



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Spring is quickly approaching and the thought of weather changes and 4-H work abounds! Opportunities are always available to improve upon old or new ideas.

"It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad."-C. S. Lewis

Here's to a bright and healthy spring! -Tara

2015 Johnson County 4-H Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day starts at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday, March 7, 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. Registration has already closed, but we encourage everyone to come and support those 4-H'ers participating in the day's events. The room schedule and room monitor sign up are posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubday.

-- Don't Forget to Order Your Johnson County 4-H T-shirt! --

We have created an online form for 4-H families to place an order for Johnson County 4-H t-shirts. Orders that are placed by Wednesday, March 4, can be paid for and picked up during Club Day on March 7. The link to the order form is on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcouncil. There is also a PayPal link on this page to pay for your order using a credit card. The cost per shirt is \$10. There are youth sizes small to XL and adult sizes small to XL and 3XL.

Club Day Food Stand

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors will be sponsoring a food stand during Club Day on March 7, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The money raised will go towards funding scholarships for Johnson County 4-H members to attend county and state events. Breakfast, lunch and snack items will be available. Please plan to stop by and support the Ambassadors in this effort! Thank you!

Regional Club Day

Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at Eudora High School. 4-H'ers receiving a top purple ribbon at County 4-H Club Day have the opportunity to represent Johnson County at regionals.

Results from County Club Day will be posted Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Those individuals receiving a top ribbon will need to inform Amanda by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9, if they plan on attending Regional Club Day. We apologize for the time crunch, however the Regional Club Day planning meeting is being held on Tuesday, March 10.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Photography Project Upcoming Meetings

No meeting in March due to Club Day and Spring Break.

Portrait Studio Tour Meeting - On Saturday, April 4, from 2:30-4 p.m. we will meet at the portrait studio of James Ferris to learn about portrait photography, lighting, and composition techniques. You will have an opportunity to practice your skills with professional lighting. In addition to portrait photography, Mr. Ferris has also taught photography classes to high school students. His website is www.jamesferrisphotography.com and the address is: 1427 W. 9th Street, Suite #410, Kansas City, Mo. 64101.

Please RSVP by March 31 to theladds5@gmail.com or text 913-530-0316 so we can plan for the instructional materials.

Countywide Rabbit Project 2015 Meeting Dates and Locations

March 5 and April 9 - Open Class Building, Johnson Co. Fairgrounds

June 2 - Green Building, Johnson Co. Fairgrounds

All meetings are from 6:30-8 p.m. (Watch upcoming issues of Clover Clips for meeting topics.)

Questions? Contact Susan Rogers at 913-226-6167, srcgateway2000@gmail.com or Maribeth Finley at 913-208-3921, finleyfarms@embarqmail.com.

Archery 4-H SPIN Club Registration

Johnson County Archery 4-H SPIN Club registration will open March 10. Registration information will be posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hspin. A \$30 equipment fee will be collected at the first class. The main focus will be on covering beginning archery, but work will also be done with those that have more advanced skills. This SPIN club is a pre-requisite for joining the Match Practice Group which meets during the summer and has very limited space available.



Archery 4-H SPIN Club will meet on April 12, 19, 26, and May 3, 10, 17, in Spring Hill from 2-3:30 p.m. This is an outdoor event and in the event of bad weather make-up days will be determined. You must be there for the first meeting, since most of the safety topics will be covered that day. Class is taught by Kansas Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Instructors. Safety will be a top priority.

Participants need not be current 4-H members, but must be between 4-H ages of 9-18 (as of January 1, 2015). Last year's participants may take the class again. There will be openings for 30 youth. This is the only opportunity to get this instruction in the 4-H Shooting Sports Archery project this year. Spots could fill up quickly, so don't delay in registering. In addition to the \$30 equipment fee, participants will be required to turn in a SPIN Enrollment Form and a Kansas 4-H Participation Form. Contact Arn Eccles at eccles@embarqmail.com for more information. After registration has closed, participants will be contacted with more details. Some information will also be posted on the JOCO 4-H Shooting Sports website at www.4-Hshootingsports.com (click on Archery Club Calendar).

Beekeeping 4-H SPIN Club

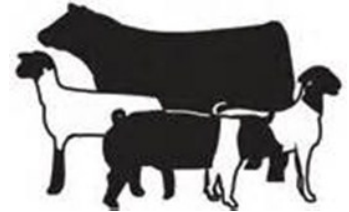
This SPIN club will meet most Sundays starting March 29, and will help youth learn about the importance of bees to our agriculture and how to raise domestic bees. Areas of study will be the types of bees, the honey and wax they produce, the plants that attract bees, and the equipment a beekeeper needs. Participants will learn basic beehive care, as well as how to extract and bottle honey.

Registration is now open and is limited to 20 participants. Cost to register is \$20. The registration link is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hspin.

Local Opportunities

2015 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Registration details and more information about each show can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hlivestock.



Spring Beef Show - April 18

The Spring Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 18, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by April 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after April 1. All market steers and heifers will be weighed from 7-9 a.m. on Saturday morning. 4-H Beef project members not showing in the Spring Beef Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 17, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Spring Goat Show - May 23

The Spring Goat Show will be held Saturday, May 23, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after May 1. Weigh-in will be 7-8 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Goat project members not showing in the Spring Goat Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Spring Sheep Show - May 23

The Spring Sheep Show will be held Saturday, May 23, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, beginning at 11 a.m. or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show. Pre-registration is due by May 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after May 1. Weigh-in will be 8-9 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Sheep project members not showing in the Spring Sheep Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Spring Swine Show - May 24

The Spring Swine Show will be held Sunday, May 24, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after May 1. Weigh-in will be 7-9 a.m. 4-H Swine project members not showing in the Spring Swine Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Spring Bucket Calf Show - May 24

The Spring Bucket Calf Show will be held Sunday, May 24, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, beginning at 1 p.m. or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swine show. Pre-registration is due by May 1. The entry fee is \$10 per head, then goes up to \$20 per head after May 1. Weigh in will be 8-10 a.m. 4-H Bucket Calf project members not showing in the Spring Bucket Calf Show will be allowed to weight their animals from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

Johnson County Horse Club 2015 Shows and 2015 District Horse Show

The show bill and entry form for the 2015 Horse Shows put on by the Johnson Co. Horse Club is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hlivestock. Countywide level testing will be offered at the May 16th show.

The 2015 East Central District Horse Show is scheduled for July 7, at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds in Lawrence. Deadline for entries is June 15. For more information visit the District Horse Show links at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=425>.

Local Opportunities

Cooking Camps and Classes

Summer Cooking Day Camps

There are two options available this year for the Cooking Camp: June 16-18 or July 14-16. Both sessions will feature the same recipes and activities. The Cooking Day Camps are open to youth ages 7-12 and are held at the Extension office from 9 a.m.-noon. Registration is now open and is \$50 per session. The registration link is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcamps.



Intro to Home Canning

Learn the basics of safe home canning. Food safety, basic cooking skills, and nutrition will also be covered. This is a perfect class for those interested in submitting fair entries. Class will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Extension office.

Registration for this class and other classes costs \$10, is open to youth ages 7-12, and can be found at https://events.jocogov.org/exc/dev_students.asp?action=browse&main=Extension+Classes&sub1=Family+and+Consumer+Sciences&misc=929.

Spring Fairgrounds Clean-up Day

March 21, 2015, starting at 8 a.m. will be the first major clean-up of the year for the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The Fair Board would like to invite any adults and older youth out to help with clean-up projects. If you have tools you would like to bring they would appreciate the extra support.

Fantastic 4-H Camp News

Fantastic 4-H Camp is June 6-9, 2015. This is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 7-12. 4-H membership is not required. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. There will also be singing songs by the campfire, making crafts and meeting new friends. Fantastic 4-H Camp is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, Ks. Transportation is provided.

Registration is open now until April 1. Visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcamps for more information about this camp and for directions on how to register and make your payment online.

This year a Kansas 4-H Participation Form and Camp Health & Medication Form are required to be filled out and turned into the Extension office by April 1. Please note, even if your child is not taking any medication, you must still fill out the Health & Medication Form putting "None" under *Medication Name*.

Sign up to be a Camp Counselor!

If you are interested in being a counselor for Fantastic 4-H Camp, the link to sign up is on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcamp. Adults and youth are needed as camp counselors. Youth must be at least 15 years old. Male counselors are always greatly needed. All counselors must be Registered Volunteers (or become a Registered Volunteer before camp) and have a participation form on file. For more information on becoming a Registered Volunteer visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer. Training for counselors will be given May 31 in Johnson County.

Local Opportunities

Countywide Junior Leaders

Next meeting: Thursday, **April 16**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Who is eligible? Any 4-H'er between the ages of 12-18 who is interested in expanding their leadership opportunities and further developing their leadership skills in a fun environment with other 4-H'ers from across the county!

New meeting date and time: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Please also visit the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hjuniorleaders for information about the summer 2016 Citizen Washington Focus delegation trip.

Important Deadlines to Remember

Adding/Dropping Projects

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is 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. This year and going forward, with 4HOnline 4-H families can update this information any time by simply editing the 4-H'er's profile. This option will be available until midnight on May 1 and then after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to 4-H'ers' projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Extension office.

Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Appropriate forms can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HLivestock.

KJLS and KSF Market Beef Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and/or the Kansas State Fair need to have nominations to the Youth Livestock office by May 1. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu.

State Opportunities

2015 Discovery Days

Registration - Registration for this year's Discovery Days, "Be MARVELous and make an IM-PACT," will open March 2, and closes April 15. Discovery Days is a one-of-a-kind overnight camp held on the campus of Kansas State University that gives all youth ages 13-18 an opportunity to explore 4-H projects and gain leadership and communication skills. This year Discovery Days will be held May 26-29. 4-H membership is not required. For more information about Discovery Days visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=418>. The application for need-based scholarships in the amount of \$100-\$150 is also posted on this website. Applications are due to the State 4-H office by March 15, and notification will occur no later than April 1.

Floor Counselors Needed - Responsible, mature and dependable young adults have the opportunity to serve as floor counselors for Discovery Days. Floor counselors will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks and making sure that delegates are safe in their rooms every night. Floor Counselors can expect to work evenings and early mornings. They will receive free room and board while at Discovery Days and a \$100 stipend. Floor Counselors should have been out of 4-H for at least one full year before applying. To apply, please fill out the information on the application form at <http://tinyurl.com/DD2015FloorCounselor>.

State Opportunities

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at K-State's Weber Hall in Manhattan, Ks. Presentations and demonstrations by a featured speaker(s), as well as K-State faculty will cover topics such as selection, facilities and general care, health and vaccinations, nutrition, and showmanship. This interactive workshop is designed for all ages and skill levels. All participants will receive a T-shirt, complimentary lunch, and educational materials. Watch the K-State Animal Sciences & Industry Youth Page at www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu for more information.

4-H Photo Adventure Camp

4-H Photo Adventure Camp is an exciting four day photographic experience for teens ages 13-16. The camp, held May 31-June 3, 2015 at Rock Springs 4-H Center, offers hands-on workshops covering a wide range of topics and skills. Campers supply their own camera equipment. Parents, project leaders and other 4-H volunteers who have completed the 4-H Volunteer Screening Process are invited to attend camp and learn along with the youth. Enrollment is limited so don't delay in registering for Photo Adventure Camp 2015. The registration fee is \$190 for youth or adults. Register online at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317>. Registration closes April 15.

4-H Shutterbug Photography Events

The Photo Action Team has scheduled two Shutterbug workshop events. Shutterbug events provide opportunities for youth to participate in hands-on sessions covering a variety of topics, such as lighting, composition, portraits and posing, camera Q & As, etc. Youth may choose from 7-8 sessions at each location. Dates and details are as follows:

Shutterbugs at Botanica (Wichita) - Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pay admission to Botanica (Adults \$7; Youth 3-12 \$5) at the door. No pre-registration or fees other than Botanica admission fee.

Shutterbugs at Lee Richardson Zoo (Garden City) - Saturday, May 2, 2015, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. No pre-registration. Fee: \$5 per person, maximum \$20 per family.

For more information about these events visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=427>.

Campference 2015

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2015) and will be held May 31-June 3, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the "camp" activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as youth go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full in 2014! Register online by May 1. Payment and participation form must be in the Extension office on May 1. Registration and detailed information is on the State 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=30>.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tailwaggers & Miami County Dog Show will be June 20, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.
Johnson County Agility/Rally-O Dog Show will be July 10, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.
2015 Kansas Junior Livestock Show will be October 2-4, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds.
48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge will be October 10-11.

REPORTER'S CORNER

2015 Ambassadors by Zach Nason, Great Plains Reporter

The newly elected Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors recently met for their first meeting. Ambassadors promote the 4-H program to groups and individuals through media and personal appearances, by organizing promotional events and activities, and supporting the K-State Research and Extension program. Ambassadors are chosen through an interview process in the fall of each year. Pictured to the right, your 2015 Johnson County 4-H ambassadors are (from left to right) front row: Zoe, Great Plains; Sabrina, Comet Tech; Olivia, Morning Glory; Ethan, Morning Glory; Grace, Oxford Hustlers; Jessica, Great Plains; back row: Nicholas, Comet Tech; Lucas, Morning Glory; Madeline, Morning Glory; Colette, Pioneer; Michaela, Lucky Clover; Marlaina, Oxford Hustlers. Not pictured are Abby, Great Plains and Leah, Stanley Buccaneers.



Special Treats on Valentine's Day by Lauren Katosh, Hands of Hope Reporter

Hands of Hope 4-H Club Food Project class celebrated Valentine's Day in a very special way! Our leader Mrs. Kreis taught us how to melt and dip chocolate and make fudge. We were taught basic skills to make our own fudge. The key to perfect homemade fudge was to make sure we heated it to the correct temperature. It was tricky to get it to "soft ball" stage. In the end each group made the best tasting fudge and hand dipped chocolate strawberries! What a perfect way to enjoy Valentine's Day getting to learn new skills and eat the end result. Yum!



Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have a new opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a new section within *Clover Clips* that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the *Clover Clips* submission deadline. Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

March

- 2 - County Council meeting
- 4 - T-shirt orders due for pick up at Club Day
- 5 - Countywide Rabbit Project meeting
- 7 - Club Day
- 9 - RSVP deadline to attend Regional Club Day
- 10 - Archery 4-H SPIN Club registration opens
- 28 - Regional Club Day
- 31 - Community Club Leader meeting

April

- 1 - Fantastic 4-H Camp registration CLOSES
 - Spring Beef Show pre-registration due
- 4 - Countywide Photography Project meeting
- 6 - County Council Officers meeting
- 9 - Countywide Rabbit Project meeting
- 11 - Johnson Co. Invitational Dog Show
- 16 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 17 - Weigh-in for Beef project members **not** showing in the Spring Show
- 18 - Spring Beef Show

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2014 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips 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 2015 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/

Leader Update

Community Club Leader Meetings

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings.

Upcoming meetings: March 31

*All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

If you have a conflict on these dates please contact Tara.

Club Reminders

Enrollment - Please help us with the process of getting all Johnson County 4-H members to an Active enrollment status in 4HOnline. You can do this by logging in to your club's account, clicking on "Search" at the top left of the page, and checking the "Status" of your club members and volunteers. If the member has completed and submitted an enrollment with Johnson County 4-H it will say either "Active," "Pending," or "Incomplete." If it says Active then their enrollment is complete for the 2014-2015 4-H year. If it says Pending then their enrollment is waiting for review by us at the county level. They will either be accepted (which changes their status to Active) or their enrollment will be sent back to them requesting additions or edits (this action changes their status to Incomplete). If their status is Incomplete then they need to make the additions/edits that were listed in the email they received from 4HOnline and re-submit their enrollment.

Please contact Christin with any questions. Thank you for your help with our new enrollment process!

Participation Forms - If you have not already turned in your club members' participation forms please do so as soon as possible. The participation form can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms>.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

Direct Volunteer: A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, countywide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.) **Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.**

Episodic Volunteer: A volunteer helping with a single "episode" or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

Indirect Volunteer: A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer.