



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

As the leaves fall and the crops are being harvested it always triggers time for reflection upon the year's programs. Please join us on November 16 to help celebrate the efforts of our club leaders and successes of our youth over this past 4-H year. We say good bye to one 4-H year as the New Year is off to a great start. The first 4-H Council meeting will be November 4 at the Extension office. We look forward to seeing all 20 clubs represented at the meeting. - Tara

Enrollment Forms

All enrollment forms for returning 4-H'ers are due to the Extension office by Monday, December 2. Check with your club leader to see if your club has an earlier deadline. Although enrollment forms are due December 2, enrollment is open to new 4-H families all year. Enrollment forms for 4-H members and Cloverbuds are posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

The Project Guide is online at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. The Project Guide has been modified to cater to Johnson County specifically. We hope this guide will explain projects better to new 4-H families.

4-H Council Representation

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of every other month at 7pm starting on November 4. This first meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation at, as the new County Officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a position be present for the meeting.

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

4-H Group Classes & Meetings

Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer Information Profile (VIP) Orientation is one of the required steps to becoming VIP certified. The following explains which individuals need to complete the VIP process.

Definition of a 4-H volunteer:

1. Registered VIP = A volunteer, 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 them in close, ongoing, one-to-one interaction with youth. (Examples: judging team coach, community/organizational leader, project leader, camp assistant or counselor, Discovery Days or other event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, county-wide project leader, etc.)

2. Episodic Volunteer = An episodic volunteer would be a volunteer helping with a single "episode" or activity. This person is **not** required to complete the VIP process. Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, assistant fair superintendents, guest speakers, etc.

There are two options available to complete this required orientation:

1. An in-person VIP orientation will be offered on Saturday, November 2 from 9-11:30am. Training will take place at the Extension office. The deadline to RSVP has been extended until Friday, November 1 at midnight. Click the following link to register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b80eUlcq3aeD8HMZuaXIvoUgqT5gIMiXzq6mSdls4Yo/viewform>. The upcoming orientation is open to anyone, whether you have filled out the VIP application or not. There will be applications at the orientation for you to fill out.

-OR-

2. An online VIP orientation can be completed by clicking the following link <http://www.kansas4-h.org/onlinetraining/main.aspx?type=4-H>. This interactive orientation is a series of videos and quizzes and takes about 1 hour to complete.



County-wide Photography Meeting - *Macrophotography*

Come to the Central Resource Library Meeting Room, 9875 W. 87th St., on November 23 from 1-2pm to learn how to make your own microscope using simple materials and your smart phone or other point and shoot digital camera. We will construct and then use our new equipment to photograph items close up and explore the patterns in objects. Cost for supplies will be under \$10. Please RSVP to the Ladd family at theladds5@gmail.com so enough supplies will be available.

Save the Date!

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

Johnson County 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. Stay tuned for more details.

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

State & Local Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Applications Due November 1!

The application process will include the following:

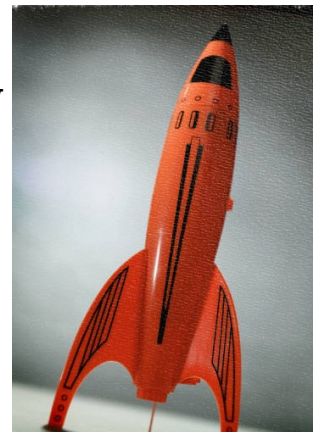
1. Application form/essay completed by 4-H'er due Friday, November 1, 2013 to the Johnson County Extension office.
The application packet can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.
2. 4-H Club Leader Recommendation Form due to Johnson County Extension office by Friday, November 1, 2013.
3. Applicant will receive an email or phone call to schedule leader and team interviews to be held Wednesday, November 20, 2013, in the evening.
4. Applicant will be notified of application status no later than December 16, 2013.

Swine Day

KSU Swine Day will be held on November 21 at the KSU Alumni Center. Registration is \$25 and due by November 9 or \$35 at the door. For more information please view the brochure at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Camp

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team is partnering with the Rock Springs 4-H Center and Kansas 4-H to sponsor a SpaceTech Camp January 3-5, 2014. The program will start with dinner on Friday evening and end at 2pm on Sunday afternoon at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City. This techy weekend camp will offer participants introductory level activities in rockets, robotics, and astronomy. There will be four hours of activities and programs in astronomy, five hours in rocketry and five hours in robotics with everyone rotating in groups. Open to 10-14 year-old 4-H'ers, all youth must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Volunteer leaders and parents are also welcome. Registration can be found at <http://www.cvent.com/events/kansas-4-h-space-tech-camp/event-summary-54f19cc707ac4c0cb21d036c183167c2.aspx> and is due by December 2.



Dog Judge Certification Training

4-H dog judge certification training will be held January 31-February 2, 2014 in Wichita, Kansas at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 21st 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. This is also a good opportunity for local project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and thus better understand how they will be judged at Invitational and the State 4-H Dog Show. More details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H website as they become available. <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=426>

National & International Opportunities

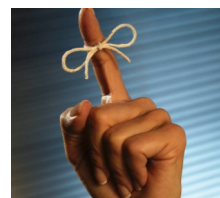
Applications due November 4 for 2014 Outbound Exchanges

4-H members between the ages of 12 and 19 have the possibility of traveling to Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, Norway and Tanzania next year. All the programs except Tanzania are one month including a home stay with a host family for most of the month. Tanzania is a two-week group experience in a dormitory environment. Japan has an option for an additional month stay with a Tokyo family while taking daily language and culture training before the home stay elsewhere in Japan.

Twelve-year-olds may participate in the Japan Exchange. All other exchanges have a minimum age of 15 except Australia which has a minimum age of 16 years. All programs except Japan and Costa Rica have a maximum age of 19. (Japan and Costa Rica have a cut off at 18.) A comparison chart, individual flyers, and a new application form are posted on the Kansas 4-H web site. 4-H alumni ages 19 to 25 may apply for individualized programs of 6 weeks to 6 months in partner countries Europe, Asia, Africa or Latin America. Options will be similar to those described in the IFYE Representative flyer currently on the 4-H web site.

Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by November 4 with interviews on December 7 in Manhattan for all programs. Questions can be directed to Beth Shanholtzer Stuewe at bshanholtzer@gmail.com.

Don't Forget!



Achievement Celebration

The 2013 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, November 16 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2013 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 award recipients will start at 1:15pm. This year desserts will be served. The awards ceremony will start at 2pm. RSVP is required and is due to the Extension office by Friday, November 8. Please e-mail Christin to RSVP at christin.bartels@jocogov.org. There will be a slide show presentation this year. If you would like to submit pictures from this year's 4-H activities you may submit up to two pictures per 4-H'er. Please e-mail them to Sam Reese at smileysami13@gmail.com.

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. 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.

Shooting Sports - 2013 Fall Match Results

Over the course of 3 Saturdays beginning on September 21, members of Johnson County Shooting Sports attended State matches. These individuals had to shoot minimum qualifying scores to get to the State Match in their discipline. All of these individuals did a great job by making it to the State Match. Several did well enough to bring home State awards and are listed below.

We had 18 individuals at the State Archery Match. Weather conditions were perfect, leading to many exceptional scores. Ethan Eccles secured a spot on the Kansas National team in Recurve (Olympic) Archery next summer in Nebraska.

Junior Bare bow

Milton Lee	FITA – 2 nd , Overall – 2 nd
Amy Ullrich	FITA – 5 th , 3-D – 4 th , Overall – 4 th
Ethan Wheeler	FITA – 3 rd , Overall – 5 th
Austin Woodard	3-D – 5 th

Senior Bare bow

Emma Ullrich	FITA – 4 th , Overall – 4 th
JOCO Bare bow Team (Milton Lee, Amy Ullrich, Emma Ullrich, Ethan Wheeler)	– 1 st place

Junior Olympic

Milton Lee	FITA – 2 nd , 3-D – 2 nd , Overall – 1 st
Chase Eccles	3-D – 1 st , Overall – 5 th
Ethan Wheeler	3-D – 5 th

Senior Olympic

Ethan Eccles	3-D – 3 rd , Overall – 5 th
JOCO Olympic Team (Ethan Eccles, Chase Eccles, Emma Ullrich, Amy Ullrich)	– 2 nd place

Junior Compound Bow hunter

Chase Eccles	FITA – 3 rd
JOCO Bow hunter Team (Ethan Eccles, Chase Eccles, Austin Woodard, Liza Rogers)	– 3 rd place

We had 3 individuals at the State Hunting Skills Match. Team Eccles defended their team title.

Junior

Chase Eccles	Wildlife I.D. – 1 st , Compass – 1 st , Test – 2 nd , Overall – 1 st
Sadie Bird	Wildlife I.D. – 4 th

Senior

Ethan Eccles	Wildlife I.D. – 1 st , Compass – 3 rd , Test – 4 th , Overall – 2 nd
JOCO Hunting Skills Team (Ethan Eccles, Chase Eccles)	– 1 st place

We had 6 individuals at the State Small bore Rifle Match. Competition was tough, with several serious shooters in attendance.

Junior

Kenton Smith	Kneeling – 5 th , Silhouette – 4 th
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Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms
for the 2014 4-H calendar.

November

- 1 - Jo. Co. Ambassador Applications due to Extension office
- 2 - VIP Orientation
- 4 - County Council meeting
 - Applications due for '14 Outbound Exchange
- 9 - Swine Day registration due
- 16 - Achievement Celebration
- 22-24 - State Leadership Weekend

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

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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 20th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2014 4-H Calendar at 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.

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.

Leader Update

VIP Process

As a reminder here are the steps to becoming VIP Certified:

- 1) Fill out the VIP Application found at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H673.pdf>. It is important that this application be complete. Missing information will slow the process down.
- 2) We will send reference checks to all 3 of your references.
- 3) We check all of our volunteers on the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and Kansas Adult Supervised Population Electronic Repository System (KASPERS) websites.
- 4) Once at least 2 references have responded and you clear the KBI and KASPER checks we will send you an acknowledgment e-mail telling you how to continue on to orientation.
- 5) Once you complete orientation we will submit your file to the VIP Review Committee. The Review Committee then submits a list of names for Extension Board approval.
- 6) Once the Board approves you, you are officially VIP Certified and will receive confirmation of your VIP certification.

Once you are VIP certified you will only have to fill out VIP renewals annually. Renewals can be found at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H953.pdf>.

Club Reports Due Soon!

If your club has not already turned in the Club Organization Report and Annual Financial Report remember these reports are due to the Extension office by 5pm on December 2, 2013.

Club Organization Report

As your club kicks off the 2013-2014 4-H year with electing new officers and forming new committees, club leaders will also need to take a few moments to complete your club's 2013-2014 Club Organization Report. The report is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubLeaders. We ask club leaders to submit this form to the Extension office by 5pm on December 2, 2013.

Annual Financial Report

Clubs are also required by Extension law to submit an Annual Financial Report. This is a report that your club treasurer should be able to complete with the help of an adult volunteer. This report is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubLeaders. This form is also due to the Extension office by 5pm on December 2, 2013. This report is required to keep your club in good standing. Feel free to contact Tara at tara.markely@jocogov.org if you have any questions about completing the form.

Enrollment and Participation Forms

Please remember as well that enrollment and participation forms for all returning 4-H'ers are due to the Extension office by 5pm on December 2, 2013. There is a new enrollment form for the 2013-2014 year and it can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.