



# Clover Clips

*A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families*

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## Greetings 4-H Families!

Happy New Year! Johnson County 4-H ended the 2010-11 4-H year with a BANG! We had outstanding representation at the Kansas State Fair. Johnson County 4-H'ers competed against the 'cream of the crop' and earned numerous ribbons and special awards. Congratulations!

4-H is gearing up to offer several fun and educational opportunities for your family. Award Application Judging will take place on October 12. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H'ers at the Achievement Celebration on November 12. On December 6 we will host Speech 101: Sharpening Your Presentation Skills. We hope you will join us!

We are looking forward to all the great things the 2011-12 4-H year will bring.

## 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 come 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/spreadsheet/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.



## Sewing Project Meetings

The sewing project will start again October 13. We will be starting with an orientation meeting that will last about an hour. You do not have to bring anything except a notebook for notes. The class will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Classes will be every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. until the week before Thanksgiving. We will have a break until the first Thursday in January. All classes meet at the Extension office located at 11811 S Sunset Dr. in Olathe. New projects and learning opportunities will be presented.



## Photography Project Meeting

A county-wide photography project meeting will be held on October 22 at Schaake's Pumpkin Patch in Eudora. Meet at the Extension office located at 11811 S. Sunset Dr. in Olathe at 2 p.m. We will go over tips for lighting and subjects and will have a photo scavenger hunt. For more information about Schaake's Pumpkin Patch, go to: [www.schaakespumpkinpatch.com/](http://www.schaakespumpkinpatch.com/)

## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is a one of a kind leadership building experience for 4-H'ers ages 14-18. KYLF will feature workshops, Youth Council Elections and opportunities to meet other 4-H'ers from Kansas and have fun. 4-H'ers get to choose which workshops they participate in as they register. Workshops are filled on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited, register soon!

KYLF will be held November 18-20 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. The registration deadline is October 17. Registration fees and a completed Kansas 4-H Participation Form are due to the Extension office by October 17. Checks can be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council. More information and registration materials can be found at [www.kansas4-H.org](http://www.kansas4-H.org).

## Enrollment Cards

Enrollment forms for 4-H members and Cloverbuds are posted at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://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](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms).

## Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports practice will be starting up in November. There will be a Shooting Sports Safety Meeting for all new shooters on November 5 at 1 p.m. at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. All new participants in any discipline must attend this meeting to participate in Shooting Sports. If you are unable to attend contact Shooting Sports Coordinator, Benjamin Powell at (913) 302-3504.

We only ask for dues once for each participant and we do not differentiate between the sports. In order to keep up with the demand for equipment and supplies for all disciplines we are going to raise the dues for the club to \$35 for each participant with a 3 participant cap, max \$105. We currently pay the fee for the Shotgun students with the dues we receive.

There is a shooting sports update newsletter at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms). Visit this site for more information about shooting sports requirements and upcoming events.

# Achievement Celebration

The 2011 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for 2 pm 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 pm. Check-in will start at 1:30 pm and conclude at 1:55 pm. 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. An RSVP is requested to Pat Geier by November 1.

The Johnson County 4-H Council has asked each club to consider donating \$20 to cover a portion of the membership, officer and project pins. Checks are to be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council. All donations are due to the Extension Office by November 1.

## 2012 Food Fare

Cathy O'Rourke has graciously volunteered to provide leadership for the 2012 Food Fare. The Food Fare is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 at the Extension office. 4-H'ers and parents interested in volunteering on the Food Fare committee are invited to a planning meeting on October 18 at 4 p.m. in room 1506 at the Extension office. If you are interested in helping and are unable to attend the committee meeting please email Cathy at [cmjilka@aol.com](mailto:cmjilka@aol.com). Stay tuned for more details!

## Johnson County Jr. Leaders

Johnson County 4-H Jr. Leaders is a leadership building opportunity for all 4-H'ers 12 and older. Jr. Leaders focuses on teamwork, community service, leadership and having fun! This group is a great networking opportunity for 4-H'ers meeting others outside their community club.

Jr. Leaders is looking to recruit new 4-H'ers to the county program. A committee of volunteers created a survey for all 4-H'ers 12 and older to complete. Please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S3G79DC>. Please complete the survey by November 1.

## 2011-12 4-H Calendar

It's time to mark your calendars! The 2011-12 Johnson County 4-H Calendar is now available at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms). This is a great for returning and new 4-H families to use as a reference for upcoming 4-H events and deadlines. The calendar is updated throughout the year as events are scheduled. Please check Clover Clips for updates on event dates. The Jr. Leaders meeting dates will be added soon. The group is currently re-evaluating their meeting date and time.



2011  
**Holiday Mart**  
Annual Craft & Gift Sale  
A Fundraiser for the Johnson County 4-H Livestock Club  
9 a.m. Saturday Dec. 3 • Jo. Co. Fairgrounds, Gardner

The Johnson County Livestock Club is hosting Holiday Mart on Saturday, December 3 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, KS. Bring your friends and family and get an early start on your holiday shopping. For booth space information contact Denise King at [kingflock@aol.com](mailto:kingflock@aol.com).

Check out [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms) for the 2011 4-H calendar.

### October

- 13 - Sewing Project meeting
- 22 - Photography Project meeting

### November

- 5 - Shooting Sports safety meeting
- 12 - Achievement Celebration
- 18-20 - KYLF & Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum

### December

- 1 - Enrollment Cards due
- 6 - Sharpening Your Presentation Skills



**Join 4-H**  
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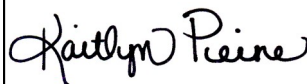
## Join 4-H Yard Signs

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!

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