



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!

Read April's Edition

Congratulations!

The 2025 Food Fare was a success! We enjoyed Farm-to-Table foods from 13 club booths and a Master Food Volunteer booth. Over **300** people attended and were able to partake in food samplings, booth activities and a food judging activity!

The winner of the "Best Overall Booth" was the Spring Hill Rustlers 4-H Club (berry theme). Their strawberry shortcake was the "Best Recipe" winner as well. The recipe can be found [here!](#)

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](#).

Deadline: CWF 2026 Applications DUE

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. If you are between the 4-H ages of 14-18, don't miss out on this opportunity to apply to this experience! Applications are due by **April 15th, 2025**. Click [here](#) to learn more or apply!

Fair Book & Updates

The 2025 Fair Book has been updated and will be **available SOON** on the [website](#).

Note the following additions & changes for 2025:

- 4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due **2 weeks before the start of fair week**. That deadline for 2025 is **Monday, July 14 at 6:00 PM**.
- The **4-H/FFA Livestock Auction** will be a non-terminal sale. (Members can sell for a premium and go on to show that animal at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or KJLS.)
- **4-H Project Auction** entry forms may be submitted in person or online.
- Classes for Recycled Clothing Project were added to the **4-H Sewing & Textile Design Department**.
- The **4-H Fashion Revue Department** (formerly Shopping in Style) has a class change.
- The **4-H Flowers Department** has class changes.
- **Photography conference judging will now be offered on Monday night as well.**
- **Show N' Grow**, a new class for youth with disabilities to display their progress, has been added to the 4-H Astronomy, Crafts, Foods & Nutrition, Geology, and Table Setting Departments. SEe note below for more information.
- The **Sheep Grooming Contest** will be an individual competition.
- The **4-H Dog Department** has class and rules changes.
- The **4-H Horse Department** has class and rules changes.

Show N' Grow

We are excited to offer a new program at the fair this year called "Show and Grow". In our first year, we will be piloting this class in Table Setting, Geology, Foods and Nutrition, Astronomy and Crafts. This will allow 4-H'ers with special needs to participate in a different way, allowing for families to focus on individual growth across the years with a template to showcase their efforts. 4-H'ers will set personal goals for the area of interest and families will support their 4-H'er through practice and documentation as they work together to meet the goal. The final product will be shared with a special judge at the fair and each 4-H'er will be scored based on progress towards the individual goal. This new program allows 4-H'ers to personalize their projects based on their abilities and interests and allows participation in areas that might not have been accessible to them in the past. Please contact 4-H Agent [Lexi Ray](#) for additional information and the template for each project entry.

Johnson County Ambassadors

The Johnson County Ambassadors are looking for new members!

Are you interested in growing your leadership skills and spreading the word of 4-H? Join our team of highly enthusiastic and dedicated youth leaders! The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors program is for youth 4-H ages 14-18 who are passionate about the 4-H program. As an Ambassador, you will develop useful life skills such as leadership, public speaking, mentorship, teamwork, community service, advocacy, and more. How? Through our meeting lecture series, special events, and hands-on learning!

Why do we want YOU as an ambassador? Simply put, we want to continue your learning and

growth as a 4-H member! You'll represent 4-H in the community, build life skills, plan events, learn how to fundraise, and make new friends all while working with our fun-loving team!

Meetings are held on each third Thursday of the month, 7 - 8:30 PM, at the Johnson County Extension Office. **Take note: the deadline for applications has changed from earlier years and will be in late July-early August**, with interviews held in early August. Specific dates will be announced soon. For more information, visit this [webpage](#).

County Events & Updates

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.

Final call for these open shifts: Friday 3:00 - 6:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The volunteer sign-up form can be found [here](#). 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.



New Family Orientation

Join us!

April 16th
6 - 7:30 PM
Johnson County
Extension Office

K-STATE
Research and Extension

The flyer features a graphic of a family (two adults and a child) in green outlines, with a heart containing a four-leaf clover next to them. The K-State logo is at the bottom left.

New Family Orientation

We are excited to offer New Family Orientation on **April 16th, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 PM** at the Johnson County Extension Office. This meeting is designed for the parents of all first and second-year 4-H members. During the orientation, we will focus on important deadlines, navigating the Johnson County Fair, and provide valuable information to help families navigate the fair experience. We will also discuss Achievement Celebration and county awards applications. Additionally, there will be time for a

Q&A session to address any questions. **Please register by Monday, April 14th** [here](#).

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week will be April 20th - 26th, 2025. Make sure to take a moment to write a special thank you to a volunteer who is making a difference in your club or 4-H project work. Look for a shout-out to our volunteers on our social media pages this week too!

Johnson County Extension is holding a Volunteer Appreciation night for all county volunteers - let's taco 'bout how awesome you are! Join us **Monday, April 28th, 4:30 - 6:30 PM** at the outdoor pavilion at the Johnson County Extension office for food truck tacos and loaded nachos. This will be a great opportunity to connect with other volunteers in partnerships with Johnson County Extension. View the informational flyer [here](#) and **please RSVP** [here](#) by **April 23rd!**

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.

2025 Livestock Tagging

All Species:
April 18th 5PM - 7PM

Beef:
April 19th 7AM - 9AM

Small Livestock Tagging:
May 30th 5PM-7PM &
May 31st 7AM-9AM

Last date to tag beef is April 19th & small livestock is May 31st.

K-STATE Research and Extension Johnson County

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](#)

4-H Calendar Events

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

Tuesday, April 1st 6:00 PM

YQCA Training

Attend this in person training (two in person trainings will be offered this spring).

Registration: [YQCA website](#)

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

Location: Johnson County Extension office

Monday, April 7th 6:30 PM

County Council Officers Meeting

County Council officers meet on the even-numbered months of the year.

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

Location: Johnson County Extension office

Tuesday, April 8th 7:00 PM

Johnson County Geology Project Meeting

Interested in the Geology project? These project meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Come check out what it is all about. You do not have to be enrolled in the project to attend the meetings.

Registration: None required

Contact: [Natasha Graham](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1015

Wednesday, April 16th 6:00 PM

New Family Orientation

Attend this session for all first and second year 4-H families to learn more about fair and county award applications.

Registration: Required [here](#) by April 14th

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

Location: Johnson County Extension office (Room 1060)

Monday, April 21st 6:00 PM

Johnson County Entomology Project Meeting

Join us on the third Monday of each month as we dive into the world of entomology!

For the April meeting we will go out into nature to collect insects. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring any collection supplies that you have (net, containers, kill jars, etc.). If you are new to the project or don't have your own supplies, come anyway and you can team up with another 4-Her!

We will meet outside the lower west entrance to the church and make sure everyone knows where to go before we head to our collection site.

NO Registration required

Contact: [Patrick Delancy](#)

Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (Room #115) 13145 Blackbob Road, Olathe, KS 66062

Monday, April 28th 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Extension Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Join all county volunteers for food and networking across all Extension programs.

Registration: Register [here](#) by April 23rd

Location: Outdoor Pavilion at the Johnson County Extension office

[View 4-H Calendar](#)

Upcoming Deadlines

April 14th - New Family Orientation Registration Closes

April 15th - CWF Johnson County Delegate Applications Due

April 15th - IPM Insect Art Contest Submissions Due

April 19th - Last Day for Beef Tagging

April 23rd - Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Registration Closes

May 1st - Market Beef State Livestock Nominations are Due

May 1st - Project Enrollment (Add/Drop) on 4-H Online are Due

State Events & Updates

Allen County Entomology Meeting

The April Entomology project meeting will be on April 5th beginning at 1:00 PM at the Allen County Extension Office Meeting Room. We will be working on pinning insects so bring your pinning boards and pinning supplies as well as 2 or 3 insects to pin. Please bring a talk on an insect from Africa.

Camp Beautification Day @ Rock Springs Ranch

You're invited for a day of community, hard work, and fun as we tackle a variety of projects to improve Rock Springs Ranch for the upcoming camp season. Whether you're a trail lover, garden enthusiast, or just want to lend a hand, there's something for everyone! After the hard work, volunteers are invited stay for an appreciation lunch. Then, everyone is invited to an Ice Cream Social to cool down and reminisce about the last 80 years! This event will take place on **Saturday, April 12th, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM** at Rock Springs Ranch. More information and the registration link can be found [here](#).

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.

Shutterbug Statewide Photography Workshop

All 4-H photography project members (open to all ages) who are interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures can attend this workshop. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This workshop will be held **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025** in Wichita, KS at the Botanica Gardens. Doors open at 9:00 AM and the workshops run from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Workshop topics (just to name a few) include: how to properly mount photos, how to use light & color, and composition & how photos will be judged.

Click [here](#) for more information and registration details. These state-wide workshops are held various places around the state, usually in the Spring and Fall. Please note: this will be the only Shutterbug event held for the Spring 2025.

Save the Date: Discovery Days

Discovery Days 2025 will be held **June 4-6th** on the campus of Kansas State University. More details and registration to come soon!

Save the Date: Insect Spectacular

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies and more! The State Entomology Workshop will be held **Friday and Saturday June 27th and 28th**. Activities will take place at the Butler County Community Building located at 200 N. Griffith Street in El Dorado, Kansas.

Registration for the workshop will open April 25th and run through May 26th. If you are enrolled in the entomology project, you will be receiving an email from the State 4-H office regarding registration. **Once registration closes, it will not be reopened.** There will be no cancellations or refunds of money after Registration closes. Cancellations before Registration closes are eligible for a 50% refund. **A parent from each family must register and attend the workshop. A parent is to stay with your child or children at the workshop.**

Full registration fee of \$85.00 includes supper Friday, lunch Saturday, bottled water, class materials, T-Shirt, and handouts. 4-Hers enrolled in Entomology should pay for full registration. **One State Park Day Permit will be included in Registration fees per family.**

More information on this workshop can be found [here](#). If you have questions, you may contact [Vicky Wallace](#) by email or phone (620) 804-9170.

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

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

Students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers are encouraged to apply for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in 9th-12th grade. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc. (LMIC), the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The academy will take place in Manhattan, Kansas, on June 11-14, 2025. Applications are due April 15th. More information and links can be found [here](#).

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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