joes-kc1@clear.net.



Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day: CHANGE OF DATE

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be changed to January 7, 2012 at Weber Hall and Arena due to a scheduling conflict with K-State's last home football game. The event will feature K-State Faculty and staff covering topics such as: Selecting Your Youth Beef Project, Facilities and General Care, Nutrition, Showmanship and Nose Printing/Tattooing/Fitting Demonstration. Additional topics, tailored to age will include Breeds and Beef Identification, Meat and Carcass Evaluation, and Beef Quality Assurance. More information and registration forms will be posted on the Youth Livestock Programs website www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

4-H FOODS PROJECT PILOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Through a Grow 4-H Grant with the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Kansas 4-H will provide a group of 4-H Adult Volunteer Foods Project Leaders with knowledge, curriculum and Specialist support to provide positive project experiences for 4-H members. 4-H Foods webinars for adult volunteer project leaders will include six webinars taught by a K-State Research Extension staff member. Project leaders will then be expected to facilitate the same lesson at project meetings for their group. Any adult foods project leaders interested in participating in the program should contact Kaitlyn Peine at kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org by November 20.

Jr. Leaders Holiday Meeting *****December 5*****

All 4-H'ers ages 12-18 are invited to attend the Jr. Leaders Holiday Meeting schedule for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5 at the Johnson County Extension office. Bring a \$5 gift card to trade in the gift exchange. We will also be collecting gloves and stocking hats to donate to Johnson County families in need. We will also be discussing plans for Jr. Leaders in 2012. Come join the fun and meet 4-H'ers from the county. Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Peine at kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000.



Enrollment Cards

Enrollment forms for 4-H members and Cloverbuds are posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Please note the enrollment forms now require a 4-H'er and guardian's signature. All returning 4-H'ers enrollment forms are due to the Extension office by December 1. Check with your club leader to see if your club has an earlier deadline. Although enrollment forms are due December 1, enrollment is open to new 4-H families all year.

Adding/Dropping Projects

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers will be 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. A report of project enrollment will be published on March 1 for families to confirm project enrollment. 4-H'ers will have until May 1 to finalize their project enrollment. 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.



4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents is excited to inform you that the Fourth Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team has been scheduled for Saturday, February 18, when the Wildcats take on Texas. Tip-off will be at 6 p.m. Each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, hot dog and a drink for \$18. For more details, please see the registration form located at www.johnson.ksu.edu. Registration should be mailed to the Geary County Extension Office and must be postmarked by January 17. We hope to see you there!

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the
2011 4-H calendar.

November

- 12 - Achievement Celebration
- 20 - Foods Project Pilot Applications due

December

- 1 - Enrollment Cards due
- 5 - Jr. Leaders Holiday Meeting
- 6 - Speech 101: Sharpening Your Presentation Skills

K-STATE

Research and Extension

Johnson County

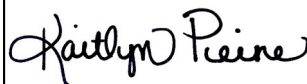
Cooperative Extension Service Johnson County

K- State Research And Extension

11811 S. Sunset Dr. Suite 1500

Olathe, KS 66061-7057

(913) 715-7000



Johnson County Extension Agent

4-H/Youth Development

Johnson County Extension Agent

4-H /Youth Development

K-State Research and Extension is committed to making its services, activities, and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, please contact the Johnson County Extension office at 715-7000. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.