



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## 4-H Families,

As the holiday season is upon us I would like to say a big THANK YOU again to all of the wonderful volunteers who make JOCO 4-H happen. Achievement Celebration was a huge success and we are grateful for the effort the committee put in to make this event come off without a hitch. I hope all of your families stay nice and warm and to be thankful for what we have and what we have learned during this year. All the best –Tara

## New County Council Officers Elected

 by Jessica Gunkel

The first meeting of the County Council for the 2013-14 4-H year was held at the Extension office on November 4, 2013. After a brief meeting, new officers were elected and began serving their term. The new County Council officers are: President, Erin (Legacy); Vice President, Amanda (Prairie Moon); Secretary, Olivia (Morning Glory); Corresponding Secretary, Sabrina (Comet Tech); Treasurer, Samantha (Happy Helpers); Historians, Natasha (Comet Tech) and Daniel (Livestock); Parliamentarian, Colette (Pioneer); and Reporter, Jessica (Great Plains). These new officers are looking forward to expanding their leadership outside their local 4-H club. Serving as an officer for the County Council is an excellent way to do that. Best of luck to our new council!



Photo Courtesy of Melinda Dennis

## Johnson County Fair Dates Have Changed!

The Johnson County Fair Board has voted to change the dates for the 2014 Fair. The new dates are July 29 - August 2, 2014. However, please check the 2014 4-H calendar for more dates pertaining to 4-H activities at the fair.

# Local Project Club Opportunities

## County Photography Project Meeting - Plaza Lights

On Saturday, January 4, meet in the old K-Mart parking lot behind the Krispy Kreme at 8805 Shawnee Mission Parkway at 3:30pm to carpool to the Plaza. This time will be good to take twilight and night time photos of the Christmas lights. If you have a tripod, please bring it for longer exposure night time photos. At 6pm meet back at the cafe in Barnes and Noble on the Plaza to view each other's photos. Questions? E-mail Grace, Bruce, and Nina Ladd at [theladds5@gmail.com](mailto:theladds5@gmail.com).

## Christmas Photography Contest!



The holidays are a great time to take photos of family members, pets, and Christmas-themed decorations. The Photography project club is having a contest that will be judged by two 4-H alumni. The categories are: People and/or Animals and Holiday Scenery. There will be a prize for each category. E-mail your entries to [theladds5@gmail.com](mailto:theladds5@gmail.com) with "4-H photo contest" in the subject line, include your name and address in the body of the e-mail, and attach your photo. Please do not include your name in the file name for the photo. Entries are due by Tuesday, December 31. You must be a member of a Johnson County 4-H club, but you do not have to be enrolled in the photography project.

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## Time to Register for Tail Waggers 4-H Dog Project

Tail Waggers is a project club in Johnson County that teaches 4-H'ers how to train their dog to compete at dog shows in events such as Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, and Agility. Registration for Tail Waggers' 2014 training session will open on December 6, 2013. All registration forms and class dues must be received no later than December 22, 2013. There will be no exceptions for late entries, as they need adequate time to plan for trainers. Obedience and Showmanship training will begin on January 8, 2014, and run every Wednesday evening through April 26, in the Green Building at the Johnson County fairgrounds in Gardner. Agility and Rally training will be held on Sunday afternoons in the Horse Barn at the fairgrounds beginning in February. Please contact Denise McKenney ([d.mckenny1@gmail.com](mailto:d.mckenny1@gmail.com), (913) 515-8574) or Donna Holloway ([donnaLholloway@yahoo.com](mailto:donnaLholloway@yahoo.com), (913) 402-7559) for further information or a registration form. The registration form can also be found on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms).

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## County Rabbit Project Meetings

The meetings for the County Rabbit Project will be held after the first of the year. Look for more details in the upcoming Clover Clips.

## It's Back!

### *Johnson County Junior Leader Program*

A county-wide Junior Leader program is coming back to Johnson County. After a break in programming we have rallied the troops and will be offering the first Junior Leader program on Monday, February 3 from 6:30-8pm. If you are between the ages of 12-18 please join us at the Extension office for this introductory meeting. This group is sure to be a blast!

# Local Opportunities

## Sign up to be on a Council Committee

Have you ever wondered how our county-wide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hardworking and dedicated adult volunteers and 4-H'ers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to Johnson County 4-H Council Representatives from each club. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events. Please pass this invitation along to any interested 4-H'ers and/or adult volunteers.

The following is a list of the 2014 committees: 4-H Club Day, Fair Concession Stand, Achievement Celebration, Trips and Awards (adults only), 4-H Fashion Revue, Family Night and Officers Training, Budget Finance Committee, Foods and Nutrition, 4-H Promotions/National 4-H Week, Policy Changes Committee (adults only), and Special Needs Committee.

4-H'ers interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to e-mail Amanda with their name, the name of the committee(s) they would like to join, their phone number and e-mail by December 20, 2013.

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## 2014 Johnson County 4-H Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 8 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. Please note that multimedia presentations were added this year. For more details about this presentation please see the 2014 Club Day Guidelines found at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay). Please read the guidelines carefully so you register for the correct events. Club Day registration will be processed online. Additional information regarding registration will be available soon at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay).

Registration and payment are due to the Extension office by January 10, 2014.

This year 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to sign up for specific times after registration is complete. Initial registration will be done the same as in the past, on Google docs. If you do not sign up for a time you will not be penalized in any way, a time will just be assigned for you.

### Club Days Timeline:

Registration with payment options will be available: **December 6**

Registration and payment due: **January 10**

Sign-up for specific time slots will be available: **January 17-24**

Draft schedule will be posted: **January 31**

Final schedule will be posted: **February 3**

Club Days will take place: **February 8**

◆ If you are interested in volunteering on the Club Day committee or have questions e-mail Amanda. ◆

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## Annual Food Fare Coming Up

The 10th annual Food Fare is scheduled for January 25. This year's stations will have a literary theme. So as you read your favorite series of books keep in mind what foods, like Hunger Games Bread or Harry Potter Tongue Toffee, you might like to make at a station. Please look for more details in the January edition of Clover Clips. If you would like to be a part of the planning please attend the food fare planning meeting at the Extension office on December 17 at 4:30pm. If you have any questions about the Food Fare please contact Amanda.

# State Opportunities

## 4-H Day with the Lady Wildcats

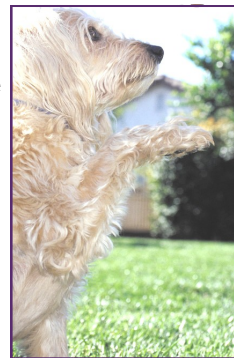
The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents is excited to inform you that the Sixth Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2014, when the Wildcats take on the University of Kansas Jayhawks. Tip-off will be at 1pm.

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 go to <http://www.Kansas4-H.org>. The registration form is posted under "What's Hot." Registration must be postmarked by December 20.

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## 4-H Dog Care & Training Judges Certification, Recertification and Project Leader Training

4-H Dog Judges Training will be held January 31-February 2, 2014 in Wichita, Kansas at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 21<sup>st</sup> and Ridge Road. Beginning on Friday evening allows for the ability to cover all four phases of the Dog Care and Training Program in one weekend. The training is also available to local project leaders and 4-H members (16 and older) as observers to learn more about what judges are looking for at 4-H dog shows. Any adult with experience in the show ring or as a dog project leader may also take the training to become a certified 4-H Dog Show Judge. Hard copy registration and fees are due to the State 4-H office by January 17, 2014. See "What's Hot" on the State 4-H website for details: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx>.



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## Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to attend Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event will be held Sunday, February 16 through Monday, February 17, 2014 at the State Capitol in Topeka. The cost to attend is \$160. All youth 13 to 19 years old by January 1 of the current year 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. Registration for Citizenship in Action is due by January 15 and more information can be found at [www.kansas4-H.org](http://www.kansas4-H.org).

This year scholarships will again be available in the amount of \$100 due to a generous donation from Capitol Federal Savings. Counties that have a Capitol Federal Savings will be given preference in these scholarships. Forms to apply for a scholarship are located at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=420>.

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## Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The 2014 Kansas 4-H Scholarship form-fillable application can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479>. 4-H members wanting to apply must have completed applications to the Extension office by 5pm on Friday, January 24. Scholarship 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. A complete list of scholarships will be in the January Kansas 4-H Journal. Graduating seniors and college students are encouraged to apply.

# National Opportunities

## Citizenship Washington Focus

There are still about 20 spots left to attend Citizenship Washington Focus. A minimum of 40 youth are needed in order for the trip to work. Currently there are 24 youth signed up to go. This is a great opportunity for youth to visit their nation's capitol, visit with their legislators and participate in Citizenship Washington Focus at National 4-H Headquarters. A special perk for 2014 delegates is that they will be in Washington D.C. for the 4th of July! Delegates will get to watch a beautiful fireworks display over our nation's capitol! For more information, please visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=456>. It is best to sign up sooner rather than later!

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Horse Panorama** will be held January 24-26 at Rock Springs.

**Regional Club Day** will be held March 15.

**Livestock Judging Clinic/Contest in Shawnee County** will be held March 22. *Registration will be from 12-12:45pm and the contest will start at 1pm. More details to come next month.*

**Camp registration and camp counselor registration** will be due April 1. *Please plan accordingly and stay tuned for more details.*

**Fantastic Four 4-H Camp** will be June 8-11.

## Don't Forget!



### 4-H County Council Meetings

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every other month at 7pm starting on November 4.

On the off-month of Council meetings the newly elected Officers will have meetings which will also occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7pm starting on December 2. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

### 4-H Calendar for 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 Johnson County 4-H Calendar is now available. This is great for returning and new 4-H families to use as a reference for upcoming 4-H events and deadlines. This year we have created a Google calendar. It can be viewed at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms). You can share the calendar with your own Google calendar and it will automatically sync with any additions or changes that might be made. The calendar is updated throughout the year as events are scheduled. You can also check Clover Clips for updates on event dates and deadlines.

### 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. 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).

Check out [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms) for the 2014 4-H calendar.

### December

- 2 - Enrollment & Participation forms due to Extension office
  - 2012-13 Club Financial Report & 2013-14 Club Organization Report due to office
  - Council Officers meeting
  - SpaceTech Camp registration due
- 7 - Ks. Jr. Beef Producer Day in Manhattan, for details: [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu)
- 17 - Food Fair planning meeting
- 20 - Deadline to sign up to be on Council Committees
  - Day with the Lady Cats registration due

### January

- 6 - County Council meeting
- 10 - Club Day registration/payment deadline
- 15 - Citizenship in Action online registration due
- 17 - Dog Judge Training registration due to the State 4-H office
- 24 - 4-H Scholarship applications due to office
- 24-26 - Horse Panorama at Rock Springs
- 25 - 10th Annual Food Fare

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### Clover Clips News

Clover Clips will no longer be password protected on the website. We hope this will make Clover Clips more accessible to all of our 4-H'ers.

**Submission Deadline** - The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2014 4-H Calendar at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms) for the deadline for that month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Christin at [christin.bartels@jocogov.org](mailto:christin.bartels@jocogov.org).

### Johnson County 4-H on Facebook



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# Leader Update



## e-Forum 2013-2014



### North Central Region Volunteer e-Forum 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum will be broadcasted from local county Extension offices. Participation will be as simple as connecting with your local 4-H Youth Development Extension Professional. Join with other 4-H volunteers in your community and across the 12-state North Central Region to learn cutting edge information that will help you work effectively with 4-H members. Session topics include Working with Parents, Engaging Teens and Older Youth in 4-H, Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience, and Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects.

Registrations are now open for all sessions. Please click on the session title to register. Register for each session separately. Registered groups/participants will receive reminder e-mails, and the link to the session recording. Please register even if you cannot attend the live session, by registering, you can attend later.

[Watch the Information and Promotion Video](#)

#### [Session Descriptions](#)

#### Registration links:

[You've got 4-H Parents: Now What?](#) - Monday, November 18, 2013 \*\*Registration is closed, the event has been held. It was recorded and here is the link to view the recording:

<https://learn.extension.org/events/1261>

[Engaging Teens and Older Youth](#) - Tuesday, December 3, 2013

[Using Technology to Enhance your 4-H Experience](#) - Tuesday, January 14, 2014

[Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects](#) - Monday, February 3, 2014

**Time: 7-8:30pm Central Time for all sessions**