



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## 4-H Families,

A big hardy THANK YOU goes out to all the Department Chairs and many volunteers who made the County Fair a huge success this year! Now is the time to get caught up on your Record Book. We hope you are all enjoying this great weather and looking forward to another fantastic 4-H year! All the best - Tara

## State Fair Entry Drop-off

Those projects that were registered for entry into the Kansas State Fair can be dropped off at the Extension office Tuesday, September 8 through Thursday, September 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be drop-off time available before the Council meeting on Tuesday evening and for 30 minutes after the meeting. Keep in mind that we have limited room in the van, so if you have any large items you may need to transport them yourself. Feel free to call the office if you have questions about size. Fresh food and flower entries can be brought in at the same time as all other entries, however (to help with freshness) we will accept them from 8-9 a.m. on Friday, September 11. Please note that this drop-off time is only available for food or flower entries, as the van will already be loaded with all other entries.

**IMPORTANT:** Please read the rules in the State Fair 4-H Handbook as well as check the Exhibit Area Downloads links for any class you entered in. A link to the handbook and the additional downloads links are posted at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46>.

To find the Exhibit Area Downloads link for your class:

- 1) Scroll down the page to find your Department.
- 2) Review all necessary forms and information for your entry.
- 3) We have all entry tags at the Extension office, but if there are other documents required you will need to print them off and bring them in with your exhibit.

We know this is a lot of information, please call the office if you have any questions.

## **Remember to Write Those Thank You Notes!**

This year's County Fair could not have been such a success without all the amazing donors and volunteers. A thank you note should be sent if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, and/or sold a project in the auction. Don't forget to send a thank you note to your department chairs as well. Please take this opportunity to let these gracious donors of awards and their time know how much we appreciate all that they do.

# Upcoming Events & Deadlines

## **Officer Training and Project Fair Event**

This year's Officer Training and Project Fair event will be held on Saturday, October 10, at the Extension office. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about officer roles is invited to attend officer training from 2-3 p.m. Presenters are needed to lead sessions. Please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-officer](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-officer). The Project Fair, where 4-H'ers will be available to answer questions about various project areas, will be from 3-4 p.m. and is open to everyone (both 4-H'ers and those interested in joining 4-H). Presenters are also needed for the Project Fair. Sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-project](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-project). If you have questions, please contact Susan and Olivia Rogers at 913-226-6167 (call or text) or [srgateway2000@gmail.com](mailto:srgateway2000@gmail.com).

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## **Record Books**

As you fill out your Record Books so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work any forms and information can be found on the website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html). Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books to them. You will submit ALL record books and applications to your club leaders. This includes but is not limited to your personal page, permanent records, KAPs, officer books, and pin applications.

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## **2015-2016 Enrollment**

Now that we have our first year of using 4HOnline under our belt it is time for our next learning experience: Reenrollment! Currently 4HOnline is closed to all current members and new families. This means new families cannot enroll for the 2015-2016 4-H year and current members cannot make any changes. The system will reopen on **October 1, 2015**. At that time new families may enroll 4-H members for the 2015-2016 4-H year and current families may reenroll 4-H members for the 2015-2016 4-H year. The State 4-H office has made a step by step brochure for reenrolling which we have posted on our website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/). We have also posted the State's brochure for enrolling for new families. Please read the brochure to assist your family in reenrolling, but here are a few tips to let you know about:

- Login to your family's existing profile. **DO NOT** create a new family account!
- Most data will pre-populate from the 2014-2015 year's data, but make sure you double check and edit items like: Volunteer Status (Yes or No), Volunteer Type (i.e. Project Leader, Secretary, etc.), Club, Projects, etc.
- If you are a Club Leader or Project Leader you will not be able to log in to your club/project until you have reenrolled and your enrollment has been accepted by our office.
- The Participation Form will be filled out online this year as part of the enrollment/reenrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.

As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

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## **Volunteer Orientation Dates**

One part of the Volunteer Screening Process is the orientation. You can either do this online or attend an in-person orientation. In-person orientations will be held at the Extension office.

Dates: October 12 – 6:30-8 p.m., October 17 – 10-11:30 a.m., October 21 – 6:30-8 p.m.

To register complete the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/97J0GehEHU>. Still have questions about becoming a Registered 4-H Volunteer? Please call the office or visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/) for more details.

# County Project Opportunities

## County Photography Judging Practice Meetings

Learn how to do photography judging and what is expected if participating in the state fair photography judging contest which will be on Sunday, September 13 in Hutchinson, Ks. All are welcome whether you plan to participate at the state level or not. This is a good opportunity to learn what the judges look for when judging for 4-H photo contests. These are the times and places. You need to be 4-H age 9 to go to the state contest, but 7-8 year olds may attend the practices.

- Sunday, August 23 from 3-4 p.m. at Harvest Ridge Covenant Church; 22015 Midland Dr., Shawnee
- Thursday, September 3 from 6:45-7:45 p.m. at Lackman Library; 15345 W. 87th St., Lenexa  
(Meet in the 16 person study room.)
- Wednesday, September 9 from 6:45-8 p.m. at Lackman Library study room
- Saturday, September 12 --If needed extra practice-- 3-4:15 p.m. at Lackman Library study room

**Please RSVP** to Bruce, Nina, and Grace Ladd at [theladds5@gmail.com](mailto:theladds5@gmail.com) or text 913-530-0316 so they know who to expect and how many study materials to bring.

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## Entomology Basics Class

There will be an Entomology Basics class on September 26, 2015 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Extension office. Topics that will be discussed include: What is entomology?, Tools for collecting, Storing, Thawing, Pinning, Labeling... navigating [www.bugguide.net](http://www.bugguide.net), and the new state rules (see paragraph below). Please use the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/2wZKZ5OqKo> to RSVP by September 21.

### **4-H Entomology Rule Changes for Kansas State Fair**

There are new rules for 4-H Entomology at the State Fair. These new rules will not be required until 2016. State Fair division rules and a tip sheet explaining the changes can be found at <http://entomology.k-state.edu/extension/4-h-and-youth/>. Start working on these changes now so you will be all ready for the 2016 fair season.

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## New 4-H shooters: Don't miss this important Shooting Sports deadline!

Enrollment for the fall 2015 BB Gun 4-H Special Interest (SPIN) Club will open on **September 14** and only online entries will be accepted at the following link: [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/).

The BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club offers an intensive 6-session introduction to 5-meter competitive BB shooting in the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions, with some test knowledge of NRA and Daisy BB Gun curriculums. Everyone shoots the same model gun and the club has a sufficient supply of guns that you do not have to own one in order to participate. BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club is open to youth who will be at least 9 years old as of January 1, 2016, and will meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. from October 15 through November 19 in the Green Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner.

Once BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club is complete, those participants who show interest and affinity may be invited to join the competitive squad for the regular 4-H BB gun season, which lasts from November to the state 4-H championship in early April. Although 4-H does not offer a national-level championship in BB gun, Daisy Corporation sponsors the annual Daisy National BB Gun Championship in Arkansas, for which Johnson County 4-H fields a team each year, selected from the year's competitive squad.

The BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club not only gives youth a full competitive experience in BB, it also is a required prerequisite for some of the other 4-H shooting disciplines, including 10-meter air rifle, 50-meter small bore rifle, and muzzle-loader. If you are new to 4-H BB gun, **you must enroll in the program** through the SPIN program. Simply enrolling in 4-H Shooting Sports **does not guarantee the opportunity to shoot**. BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club ensures inexperienced shooters have a safe and manageable introduction to the sport and puts potential competitive participants on a solid track toward long-term success in the more advanced disciplines.

Enrollment numbers for the fall 2015 BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club will be capped and the course **will fill up quickly**. So if you want to shoot, do not delay in enrolling.

If you have any questions about these requirements or any other aspects of the Shooting Sports program, go to [www.4-HShootingSports.com](http://www.4-HShootingSports.com), e-mail [rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com](mailto:rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com), or see our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/JoCo4HShootingSports](http://www.facebook.com/JoCo4HShootingSports).

# Local Opportunities

## **Countywide Junior Leaders**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, September 17, 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

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## **American Royal Youth Leadership Day**

Be a leader in agriculture, interact with emerging professionals, and explore career opportunities at the 5th Annual Youth Leadership Day September 26, 2015. The \$25 registration fee includes conference materials, pizza and Pro-Rodeo admission. To learn more visit

[www.AmericanRoyal.com](http://www.AmericanRoyal.com).

## **American Royal Entry Deadlines**

The 2015 American Royal Livestock Show entry deadline is September 10, 2015. Online entries are due September 8, 2015. **Note:** All market animal entries must already have DNA on file this year at the American Royal. The website is [www.AmericanRoyal.com](http://www.AmericanRoyal.com).

## **Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraising Event**

The fall Paper Clover promotion will be held at Tractor Supply Company October 7-18. Money donated from purchases will be given to the Johnson County 4-H program! If your group is interested in helping out with a booth to promote Johnson County 4-H contact Tara.

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## **48 Hours of 4-H**

Join others around Kansas this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, October 10-11, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find more information at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=595>.

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## **Become a Johnson County 4-H Ambassador!**

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Do you love to tell your 4-H story? Then apply to be a 2016 Johnson County 4-H Ambassador! The application and more information can be found on our website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html). Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to fill out and turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on November 2.

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## **County Council Elections and Information**

Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. starting on November 2. This meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, 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 occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7 p.m. starting on December 7. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

# State Opportunities

## **Kansas 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl**

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 17-18 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme is "All About that Dog." Registration will be through the CVent 4-H system at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317> with registration due by September 25. Cost is \$95 for full-time participants, \$65 for Saturday only and \$45 for Sunday only. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered online for an additional cost.

## **Apply to be on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council**

Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H 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 (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, Campference and other events. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2016 may apply. The Youth Leadership Council application link can be found on the KYLF webpage on the State 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=419>. The application deadline is October 1.

## **Join the Discovery Days Task Force Team**

Do you love Discovery Days? Then apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force! Applications are due by October 1. The application and a position description can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=418>. Decisions will be made by November 1 as to who will be accepted.

## **2016 Scholarship Applications Available**

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Form can be found by visiting <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479>, this is the only form that will be used for the 2016 4-H scholarships. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

# National Opportunities

## **Apply for the National 4-H Conference**

National 4-H Conference information and applications are now posted on the State 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=458>. Applications will be due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on September 25, 2015. If you have any questions about the National 4-H Conference contact Tara.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**National 4-H Week** will be October 5-10. (More information to come from the Promotional Committee)

**New Family Orientation** will be November 7 at the Extension office.

**Johnson County 4-H Achievement Celebration** will be November 14 at the Fairgrounds.

**Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend (KYLF & KVF)** will be November 20-22.

**2016 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification** will be January 29-31 (tentatively in Nemaha County).

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Lucky Clover 4-H Club \* Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club \* Prairie Star 4-H Club**

Winners of the Johnson County 4-H Council's Food Stand Club Award!

These three clubs had the highest percentage of their members work their club's Food Stand shift during the Johnson County Fair. Each Club will receive a \$100 award.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard this year to make the 4-H Food Stand such a success!

## REPORTER'S CORNER

### **Johnson County Horse Club** Madison Brown, reporter

WOW, we are having a great show season thus far! Several of the Horse Club members were busy in June showing their horses.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, five members, Faith, Brynn, Peyton, Maddie and Sydney, showed at the 4-H show in Lawrence. Two members, Jenna and Madison, traveled to Topeka to compete in the Kansas Buckskin Show for two days, on the second day Sydney joined them. All seven of these ladies had great shows.

On Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, seven of the members, Faith, Brynn, Jenna, Peyton, Maddie, Ava and Sydney, showed at the KSHSC show in Lawrence. All of them had a very successful show.

On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, a few of the club's members showed in Tonganoxie at the KSHSC circuit show. Due to the wet conditions of the arena the three ladies only showed in Halter and Showmanship. Faith placed 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in the Halter class and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in Showmanship. Madison placed 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in Showmanship. Jenna placed 3<sup>rd</sup> under both judges in the Halter class and 1<sup>st</sup> under both judges in Showmanship. All these ladies did great and represented the Horse Club well!

### **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.

## September

- 7 - Labor Day, office closed
- 8 - State Fair Entry drop-off at office
  - County Council meeting
- 9 - State Fair Entry drop-off at office
- 10 - State Fair Entry drop-off at office
- 11-20 - Kanas State Fair in Hutchinson
- 14 - BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club enrollment opens
- 17 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 26 - Entomology Basics Class

## October

- 1 - 4HOnline open for Enrollment/Reenrollment
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 4-10 - National 4-H Week
- 7-18 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 10-11 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 12 - Volunteer Orientation
- 13 - Record Book Judging
- 15 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 17 - Volunteer Orientation
- 21 - Volunteer Orientation
- 29 - Community Club Leader meeting

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2015 4-H calendar.

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## Clover Clips 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 2015 4-H Calendar at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) 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 is now on Twitter!**

Follow [@jocoks4h](https://twitter.com/jocoks4h).



**Johnson County 4-H on Facebook**

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# Leader Update

## **2015-2016 4-H Enrollment**

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- The Participation Form will be filled out online this year as part of the enrollment/reenrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.

As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

**Note to Leaders:** We are working with the State 4-H office to find the best way to get you a hard copy form of the information that families input online for the Participation Form portion of enrollment. We will keep you updated on the progress. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for understanding.

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## **End of Year Forms on the Club Leader Resource Page**

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html). There are links to all the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year and turned in to the Extension office; including a Club Leader Checklist. While on this page you will also notice that many of the documents have a new option where they can be filled out online through Google Docs and will be automatically submitted to the Extension office.

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## **Record Book Judging**

Record book judging will start at 6:45 p.m. on October 13 in room 1055 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging.

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## **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.

**Next meeting:** October 29

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

If you have a conflict on this date please contact Tara.



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## **Volunteer Orientation Dates**

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## **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.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/).