

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## ~A Note From McKenna Holtgraver~

*I wanted to share with each of you that my final day as the 4-H Youth Development Program Manager was March 23. I have accepted a position outside of Johnson County K-State Research and Extension. Throughout these past few years, you have made a great impact in my life, and it has been a privilege to work with you all! As an alumni of Johnson County 4-H, it makes me extremely proud to see each of you develop into the leaders of tomorrow! You are an inspiring group of 4-H families, and I would like to thank you for the wonderful experiences and support over these past few years, I wish you all the best.*

- McKenna

## New Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation on April 3, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office. This meeting is for parents of all first and second year 4-H members. Topics to be discussed will focus on the upcoming Johnson County Fair and there will be time to answer questions. To register please complete the information at <https://forms.gle/BE85KrrAb8852q3e9>. Registration is required by Sunday, March 31. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation. If you have any questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

## Spring into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring into Volunteering" on the K-State Salina campus on Saturday, April 20. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try some new things in their volunteer roles. Sessions for the day include Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, 4-H Record Books, Facilitating Sparks in SPIN Clubs/Opportunities, Hands-on Learning Techniques, and more! Registration for the day is \$20 and includes materials, snacks, and lunch. Online registration is due April 5, 2024. For more information or to register, visit [www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-continuing-education/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-continuing-education/).

## Johnson County Extension Volunteer Recognition

We are grateful for our volunteers and want to honor you and the work you do! Johnson County Extension volunteers are invited to join us for a celebration in your honor on April 23. Stop by anytime from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Pavilion at the Extension office. There will be snacks and door prizes. Please RSVP at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/3g9fzwy>.

# Important Deadlines

## **Adding/Dropping Projects and 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 your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

## **Ks Junior Livestock Show & Ks State Fair Livestock Nominations**

4-H members planning on showing 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 pertaining to Kansas Livestock Nominations and the process can be found at [www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/).

**YQCA Certification Requirement** - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 6 for more information about YQCA Certification.

## **Johnson Co. Fair 4-H Horse Show & Ks State Fair 4-H Horse Show**

**Johnson County Fair**— 4-H members must properly identify their horse either by (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) identifying the horse with a Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. *\*\*Whichever identification method is chosen, the 4-H member must either have a copy of the Horse ID form signed by the 4-H agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file at the JoCo 4-H office by 5 p.m. on May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).\*\**

**Horseless Horse Project** - 4-H members participating in the Horseless Horse Project must turn in a completed Johnson County 4-H Horseless Horse Certificate to the JoCo 4-H office by 5 p.m. on May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).

**Kansas State Fair**— 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project must meet three requirements in order to be eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. One of these requirements is the horse must be properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project. This can be accomplished by either (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) identifying the horse with a Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate signed by the local 4-H Agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. *\*\*Whichever identification method is chosen, the 4-H member must either have a copy of the Horse ID form signed by the 4-H agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file at the JoCo office by 5 p.m. on May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).\*\**

**3-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Project Nominations** - The 3-year-old snaffle bit project nomination/ID Certificate is to be postmarked on or before June 1 along with a \$10 fee. Nominations are made through the JoCo 4-H office and then sent to the State 4-H office, so plan ahead. More information about the 3-year-old snaffle bit project is in the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, which is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html).

All forms can be found at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Also posted on the website above is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate. Note that it must only be one page (front and back). Please also take time to review the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, a link to it is posted at the website above.

# Local Opportunities

## **Anyone Can Join a Council Committee!**

Even if you are not your club's Council Representative you are still able to be part of any of the Johnson County 4-H Council committees. Below are very brief descriptions of some committees that are in need of extra help. Descriptions of all committees can be found on the 4-H Council website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html).

**Fair Concession Stand Committee**—Work with the Food Stand Manager and Assistants to develop a menu and set prices; Help set-up and clean-up the Food Stand

**Promotions/National 4-H Week Committee**—Work with Tractor Supply Co. during spring and fall Paper Clover fundraisers for promotion of 4-H; Schedule countywide events during National 4-H Week; Help promote 4-H program throughout the year

**Budget Finance Committee**—Prior to Council meeting, review the financial report from the Extension Accountant to support the 4-H Treasurer; In August, work with Extension Accountant and Treasurer to create a budget for the upcoming year

**County Wide Project & Scholarship Support**—Review requests to approve funds to support 4-H Camp, Livestock, Shooting Sports, and other countywide projects/scholarships and project start-ups.

**Nomination Committee**—In October, work with Extension to obtain a list of Council Representatives and reach out to individuals for officer elections at the November meeting; At the November meeting, support elections by counting ballots

**Policy Changes Committee**—Review the County Council Bylaws annually and submit revisions for Council approval

**Special Needs Committee**—Providing help to 4-H families in need

**Trips and Awards Committee**—Review and revise the “Johnson County 4-H Award Procedures”  
If you have questions, please email Lexi at [Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org](mailto:Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org).

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## **County Council Meetings and Committee Information**

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 p.m. (unless it is a holiday). Elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 6:30 p.m.

Actively participating in two Council Committees is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin. Descriptions of each of the Council committees is posted on the 4-H Council website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html). Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above.

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## **Updated Achievement Pin Applications**

Achievement Pin Applications have been updated and should be used for the current 4-H year. Kansas 4-H Member Achievement pins are designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series. As a member's 4-H journey progresses, the achievement pin requirements expand to challenge individuals to explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills. The new forms are fillable PDFs and a link to the forms is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html).

**NOTE:** Please take time **now** to review the pin application the 4-H'er(s) in your family will be working towards this 4-H year as some changes to the applications will require the 4-H'er to start working on requirements early in the 4-H year. For example, achievement pin applications 2-9 now require the 4-H'er to complete a Project Report and those take some planning ahead to complete.

# Local Opportunities

## **Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser**

The spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover fundraising campaign will run April 24-May 5, 2024. If your club would be interested in setting up a booth sometime at our local Tractor Supply Co. in Olathe, please contact Lexi. 4-H groups can help bag customers' purchases, display animals, or demonstrate projects. Also please spread the word to family and friends through social media platforms to help increase awareness about the fundraiser! A portion of the funds raised during the campaign comes back to Johnson County 4-H to be used as scholarships for 4-H'ers to attend events.

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## **Rock Springs Camps**

Registration for 2024 summer camps is open! For details on camps, session dates and fees, visit [www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org](http://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org). Johnson County 4-H's unofficial camp session is the Overnight Camp, Session 1, June 2-5, 2024.

There are a couple of new camps being offered this year.

- Mini-Camp—This is a shorter 3 day/2 night camp experience for 1st-3rd graders.
- Ranch Camp & Shooting Sports Camp—These week-long specialty camps are designed to build further skill development in campers' desired areas of growth.

Registration is also open for the Counselors in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT) sessions. Both programs are free to current 9th-11th graders thanks to a generous donation to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Youth interested in attending either program at no cost can complete the Letter of Interest at [bit.ly/CIT-Interest](http://bit.ly/CIT-Interest).

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## **4-H Camp Scholarship Information**

There are a limited number of scholarships available for Johnson County 4-H members attending Rock Springs summer camp. Scholarship amounts vary from year to year. The application is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html). Applications are due to the office by 5 p.m. on May 1.

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## **Makerspace Labs at Local Libraries**

The Olathe Public Library Indian Creek branch and Johnson County Library Central Resource branch both offer Makerspace Labs! These labs provide a space to explore, create, invent, build, and collaborate with others. Equipment and tools are for every skill level. Equipment includes: 3-D printing, embroidery, crafting, large format printing, laser cutting and engraving, sewing, music/sound/recording studios, and more. These labs are the perfect place to design and create new projects for fair! Costs, fees, and reservations vary between locations so please visit their website for specific information. Olathe Public Library—[www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace](http://www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace). Johnson County Library—[www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace](http://www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace).

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## **Johnson County 4-H Scholarships**

Every year Johnson County 4-H offers a scholarship to two individuals that are either 4-H seniors or former 4-H members. The scholarship application and guidelines for the 2024 Johnson County 4-H Scholarships are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/), under County/State Opportunities. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Please help us spread the word of this opportunity to any Johnson County 4-H alumni from within the past four years who were in 4-H for at least five years.

# Local Opportunities

## **Officer Training and Project Videos Available**

If you weren't able to attend Officer Training in October, or would just like more tips about your officer position, visit the Officer Training website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html) to view informational videos about many of the 4-H positions.

Explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html) for you to watch when you choose.

## **Kansas 4-H Project Report Resources**

Set goals, practice record keeping, reflect, and compete using Kansas 4-H Project Reports. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html). Informational slides from our local training are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html).

## **\*\*UPDATE!\*\* Livestock Animal Project Tagging Information**

All market animals including steers, pigs, sheep, goats and market heifers must be tagged by Extension staff on or before the respective Spring Show date in order to be eligible to show in the 4-H division at the Johnson County Fair. The cost for this year's Kansas 4-H EID ear tag is \$3 each. Johnson County Extension staff will be on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Spring Livestock Shows to facilitate the purchasing and tagging process. Again this year, families will have an earlier opportunity to tag their pigs, sheep or goats on the evening of Friday, April 19. Please see the chart below for specific tagging dates/times and deadlines.

<b>Dates Tagging will take place at the Johnson County Fairgrounds</b>	<b>Last Day that each species can be tagged to be eligible for Johnson County 4-H Fair</b>
April 19 (5-7 p.m.) — Beef, Bucket Calves, Goats, Sheep and Swine	Beef – Saturday, April 20
April 20 (7-9 a.m.) — Beef Spring Show participants only	Goats and Sheep – Saturday, June 1
May 31 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only	Bucket Calves and Swine – Sunday, June 2
June 1 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only	
June 2 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only	

**\*\*NEW!\*\*** If a 4-H livestock family needs an animal tagged on a later date than April 19 and prior to the specie's tagging deadline, they will need to contact the Extension office. **Special tagging requests will be handled situation by situation.** Families that need an animal tagged prior to April 19 will also need to contact the Extension office for further direction.

All animals must be tagged on or prior to each specie's tagging date listed above. Animals tagged after these dates will ONLY be allowed to show in open class at county fair (UNLESS prior arrangements have been discussed and approved by Extension, the Livestock Superintendent, and the Department Superintendent). Any animal needing tagged following the specie's deadline will need to contact the Extension office. Any female animal being shown in a market class is REQUIRED to have an EID tag. **If a family does not have a way to transport their animal(s) to tagging events, it will be their responsibility to find transport options for that animal.** Please contact Lexi at [Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org](mailto:Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org) or 913-715-7000 if you have any further questions.

# County Project Opportunities

## **Countywide Knitting Project**

Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Classes start at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Open Class Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Upcoming meeting dates are April 1, May 10, June 15 and July 19. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah, countywide knitting project leader at [kallansrudsarah@gmail.com](mailto:kallansrudsarah@gmail.com). Sarah can also be reached by phone/text at 913-418-6030.

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## **Countywide Sewing Project**

Meetings are held at the Extension office every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through July. Less experienced sewers will begin working on projects to enter for the fair. If you are an experienced sewer and just want to have a dedicated time to sew you are more than welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing project leader, at 913-302-5812 or [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!

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## **YQCA Requirements**

**What is YQCA?** Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, 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 and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2024 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. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to [www.YQCAprogram.org](http://www.YQCAprogram.org). All registrations and payments are handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of 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.) Johnson County 4-H will hold two in-person trainings at the Extension office; one on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. and the other on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. Registration is required to attend a training. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

For more information visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

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## **Don't Miss Out on the 4-H Fashion Revue**

Do you have a great outfit you are proud of and would like to show off? You can strut your stuff at the 4-H Fashion Revue this summer! The categories are Shopping in Style and Everything Under \$15. To enter the Fashion Revue, enroll in the Shopping in Style project in 4-H Online by May 1. You do not have to sew what you wear in Shopping in Style or Everything Under \$15! However, you must be enrolled in the Shopping in Style project by May 1 in 4-H Online, and enter in the appropriate class(es) in the 4-H Fashion Revue department by the 4-H fair entry deadline. You can find more information in the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book. Judging for the Fashion Revue is Saturday, July 20, 2024. The Public Fashion Revue is the evening of Wednesday, July 24. All 4-H'ers are invited to come join the fun!

# County Project Opportunities

## **Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training and Shows**

Dog Club training has begun with youth working on obedience, agility, showmanship, and rally-O. Training meetings are held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner on Monday nights from 6:30-8 p.m.

The 2024 Johnson County 4-H Dog Club dog shows are as follows: Graduation Show - April 27, Invitational Show - June 22, and Rally-O & Agility Show - July 13. All shows are held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner.

For more information about training or the dog shows, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/jocoks4hdogclub/home>.

## **Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show**

An informational flyer and entry form for the Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html). The event will be held on Saturday, June 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Preregistration is due by June 24. Also, walk in entries are welcomed.



## **Calling all Project Talks, Demonstrations & Public Speaking!**

Did you know that in addition to County 4-H Club Day and Regional 4-H Club Day, there is another opportunity for 4-H public presentations? Yes, at the Johnson County Fair! Plan to add Public Presentation to your fair entries this year! 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.

# State Opportunities

## **USDA Summer AgDiscovery Program**

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) sponsors a unique summer outreach program for youth in grades 7-12 to experience agriculture at a variety of universities across the country that work with USDA. Students spend 2-4 weeks at a university learning about agriculture. Youth will gain hands-on experience through labs, workshops, and field trips; participate in character- and team-building activities; and join in many other fun and educational events. There is NO cost for tuition, room and board, activities, or meals. The only cost is for travel to and from the university campus. Each University offers different opportunities and activities that correlate to agriculture in that region of the United States. For more information and to apply, visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery). The deadline to apply is April 5, 2024.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Kansas 4-H Geology Trip** will be June 14-16 in northwest Kansas.

**Johnson County Fair** will be July 28-August 3 in Gardner.

**Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest** will be August 10 in Manhattan.

**Kansas State Fair** will be September 6-15 in Hutchinson.

**Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser** will be October 2-13.

**48 Hours of 4-H** will be October 12-13.

# State Opportunities

## **K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy**

Applications are now open for the 2024 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy (KASLA). The goal of this academy is to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. The program will be held June 5-8 at the K-State Manhattan campus. This four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry as well as building participants' leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2024. More information and the application form are available at [www.asi.ksu.edu/kasla](http://www.asi.ksu.edu/kasla). For questions about the academy, please contact Sharon Breiner, director, at [sbreiner@ksu.edu](mailto:sbreiner@ksu.edu).

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## **Insect Art Contest**

It's time once again for K-State's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Insect Art Contest! This year's theme is "Incognito: Insects in Disguise." The goal is to explore how and why insects camouflage or imitate. Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. A winner will be selected from each category and one overall winner will be selected from those entries.

Why should you participate? It's fun! It's an opportunity to learn more about insects, flex your creative muscles and practice your (art)craft. It's a state contest and you can add that to your record book or pin application for Entomology and/or Visual Arts. The deadline to submit entries is April 15, 2024. Additional information can be found at [www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/](http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/).

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## **Congressional Art Competition**

Rep. Sharice Davids is seeking submissions for the Congressional Art Competition, a nation-wide high school arts competition. The overall winner of the district competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol with the artwork from other nationwide contest winners. The competition is open to all high school students who reside or attend school in Kansas Third Congressional District. All artwork entered in the contest must:

- Be two-dimensional.
- Be no larger than 26" wide by 26" tall by 4" thick including frame (paid for at artist's expense).
- Not weigh more than 15 pounds.
- Be a painting (accepted media can be found on the website).
- Be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws or be created with the assistance of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

For more information, visit <https://davids.house.gov/services/art-competition>. Submission deadline is April 18, 2024.

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## **Register for Discovery Days**

Registration for the 2024 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is now open. The event will be held June 5-7 on the K-State Manhattan campus, for youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2024. Over 60 class sessions are being offered that will provide a wonderful balance of both exploration and fun to youth delegates. Some of those sessions are limited on how many delegates they can accept, so register early! For more information, including class session descriptions and the registration link, visit the 4-H Discovery Days website at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/). The deadline to register is May 5, 2024.



# State Opportunities

## **New "Feeding Your Future" Youth Summer Camp**

K-State's College of Agriculture introduces a new opportunity for high school students to learn about amazing career opportunities in agronomy, grain science and food production through the Feeding Your Future 2024 summer youth camp. This is a collaboration between the Agronomy and Grain Science and Industry departments in an effort to increase awareness of the degree programs and to encourage future enrollment with the K-State College of Agriculture. The camp will take place July 16-20.

Camp activities will feature agronomy, milling science, bakery science, and feed and pet food science. As many as 30 campers will be engaged in hands-on learning during workshops on the KSU Manhattan campus. The camp will include a career night for participants to make connections between what they've learned during the week and the variety of careers available in agronomy and grain science.

The camp is open to high school students entering the 10th-12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. More information can be found at [www.ag.k-state.edu/ag-experiences/summer-camps/](http://www.ag.k-state.edu/ag-experiences/summer-camps/).

# National Opportunities

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. 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

Learn more about the application process at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Applications are due by April 1, 2024.

## **Advice from Mr. 4-H, Noah Kwasiborski**

**Question:** *What is the importance of community service and what are some of your 4-H community service experiences?*



A vital part of 4-H is serving the community. It is important to teach youth how to support their community so that they can become active and influential members of their community. My club has given me countless opportunities to give back to my community. My favorites have been volunteering at Harvesters, City Union Mission, and Mission Southside! Each of these have different ways they help the community, and my club has gotten to do many tasks, ranging from packing bags with rice and beans, to organizing a storage unit! This work has brought our club closer together, and it brings me great joy to help those in need, and to become an important individual in my community.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Way To Go, Great Plains!

By Olivia Yeung, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

The Great Plains 4-H Club received 71 ribbons this year at Club Days, two of which were club projects. The Club Dance took Top Purple and the Club Play also took Top Purple! A huge shout out to Lydia L. for arranging and leading the Club Skit and club alumni Leah K. for choreographing and teaching the Club Dance! We're very proud of everyone who participated and stepped outside of their comfort zones to showcase their talents. We can't wait to take all our Top Purples to the next level-Regionals here we come!



Club Play: Goodnight Princess



Club Dance: Muddy Water

## Food Fare Fun

By Brooklyn Walters, JoCo 4-H Dog Club Reporter

The JoCo 4-H Dog Club had so much fun at the food fare! The theme was letters of the alphabet. We got the letter "E" so we had an elegant English tea party. We had cucumber sandwiches, lemon cupcakes, earl gray tea cookies, eclairs, scones, fruit kabobs, edamame hummus, stroopwafels and tea. The food fare is an event our club looks forward to every year. Can't wait to see you all next year at the food fare and finding out what the theme will be!



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## A Big Success

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

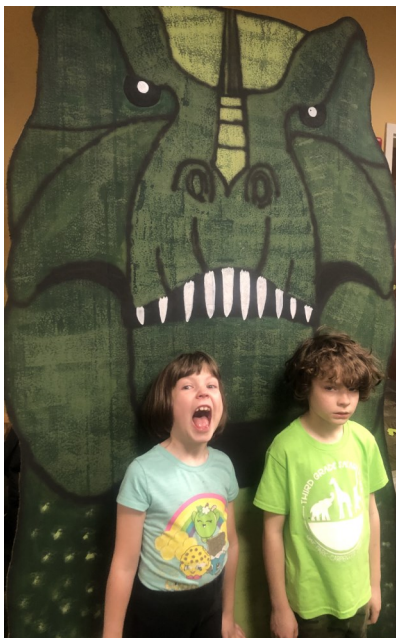
Have you ever heard of or gone to the Food Fare? The Food Fare is an event that takes place at the Johnson County extension office. This event is all about food. Most of the clubs in Johnson County come to the extension office to participate. Many more people come to just eat the food. The theme for Food Fare 2024 was A-Z. The Happy Helpers 4-H club, which is one of the oldest clubs in Johnson County, chose the letter H. A healthy breakfast bar was chosen as the theme for the Happy Helpers 4-H club. This included honeydew melon, hotcakes, hash brown casserole, hot cocoa, and a few other items. The other two stands that were in the same room as the Happy Helpers 4-H club were a Kababique and a Prehistoric Potato bar. The Food Fare was, and still is, a big success.



Zamyra, Isla, Jonah, Sarah, and Ezekiel smile in front of their food stand.

March 1st we had a food fare. My club made a prehistoric potato bar. My club's stand had lots of food like popcorn, potatoes, peach punch with sprite. There were other stands too. The other stands had ice cream, cookies, coke cola, brownies, eclairs, kabobs, chocolate milk and more. After we sampled the other tables, we helped serve our table's food. Everyone liked the peach punch with sprite. We had dinosaur models on our table and paper leaves and potato decorations. We also had a dinosaur backdrop for taking pictures. One person was in a dinosaur costume.

By Joshua Watts, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



# REPORTER'S CORNER

Lights. Camera. Club Days! On February 24 club days took place where some of the Prairie Moon club members presented. While our club members were presenting the rest of us made sure to support them and congratulate them when they finished! Some of the events that we watched our club members do include instrumental and vocal solos, demonstrations and skits. When we watched our friends do some of the events we learned some important lessons such as “the score shouldn’t matter anyway”, but you should always try your hardest. So we encourage you to come to next year’s Johnson County Club Days to support your club members and friends!

By Morena deKeijzer, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

This year the Prairie Moon 4-H club took part in the Johnson County Food Fare. We had so much fun, even though many of us spent the day baking and cooking it was worth it! The theme this year was Letters of the Alphabet. We turned our N into Night Time Nibbles with Prairie Moon. We decorated a table to look like a bed and our menu was, Nutter butters, Neapolitan ice cream sundaes, Nachos, Nutella cookie bars, and No bake cookies. The food was great, and the decorations were so fun! We hope you come join us next year, you’ll have a great time!

By Aubrey Dunmyer, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter



## **Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!**

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that’s happening in your club? Then we have an opportunity for you! The *Reporter’s Corner* is a section within *Clover Clips* that features 4-H club Reporters’ articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the *Clover Clips* submission deadline. Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month’s submission deadline.

## April

- 1 - County Council Officers meeting
  - Countywide Knitting Group meeting
- 3 - New Family Orientation, office
- 4 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 5 - AgDiscovery Program Application deadline
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
  - Insect Art Contest Entries due
  - KSU Animal Science Leadership Academy Applications due
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
  - Congressional Art Contest Submissions due
- 19 - Evening tagging for livestock project animals, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 20 - Morning tagging for Spring Beef Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
  - Last day Beef Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
- 23 - JoCo Extension Volunteer Recognition, office
- 24-May 5 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 27 - JoCo Dog Club Dog Show, JoCo Fairgrounds

## May

- 1 - Deadline to Add/Drop projects in 4-H Online
  - Market Beef Nominations due, online
  - 4-H Camp Scholarship applications due
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
  - Club Leader Meeting, office
- 5 - Discovery Days Registration deadline
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
  - YQCA Training, office (preregistration required)
- 10 - Countywide Knitting Group meeting
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 27 - Memorial Day, office closed
- 30 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 31 - Horse ID Certificates/Horse registration papers, Horseless Horse Certificates & Snaffle Bit Project Forms due to Extension office
  - Evening tagging for Goats, Sheep, Swine, and Bucket Claves, JoCo Fairgrounds

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2024 4-H calendar.

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## Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Christin at [Christin.Bartels@jocogov.org](mailto:Christin.Bartels@jocogov.org).

# Leader Update

## **Club Leader Meeting**

Our next Club Leader meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Please try to have at least one leader or an adult representative from your club attend. If someone from your club will not be able to attend, please contact Lexi. Topics for discussion include fair overview, changes to pin applications, and succession planning.

## **Remind Families to Reenroll**

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to reenroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. We asked that all returning 4-H members be reenrolled by November 1, 2023. **If families are not enrolled for the 2024 4-H year they are missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only contact information from the current year's enrollments is being used.**

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com> and 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/). As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

## **Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers**

Adults providing supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Volunteer applications and renewals are completed through 4-H Online. We asked that all returning volunteers complete their renewal by November 1, 2023. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2023-2024 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile has been approved they may resume their volunteer duties. If you have any questions please contact Christin Bartels.

## **Join Johnson County 4-H Club Leaders and Staff on BAND**

If you are not already on the Johnson County 4-H BAND Page, we would love to have you join us! BAND can be downloaded as an app or used on your web browser and functions similarly to Facebook, in a private, invite only platform. Find handy attachments, documents, updated events, share ideas with Club Leaders and Extension Staff easily and post photos! Go to <https://band.us/n/a6a195t1E1sb1> for the invite code to join. If you have any questions contact Lexi at [Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org](mailto:Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org).

## **Resources for 4-H Club Leaders**

Please take time to review the forms, links and resources available on the Leader Resources page at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/). Resources include information about the Annual Financial Report, requirements for the Club Seal, and the link to complete the Club Organization Report.

There are also more resources available to support 4-H clubs on the Kansas 4-H website at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/).

## **Families with Financial Difficulties**

All youth in the community deserve to have the positive youth development experience offered in 4-H. If you have families facing financial challenges, preventing them from participating in a 4-H event, please contact the Extension office for support.