



Clover Clips

A newsletter for 4-H families

Announcements

Celebrating County Ambassadors

By: Victoria Olberding, 4-H County Council Reporter

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors enjoyed an evening of fun! The group celebrated the end of a successful year with a pizza party. They participated in a variety of team-building activities and began setting goals for the upcoming year. Five current Ambassadors, Emily K., Hannah L., Lexi F., Mary T., and Victoria O., will be returning to the team for the upcoming year. They will be joined by four new Ambassadors who are Aubrey D., George D., Iris S., and Mason C. The Ambassadors are looking forward to an exciting new year!

Thank you to our 2024-2025 Ambassador Advisors Kelli C., Luke G., and Audrey S. for leading this fun group!



January 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 Reporter's Corner](#)

YQCA Scholarships

YQCA will provide \$30,000 in scholarships in 2025 to selected youth certified in YQCA. This

scholarship program will be for youth who are current high school seniors or older, up to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade. Scholarship applications will open in January 2025 and close on February 17th. Recipients will be announced in May.

To stay informed about this scholarship opportunity, make sure you are subscribed to the [YQCA newsletter](#), where we will announce when scholarship applications are open. You can also visit the [YQCA website](#) in January for more information.

Happy New Year from JCEEF Board of Trustees

Our Mission: to create awareness and provide financial support for Johnson County K-State Research and Extension programs to improve the lives of Johnson County residents.

JCEEF is a 501c (3) tax exempt organization.

- We have so much to celebrate! In 2024, JCEEF awarded 13 grants to Extension programs equaling over \$18,000!
- Your membership support and contributions raised \$14,730; and the Annual Gala event in August was the most successful ever- \$24,000!
- Since 1997 JCEEF has issued over \$188,000 to Extension programs. We are on a roll!

Do you want to make a difference in 2025? Do you want us to continue to provide research based, scientific, and relevant information to Johnson County residents of all ages?

- **Join JCEEF!** Your membership dues go directly to helping us fulfill our mission. Your membership is an investment that helps us grow! Join online: [Join JCEEF](#)
- **Save the Date** - JCEEF Annual Gala will be held on August 16, 2025 at the Lodge of Ironwoods! Want to help with games or the auction? We want to hear from you!
- **Grant Process:** [Johnson County Extension Education Foundation Grants](#)
- **JCEEF newsletters!** [Johnson County Extension Education Foundation](#)

Join us! Let's make 2025 the BEST YEAR EVER!

Janice Ward

JCEEF Board of Trustees

2025 JCEEF Board: Chair-Janice Ward | Vice Chair-Joyce Householder | Secretary- Shelle Cox | Treasurer-Marlene Weishaar | Extension Director-Tara Markley | At large members: Paula Dix, Terry Ecklund, Pam Henry, Dave Miller, and Natalie Reed.

County Events & Updates

County Club Day

Now is a great time to start planning and practicing your County Club Day performances. 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 event guidelines [here](#).

Registration opens January 2nd 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.

Calendar Date Change

Please note: New Family Orientation has been moved to April 16th, 2025 (it was previously scheduled for April 8th, 2025).

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.

Livestock Judging

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Johnson County 4-H Livestock Judging team, please fill out this form: [4-H Livestock Judging](#).

Livestock judging is a great way to learn more about specific species, desirable genetics and traits for your animals, and gain confidence in communication skills.

This team will also compete at the [4-H Livestock Sweepstakes](#) contest.

4-H Calendar Events

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

Monday January 6th, 2025 7:00 PM

County Council Meeting

Each club needs to have two youth, and two adults serve as the club's representatives at 4-H County Council. Please take note (per our bylaws): Clubs that do not have representatives present regularly at Council meetings should not expect to receive the same benefits from council as a fully participating club.

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

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Friday, January 10th, 2025 6:30 PM

Shooting Sports Hunting Skills Discipline Beginner's Class

Would you like to learn skills in hunter knowledge, wildlife identification, compass and orienteering? Would you like an opportunity to get introduced to Archery, Smallbore Rifle, and Shotgun shooting? Members will learn more about how Hunting Skills fits into the shooting sports program and cover our first unit, History of Hunting. Youth wishing to be involved in the discipline will need to be enrolled in the project through 4-H Online.

Registration: Contact [Beth Alloway](#) or [Arn Eccles](#) to let them know you are coming

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025 7:00 PM

Johnson County Geology Project Meeting

Interested in the Geology project? Come check out what it is all about. You do not have to be enrolled in the project to attend the meetings. There will be monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Looking ahead: February's meeting will be February 11th.

Registration: None required

Contact: Natasha Graham at nlgraham95@gmail.com

Location: Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1015

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)

[View 4-H Calendar](#)

Upcoming Deadlines

January 24th - County Club Days Registrations 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

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

Entomology Meeting

Allen County Extension Office will be holding their January entomology project meeting on **Saturday, January 11th, 2025 1:00 - 3:30 PM**. The focus of this meeting will be insect identification and labeling insects. Please bring insects you need help identifying.

Meeting Agenda:

1:00 - 2:00 PM - Vicky Wallace will work with 4-Hers that are changing from Option A to Option B

2:00 - 3:30 PM - Everyone will work on insect identification and labeling

If you have not received a label template from Vicky before, bring a zip drive to the meeting and she can transfer the document to your drive.

You are also welcome to bring your 4-H Club Days talk and practice giving your talk to the group at the meeting (can be on any project area).

Questions: Call Vicky Wallace at (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. 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 \(k-state.edu\)](#)

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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