



Clover Clips

A newsletter for 4-H families

Announcements

Reporter's Corner

Club reporters submit their 4-H related articles, and you get to read about the latest Johnson County 4-H Club happenings! Click the button below for some fun news and updates!

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Promote 4-H!

Johnson County 4-H will be hosting an information booth at the annual Midwest Parent Educators (MPE) conference on Friday and Saturday, April 4-5 at the KCI Expo Center. 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? The volunteer sign-up form can be found [here](#) with the available shifts. A parent/adult will be required to attend with the youth volunteer.

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

Take Note: Upcoming Event Dates

The Johnson County 4-H Food Fare will be held **Friday, March 28th** at 6:00 PM at the Johnson County Extension Office. The theme will be Farm to Table. More details to come soon!

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

Reminder: Scholarship Applications Due SOON

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship Applications are due by **March**

1, 2025, at 11:59 PM. The new scholarship process has combined the State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together.

To learn more about the scholarship process and apply, click [here](#).

YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal wellbeing, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for ages 7-21. This program is an annual certification that grows with the youth, so the learning modules are different every year.

Who needs to be certified?

- ALL Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: Youth ages 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2025 in order to exhibit at the fair.
- ALL Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: Youth ages 7 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification.

How do I get certified?

Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to YQCA [website](#). All registrations and payments are handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. (If a family needs financial support, contact the Extension office.)

Johnson County 4-H will hold two in-person trainings at the Extension office on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00 PM and Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 PM.

Registration is required to attend a training. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair. For more information visit the county [webpage](#).

NEW County Awards!

The county Awards Committee has been working to finalize three new awards that will be given at the annual Achievement Celebration. The three awards are:

- [The Most Helpful 4-H'er Award](#)
- [Johnson County 4-H Impact Award](#) (for individuals) / [Johnson County Friend of 4-H Award](#) (for businesses)
- [Johnson County 4-H Innovation Award](#)

Please click on each award to view the google document nomination form. More information regarding each award, nominations and deadlines are included on the forms.

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. Registration is now closed and those participants that registered will be receiving e-mail communications regarding information and details on performance time slot sign-ups. Performance time slot sign-ups will open Monday, February 3rd.

As you prepare for your events, please find the updated (for 2025) event guidelines [here](#).

Room monitors are an essential role for this event and ANYONE can sign up to room monitor. Even if you are not registered to perform in any event for this day, you can come to the event, watch other performances and volunteer to be a room monitor. Room monitor sign-ups will be coming soon.

Spring Break Leathercraft Class

Instructor Randy Cornelius will touch on the basics of leathercraft including some history of leather, how leather is made, and the basic seven tools used to carve floral designs on leather. This class is geared toward youth above the age of 12 and is simply an introduction for those who have never done leathercraft before. Hands on work of carving and tooling a design will be done on a leather coaster.

The class will be held on **Monday, March 17th**, from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM at the Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1060. The class fee is \$20 per participant. All the tools, leather, and other supplies will be provided. Each youth will also be supplied a leatherworking manual that is theirs to keep. Participants will need to bring two #2 lead pencils or a mechanical pencil, a 12" ruler, and a pair of scissors. The class is limited to 10 spots. **Preregistration is required** [here](#). Class participants need to bring their own sack lunch.

Contact [Randy](#) by email with questions about the class or by calling at 913-731-8301.

4-H Cooking Class: Bread Making

There is nothing better than the smell of fresh baked bread! Attend this hands-on class to learn the art of bread making. With a little practice you too can master a variety of breads special for all occasions! A special loaf of bread would be a great item to enter into the fair, plus your family and friends will enjoy eating your practice attempts! This class is for 4-H youth in the intermediate or senior age category.

Snacks and beverages will be provided for participants.

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 18th 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Registration: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/vvcf64y>

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.

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](#). Feel free to send an email if you have other questions.

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.

Monday, February 3rd, 2025 6:30 PM
Johnson County Council Officers Meeting
Location: Johnson County Extension Office
Contact: [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#)

Thursdays February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 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

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

February 3rd - Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama Registration Due

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](#).

March 7th - Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest Registration Due

State Events & Updates

SE Kansas Entomology Project Meeting

The SE Kansas Entomology group will meet at the Allen County Extension Office on **Saturday, February 8th** beginning at 1:00 PM. We will be working on pinning insects, so please bring 3 or 4 insects to pin. Make sure they have been in a relaxing chamber for at least 12 hours before the meeting. Our lesson will be on insect legs. We will also make an insect valentine craft - one for you to take home and one for the Senior Citizens Center. This will count as a Regional level community service project in your record books. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular T-Shirt Design Contest

Calling all creative 4-Hers! Try your hand at creating a design to go on the 2025 Insect Spectacular T-shirts. The contest will run from February 1st to March 3rd, 2025. Design must be submitted to Vicky Wallace by midnight March 3rd, 2025. You are creating the design for the graphic that will be on the T-shirts for participants at the 2025 Insect Spectacular (a State 4-H Entomology Workshop held each summer). You can use graphics of true scarab beetles or create your own artful images. No copyrighted clip art, photos or graphics may be used. This would be a great addition to your 4-H Record Book, especially for the Visual Arts, Entomology, and Leadership projects. Please view this [document](#) for all the contest instructions, rules and guidelines.

Host Families Needed for International Delegates

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? States 4-H and Kansas 4-H has a great opportunity for families to host a new international friend in your home this summer. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for families to host youth from Costa Rica: June 25 – July 19; Japan: July 21 – August 16; Norway: June 25 – July 19; and Taiwan: July 3 – August 2.

For more information on the delegates, hosting, program contact information and applications, please visit this [webpage](#).

Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest

Kansas 4-H, Kansas Quarter Horse Association, and EquiFest of Kansas are teaming up to host the 2025 Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The Contest will be held **March 21, 2025**, in conjunction with EquiFest of Kansas in Salina.

Two contests are available - an open contest and a 4-H contest. Kansas 4-H members (ages 9-18) are invited to participate in the 4-H contest and may also participate in the open contest.

Cost to enter the 4-H contest is \$25. Registration for the open contest is \$15. Coaches should register teams and individuals [here](#). Registration closes March 7th. Please be sure to read all rules prior to entry - [4-H Horse Judging rules](#).

Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

The 2025 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for **February 22-23, 2025** at Rock Springs. 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more. Every person who plans to attend Horse Panorama MUST register. Participants will be housed overnight in Rock Springs Housing. Registration is due February 3, 2025. Payment must be made by check.

Visit the 4-H Horse Panorama [webpage](#) for a schedule of events, costs and registration link.

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. All camp sessions are offered on a voluntary three-tiered pricing model based on the needs of families. For a description of the tiers and the pricing list, please visit this [webpage](#).

For families who are unable to pay the Tier 3 pricing, camperships are available through the generosity of donors to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. To apply for a campership, please complete the [Campership Application](#).

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

Kids in the Kitchen: Get Ready to Bake!

Come learn how to bake delicious yeast breads, quick breads and other tasty pastries! Participants will learn the science of the ingredients used to make a variety of breads and other baked goodies, will get hands-on experience in the kitchen, and receive a booklet of tasty recipes to make at home. This class is designed for ages 7-12 and hosted by the Extension Master Food Volunteers.

Date and Time: Friday, March 21st 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Cost: \$20

Registration: [Kids Cooking Classes](#)

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 \(k-state.edu\)](https://www.k-state.edu/afterschool-cooking-program)

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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