



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for 4-H families

## Announcements

### Clover Clips Publications

There will be a slight change to the Clover Clips publication dates. You will now receive the first edition newsletter on the 1st and second edition on the 15th of each month (previously we published on the 25th and 15th of each month).

Submission deadline for Reporter's Corner will remain the 15th of each month. The new month's Reporter's Corner will be published in the first edition newsletter sent on the 1st of each month.

**As of January 1, Clover Clips will only be sent to 4-H families registered for the 2024-2025 year.** If you have not enrolled, please do so before the first of the year to ensure you are receiving all county communication.

### County Fundraising

The County Council has two fundraising opportunities for you just in the time for the holidays!

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#### JOHNSON COUNTY 4-H MERCHANDISE



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Are you giving gift cards this holiday season and want to help support Johnson County 4-H?

Take a look at the 4-H Merchandise Collection featuring jewelry, apparel, mugs and more! We also have a limited supply of Johnson County 4-H water bottles and

Using the QR code or link below, you can purchase gift cards for yourself, friends, or family! For every gift card purchased, Johnson County 4-H Council will receive a small percentage back.

Click the [link](#) to get started.

drawstring bags that you can pick up at the Extension Office!

Order deadline for local pick up (in Olathe) is Dec 17th.

Click [here](#) to order.

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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. Last year, we did reach capacity in a few sessions early in the registration process. Early bird registration rate (10% discount) ends on **December 31, 2024**.

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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## December 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](#)

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## 2025 Enrollment

4-H Online opened October 1 for new 4-H members to enroll and current 4-H members to re-enroll for the 2025 4-H year. We asked that all returning 4-H members be enrolled by November 1, 2024. **If you have not enrolled, please do ASAP.** If you are not re-enrolled, your family will miss out on important correspondences from the county Extension office and State 4-H office as only the contact information from 2025 enrollments in 4-H Online will now be used.

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/).

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## New Year Goal Setting

With the kickoff of a new 4-H year and your personal project selection, now is a great time to start goal setting and project learning. Here are some easy tasks to do now:

- Print off the appropriate age division project report form - find the forms [here](#), under Option B
- Set goals using this [resource](#). Your goals should have these three parts - **action**, **result** and **timetable**. If you complete this resource, you have completed Section 1: Project Goals of your project report form.
- Begin brainstorming learning experiences you may want to take part in (think project meetings, workshops, self-guided duty, field trips) and begin tracking learning that may have already occurred.

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## Take Note: Livestock Auction Changes

At the last Johnson County Fair Board meeting, the executive members voted to change the 2025 Johnson County Fair Livestock Auction to **Premium Livestock Auction, Non-Terminal**. Please reach out to the fair board with any questions.

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## 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.

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## County Events & Updates

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### 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**. More details to come soon! Not sure on how you want to participate yet? Refer to this [handout](#) for a list and description of the various events.

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### County Council Representatives

Each club needs to have two youth, and two adults serve as the club's representatives at 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the first Monday of odd months at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be January 6, 2025. **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.**

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## 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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**Monday, December 16th, 2024 6:00 PM**  
**Johnson County Entomology Project Meeting**

Join us for an evening of bugs-ploration as we delve into the fascinating realm of insects! Our monthly meetings are great opportunities to expand your knowledge of insect identification, collection techniques, and research methods. Whether you're a seasoned naturalist or just starting to explore the world of bugs, our meetings are a perfect platform for learning, sharing ideas, and connecting with like-minded individuals.

At the December meeting we will explore basic insect identification. There will also be time to get help pinning or identifying a few insects 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)

**Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 6:00 PM**

#### **Johnson County Electricity Project Meeting**

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? You will learn about electricity and get hands-on experience with a circuit learning kit. A parent or guardian must be in attendance. Everyone will get to use a battery-operated circuit learning kit during the class. The kit can be purchased at the end of the class for \$14.

**Registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/yc8k3uhf>

**Contact:** Paul Voelker at [healingwaters7@outlook.com](mailto:healingwaters7@outlook.com)

**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. There will be monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

**Registration:** None required

**Contact:** Natasha Graham at [nlgraham95@gmail.com](mailto:nlgraham95@gmail.com)

**Location:** Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1015

[View 4-H Calendar](#)

## Registration Deadlines

**Wednesday, January 1st, 2025**

Tail Waggers Dog Project Registrations for the 2025 training season.

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/LV4Jcf>

**Contact:** Donna Holloway at [DonnaLHolloway@yahoo.com](mailto:DonnaLHolloway@yahoo.com) or 913-433-6752

## State Events & Updates

### **State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Changes**

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now

open. 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, click [here](#).

Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. Please encourage all of these individuals to apply for one of the Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Questions can be directed to Sarah Keatley - (620) 366-0035 or [keatley@ksu.edu](mailto:keatley@ksu.edu).

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## K-State Junior Producer Day

The junior producer day programs are one-day educational programs through which families can attend to learn about the selection and management of a specific species. These events are open to all ages and skill levels including youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and other volunteers. A variety of topics are provided by K-State faculty, staff, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. The tentative program and topics for each day can be found at this [link](#). This is a family event! Parents and youth are invited to come learn together! All attendees must register, which includes both youth and adults (including parents). Families need to [register online here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page for registration link).

### **NEW THIS YEAR...**

**Limited Registration!** Due to the capacity of the facility this year, registration for each junior producer day will be capped at 400 participants. Families are encouraged to register early to reserve their spot!

**New Location** - The 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days will be hosted at the Stanley Stout Center, which is in Manhattan, north of campus, near the Sheep & Meat Goat Center and Purebred Unit.

### **K-State Junior Swine Producer Day**

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025  
Registration Deadline: February 5  
Cost: \$20/person by February 5 (\$25/person after February 5)

- \*Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt.
- \*\*Both youth and adults attending (including parents) need to register.
- \*\*\*No refunds.

### **K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day**

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025  
Registration Deadline: February 26  
Cost: \$20/person by February 26 (\$25/person after February 26)

- \*Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt.
- \*\*Both youth and adults attending (including parents) need to register.
- \*\*\*No refunds.

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## Partner Events

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### **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-](#)

## 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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