



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## Greetings 4-H Families,

Johnson County 4-H ended the 2011-2012 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 10. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H'ers at the Achievement Celebration on November 3. We are looking forward to all the great things the 2012-2013 4-H year will bring.

## VIP-Volunteer Information Profile

Johnson County 4-H depends on volunteers to help give our youth the best 4-H experience possible. The Volunteer Information Profile is to insure our volunteers have the best interest of young people at heart. Some people may not even be aware they are required to fill out a VIP. A volunteer who is an adult or teen with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with other adults present or in a public setting OR a volunteer whose position puts him or her in close, on-going, one-to-one interaction with youth must complete the VIP process. Volunteer roles include, but are not limited to, judging team coach, community leader, organizational leader, project leader, camp counselor, camp assistant, Discovery Days or other event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, and 4-H activities, and county-wide project leader. New volunteers must complete and submit the VIP Application at the beginning of their first year. Once the initial application is filled out volunteers fill out a shorter form called the VIP Renewal Form. This renewal form needs to be filled out on an annual basis. The fall is a great time to renew your VIP application. Questions regarding the VIP process can be directed to Amanda Fraunfelter, 4-H Program Manager at 913-715-7000 or [amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org](mailto:amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org).

## National 4-H Week

Don't forget October 7-13 is National 4-H Week. We hope your club has planned some fun ways to promote 4-H. We encourage you to like our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H](http://www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H) as we will have trivia every day of National 4-H Week. The first person to answer each trivia question correctly will go into a drawing to win a prize at the end of the week!



## Intermediate Judging Team

Congratulations to the intermediate photo judging team consisting of John Alden, Jamie Alden, and Grace Ladd. They came in 10th at the Kansas State Fair photography judging contest and Grace Ladd placed 3rd in the intermediate division for individual photography judging (out of 121 contestants).

## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum – “4-H Safari - Explore the Possibilities.” Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2013 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF. The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Forum is designed for youth ages 14-18. An awesome set of skill building workshops are planned. A community service project at KYLF will allow you to go home to create your own Revolution of Responsibility. Come to KYLF to learn more!

KYLF is November 16-18, 2012 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. You can register at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=48>. Cost is \$170, checks can be payable to Johnson County 4-H Council. You will also need to have an up-to-date participation form on file at the office. Online registration, payment and a completed participation form are due October 16, 2012.

## Enrollment Cards and Project Guide

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 leader's signature from every club you are a member of. This is to help the leaders get a better idea of who is in their club. All returning 4-H'ers enrollment forms are due to the Extension office by December 3. Check with your club leader to see if your club has an earlier deadline. Although enrollment forms are due December 3, enrollment is open to new 4-H families all year.

The project guide is found online at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms). The project guide has been modified to cater to Johnson County 4-H specifically. We hope this new guide will be a great resource for our families.

## 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).

## Achievement Celebration

The 2012 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2011-2012 4-H year. We will recognize membership and officer pin earners, project winners and recognize volunteers for their many years of service. Check-in for awards recipients will start at 5 p.m. All award recipients are required to check in prior to 5:30 p.m. This year also includes a meal, which will be served at 5:30 p.m. The awards ceremony will follow at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$5 per person. RSVP and payment are due in the Extension office by Friday, October 19. Checks should be made payable to Johnson County 4-H Council. Money must be submitted to the Extension office by October 19 for the committee to complete the total meal count.

## 2011-2012 4-H Calendar

It's time to mark your calendars! The 2012-13 Johnson County 4-H Calendar is now available at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms). This is 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.

## Shooting Sports

The shooting sports project is getting ready to kick off its new year. The mandatory safety meeting is set for October 4 at 6:30 pm in the Green building at the fairgrounds. We will be discussing safety for all disciples available for 4-Hers at this time. They include, BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Hunting Skills. If you are a returning shooter and are not adding a new disciple this year you do not have to attend the safety meeting. However, this is also when we collect the fees for this project. As you all know we use targets, bows, bb's and pellets in practice as well as provide equipment for 4-Hers to use at practice. All of these items cost money to replace, repair and maintain. Because of these costs each participants must pay a \$35 participation fee (max of \$105 per family over 3 kids). This fee is also due at the time of the safety meeting. We also are required to have a completed 4-H participation form on file with the project coordinators and instructors so you will need to bring a completed participation form with you to the meeting.

At the meeting we will also be discussing practice schedules and when all the different disciples will be meeting for practice though out the year. The first practice for BB/Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be on Oct 12th at the fairgrounds. For more information contact Martha Powell, Shooting Sports Coordinator, at [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com) or 913-302-5812

## 2013 4-H Youth Leadership Council

2013 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications are available on the KYLF page. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2013 may apply. This year's 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 and 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 and educational activities. Find the application and information here: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=48>

Applications DEADLINE for online application and photo to be emailed is October 1, 2012, 5 p.m. CDT and signature page and references must be postmarked by October 1, 2012. From those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel at the beginning of KYLF.

## CATS-Camera at the Springs

CATS will be held October 26-28, 2012 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Housing will be at the Rim Rock Area. CATS is an informal photography retreat for adults at the beautiful Rock Springs 4-H Center south of Junction City, Kansas. 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.

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.

For full information go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=191> Registration deadline is October 15, 2012. Registration will be by paper copy.

## Youth Fishing Workshop

Friends of the Kaw are hosting a youth fishing workshop at the Bass Pro Shop in Olathe on September 30 from 2-4 p.m. Topics will include fishing, reducing storm water pollution and the Kansas River. Registration is not required.

## **STATE 4-H DOG CONFERENCE**

Dog Conference to feature theme and new activities. The theme is "Taking a Paws for Health" which hopefully will be part of the design contest for T-Shirts and Hoodies. The October 20-21 weekend will also feature a Dog Jog, Dog Talent Show and Costume Contest plus a campfire circle with s'mores! Educational sessions will feature "Canine Companions for Independence: Help is a Four-Legged Word plus Caring for Older Dogs, Making Healthy Dog Treats and Toys, Agility Tips and Canine Good Citizen Testing.

There will be the usual Quiz Bowl with county teams or Open Teams for individuals who would like to meet and get acquainted with dog members from another county. There will also be skillathon exercises after quiz bowl on Sunday morning.

All of this for only \$65! To register, click the "Green Register Button" in the upper left corner of the State 4-H Website at: [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org), or click [here](#). Deadline to register or submit a T-Shirt Design is October 1, 2012.



### **Canoe Float Trip-Kansas River**

Friends of the Kaw are organizing a 4-H/

River Ambassador Float on Sunday, October 7. The trip starts in De Soto and ends at Cedar Creek from 1- 5 p.m. This educational float is geared for school aged children and their parents and boat rental will be waived. A RSVP is required. Registration for this trip can be found at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms).

## **Sewing Classes**

Sewing is a lifelong skill that can lead to many rewarding creations and or a possible career opportunity. The Johnson County Sewing class will begin on October 11 with an orientation meeting. We will not be sewing that night however, but bring something to write notes with as we will get the new year off to a quick start with sewing projects starting the week of October 25. For more information contact Martha Powell at [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com) or at 913-302-5812

## **International Travel**

Flyers for 2013 Outbound Exchange Trips to Argentina, Australia, Finland, Japan and Tanzania have been posted on the [Kansas 4-H's World Citizenship web page](#). 4-H youth who will be 12 by June or July and not yet 19, are eligible for travel to Japan. For the other countries, they must be at least 15, 16 for Australia.

The [flyers](#) provide the details for each trip. The 2013 universal Outbound Application is posted there, as well. It is due by November 1, 2012. We also ask applicants to distribute one copy each of the Reference Form to the persons they list on the application. We ask agents to sign the application and provide a reference. It's on the same web page and should be returned to Mary Kay Munson in a confidential manner. Former 4-H'ers who are over 19 may use the same application form for the IFYE Representative Exchange. For Reps, we tailor the exchanges to meet their needs with our partner countries in various parts of the world.

Anyone interested may contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631, [munson@ksbroadband.net](mailto:munson@ksbroadband.net).

### ***Fall Finale Dog Show in Meadowlark District***

Meadowlark Extension District and Dog Club will be hosting a dog show on November 3, 2012 at the Jackson County fairbuilding in Holton Kansas. Check in begins at 8 a.m, Show will follow at 9 a.m. and will include showmanship, obedience, agility, and rally obedience and will be a state fair qualifier for 2013. Entry form, vaccination records and entry fees are due October 19. Informational flyer and entry form can be found at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms).



Elizabeth Lang of the Stanley Buccaneers at the Kansas State Fair.



Jessica Gunkel helping out at the fiber arts/quilting department. She was helping by arranging and displaying the entries after they were judged.



Sophia New of the Stanley Buccaneers doing her demonstration at the State Fair.



Tate Dress, 4-H Horse Club Member, was a part of the winning 2012 4-H Horse Show Versatility Team. Tate pictured far right, represented the NE area and Johnson County 4-H in this competition.



Abby Gunkel showing her winning t-shirt design for the 2012 4-H state t-shirt.



Leah Russell of the Stanley Buccaneers doing her demonstration at the State Fair.



Makaela Willis with her purple ribbon from the buymanship competition at the State Fair. She was in the top 29 out of 141.



Seth Gunkel and his sister got to ride in the small boats in the lake at the fairgrounds.



Dandelion photo taken by Kendall Haun of Shawnee, KS received a purple and a Washington DC Special Award at the State Fair



Cristina Quinn and her boxer Rosco, the pair were named state champs in showmanship at the State Fair.



Courtney Claxton and Michaela Mense as they took part in the judging portion of the State Fair Constructed Clothing Style Revue.



Elizabeth Lang of the Stanley Buccaneers doing her demonstration at the State Fair .



Abstract Monument photo taken by Kyleigh Haun on the Plaza Kansas City, MO. It received a blue at the State Fair.

Check out [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms) for the 2012 4-H calendar.

### October

- 1 - State 4-H Youth Council Applications due online and signature pages postmarked
- Dog Conference registrations due
- Dog Conference t-shirt designs due
- Youth Council applications due
- Discovery Days Task Force applications due
- 11 - Sewing Orientation meeting
- 15 - CATS—Camera at the Springs registration deadline
- 16 - KYLF registration due
- 19 - Fall Finale Dog Show registration due
- 20-21 - State 4-H Dog Conference
- 26-28 - CATS Camera at the Springs

### November

- 3 - Achievement Celebration
- 16-18 - KYLF

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### Join 4-H Yard Signs

Join 4-H Yard Signs are available to pick up at the Johnson County Extension office. The signs are available free of cost to 4-H families, supporters and volunteers. The signs are made of durable plastic and come with a wire base. Stop by the office today to pick up your sign! There is a limited supply available.



### 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](http://www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H) to like our page.