



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for 4-H families

## Announcements

### Looking Ahead: CWF 2026!

Citizenship Washington Focus is an unforgettable opportunity for teens, ages 14-18, to build leadership and communication skills through hands-on learning in Washington, D.C.

In June 2026, Johnson County will take a delegation of 10 4-H members on an exciting eight-day journey, visiting iconic landmarks like Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian, and Arlington National Cemetery, while exploring democracy and constitutional amendments.

This program equips youth to become future leaders and change agents in their communities.

Applications are due by **April 15th, 2025**. Don't miss out on this life-changing experience, click [here](#) to learn more or apply!



### County Opportunities

County Club Day is coming up on Saturday, March 1st. Please read the Club Days update below to find out all the ways you can participate. You didn't sign up to participate in an event? No worries, this event is still for you! There are plenty of ways for you to engage and participate in county level activities at this event.

### 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 nutrition, 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, swine, and/or bucket calf 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. Registrations and payments must be made through the [YQCA website](#) prior to attending a 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.)

Families are responsible for printing their YQCA certificate, having it on file with the Extension office, and bringing it to county fair. Additional details can be found here: [Johnson County 4-H Livestock](#)

**Johnson County 4-H will hold two in-person trainings at the Extension office:**

**Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00 PM**

**Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 PM**

## Livestock Tagging

All market and commercial breeding animals, including beef, sheep, goats, swine, and bucket calves, must be tagged by Extension staff on or before the designated tagging deadlines to be eligible to show in the 4-H division at the Johnson County Fair. The cost the Kansas 4-H EID ear tag is \$3 per animal. **Commercial breeding animals must now be tagged to align with state guidelines, which is a change from previous years.** Tagging dates and times are as follows and will all take place at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Species Tagged	Tagging Dates & Times	Last Date to Tag
All Species	April 18th 5:00 PM - 7:00PM	<b>Beef: April 19th</b>
Beef	April 19th 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Swine, Sheep, Goat, Bucket Calf: May 31st</b>
Small Livestock	May 30th 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Small Livestock	May 31st 7:00 - 9:00 AM	

If a family is unable to attend any of the tagging dates, they must either bring their animal(s) to the Extension office or pay a \$50 farm fee for Extension staff to travel to the location of the animal(s). All animals must be tagged on or prior to their species' last date to tag. Animals tagged after these dates will only be allowed to show in open class at the county fair unless prior arrangements have been discussed and approved by Extension staff, the Livestock Superintendent, and the Department Superintendent.

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## State Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning to show their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the KSU Youth Livestock office. Market beef nominations are due by **May 1**. Commercial heifer, swine, sheep, and meat goat nominations are due by **June 15**. Information regarding state livestock nominations, ordering DNA envelopes, and the nomination process can be found here: [State Livestock Nominations](#)

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## County Events & Updates

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### County Club Day

County Club Day will be held **Saturday, March 1st** at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner, KS. 4-H youth have signed up to showcase their performing arts talents and practice their public presentation skills through events like impromptu, demonstrations and speeches. Have you been curious about what this event is about? Come check it out! Sit in on presentations and see what others are doing and get inspired to participate in the future! Events run approximately from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. In addition to observing performances, read below for several ways to participate in the day!

- 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 volunteer to be a room monitor. We will train you on how to do it - it's easy! Room monitor time shifts are for approximately 30 minutes. **BONUS:** serving as a room monitor counts as one of the optional requirements on membership pin applications. Visit the room monitor sign up link [here](#).
- Would you like an opportunity to gain some experience in judging 4-H projects? Johnson County Extension Agents will be offering judging activities in Family and Consumer Sciences, Food and Nutrition, and Horticulture from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during Club Day. This a perfect time to learn about these projects and dip your toes into judging experiences. **BONUS:** this county level judging activity counts as one of the optional requirements on membership pin applications.
- The Johnson County Ambassadors will be sponsoring a concession stand during Club Day. The Ambassadors promote 4-H to the community, present to 4-H clubs and are 4-H advocates at a variety of local events. Proceeds from the concession sales support this group to do their work within 4-H and the community. Stop by for a drink, snack or lunch and support this group of leaders.

### Club Day Snack Donations

As usual we will be providing some refreshments in the judging room for county club day. We would love people to help with donations. We need fruit and veggie trays, chips and dip, cookies, and small snack items. Homemade treats are also welcome. If you would like to donate you can drop the items off by 8:00 AM at the front doors of Pioneer Ridge Middle School (16200 S. Kill Creek Rd. Gardner, KS). The committee will be there setting up and can make sure your snacks get to the judging room.

Thank you,  
Molly Mann, Comet Tech Club President and County Club Day Committee Member

Click [here](#) to sign up to donate items!

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# Regional 4-H Club Day

4-H'ers receiving a Top Purple ribbon placing at County Club Day will be invited to participate in Regional Club Day which will take place on Saturday, March 29 at Shawnee Heights High School.

And remember, 4-H'ers who are 4-H age 9 and older that receive a purple ribbon for a Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Project Talk, or Poetry/Prose are eligible to enter in the Kansas State Fair.

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## 2025 Food Fare

The 2025 Food Fare will be held on the evening of Friday, March 28th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Extension office. Food Fare is an opportunity for clubs to have a booth that showcases their creativity with food samples, decorations and activities based on a theme. This year's theme is "Farm-to-Table." Participants of Food Fare will tour each booth, try the food samples and participate in the activities. NEW this year - there will also be some fun judging activities. Visit the 4-H Food Fare [webpage](#) for details. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Extension office.

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## 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.

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## 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>

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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](mailto:diane.eflin@gmail.com).

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## 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.

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### **Sunday February 16th - Monday February 17th, 2025**

#### **Citizenship in Action**

**Location:** Topeka, Kansas

### **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](mailto: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

### **Thursdays February 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

### **Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday February 23rd, 2025**

#### **Kansas Horse Panorama**

**Location:** Rock Springs Ranch

[View 4-H Calendar](#)

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## Upcoming Deadlines

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**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

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## State Events & Updates

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### Tips & Tricks for Making Displays!

Come join the fun and learn about making great visual displays. This meeting will be held **Saturday, March 8th** at the Allen County Extension Office Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. It's not too early to start on displays for the County Fair! Learn time saving tips for making posters and tri-folds. Learn about making your displays stand out. **This is open to all 4-H families.** Please RSVP to Vicky Wallace at [vicky.wallace55@gmail.com](mailto:vicky.wallace55@gmail.com) or (620)804-9170.

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### 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.

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### IPM Insect Art Contest

Calling all YOUTH and ADULT artists! Another insect art contest opportunity! The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas!

This year, the theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night." The goal is to explore



why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media.

There are five age categories for entries (K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, High School and Adult). Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15, 2025. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information, rules and entry forms.

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## 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](#).

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## 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](#).

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## 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! Visit the [website](#) for more information.

**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](mailto:Kansas4H@ksu.edu) with any questions

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## 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](#).

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## National Events & Updates

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### 4-H Youth in Action Awards

The 4-H Youth in Action program amplifies the diverse stories and leadership of 4-H youth who are making a difference in their communities every day. It is a premiere community of 4-H'ers who are preparing for their future while showcasing how 4-H changed their lives and equipped them to change the lives of others. Teens aged 14-19 are encouraged to apply to the 4-H Youth in Action Program for the chance to tell their 4-H impact story.

Each year, program participants receive an exciting year of media training and national opportunities to share their 4-H story and leadership.

The four award winners will also receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- All-expenses paid trips for each award winner and a chaperone
- An official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational/career purposes

4-H'ers interested in applying are encouraged to attend the info session on **February 26, 7:00 - 8:00 PM (ET)** to learn about the benefits of the program and how to become a competitive applicant.

Visit this [webpage](#) for more information and to register for the info session.

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## Partner Events

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### 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)

## 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](mailto:Erin.Yeung@jocogov.org)

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