



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Club Day and Food Fare submissions are around the corner and we are looking forward to seeing your creativity, communication skills, and talents highlighted. If one positive thing is said about this pandemic, it's that we all improved our ability to work with a PDF, collaborate online, and upload/download files. If you need any support getting your submissions ready, we are here to support you so please reach out to us.

On another note, I am already looking forward to warmer weather and outdoor activities. It's a bit early but I started looking at the vegetable planting guide (bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf315.pdf) to think about starting seeds indoors in March. Come on, warmer weather! -Ami

A Note from Jessica Barnett

Hello all!

I wanted to share that I am resigning from my position as Ag Agent to take a new job. My last day in the office will be February 2. I have greatly enjoyed the last 3 ½ years working in this office. While I only interacted with a part of the 4-H Program, one of my biggest highlights was getting to see the 4-H'ers grow, learn, and become leaders in their communities. I wish you all the best, and I have no doubt that you all will continue to make the best better. -Jessica

County Club Day

Club Day will be done completely virtual this year. 4-H'ers will prerecord their presentations and submit a link to the video to the Johnson County 4-H office. There will be no group events this year. To help in planning for judges, please register by Friday, January 29, 2021. The registration link is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html. Video submissions are due by Monday, February 15, 2021. Club Day guidelines have been updated and are also posted on our county's 4-H Club Day website along with instructions on how to create a link for recorded videos.

Resources to help you prepare for your event can be found on the Johnson County 4-H Club Day page linked above and newly created resources are available at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/personal-development/communications.html. If you have any questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Regional Club Day — Top performers will be invited to participate in Regional Club Day which is also fully virtual this year and event offerings will be the same as County Club Day except Impromptu will not be offered. Submissions of recorded videos will be due March 22, 2021 and a submission link will be shared closer to the event.

Extension's COVID-19 Programming ****NEW UPDATE****

UPDATE: K-State and our local Extension Board has decided that all Extension programs should continue in the virtual preferred format **through March 31, 2021** to match the requirement from KSRE Administration.

Program leaders seeking exceptions, please review the following document www.jocogov.org/sites/default/files/documents/DHE/PBH/Reduce%20Your%20Risk%20Flyer.pdf, aiming for programming in the lowest risk category, and contact Ami to submit a written plan requesting an exception. **This applies to any Extension program delivered by staff, volunteers and representatives of Extension.**

With the continued disruption of 4-H programs due to COVID-19, membership pin applications, club seals, and member record book score sheets will be adjusted and modified for 2020-21. If your club or program has an attendance requirement for running for office, club scholarships, etc., there should be an option for individuals to participate virtually during the 2020-21 year. Clubs **cannot** set attendance requirements to participate in showcase opportunities such as Club Day or Fair.

Welcome 2021 Ambassadors

Top Row:

Kristin - Ambassador Co-leader

Molly - 4-H Program Manager

Abby - Lucky Clover

Second Row:

Kristen - Blue River Wranglers

Fern - Oxford Hustlers

Becca - Great Plains

Third Row:

Jackson - Morning Glory

Ainsley - Blue River Wranglers

MaryLynn - Ambassador Co-leader

Fourth Row:

Jonathan - Blue River Wranglers

Jaden - Lucky Clover

Tylier - Prairie Moon

Ami - 4-H Agent

Maddie - Lucky Clover

Not Pictured: **Charli** - Prairie Star



Advice from Mr. 4-H



Question: *How did you prepare for your first public speaking event?*

Jayden: 4-H allowed me to develop my public speaking skills gradually. I started off by sharing in project meetings, giving committee and junior officer reports, and being part of our club play at Club Days. This helped me become more comfortable with speaking in front of others. Soon I felt ready to do a talk in front of a judge at County Club Days. Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks have become my favorite form of public speaking. I like showing and telling others how to do things that I've learned through my 4-H projects. Sometimes the hardest part of a talk is figuring out what the topic of your talk should be. It's best to find a topic that you are passionate about and want to share with others. Then simply walk through the steps of showing or telling them about your topic. Your passion for it is sure to show in your talk! My first talk I ever did at Club Days was an Illustrated talk about how batteries work. I had chosen this because electricity was my favorite project, and I was learning the basics of electricity. Even though Club Day is virtual this year, I hope that 4-H'ers continue to participate in it, show their creativity, and develop their public speaking skills.

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. If changes need to be made to a 4-H member's projects, please contact Christin **before May 1** because at this time the new system does not allow families to make these updates and the deadline falls on a Saturday this year. If you have questions about project enrollment or the May 1 deadline, 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 Friday, April 30** because May 1 falls on a Saturday this year. Appropriate forms can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. **Please note that the Horse ID Certificate was updated last year and this form (dated January 2020) **must** be used. Also posted on the website above is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate; it must only be one page (front and back).

4-H Horse Snaffle Bit Project Nominations - Horse snaffle bit project nominations are also **due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 30** since May 1 falls on a Saturday this year. Along with the nomination, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted.

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 Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. ****NOTE: Please plan ahead as May 1 is a Saturday this year, so all forms will need to be signed no later than Friday, April 30.** 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.

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.

Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2021

The new 4-H Online system opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. We asked that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2020. **If your family has not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** If not re-enrolled, your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2021 enrollments in 4-H Online is now being used. The new website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>.

Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted on our 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office. As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.)

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be virtual June 1-4.

Fantastic 4-H Camp will be June 6-9 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Campference will be virtual June 27-30.

Johnson County Fair will be July 25-31 in Gardner.

Local Opportunities

Grants Available from Extension Education Foundation

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation (JCEEF) was established in 1997. Their mission is to support education through Extension. Their purpose is to support the Johnson County Extension Service by: promoting awareness of the services and educational programs to citizens of all ages in Johnson County, encouraging educational and research programming, and developing and recruiting financial support.

The Foundation is making funding available to assist with individual/group projects which are currently not funded or purchased. These projects should have a strong educational component and be consistent with the mission of the Foundation. Anyone who is affiliated with Johnson County K-State Research and Extension may apply. This would include staff, volunteers or any program participant. More information about the process and the application can be found on the JCEEF website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/foundation/. Grant applications must be postmarked no later than February 26, 2021.

Kansas 4-H Project Report Form Resources

Project Report Forms are replacing Kansas Award Portfolios (KAPs) for project recognition. This is a way for 4-H'ers to share the learning and contributions in a specific project area while developing their skill for record keeping. Links to the forms and guidelines are posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html. Supporting videos are coming soon! Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

Taking Nominations for Social Media Spotlights

Would you or someone you know like to be featured on our Johnson County 4-H Facebook page for activities you do, events you compete in or to give a shoutout to an awesome volunteer or youth? If so, email Molly a few pictures and a short description of who and what you'd like to share on our Facebook page and we will create a post about them! You can submit an entry for yourself or nominate a youth or volunteer for a 4-H related project/event/activity they participated in! We want to show off all the learning, leadership and citizenship our organization takes part in.

Free Kits

Needle point, embroidery, and cross stitch kits are available at the Extension Office. Contact FCS Agent, Denise Dias, at Denise.Dias@jocogov.org if you need any guidance getting started. The kits are available on a first come, first served basis.



Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

Did you know... All 4-H volunteers who work directly with youth are required to complete the Kansas 4-H volunteer screening process to ensure a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all youth. For more information, see section 8.2: Volunteer Enrollment in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook (www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html). Contact the Extension Office to start the volunteer screening process.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Sewing Project Meetings Update

Meetings for the Johnson County 4-H sewing project will begin on February 4, 2021. Meetings are held at the Extension office on Thursdays and start at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to new sewers, youth that have sewn previously and even experienced sewers with great skills! Youth will learn all the basics, brush up current skills and get ready for the fair. If you have questions contact Martha Powell, county sewing leader, at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or 913-302-5812, or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Special Rules:

- Participants must be signed up prior to attending the meeting at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA8AD28A0F49-4hcountywide>. A minimum of two participants are required for a session to continue.
- Face coverings must be utilized during the entire session.
- There will be a limit of six 4-H'ers maximum at any session.
- Each 4-H'er is allowed one supporting adult. Please have non-participating members remain at home.
- Equipment will not be shared and should be cleaned before and after the session.

Countywide Knitting Project Update

Looking for a relaxing, indoor 4-H project for the winter months? Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project.

Beginning Knitters – If you are brand new to the project, please contact Sarah for a small group session on February 12 and 26 to get started. Face coverings must be utilized and only one supporting adult allowed. Space is limited.

Experienced Knitters – Currently meeting virtually, but may contact Sarah for support. Contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com to be added to the mailing list.

Countywide Livestock Program

The Countywide Livestock Program is starting the new year off right with more opportunities to learn about livestock! During the program sessions, we will be learning about careers related to livestock, livestock care and health, how to prepare your animals for the fair, and so much more.

You do not need to own livestock to join this program! All 4-H families of all experience levels are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting and sign up to receive information.

Meeting details and the Zoom link for the February session will be sent out by February 1. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive further information about the Countywide Livestock Program and educational sessions, contact Molly at molly.maddy@jocogov.org.

Kansas 4-H Projects Resource

4-H Clover Classroom is an online classroom to help youth explore 4-H projects and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the different project areas within Kansas 4-H. The online activities have been developed for different skill levels. So, for example, even if you've never done photography before, the lesson will give you some things to get you started in photography. Some of the initial activities include getting to know your camera; learning about pollinators in the garden; and knowing the differences between quick bread and yeast bread. The lessons that are currently available are based on the most popular 4-H projects in past years, according to enrollment and more activities will be routinely added in the future. The online materials are free and if printed materials are preferred there is a small fee for those. The classroom is located on the Kansas 4-H website at Kansas4-H.org under the Resources tab.

County Project Opportunities

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?

Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: All youth age 7 and older exhibiting in the beef, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by May 1 of the current year in order to exhibit at the fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 8 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.YQCA.org and logging into the system through 4-H Online using your current login information. All registration and payment is 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. Online training is the only option available at this time. If a family needs financial support, please contact the Extension Office. **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. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

National Opportunities

Agri-Science Summit

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. This event will be held virtually March 4-7, 2021. For more information and to register visit 4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/. Registration closes February 19, 2021.

4-H Youth in Action Awards

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in National 4-H's core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM. Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership.

Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

Applications are now being accepted at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/> through March 29, 2021.

State Opportunities

Citizenship In Action 2021

Citizenship In Action is for Kansas youth to learn about the legislative process with an emphasis on deliberation and finding common ground. 4-H membership is not required to attend. With this event being virtual, plans are in place to have legislators in attendance for the different sessions. Youth are also encouraged to reach out to decision makers in their area to learn more about their choices for civil engagement in their community, country and world. Sessions will be held in the afternoon of February 14 and 15. The cost to attend is \$35 per youth and includes a conference t-shirt. **Registration closes on Monday, February 1, 2021.** For more information visit the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/.

Junior Swine Producer Week and Junior Meat Goat Producer Week

The KSU Junior Producer Days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational events in 2021. There will be a few presentations throughout the week, with each of the programs wrapping up on Saturday morning. Informational flyers with a tentative agenda are posted on our Johnson County 4-H Livestock page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows.

The junior day events will be free this year, thanks to gracious sponsors, but all participants will still need to register. This includes both youth and adults. Families also need to use an email address that is checked on a regular basis, as that is the method of communication that will be used to share links and specific details with attendees.

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week — February 15-20, 2021

Register at <https://bit.ly/KSUJrSwineWeek> by February 8, 2021.

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week — March 15-20, 2021

Register at <https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek> by March 8, 2021.

National Festival of Breads

The National Festival of Breads is a public festival held every other year in Manhattan, Kansas. This year will be a little different; to maintain everyone's safety, the event will be completely virtual on June 9, 2021. You can still expect the same great workshops, recipes, and competition, just from the comfort of your own house! Original recipes can be submitted through February 22, 2021. There are two divisions, adult and youth. The adult division has three categories. They include savory rolls, sweet bread/rolls or traditional breads. The youth division has two categories. They include sweet rolls or creative bread shape.

For all the details, see the National Festival of Breads website at nfb2021.com and start baking!



2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

****New Process for 2021!**** Applications for ALL 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2021. Please note that you will now be required to upload some files that would have previously been emailed. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application information is posted at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html. Listed below each scholarship application link are the required files that you will need to upload in addition to completing the application. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Holiday Hay Ride 2020

By Sarah W., Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter

The Frontier Family 4-H Club celebrated the holidays in style! Our club grabbed our masks and headed out on a holiday hayride and cookie exchange. It was an activity organized by our Recreation Committee and included a service project because we donated cookies to the Extension Office. "The reason we went on the hayride was to have a little more fun celebrating for the Christmas season instead of having a regular meeting," said Committee co-chair, Ethan. Families sang Christmas carols while on the hayride. Five families joined the activity, both young and old, and enjoyed the colorful lights on the ride around Heritage Park.



Spreading Christmas Cheer in Great Plains 4-H Club

By Leah Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

During the month of December, the Great Plains 4-H Club tried to stay connected even though they have not been able to meet in person. First of all, they participated in a Christmas Food Box Drive with Mission Southside in Olathe. Each family who participated donated pantry staples-- like rice, beans, flour and cooking oil-- for families in need. The club packed a total of 5 boxes! Project leader, Noah delivered the food boxes to Mission Southside.



The Great Plains 4-H Club also did a cookie exchange with club members. Each family delivered cookies to the home of Foods Project leader, Rebecca, and received a bag that included assorted homemade cookies from different families in the club. It was a great opportunity for members to try a variety of cookie recipes from their friends, and to spread some Christmas cheer!

REPORTER'S CORNER

Giving is the Best Christmas Present

By George P. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

During the month of December, Happy Helpers 4-H members delivered Christmas baskets to people serving our community. Member Cora provided baskets with handmade cloth liners which she hemmed from festive Christmas fabrics. Another member, Alex, used her 4-H Photography skills to create beautiful Christmas cards that every member of the club signed to be included in each basket. Every family in the club took a basket home after the November club meeting to fill with goodies and deliver during the month of December. The club chose to include individually packaged foods like soup mix, popcorn, and hot cocoa mix rather than homemade goodies in order to help the people receiving the items to feel safe during the pandemic. Members still tried to choose a variety of items and include healthy options as well as snack food gifts. The baskets were delivered to a variety of community workers such as Olathe Fire Stations and the Olathe Police Department.



December 5th Country Hearts 4-H Bell Ringing

By Olivia Davis, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter



On December 5th several 4-H members performed community service for the Salvation Army. The bell-ringing was located at Hobby Lobby on 135th street in Olathe. Due to COVID-19 things were different this year. We had to be spread out from everyone and had to wear masks. The Davis family had fun while ringing the bell by playing Christmas music and singing along to the music. Even during COVID-19 people were still as generous as the past years. The 4-H families that participated in the bell ringing were the Delancy, Palmer, Kozlowski, and Davis families.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Oxford Hustlers Focus on Parliamentary Procedure

By Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

“Parliamentary procedure is one of the most vital aspects of a business meeting,” according to *A Guide to Parliamentary Practice for your club...* published by K-State Research and Extension. This is part of the reason why one of the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club project leaders, Heather, chose to make parliamentary procedure a focus of the Leadership and Citizenship projects. When Heather was asked why she thinks it is important for 4-Hers to know proper parliamentary procedure, she said, “I think it is important for 4-Hers to know proper parliamentary procedure because it helps them now, as members who participate in 4-H club meetings, and it will also help them later on in life when they participate in other organizations or leadership groups, such as a board of directors or a church committee, or even political office! When a 4-H club runs its meetings with proper parliamentary procedure, every member has an opportunity to participate and share information through reports and to share their point of view and opinion through discussion and votes. Those opportunities are built into the meetings. They also have the opportunity to listen to what the other members say in a respectful way. It helps everyone be a good citizen during meetings!”

Our club’s Parliamentarian, Adrianna, also thinks that it is very important to follow parliamentary procedure. She says, “Having our club members know parliament has made a change in the flow of the meeting and knowledge of what we are actually doing.” When asked why she wanted to be Parliamentarian, Adrianna said, “I wanted to be Parliamentarian for our club to share what I have learned by participating in gavel games and share it with our club. I have learned a lot through gavel games and enjoy competing. Last year, as a junior group, we made it to regionals and were sad we did not get to finish due to COVID. Then, this year we will not have a team, but I hope our group will rebound and be back for 2022!” The Oxford Hustlers are continuing to learn more about parliamentary procedure in an effort to Make the Best Better!



Oxford Hustlers’ Junior Gavel Games team competing at Club Day in 2020.

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 - Citizenship In Action registration due
- 8 - Junior Swine Producer Week registration due
- 11-14 - Healthy Living Summit, online (pre-registration required)
- 12 - Countywide Knitting Group, Zoom
- 14 - Food Fare Gift Package submissions due, online
- 14-15 - Citizenship In Action, online (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Club Day Video submissions due, online
- 15-20 - Junior Swine Producer Week, online (pre-registration required)
- 19 - Agri-Science Summit registration due
- 22 - Festival of Breads recipe submissions due
- 26 - Foundation Grant Applications due
 - Countywide Knitting Group, Zoom

March

- 1 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship applications & supporting materials due, online
 - County Council meeting, Zoom
- 8 - Jr. Meat Goat Producer Week registration due
- 4-7 - Agri-Science Summit, online (pre-registration required)
- 15-20 - Jr. Meat Goat Producer Week, online (pre-registration required)
- 22 - Regional Club Day Video submission due
- 29 - Youth in Action Awards applications due
- 31 - Club Bylaws due to Extension office

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2021 4-H calendar.

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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 or holiday please check the 2021 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

Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook Clarifications

The Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook was updated in November 2020 and it is available at www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html. If you missed the Leader Policy Check-in, please contact Ami for the recording.

The following need to be completed by 4-H Leaders:

- Review, sign and submit **Certification of Non-Discrimination**
- Work with your club to review/revise/approve the **Club Bylaws** and share with the Extension office by March 2021
- Encourage volunteers to complete the **Volunteer Screening Process**
 - Club Account signatories should be Registered Volunteers
 - Social Media pages should be administered by Registered Volunteers
- Add @jocoks4h as an administrator for **Social Media Pages**

Tax Exemption Certificate

This is a reminder that purchases by extension councils for youth development programs qualify for a sales tax exemption. The previous certificate did expire last year, if you need the newest tax exemption certificate, please 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 current volunteers complete their renewal by November 1. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2020-2021 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile is approved they may resume their volunteer duties.

Youth under the age of 18 do not need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

New Resource for 4-H Club Leaders

The newly created training “4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success” includes six videos, handouts, and resources that go with the videos. Volunteers watch the videos and review the handouts and resources designed to help create a better club experience. The training is set up so that it can be completed all at once or over time. The videos are available on the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Development’s website at <http://bit.ly/4-HEZ>. Click on the heading of each section to go to the video. First sign in, then you can click on the video link. At the end of each video volunteers are asked to reflect on something learned and offer suggestions for future training opportunities.