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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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Greetings 4-H Families!

As the 2011 4-H year comes to an end, it's a great time to reflect on the past year and start planning for the new 4-H year. Putting the last entries in your permanent record and reviewing your previous 4-H activities is a great way to review your successes. Get rewarded for your hard work by completing a Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) or a membership pin application. We will kick off our new 4-H year on October 1. Clubs will be electing new officers in the next month and we challenge you to step up to the plate to apply/run to be a club officer. Serving as a club officer is hard work, but is also very rewarding. The number of leadership opportunities at the club and county level are endless.

Remember: Some people wish it will happen, Some people wait for it to happen, 4-H people make it happen!

Achievement Celebration

The 2010 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, November 12 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2011 4-H year. We will recognize membership and officer pin earners, project winners and recognize volunteers for their many years of service. Stay tuned for more details!

Don't Forget to Say Thanks!

The 2011 Johnson County Fair was a huge success. We have an outstanding group of volunteers and donors who contribute to the fair each year. Don't forget to send a thank you to your department chair(s). If you received a trophy, belt buckle, a special award and/or sold a project in the auction, send a thank you note. It is important we let these gracious donors of awards and/or time know how much we appreciate their efforts.

KAP Workshop

An informational workshop on the Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 13 in room 1055 at the Extension office. Lauren Gregory, past state KAP award winner, Katy Gregory and Kaitlyn Peine will be presenting on the various sections of the KAP. There will also be an opportunity for Q and A. An RSVP is requested to Pat Geier at (913) 715-7000 by Friday, September 9.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum information will be on the 4-H Online Registration and Website before September 1, 2011. The Forums will be held November 18-20, 2011 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for those 4-H members ages 14-18 before January 1, 2012 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers.

The theme for KYLF this year is “Whoa, the Places You Will Go” and will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The theme for Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum is “There’s No Place Like 4-H” and will include workshops, opportunities for networking, sharing resources and planning for the 2012 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum Kansas is hosting. Joint activities between the two Forums will include: keynote speaker, consulting groups and service.

Online Registration is available at www.kansas4h.org. This year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is Monday, October 17, 2011 for both events. Payment and a completed Kansas 4-H Participation form is due to the Extension office by October 17. Checks can be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council.

2011 Kansas Youth Leadership Council

Are you looking to serve and lead 4-H’ers beyond Johnson County? Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2012 may apply to be a part of the state youth leadership council. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four Extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW). 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, Citizenship in Action, Campference and other events. Applications are due on a Google Form on October 17, 2011 before 5 p.m. CST and a signature page and two letters of reference must be postmarked on or before October 17, 2011. Additional information and the electronic application can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=48>. This year the elections will include the application process detailed above, and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel at the beginning of KYLF. From those that interview, up to six candidates will be selected to be in the election.

CATS- Camera at the Springs

CATS is an informal photography retreat for adults at the beautiful Rock Springs 4-H Center. Sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Photography Action Team, CATS provides a relaxing shooting experience for adult photography project leaders as well as other adults having an interest in photography. All adult photography project leaders and enthusiasts are invited to attend. Formal classes will not be held. Photo Action Team members will be in attendance to lead photo excursions and answer questions relating to photography and the 4-H Photography Project.

The cost for the retreat is \$115 per person. Every individual attending must register (using a Google Docs form). Registration deadline is Saturday, October 1, 2011. Full

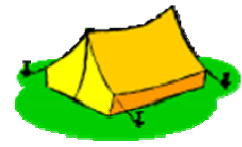
information and the registration link is on the web at <http://4-h.k-state.edu/p.aspx?tabid=191>
Questions? Contact Rachel Harmon, CATS Chair, 785-222-3313 or rachel@sagebrushvideo.com

4-H Citizenship Survey

The State 4-H GIS Leadership Team is seeking 4-H members to complete a citizenship survey. The electronic survey is available at www.Kansas4-H.org/citizenshipsurvey. The team is hoping current 4-H members can help show how Kansas 4-H youth are making a difference in their club, community, county and world. The State 4-H GIS Leadership Team will combine the responses with the use of GIS technology and efforts to “Join the 4-H Revolution of Responsibility” to create a visual of Kansas 4-H Citizenship. This interactive GIS map will be shared with 4-H enthusiasts and stakeholders state-wide and will be available for your local use.



Family Camping Experience **October 15-16**



New this fall will be an overnight, family camping experience. Participants will gain an appreciation of nature, camping skills and ethics that will enable them to be active in future outdoor experiences. The program will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 15 with registration. Campers will enjoy lunch and have an afternoon of canoeing, archery, fishing and camp crafts before retiring to a camp fire cookout and entertainment. Sunday morning will greet everyone with a campfire breakfast, vespers service and natural trail hike before heading home around noon. Registrants will be contacted after October 1 with directions and details.

Participant Requirements: Own transportation to and from Hillsdale State Park, provide own sleeping materials (tent, bedding, toiletries, snacks etc.) A minimum of one adult supervisor is required per registration unit and no pets. Dress appropriately for outdoor activities and October weather.

Camp Fee for Participation - \$50 which includes 3 meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast), all program materials, one vehicle parking pass and one primitive (no electricity) tent site for 1-4 people/tent).

Registration at Go-Sign-Me-Up Online (Registration closes October 1 – Limit 24 tents): (https://events.jocogov.org/exc/dev_students.asp?action=browse&main=Extension+Classes&sub1=4-H+and+Youth+Development&misc=193)

Officer Training and Family Night – Saturday, October 1 **4-8:30 p.m., Extension office**

This year's activities at Family Night promise to be jam-packed with learning sessions and great potluck food. For 2011, the evening has been extended an hour to include demonstration classes from 4-5 p.m. prior to officer training starting at 5 p.m. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. with two project breakout sessions following from 7-8 p.m..

In addition to this year's program, we're also going to have a 4-H boutique of various items.

We will also have the “**Join 4-H**” yard signs available for sale (\$10 each).

Bring a couple of dollars to shop at the boutique and support Johnson County 4-H.

The Planning Committee requests:

All participants RSVP by September 23 with the Extension office

Please bring; 1) entrée and 2) either a dessert or side dish to share.

Drinks and dinnerware will be provided.

A program flyer with session descriptions will be emailed to 4-H club leaders two weeks prior to the event.

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

September

13 - KAP Workshop

October

1 - Officer Training/Family Night

- Registration due for CATS

15-16 - Family Camping Experience

17 - Registration due for KYLF & Kansas 4-H

Volunteer Forum

- Registration due for Kansas Youth

Leadership Council

November

12 - Achievement Celebration

18-20 - KYLF & Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum

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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.

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. The top three clubs with the most attendance at Speech 101 will receive an award.

Record Book Corner!

This month's tips were submitted by Lauren Gregory. Lauren has earned awards at the state level for her Kansas Award Portfolio.

The last chapter in putting together your Kansas Achievement Portfolio is writing your story and selecting your photos. Lead into your story with a short introduction about you and your project. Tell how many years you have been in 4-H and this particular project. The story is the first part of your KAP that the judges will read, so tell them why you are so *passionate* about this 4-H project! The body of your story should focus on this *one* project by telling more about what you learned and what activities you led or served. Develop more details about what you have included in the other KAP sections, but do not just restate the other parts. Judges like to see growth in your project. For example, if you led a project in your club for a couple years, maybe you stepped up and taught at a county day camp or assisted our agents at the county level in your project, such as the foods fiesta or video camp. Maybe you organized and taught about your project at an afterschool enrichment program, served dinner at the Ronald McDonald House or City Union Mission or worked with the gardeners at Deanna Rose Farmstead. Maybe you taught others about your project at Discovery Days, Citizenship in Action, or Family Night and Officer Training Night. Tell the judges how you organized, initiated, managed, or developed new opportunities to show how you have stepped up your project and served your club, your county and your community. Write about the interesting things you learned, especially in leadership and service in your project. Judges like to read how you tied another project together with your KAP. Judges even like to read about problems and how you resolved them. The body should include new things you learned, people who helped you learn new skills and an expansion of the highlights of your project's experiences from this year. Add how you think this project will influence your future, in either 4-H or maybe your career. Your conclusion wraps up your story and tells the judges how your project was outstanding. For 4-H'ers who are 14 years and older and want to do well at state, this story should be six pages. For 4-H'ers who are 9-13, the story can be several pages with a maximum of six pages, but for 7-8 year olds, it is only a paragraph. Be sure to follow the guidelines of the story, which include a maximum of six pages, double-spaced on white paper, no smaller than 10-point font, margins are 1 inch on top, right, and bottom and 1.5 inch on left. Proof your story for errors.

Photos fall into three categories for your KAP: Project, Leadership, and Citizenship. You should try to have six pictures on each page that have captions. For example, a "project" photo could say, "This photo shows one of the twelve dinners that I prepared for other families this year," or a "leadership" photo might say, "This is one of four meetings that I held to teach younger 4-H'ers how to prepare for a FACS judging contest." The pages look best if you scan your photos in the computer and put them on heavy cardstock white paper or photo paper. Do not overlap photos or "scrapbook" them. If you have to use real photos, then crop them to focus on what you want to show the judge. Do not put captions over your photo. Remember that in 4-H, try to include your audience to show how many people were served, taught or participated in your activity. Try to include the symbols for (L) local, (C) county, (S) state after your caption. Photos should show growth in your project area, leadership in organizing activities or teaching others and citizenship by serving others. For 7-8 year olds, only one page of photos is required.

Organize your KAP in a binder and put your Personal Page from your Record Book first. Next comes your 4-H Story, then your KAP pages (Sections 1-5), and finally include photographs (first "project" photos, next are "leadership" photos, and then "citizenship" photos". Be sure to give your book to your 4-H leader before the deadline. Good luck! –Lauren