



Clover Clips

A newsletter for 4-H families

Announcements

Congratulations!

Four members of the Johnson County 4-H Horse Club recently had the privilege to attend the 2025 Western Roundup Nationals in Denver, Colorado. This team of four won Hippology at the 2024 Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama which gave them an opportunity to compete at this national event, representing the state of Kansas. Over a span of three days, these youth competed against twelve other teams from different states in five sections of their Hippology competition: a test on slides of 50 questions, 100 question written exam, horse judging, questions in stations and 4 team questions. **Congratulations to Emma K., Gabby B., Izzy M., and Ann'adele K.!** Competitions like these are fun yet take hours of study sessions. We are so proud of you and know your hard work paid off in lifelong memories!



Regional Club Days

Date Announcement: The 2025 4-H Regional Club Days will be held **Saturday, March 29th** at Shawnee Heights Middle School in Topeka, Kansas.

Award Requirement Changes

Please take note of these achievement pin and officer pin changes:

The 10th, 11th and 12th year membership pin requirements have been updated to require the following: enrollment in the Leadership Project AND a completion of the age-appropriate project report form. View membership pin applications [here](#).

President and Vice President officers who wish to apply for their respective officer pin must now complete a form documenting their role in these offices. View officer pin applications

[here](#).

Additional requirement reminders:

Enrolling in the Leadership Project is a membership pin requirement that starts with the Year 7 (Leadership) pin and is a continued requirement for any membership pin thereafter. Please remember this when enrolling in projects (project enrollment additions can happen at any time until May 1st through 4-H Online).

If you plan to apply for the Key Award, please take note that enrollment in the Leadership Project for four or more years is a requirement.

New Awards

The County Awards Committee has been working to implement three new county awards. Here is a brief description of each one. More details to come in February as the committee works to finalize all details and application forms.

- **Johnson County 4-H Impact Award** (for an adult volunteer or community business that has made a long-time contribution to the 4-H program)
 - **Innovation Award** (celebrates 4-H clubs that have implemented a new program or practice that they consider to be innovative)
 - **Most Helpful 4-H'er** (honors a 4-H youth member that has gone above and beyond to support their club and the 4-H program)
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JCEEF Grant Applications

Have a great idea for an experience? Know of a County-Wide Project group that could use additional funding to broaden their reach or another educational learning opportunity that could benefit a large group of Johnson County youth?

Grant applications are open for the Johnson County Extension Education Foundation (JCEEF), now through February 14th. Applications will be reviewed by JCEEF. Applications can be mailed in or completed online [here](#).

4-H'ers have benefitted from this grant opportunity before through a speaker's series, photo stand displays for the County Fair, and continuing to fund background check fees for volunteers.

If you have any questions on if your idea would be a good submission, please feel free to reach out to Lexi or Cyla.

County Events & Updates

County Club Day

County Club Days will be held **Saturday, March 1st** at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner, KS. What event(s) would you like to register for? Refer to this [handout](#) for a list and description of the various events. **Please find the updated (for 2025) event guidelines [here](#).**

Registration is currently open and will close **January 24th, 2025**. Note: there are two registration forms - one for individual/duo/ensemble events and one for group/club events. Visit the club days [webpage](#) for registration links.

County-Wide Sewing Classes Resume

Attention sewers, sewing classes have resumed! Classes will be held each week from 6:30-8:30 PM on Thursdays until July 17th at the Johnson County Extension Office. Any skill level is welcome to come, please bring your machines. If you have any questions please contact Martha Powell, county sewing leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

County-Wide Knitting Project Meeting

The first knitting meeting will be held **Friday, January 17th** at 7:00 PM at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in the Open Class building. Please contact [Sarah Kallansrud](mailto:Sarah.Kallansrud@jce.org) with any questions.

STEM: Getting a Charge Out of Electricity - Second Session!

Due to the popularity of the class and the weather in January, we are opening a second session of this class!

Are you interested in learning about electricity? Do you wonder what makes the lights and TV turn on? Need help getting started with a fair project idea? A class will be held at the **Johnson County Extension Office** on **Thursday, February 20th at 6:00 PM** in Room 1060. You will learn about electricity and get hands-on experience with a circuit learning kit. A parent or guardian must be in attendance.

Topics will include:

- History of electricity
- What causes electricity
- Types of electrical circuits (using the learning kits)
- Insulators and conductors (also using the learning kits)
- Basic home electrical safety

Sign-up is **required** using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4wh7dn4a>

We are limiting the class size to ten (10) 4-H youth. If you see the class has been filled up and are still interested in attending, contact [Paul Voelker](mailto:Paul.Voelker@jce.org). Feel free to send an email if you have other questions.

Youth Promoting 4-H A Volunteer Opportunity

The annual Midwest Parent Educators (MPE) Conference is Friday and Saturday, April 4-5 at the KCI Expo Center. Johnson County 4-H will be hosting an information booth at the conference. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to promote 4-H to others outside of our community. You can bring a couple small projects to display, share your club historian books and project report forms, etc. You will be not only promoting Johnson County 4-H but you will be sharing 4-H to many from neighboring states.

If you are a current homeschooler, would you consider volunteering on Friday? For those in traditional schools, would you consider volunteering on Saturday? Volunteer sign-up information will be sent out soon!

For more information or if you have questions, contact Diane Eflin at diane.eflin@gmail.com.

County Fundraiser

Did you know? Your next grocery bill, gas tank fill-up, restaurant check, coffee run, and online purchase can help raise funds for Johnson County 4-H. RaiseRight is a fundraising program that turns everyday purchases into money for your cause. Join our RaiseRight program so you can buy gift cards to use as payment for everyday expenses and shop online through RaiseRight. Plus, with a mobile app available and instant access to your eGift card and reload purchases, you can buy gift cards and shop online through RaiseRight anytime, anywhere. Click the [link](#) to get started.



4-H Calendar Events

Check out all the available 4-H Projects and Events coming up in the next few weeks.

Thursdays January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 6:30 - 8:30 PM

County-Wide Sewing Meetings

All skill levels welcome, plan to bring your machines and projects.

Contact: [Martha Powell](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Friday, January 17th, 2025 7:00 PM

Johnson County Knitting Project Meeting

This is the first county wide knitting meeting to be held. Experienced or inexperienced knitters welcome.

Contact: [Sarah Kallansrud](#)

Location: Johnson County Fairgrounds (Open Class Building)

Monday, January 20th, 2025 6:00 PM

Johnson County Entomology Project Meeting

Join us on the third Monday of each month as we dive into the art of pinning insects! Whether you're a seasoned collector or just starting out, this hands-on meeting is perfect for anyone looking to improve their skills and take their insect collection to new heights. All skill levels welcome!

At our January meeting, we'll cover the basics of pinning, with the opportunity to practice your skills and get personalized feedback from experienced collectors. Plus, don't worry if you're not sure what species you've collected - we'll also have time for help identifying those tricky specimens.

Registration: None required

Contact: Patrick Delancy at patrick.delancy@gmail.com

Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Room #115 (13145 Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS)

Monday, January 20th

Johnson County Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day Observance

Monday, February 3rd, 2025 6:30 PM

Johnson County Council Officers Meeting

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Contact: [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#)

Sunday February 16th - Monday February 17th, 2025

Citizenship in Action

Monday, February 17th, 2025 6:00 PM

Johnson County Entomology Project Meeting

The February meeting will focus on insect anatomy. We will also discuss the life cycles of insects. There will also be time to practice and get help pinning and identifying any insects that you have already caught.

Registration: None required

Contact: Patrick Delancy at patrick.delancy@gmail.com

Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Room #115 (13145 Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS)

Thursday, February 20th, 2025 6:00 PM

Johnson County Electricity Project Meeting

Learn about electricity and get hands-on experience with a circuit learning kit. A parent or guardian must be in attendance.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4wh7dn4a>

Contact: [Paul Voelker](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1060

[View 4-H Calendar](#)

Upcoming Deadlines

January 24th - County Club Days Registrations Due

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February 5th - K-State Junior Swine Producer Day Registration Due - Register online [here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page for registration link).

February 17th - YQCA Scholarships Due - Visit the [YQCA website](#) for more information.

February 26th - K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Days Registration Due - Register online [here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page for registration link).

March 1st - State Scholarships & Vanier Family Scholarships Applications Due - Learn more about the scholarship process, click [here](#).

State Events & Updates

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action is a state 4-H event where Kansas youth learn about the state legislative process and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. 4-H members learn about the bill writing process, meet with legislators, tour the capitol building and more!

When: February 16-17, 2025

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration Deadline: January 24, 2025

Visit the [webpage](#) for more information.

Citizen Washington Focus

Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. This trip has filled up quickly in the last few years, make sure that

you do not delay in signing up to attend!

Trip dates: June 18th - 28th, 2025 (the trip will be in conjunction with Oklahoma 4-H)

Cost: \$2,500 (approximate)

Registration: Will open early February - Spaces will be limited!

Contact: Kansas4H@ksu.edu with any questions

Rock Springs Ranch Summer Camp

Summer Camp Registration is now OPEN - secure your spot today! Camp offerings include a mini camp, half week and full week sessions, teen leadership programs and several new specialty camps. Last year, we did reach capacity in a few sessions early in the registration process.

Registration is also open for the Counselors in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT) sessions. Registration for the Leaders in Training (LIT) and Counselors in Training (CIT) programs will be covered by generous philanthropic support from the Patterson Family Foundation. To apply, youth must complete a letter of interest.

Check out [Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch](#) for information and registrations. Transportation from Olathe is offered for sessions 1-8, check this link out for more information [Transportation - Rock Springs Ranch 4H Camp](#).

Partner Events

4-H Afterschool Cooking Program in Gardner

The Master Food Volunteers are offering a monthly afterschool cooking program in Gardner that is open to any 4-H'er who is interested! Sessions are usually held the first Thursday of every month from 3:30 PM -5:00 PM, Students will learn how to prepare various recipes and develop skills that are transferable to preparing foods for the fair and beyond. Cooking is an essential skill for life! Parents are encouraged to stay, learn, and participate with their youth. Participants will get to eat or take home food prepared during each session. Food safety, nutrition, healthy eating, physical activity, and other lessons will be incorporated into each session.

For session topics and to sign-up, visit the website here: [Afterschool Cooking Program \(k-state.edu\)](#)

Reporter's Corner

Read the latest Reporter's Corner to stay up to date on club happenings.

[Read Reporter's Corner](#)

Contact Us!

Clover Clips Submission

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the **15th** of each month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Erin at Erin.Yeung@jocogov.org

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For all 4-H related information, links, forms and resources

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Johnson County Extension resources and programs

Extension Website



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