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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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Greetings 4-H Families!

Hopefully everyone is getting back into the swing of the new school year. This time of year is a great opportunity to get organized and update your family's calendar. There are several exciting events, day camps and overnight camp already scheduled for the spring and summer of 2012. Make sure to visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms to download the most current 2012 4-H Calendar.

I'm looking forward to a great 2012! --Kaitlyn

Judging Activities at Club Day

There will be judging activities offered at Club Day from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Club Day committee is seeking volunteers to provide judging stations. Suggested topics include horticulture, livestock, consumer judging, photography, etc. The possibilities are endless! 4-H'ers interested in providing a judging station should contact Sam Reese at smiley-sami13@gmail.com. This is a great volunteer opportunity for your record book.

2012 4-H Club Day

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. Club Day registration will be processed online. Special scheduling requests will be addressed on a first come first serve basis. For additional information regarding registration visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay. Registration and payment are due to the Extension office by January 16, 2012. Questions? Email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org.

Seeking 4-H Club Day Judges

Johnson County will be trading Club Day judges with the Shawnee County 4-H Program. We will need adult volunteers to judge at Shawnee County's Club Day scheduled for Saturday, February 11. For those who are interested we will be carpooling from the Johnson County Extension office. If you have a particular area you are interested in judging please email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org.

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 post-marked by January 17. We hope to see you there!

Food Fare - Exploring Cultures



Food Fare 2012 is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 at the Johnson County Extension office. The morning session will start at 9 a.m. This year's theme focuses on exploring cooking techniques and foods from various countries. Topics include Korean BBQ, German, Italian cooking and more! Registration is free, however families are asked to bring non-perishable goods to donate to Johnson County families in need. 4-H families are asked to RSVP by January 23 by clicking [HERE](#). Space is limited, RSVP soon.

Kansas 4-H Scholarships

2012 Kansas 4-H Scholarships are available! The application form can be found on the Kansas 4-H web site <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx>, and its form fillable. Complete applications are due in the Department of 4-H Youth Development, Kansas State University, on Friday, February 3, 2012 before 5 p.m. This is not a postmark date. The applications are due in the state office by February 3. Selection is based on 4-H merit: 40 percent on 4-H leadership; 30 percent on 4-H citizenship/community service in 4-H; 20 percent on 4-H participation and recognition; and 10 percent on non-4-H participation, leadership, community service, participation, and recognition in school and community.

Spring Livestock Show Committees

This spring the Johnson County 4-H Livestock Club will be hosting the Spring Livestock Shows: sheep, goat, swine and beef. The dates of the shows are published on the 2012 4-H calendar posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Any Johnson County 4-H'er is welcome to join the spring livestock show committee. 4-H'ers interested in serving on this committee should contact Denise King at kingflock@aol.com.

County-wide Photography Project Meeting

A county-wide photography project meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7. The group will meet at the Extension office located at 11811 S Sunset Dr in Olathe and drive to the Plaza. This Plaza photo shoot will be a great opportunity to have twilight and night time photos. 4-H'ers using a digital camera will have the chance to view their photos that night. It is a great time to bring tripods if you have them.

Regional 4-H Club Day

Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for March 17 at the South Jr. High School in Lawrence, Kansas. 4-H'ers receiving a top purple ribbon at County 4-H Club Day will have the opportunity to represent Johnson County at regional's.

Citizenship in Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council, will be held Sunday, February 19 through Monday, February 20, 2012 at the State Capitol in Topeka. All youth 13 to 19 years old by January 1, 2012 are eligible to attend.

The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. Online registration is due by January 20. Visit www.kansas4-H.org to register. A completed Kansas 4-H Participation Form and payment are due to the Johnson County Extension office by January 20. Checks are to be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council.

KC Global Conference

The Kansas City 4-H Global Conference, the premier work force preparation and career exploration conference is for teens, 15 and older. Delegates are from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. This year the conference will be held March 14-17, 2012.

Preparing for the global work place allows delegates the opportunity to choose workshops and/or business tours in which they are interested. The focus of each workshop and tour is on workforce issues of technology, globalization, and environment. Examples of topics and careers: International Law & Diplomacy, Medical, Engineering, Publishing, Fashion, Theatre, Marketing, CSI, Aviation, Manufacturing, Veterinarian Medicine, Legal & Judicial, and Zoological.

In addition to workshops and tours, delegates will also enjoy a night of science challenges, two dances, opening banquet and two full breakfasts, 3 nights lodging at KCI Hilton Hotel, a conference t-shirt, a dance, opening banquet, and an Ethnic Enrichment Evening. This event, complete with food, music, dance and crafts allows delegates to interact with dozens of cultures, from Brazil to Ukraine and Malaysia to Germany. A full description of all the workshops and tours as well as registration information is available at www.kansas4-H.org. Online registration is not available. The registration paperwork, registration fee and a current Kansas 4-H Participation Form are due to the Johnson County Extension office by January 10.

Spring Break Cooking Classes

Advanced Cooking Class

On March 13 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. teens ages 12-18 will cook in K-State Olathe's state of the art commercial kitchen. 4-H membership is not required, invite your friends. Teen chefs will learn advanced cooking techniques in a hands-on and exciting environment. Topics will include meal preparation, baking and food preservation. Registration is only \$15. Online registration, a completed Kansas 4-H Participation form and payment are due to the Extension office by March 1. Space is limited. Online registration can be completed at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>.

Beginning Cooking Class

On March 14 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. youth ages 7-11 will cook in the demonstration kitchen at the Extension office. 4-H membership is not required, invite your friends. Chefs will explore food preservation, preparation and safety. Registration is only \$15. Online registration, a completed Kansas 4-H Participation form and payment are due to the Extension office by March 1. Space is limited. Online registration can be completed at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>.

***We will need teen chefs to assist with the Beginning Cooking Class on March 14. Teens who are interested in volunteering as a group leader for the March 14 Cooking Class should contact Kaitlyn at kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org as soon as possible.

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2012 4-H calendar.

January

- 7 - County-wide Photography meeting
- 10 - KC Global Conference registration due to Extension office
- 16 - Club Day registration due
- 17 - Registration deadline for 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball
- 20 - Citizenship in Action online registration due
- 23 - Food Fare registration due

February

- 3 - Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications due to State Office
- 4 - 4-H Club Day
- 11 - Volunteers needed to judge Shawnee County 4-H Club Day



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/JohnsonCountyKS4H to like our page.

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.

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