



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 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 Club Day 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 Concessions — The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors will be sponsoring concessions during Club Day. The Ambassadors do a lot for Johnson County 4-H and the community by presenting to local 4-H clubs, sponsoring events for 4-H'ers, and being advocates for 4-H in a variety of local events. Selling concessions during Club Day is a way for the group to raise funds to continue providing these opportunities. Please stop by with your family to enjoy some delicious food and support the Ambassadors!

Judging Activities — Would you like an opportunity to gain some experience in judging 4-H projects? Johnson County Extension Agents and volunteers will be offering judging activities in Family and Consumer Sciences, Food and Nutrition, and Horticulture from 9 a.m. to noon during Club Day. Not only is this a perfect time to learn about these projects and dip your toes into judging experiences, but this activity can also be applied to award and membership applications for your Record Book.

Regional Club Day — 4-H'ers receiving a Top Purple ribbon placing will be invited to participate in Regional Club Day which will take place on Saturday, March 25 at Wheatridge Middle School.

2023 Johnson County Fair Theme Contest

The Johnson County Fair Board wants YOUR ideas for the theme and artwork of the 2023 Johnson County Fair! In cooperation with Extension, the Fair Board is holding a contest for 4-H'ers to create a theme AND to design the fair book cover art. The design will also be on the fair t-shirts. **Deadline for submissions is February 17.** Your design can be hand drawn or digitally created and **must** be original. One entry/idea per person. Please send your theme idea, artwork, and contact information to jessica.lawrenz@jocogov.org. In your email include: your name, parent/guardian's name, club name, phone number and email. Please attach your artwork design in a GIF format if possible (the higher the quality image, the better). The Fair Board will vote on their top choice at their February meeting. The winner will receive a fair concession stand gift card, arena passes, and a fair t-shirt. Good luck to everyone!

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/.

YQCA Certification Requirement - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 3 for more information about YQCA Certification.

***NEW* Johnson County 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 June 1, 2023.***

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 June 1, 2023.

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 June 1, 2023.***

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.

All forms can be found at 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.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Sewing Project

All interested 4-H'ers are welcome at the countywide sewing classes! No experience is required. Classes are held every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Extension office. (There will be no class on February 23.) If you have questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

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 are held at the Extension office. Upcoming meeting dates are February 10, 24, March 10 and 24. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com.

Entomology Project Class

Whether you are a novice or a seasoned veteran, you are welcome to join an Entomology Project meeting held at the Allen County Extension office in Iola on Saturday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m. For families that attended in December, please bring back the two handouts you were given at that meeting. More pinning work will be done at February's meeting and the handouts will help in understanding some of the techniques better. Everyone, please bring your pinning board, insect pins and quilting pins if you have them. A pinning board will be available for new families that attend and insect pins will be available for purchase at \$6.50/package. Also, everyone please bring one or two empty and clean tuna cans for a special project that will be done during the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com or 620-804-9170. In case of bad weather Vicky will send out an email to cancel, so watch your emails. Please don't drive if your roads are bad.

YQCA Requirements

Johnson County 4-H will hold in-person trainings at the Extension office on Saturday, **March 4** and Saturday, **May 13**. All trainings begin at 11 a.m.

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 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goats, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2023, in order to exhibit at the fair. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 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. A copy of the YQCA certificate must be submitted during the nomination process.

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

County Project Opportunities

Introductory Entomology Class

Are you interested in the Entomology Project but don't know where to start? Beginning this project can be a bit overwhelming, so you're invited to an introductory class on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Vicky Wallace, a state entomology volunteer and specialist will be giving a presentation on everything you need to know to get started; including supplies, equipment, collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. All levels of experience are encouraged to attend, from beginning to advanced. Our Johnson County Fair Entomology Superintendent, Sara Eccles will be present to help answer questions, as well as Johnson County 4-H'ers that have many years of experience in the project. There will be examples of insect exhibits and collecting and pinning supplies on-hand for you to see.

Learn More About Kansas 4-H Projects

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 www.Kansas4-H.org under the Resources tab.

Entomology Notebooks Now a Part of the Johnson County Fair

Prefer to catch insects with a camera instead of your hands? Does the thought of touching insects make your skin crawl? Now you can participate in the entomology project, no insect handling required, with an entomology notebook. 4-H'ers take pictures of adult insects during the current 4-H year and create individual entries for each insect to be placed in a 3-ring binder for Johnson County fair competition. Two pictures of each insect are recommended. Identification and date/locality of collection is essential with the pictures. Entomology notebooks also require a special project each year that further explores the world of insects. It is highly suggested to visit the Kansas 4-H Entomology Project page at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology/, the Entomology Collection Notebook guide (www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology/docs/Entomology%20Collection%20Notebook2019.pdf) and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/ for all the details. For questions, email Sara Eccles at sseccles@gmail.com. Happy collecting!

SAVE THE DATE!

Food Fare will be March 31 at the Extension office.

Discovery Days will be June 7-9 on the K-State campus in Manhattan.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular will be June 16-17 in Manhattan.

Johnson County Fair will be July 30-August 5 in Gardner.

48 Hours of 4-H will be October 7-8.

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/grants.html. Grant applications must be postmarked no later than February 17, 2023.

County Council Meeting 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. 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. 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. ****As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee.**** If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

2023 Food Fare

Food Fare will be held on Friday, March 31 at the Extension office. This event is an opportunity for clubs to have a booth that showcases their creativity with food samples, decorations and activities based on a theme. More information including the Food Fare theme and club sign-ups will be coming soon!

Kitchen Restore Program Accepting Donations

Is your club looking for a community service project or does your family have kitchen items to donate? The Kitchen Restore Project strives to improve the nutrition, health, and quality of life of Johnson County residents through the provision of basic kitchen items to those with minimal or no resources for cooking. New or gently used basic kitchen items are currently being accepted from the community, as well as financial donations. A list of accepted items and details for where to bring donations can be found on the Johnson County Extension website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/health-food-safety/kitchen-restore-project.html.

Local Opportunities

Rock Springs Summer Camps and Employment Opportunities

Ready, set, register for Summer Camp 2023! This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions. For more information, session dates and fees, visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/. Johnson County 4-H's unofficial camp session is the Traditional 4-H Camp, Session 1, June 4-7, 2023.

Rock Springs employee applications for summer 2023 are now open too! If you know someone who likes spending time outside and working with youth, Rock Springs Ranch may be a great fit. Approximately 60 staff are hired each summer in a variety of roles from counselor to activity specialist and leadership roles. For more information and job descriptions, visit www.rockspringsranch.org/employment/.

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. Informational slides from our local training are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

Makerspace Lab at Olathe Public Library Indian Creek Branch

Do you want to be creative and inventive but don't have the materials, equipment, or space to work on projects? The Makerspace Lab provides 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 engraving, sewing and a music/sound/recording studio. Cost is free to minimal, but the equipment is free to use. For more information and to sign up for a time slot visit www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace.

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 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 for you to watch when you choose.

Wanted! Food Stand Manager

A responsible and organized adult is needed to serve as the 4-H Food Stand Manager for the 2023 Johnson County Fair. The 4-H Food Stand is the largest fundraiser for 4-H Council and helps to pay for County Club Day, Achievement Celebration, Style Revue, and much more. The position does come with a stipend. Please see the Position Description posted at <https://tinyurl.com/2a5cdrx2>. If you have questions or are interested in the position, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at joco4-h@jocogov.org.

State Opportunities

Register for Citizenship in Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth (13-18 years old before January 1, 2023) to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. This event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and will be February 19-20, 2023, in Topeka. For more information and to register visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/. The deadline to register is February 1, 2023.

Summer Host Families Needed

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home from July 22-August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 30-35 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12-16. Host family assignments match each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling and are made as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. Interested families can complete the application at www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/ to start the process.

2023 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

Applications for 2023 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters and references is March 1, 2023. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application information is posted at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html. Listed on this website is the scholarship application link, recommendation letter link and the required files that you will need to submit in addition to completing the application. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

Insect Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H'ers and art students across the state. The theme this year is "Insect Superheroes." The goal is to explore why real life insects can be considered superheroes. 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. Entries are due before April 14, 2023. Contest rules and the entry form are posted at www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/.

State Opportunities

Junior Swine and Meat Goat Producer Days

Registration is now open for Junior Swine Producer Day and Junior Meat Goat Producer Day held in Manhattan. The junior producer day events are one-day family educational programs to learn about the selection and management of swine and/or meat goat youth livestock projects, as well as a variety of aspects related to the animal science industry. Each day is dedicated to one specie. Online registration information is listed below. All attendees must register, which includes both youth and adults. You must register by the deadline to receive a t-shirt.

In addition to the junior producer day events, an instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need to indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. Then, more specific details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be communicated with only those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3/child fee. The junior day registration is independent from the YQCA class and does not include that additional fee.

A session over the state livestock nomination process will also be hosted at the end of each junior producer day for those who are interested. It will be offered for parents concurrently with the YQCA class. So, the adults can come learn about the state nomination process, while the kids go earn their YQCA certification for the 2023 year!

Finally, there will potentially be an option for families who are participating in junior meat goat producer day to tour the K-State Sheep and Meat Goat Center before or after that event. If that is something that interests you, please watch your email for details as March 18 gets closer!

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Registration Deadline: February 15

Cost: \$20/person by February 15 (\$25/person after February 15)

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 15 to receive a t-shirt.

*Online Registration: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Registration Deadline: February 22

Cost: \$20/person by February 22 (\$25/person after February 22)

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 22 to receive a t-shirt.

*Online Registration: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

Advice from Mr. 4-H, Ryan Brethour

Question: *What is the value of competition?*



I believe that competition pushes you to try your hardest and prepares you for the future. In club days, for example, if everyone got a participation ribbon no matter how they did, it would be harder to try your best because you would know that the outcome would be the same. The way club days is set up is to encourage you to push yourself to the limit by practicing and preparing for your event. This will help prepare you for future job interviews, during your job, and throughout the rest of your life.

REPORTER'S CORNER

JoCo 4-H Horse Club

By Emma Grove, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

The JoCo 4-H Horse Club was happy to welcome back Avery M. during her holiday break from college. She has been judging in college and she got the chance to be able to judge Matt Mills, a horse reining champion. We are getting ready for our winter buckle series. The dates are February 26 and March 26. Horse Panorama is right around the corner and sign up has closed so good luck to everyone who has signed up. Reminder to everyone to get sponsors for the buckle series. Thanks, Lindsey, for helping us study and preparing us for the panorama.

Q) How much does it cost to ride a bronc?

A) A Buck!

On Thursday, January 12th, 2023, the Oxford Hustlers 4-H club added their new club seal to their club charter. The club was chartered on December 31, 1931. We were very excited to receive our Purple seal for the 2021-2022 4-H year. The ceremony was conducted by Club Leader, Emalie Murdoch; President, Maddie C.; and Second Vice President, Mason C. Thank you to all our club members and families who worked hard for our club seal!

By Iris Schrotberger, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



Having Fun at Club Days

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

Have you ever wondered what Club Days is? It is an event where 4-H members from all the clubs come to a building to show their skills! It has several things like the county fair. There are ribbons, projects (only in talks and demonstrations), instruments, and more! There are even club acts. Do you know what a skit is? It is basically a play. There are two types of skits at club days: single and group. Single is when you act out a skit all by yourself. Group is when the whole club does one

skit. You can use props in both single and group. For skits, you can either do a music one or a play-like one.

Club Days for this year will be on February 11th. Clubs and individuals will likely bring musical acts, play-like acts, and either is okay! The Happy Helpers 4-H Club has started practicing a skit and introduction. When Club Days comes, it's time to have fun!



REPORTER'S CORNER

Do you know the difference between hazards and emergencies or emergencies and disasters? At the County Council meeting on January 3, Jennifer Tarwater, FEMA Regional Preparedness Liaison explained those differences to us. A hazard is a dangerous situation, an emergency is a sudden, urgent, unexpected event, and a disaster is a calamitous event with a large-scale impact. Ms. Tarwater discussed the importance of being prepared by making a plan and building an emergency kit for your home and family. She told us about the FEMA Youth Preparedness Program and how it would be a good idea for each club Safety Officer to teach these skills to their club members. Free resources can be found at www.ready.gov/kids.

By Joshua Eflin, 4-H County Council Reporter



The Country Hearts 4-H Club had a parent led meeting where the parents switched roles with the kids. The Club voted to participate in removing the wreaths from the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery through the Wreaths Across America program on January 21st. The members of the visual arts project showed off the snowmen they made at the project meeting in December. There will be a Jr. Leaders meeting on January 20th at Starbucks. Many of the members are preparing for county club days.

By Ramsey Denner, Country Hearts 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 - Citizenship in Action Registration due online
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 6 - County Council Officers meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 11 - County Club Day (pre-registration required)
- 12 - KSU Women's Basketball 4-H Day (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Jr. Swine Producer Day Registration due
 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 17 - JoCo Fair Theme Contest Submissions due
 - JCEEF Grant Applications due
- 18 - Entomology Class, Allen Co. Extension office
- 19-20 - Citizenship in Action (pre-registration required)
- 22 - Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day Registration due
- 23 - NO Countywide Sewing Group this week
- 24 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 24-25 - Ambassador Training (pre-registration required)

March

- 1 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship Applications due, online
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 4 - YQCA Training, Extension office (pre-registration required)
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 11 - Jr. Swine Producer Day, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18 - Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 23 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 24 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 25 - Regional Club Day, Wheatridge MS, Gardner
- 28 - Introductory Entomology class, office
- 30 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 31 - Food Fare, office

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2023 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 2023 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

Remind Families to Re-enroll

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. We asked that all returning 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2022. **If families are not enrolled for the 2023 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 now being used.**

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

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, 2022. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2022-2023 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.

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/. 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/.

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.