



Clover Clips

A newsletter for 4-H families

Announcements

Scholarship Deadline

Last Call: Kansas 4-H Scholarships and Vanier Family Scholarship applications are due March 3rd at 11:59 PM. Click [here](#) for information and links.

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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Archery SPIN Club Enrollment

Online registration for the Johnson County 4-H Archery SPIN Club will open on Monday, March 3rd. This is the only opportunity to get instruction in the 4-H Shooting Sports Archery project this year. Focus of the SPIN Club will be on beginning archery, but those that have more advanced skills are also welcome to register. This SPIN Club is a pre-requisite for perhaps joining the Match Practice group during summer. Class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Instructors. Safety will be a top priority.

Archery SPIN will meet 4 times on Sunday afternoons beginning April 6. This outdoor event will be held at Powder Creek Shooting Park, 8601 Monticello Rd, Lenexa, KS.

Dates/times are tentatively set for April 6, 13, 27, May 4 from 2:30 - 4:30 PM. In the event of bad weather, make-up days may be added during the week. Participants must be there for the first meeting since most safety topics will be covered that day.

Participants for this class do not need to be current 4-H members but **must be between 4-H ages of 9-18 (age before January 1, 2025)**. Previous years' participants that are not a member of Archery Match Practice group may take the class again.

Registration can be found [here](#) or by visiting the [webpage](#). A \$40 equipment fee will be required during online registration. This fee is for class use of all the equipment including bows, arrows, targets, stands, armguard, finger protection, etc. Registrations could fill up quickly. If you attempt to sign up and see an announcement the class is full, please contact

the Johnson County 4-H office to get on a waiting list. In addition to the equipment fee, participants will be required to fill out a Johnson County 4-H SPIN Club Participation Form. Contact [Arn Eccles](#) for more information about the class or contact the Johnson County Extension 4-H office about help getting registered. Further details will be provided to enrolled participants after registration has closed.

March Class Opportunities

Don't forget to register for these class opportunities and get some hands-on learning during your days off from school!

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>

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](#)

Adding/Dropping Projects & Enrollment Status

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and be approved in 4-H Online to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair.

Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4-H Online by simply clicking the Edit button in the Projects tab within the 4-H member's profile.

This option will be available through May 1 and after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects.

If you have questions about project enrollment or the May 1 deadline, please contact [Christin Bartels](#).

County Events & Updates

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. If you plan to help at your club's booth and/or come to enjoy the event, please register [here](#) so that we know how much food to prepare. Invite your family and friends to this fun event, don't forget to have them register too!

Visit the 4-H Food Fare [webpage](#) for details. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Extension office.

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!



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 of 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	Beef: April 19th
Beef	April 19th 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Swine, Sheep, Goat, Bucket Calf: May 31st
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.

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](#)

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.

4-H Calendar Events

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

Saturday, March 1st
Johnson County Club Day
Location: Pioneer Ridge Middle School Gardner, KS

Monday, March 3rd 7:00 PM
Johnson County Council Meeting
Two youth representatives and two adult representatives from all county clubs should be present at council meetings.
Contact: [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#)
Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Thursdays, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 6:30 - 8:30 PM
County-Wide Sewing Meetings
All levels welcome. Bring your sewing machines!
Contact: [Martha Powell](#)
Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Monday, March 17th 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 the March meeting we will talk about more advanced aspects of pinning and positioning specimens. Don't worry if you are new, you can come and learn no matter your skill level! There will be time to practice pinning and identifying and you will be able to receive help as needed.
NO Registration required
Contact: [Patrick Delancy](#)
Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (Room #115) 13145 Blackbob Road, Olathe, KS 66062

Friday, March 28th 6:00 PM
Food Fare
Come tour the "Farm-to-Table" food samplings from Johnson County 4-H clubs. Feel free to invite friends and family - don't forget to register!
Registration: RSVP [here](#) by March 21

Contact: [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#)
Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Saturday, March 29th

Regional 4-H Days

4-H'ers receiving a Top Purple ribbon placing at County Club Day will be performing at Regional Club Day.

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

Location: Shawnee Heights High School (4201 SE Shawnee Heights Rd. Tecumseh, KS 66542)

[View 4-H Calendar](#)

Upcoming Deadlines

March 3rd - Kansas 4-H Scholarships and Vanier Family Scholarships Due

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

March 31st - Youth in Action Applications Due

State Events & Updates

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 or (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.

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.

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](#).

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. 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: Contact [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#) **ASAP** if you are interested in registration

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](#).

National Events & Updates

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

Applications are due **March 31st, 2025**. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information and application link.

Partner Events

Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas is a team-based program designed to help you live a healthy lifestyle! Gather members of your 4-H club for a Walk Kansas Team and join the eight-week program (March 30 - May 24) to get moving! Adult registrations are \$10, youth registrations are free. At least one registered adult member must be on the team. Contact [Chelsea Reinberg](#) to get a youth code to register them for free. Once registered, set a challenge for your team and start logging in your physical activity. You can also optionally track your water, fruit and veggie intake as an added bonus. Visit the [website](#) to learn more and to register (registration opens March 4th).

Healthy Yards Expo

Interested in making your yard more earth-friendly? Come join us at the 13th annual Kansas

Healthy Yards Expo taking place March 29th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Shawnee Civic Centre (13817 Johnson Drive Shawnee, KS). This event will be free to attend. Attendees of the expo will be able to listen to speakers on topics that can help you improve your landscape while also adhering to eco-friendly practices. Johnson County K-State Research and Extension partners with Johnson County Stormwater Management and the cities of Overland Park, Lenexa, Shawnee, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte to host this event.

This expo will offer educational seminars presented by local businesses, non-profits, and city and county departments about practices you can use in your own landscape.

Here are a few examples of what visitors at the Expo can do:

- Register for door prizes!
- Free Tree Seedling: First 100 visitors get a free tree seedling, courtesy of the City of Overland Park.
- Talk with city representatives to find out what's going on in your neighborhood and learn about cost share programs for establishing rain gardens and rain barrels.
- Choose from a wide selection of locally grown, organic native plants specially selected to thrive in your garden.
- Kids can enjoy a free puppet show by Stone Lion Puppet Theatre. Performances are at 10:30 AM and 12 PM.
- Kiddos will also enjoy a traveling museum that brings soil to life, in the Soil Tunnel Trailer.

Refer to this [flyer](#) for more information or visit the [webpage](#).

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 \(k-state.edu\)](#)

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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