



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Hello 4-H Friends and Families,

We wanted to update you on the search for a 4-H Youth Development Agent. There were interviews conducted last week with four candidates and it was decided to not offer the position to any of them. We will be reopening the position soon with a potential starting date for mid-April. As much as we want to have someone in this position, we also know it is important to take the time to find the right person. This person needs to have a vision to lead the Johnson County 4-H program into the next 100 years! Thank you for your continued encouragement of Amanda and Christin as they lead the ship through Food Fare, County Club Days and Regional Club Days along with the everyday work to support our Johnson County youth. **-Tara**

Club Day Information

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is Saturday, February 10, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. The guidelines are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html. Registration has closed, but feel free to stop by that day and watch your fellow 4-H'ers show off their skills! Events start at 8:30 a.m.

Club Day Food Stand — The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors will be sponsoring a food stand during County 4-H Club Day, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Ambassadors do a lot for Johnson County 4-H and the community by providing scholarships to state events, presenting to local 4-H clubs and being advocates for 4-H at a variety of local events. The food stand is their main fundraiser for the year to be able to offer all these great opportunities. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be offered, including: fruit, muffins, chili, hot dogs, pizza, chips, soda, baked goods, water, coffee and much more! Please stop by with your family to enjoy some delicious food and support the Ambassadors!

FCS Judging at Club Day — FCS Judging for both Intermediate and Senior age divisions will be offered during County 4-H Club Day again this year. Similar to last year, teams of two 4-H'ers will draw a presentation topic, have time to prepare, and then present to a judge. This year we will have a sign-up posted on the Club Day webpage for teams to choose a time beforehand and we will also post FCS Judging resources on the webpage.

Regional Club Day — Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. 4-H'ers receiving a top purple ribbon at County 4-H Club Day will have the opportunity to represent Johnson County at Regional 4-H Club Day.

Important Local Deadlines

Enrollment Status and Adding/Dropping Projects

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 have an Active status in 4HOnline 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 4HOnline by simply editing the 4-H member's profile. This option will be available until midnight on May 1 and then after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Appropriate forms can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. **NOTE:** The state office has updated the Horse Identification Certificate for the 2018 4-H year. Please use this updated certificate, it is posted on the above webpage. On this webpage there is also an example of a correctly filled out Horse Identification Certificate posted.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and/or the Kansas State Fair need to submit nominations to the 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 the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

Please Complete Reenrollment Now for 2018

4HOnline opened October 2 for families to reenroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2018 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members reenroll by November 1, 2017. **If you or your 4-H'er have not reenrolled yet please do so immediately.** Your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2018 enrollments in 4HOnline will be used now. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>.

As a reminder, Kansas 4-H has implemented a \$15 per member program fee. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds do not have to pay the fee.) The program fee is paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline. Enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

If you have any questions about enrollment or the program fee please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

Attention Registered Volunteers:

- For anyone that is a Registered Volunteer, renewals for the 2017-2018 year were due on October 1, 2017.
- For anyone that needs to complete the background check it was due December 31, 2017. If you need to complete the background check you would have received an email from Amanda.
- All club leaders and projects leaders need to become Registered Volunteers.

More information can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/. If you have any questions about any part of the Volunteer process please contact Amanda.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Sewing Project

Sewing is considered part of the STEM programs in 4-H and it is a lifelong skill! Are you interested in learning how to create something from a piece of material? Attend classes to learn how to sew many fun projects as a beginner or as an experienced sewer who wants to have a set time to sew and to have questions answered. All levels of experience are welcomed. Classes are held at the Extension office every Thursday. For more information contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

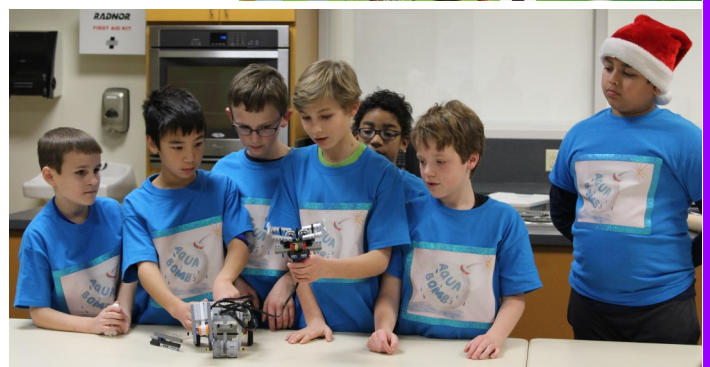
Project Resource Pages

Do you have trouble knowing where to start with a project or want to know more about what a project entails? We have created, with the help of some Johnson County 4-H'ers, new Project Guides. Each guide has advice from a 4-H'er stating what they enjoy about the project as well as some things they have accomplished. It also includes a list of possible activities to do in the project, events, curriculum available, project opportunities and online resources. We currently have ten Project Guides on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html with plans to have one for each project. Please look them over for ideas or to learn more about a project.

If you are an older 4-H'er (12+) we would love for you to share your advice for the guides we don't have completed yet. You would not be responsible for the other content on the guide just a couple paragraphs under "Advice from a 4-H'er". If you are interested please email Amanda and she can send you the guidelines.

Comet Tech 4-H Club Lego 1st League Team Competes

On Dec. 16th, "the Aquabombs", a Lego 1st league from Comet Tech 4-H Club presented and demonstrated their learning in the Robotics Project to a team of judges in Lawrence, Ks. The Lego 1st league takes groups within 4-H and promotes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for club members ages 9-14. The Aquabombs, led by project leaders Jean and Brian have been meeting and learning weekly since August. The project class chose a challenge, designed their robot to provide solutions to the challenge. The children chose a water pollution challenge. The challenge was to find where lead in water was coming from, and proceed to build their robot to have tools to manipulate the terrain, heavy pipes, and replace water filters in order to correct the problem. The boys worked together in researching water pollution both nationally and locally. They designed nano-bots to replace corroded pipes and install pipes with dynamic filters. These filters would remove the lead and other contaminants. The Comet Tech 4-H Club has two Lego first leagues for two different age groups. If you would like your children to learn more about STEM, look into the Comet Tech 4-H Club. The club meets the third Tuesday of the month and the focus is on technology related projects as well as traditional 4-H learning. Please join us for the next meeting at the County Extension Office; 11811 S Sunset Dr. Suite 1500, Olathe, KS 66061, 6:30pm.



Local Opportunities

Look at These Upcoming Events!

Gardening SPIN Club — We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with Mahaffie this spring to offer a Gardening SPIN club! Open to 4-H'ers and non 4-H'ers. The dates are April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15 and will take place at Mahaffie in Olathe from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Be on the lookout for registration details.

Wild Clover Camp — This is a two day one overnight adventure for youth ages 7-9 wanting to get a mini camp experience. There will be swimming, fishing, creating arts and crafts, hiking, and singing around a campfire. Wild Clover Camp is June 7-8, located in La Cygne, KS, and is open to both 4-H'ers and non 4-H'ers. Registration will open February 1.**

Fantastic 4-H Camp — This camp is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 8-12. 4-H membership is not required. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. As well as sing songs by the campfire, make crafts and meet new friends. Camp is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS and is June 16-19. Registration opens February 1.**

**Registration links will be posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html.

County Council 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. County Council officers have meetings which occur on the first Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

Welcome the 2018 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors!

The Johnson County Ambassadors work together as a team to promote the 4-H program to 4-H members and to the local community. Through public presentations and the media, they share the 4-H story with others.



Back Row: Chase, Morning Glory; Seth, Comet Tech; Ivi, Spring Hill Rustlers; Matthew, Sharon; Nicholas, Morning Glory.
Front Row: Anthony, Comet Tech; Sophia, Stanley Buccaneers; Theresa, Country Hearts; Elizabeth, Stanley Buccaneers.

State Opportunities

4-H “Alien Adventure” Experience

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are again teaming up to provide fun, hands-on and science-based programming for Kansas 4-H Youth Development. This third program will feature “The Alien Adventure.” The experience will begin Friday, April 6, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, April 7, 4 p.m. Cost will be \$110 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$110 for all adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Parents, grandparents, other relatives, and guardians may chaperone their own children/relatives. They may not chaperone other non-family members. Adult chaperones will be responsible for their children overnight.

Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and an overnight stay. Program topics include: a tour of the Cosmosphere, doing experiments and microscope examinations to learn about what makes something alive, finding out how scientists are searching for life in our solar system, learning about the search for extra-solar plants, decoding alien messages, and developing an alien species with its own unique planet and culture, plus much more.

This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff.

Register at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> after February 1, until March 22, or until all 60 spots are filled. There is also a minimum number required or the experience will be cancelled.

Save 15% at JOANN Fabrics with the new 4-H Rewards Card

JOANN Fabrics and National 4-H Council are partnering to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth in local communities across the nation. Just in time for the holidays, you can now save 15% off your JOANN purchases with the free 4-H Reward Card. When you use this card, JOANN will donate 2.5% of all eligible purchases to National 4-H Council. For more details and to sign up for the reward card visit <https://4-h.org/get-involved/partners/4-h-and-joann/>.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day will be March 17 in Weber Hall at Kansas State University.

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be March 24 in Weber Hall at Kansas State University.

Johnson County Spring Beef Show will be April 21 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Johnson County Spring Goat & Sheep Shows will be June 2 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds

Johnson County Spring Swine & Bucket Calf Shows will be June 3 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Citizenship Washington Focus will be June 14-25. A road trip across the USA.

Campference will be June 26-29 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 18-19 in Manhattan.

48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge will be October 13-14.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Over the past two months, the Great Plains 4H Club has really enjoyed getting to serve at City Union Mission in various capacities. At our November meeting, we collected 60 lbs. of toys for the Mission's "Christmas Store." On November 25th, we toured City Union Mission's main building and learned a lot of interesting history and facts about the Mission. Then on December 18th we had the privilege to help sort mattresses, pillows, kitchenware, and all sorts of other things at one of their warehouses. These three experiences certainly made our club realize how many needs are present right in our own city. It was incredibly encouraging to hear all the different ways City Union Mission is working to help people in need and I hope our club can serve there again soon!

By Emma Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter



There was a room full of smiles, young and old, as the Sharon 4-H group meet at the Blackhawk Assisted Living Center to sing Christmas carols with the residents. The group met at the center on Monday December 11th before their monthly meeting. After singing, the 4-H members were able to talk with the residence learning about their holiday traditions, favorite foods, and other special memories. The night was complete with shared cookies and hot chocolate with marshmallows, which several residence said was the best way to drink it. In addition to the Christmas Caroling, the Sharon 4-H group also collected gifts for the families adopted by Mission South Side for Christmas.

By Kairi Quinn, Sharon 4-H Club Reporter



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The Oxford Hustler's have enjoyed many events as a club since December! Movie night, a White Elephant gift exchange and Salvation Army bell ringing. It has been a great way for our club to get to know new member and reconnect with old friends!

By Victoria Haney, Oxford Hustlers 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.

February

- 1 - Registration opens for Wild Clover Camp and Fantastic 4-H Camp
- Countywide Sewing Group
- 3 - Jo. Co. Ext. Education Foundation dinner
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 8 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - County Club Day
- 15 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 22 - Countywide Sewing Group

March

- 1 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 5 - County Council meeting
- 8 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 22 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 24 - Regional Club Day

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2018 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the deadline for that 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.

Leader Update

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Club Leader Resource Page

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

This is a reminder that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club. Please help us to make sure everyone volunteering in your club has completed the necessary steps. We are also asking that all volunteers create profiles in 4HOnline so that you as a club leader can see the status of each of your volunteers. For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.