



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Mr. and Miss 4-H Applications Due June 28!

The Johnson County Mr. and Miss 4-H Program recognizes young people for the leadership and commitment they have contributed to the 4-H program and their communities. Mr. and Miss 4-H support and participate in county events and activities throughout the year including Fair and promote Johnson County 4-H in the community. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (before January 1, 2024) are eligible to apply. More information about the Mr. and Miss 4-H Program can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/mr-and-miss-4-h.html. The application is also posted at the above website and is due June 28. Interviews will be held at the Extension office on the evening of July 17.

County Fair Entries

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair are due Wednesday, July 24. All entries for Dog, Interior Design & Architecture, Sewing & Textile Design, and Shopping in Style are due on **July 1**. Late entries will not be accepted and if a 4-H'er does not meet the deadline they will not be allowed to have their project judged in the 4-H division.

All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit stall requests and tag numbers by Wednesday, July 24. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-H member's name who is exhibiting the animal by the July 24 deadline. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.

Only online entries are accepted. The entry system is now open and is accessible through the Johnson County Fair website at www.jocokansasfair.com.

Note: Once an entry is submitted it cannot be edited. If assistance is needed in making online entries please contact the Extension office or the Fair office. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation. After the entry deadline adding an entry is not an option.

All entries including livestock must be accompanied at check-in with a printed entry tag.

Open Class Superintendents Needed

The Johnson County Fair Open Class is in need of assistance. If you are interested in helping as a superintendent for Open Class projects, they would like to hear from you! Please email Don Lies at pipegod12@gmail.com if you are interested or for more details.

Departments in need of a superintendent are: Ceramics, Crafts, Photography, and Structured Living.

Fair Edition

Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for Poultry Fair Exhibitors

Kansas continues its designation as a Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) Clean state. The Johnson County 4-H Fair Book states that all poultry (chickens, turkeys, and guineas) must show proof of negative Pullorum-Typhoid testing at check-in. Testing is generally completed at least 2 weeks prior to exhibition start date. The exception is birds that are less than 90 days old.

Fairgrounds Clean Up/Set Up

The Johnson County Fair relies on volunteers for a successful fair and clubs are expected to support the event by helping with the clean-up before, during, and after fair. The schedule with each club's work day is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html. If you as a club member cannot make your club's assigned time, please come on an alternate date and help another club. Also, please bring the appropriate cleaning supplies necessary for your club to clean your area. Each club should bring brooms as every building will need swept. Teen 4-H'ers and parents are welcome to bring a Weed Eater if they would like to assist with trimming around buildings and fences during clean up days.

2024 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

An electronic version of the 2024 Johnson County Fair Book is available to view at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

Johnson County 4-H Fair Book Updates

Following are updates to the 2024 Johnson County Fair 4-H Book:

- The following departments' name has changed to match Kansas 4-H projects and the Kansas State Fair
 - **Clothing Construction** is now **Sewing & Textile Design**
 - **Energy Management** is now **Electric and Small Engines**
 - **Fashion Revue** is now **Shopping in Style**
 - **Home Environment** is now **Interior Design & Architecture**
 - **Plant Science** is now **Agronomy, Forestry, and Horticulture**
 - **Public Presentations** is now **Communications**
 - **STEM** has been broken down into these individual departments: **Ag Mechanics Welding, Building Block Engineering, Astronomy / Uncrewed Aircraft Systems, and Aerospace / Rocketry**
 - **Technology & Computers** is now **Computer Science and Robotics**
- **Art** entries are limited to a maximum of 3 exhibits total.
- **Fiber Arts** conference judging is limited to 1 item.
- **Foods and Nutrition** judging will end at 7 p.m. on Monday.
- **Interior Design & Architecture** entries will be due July 1 and project check-in and judging will take place on Saturday, July 20 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Project check-in will be at 1 p.m. All projects must be transported and taken back in the same day by the participant. Projects must be out of the space by 3:30 p.m. that day. (More information will be coming on how to sign-up for conference judging.)
- **Shopping in Style** class Everything Under \$15 is now Everything Under \$20!

Fair Edition

Food and Clothing Labels

Food labels (including those for Food Preservation) are available on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to print off at home, or they can be picked up at the Extension office.

Clothing labels can be made by printing in ink on a 3" x 2½" piece of cloth: Class Number, County, Name, Age, and Level.

Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

Departmental Forms

Some departments such as Electric, Shopping in Style, and Aerospace/Rocketry require additional forms along with the entry. These forms are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html. Please refer to each department's rules in the fair book regarding what forms are required.

Entering Quilts in the Fair

If you are entering a quilt in the Johnson County Fair the ideal department to enter it in is the Fiber Arts department. The judge for Fiber Arts will be more experienced with quilts and therefore better able to give 4-H'ers helpful feedback.

Photo Mats and Photo Sleeves

The Extension office has photo mats and protective photo sleeves available for purchase. The cost for the pair is \$1.50. You will not receive the photo sleeve at the time of purchase as photos will be placed in the photo sleeve by the superintendents during judging. Use a large zip top bag to transport your photos to the fairgrounds for judging. Photos exhibited in the 4-H Photography division at the county fair are required to be mounted on a photo mat. Photo mounting directions and labels can be picked up at the Extension office and they are also posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to print at home.

4-H Foods Judging

The judging for 4-H Foods and Nutrition will take place at Gardner Elementary School from 2-7 p.m. on Monday, July 29. (Participants in the Dog or Horse Shows may come for judging from 12:30-1:30 p.m.) As you research and test recipes for your food entries, make sure to check out the "4-H Foods Entry Tips for Fair" and the "Frosting & Filling Guidelines for the Johnson County Fair" documents posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

For food preservation entries, remember to only use CLEAR canning jars for the fair. Save the colored blue and green canning jars for home use. Colored jars may have to be opened to check canned ingredients and if it is opened it cannot go on for further judging due to food safety issues.

If you have any questions about your food entry, please contact the Extension office at 913-715-7000 or foodhelp@jocogov.org.

Cloverbuds Show and Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday, July 30. This is a reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts when youth turn 7 before January 1 of the current 4-H year. Cloverbuds are encouraged to show and share 1-2 projects. Sign-ups for time slots will be available on July 10. For more information about activities for Cloverbuds, visit www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/cloverbuds/.

Fair Edition

Project Check-in and Judging

Project check-in will be Monday evening (July 29) from 6:30-9 p.m. and Tuesday morning (July 30) from 8-10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Plan on arriving before 10 a.m. on Tuesday to have ample time to check in all of your projects. Livestock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check-in time.

We will again be using SignUpGenius for families to select a conference judging time slot for 4-H'ers. The link to the sign-ups will be posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html and will open on July 10.

Projects for departments judged before fair have their own judging schedule. Families enrolled in the corresponding projects in 4-H Online will receive information detailing judging for these departments.

4-H Food Stand

The 4-H Food Stand is a great way for youth to help raise funds for Johnson County 4-H Council while practicing safe food handling, interacting with the community and working collaboratively with their club members! Be prepared to work a short shift at the 4-H Food Stand during fair on your club's assigned day. The funds raised help sponsor county events such as Club Day and Achievement Celebration. The food stand schedule is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

Livestock T-shirts

The Johnson County Fair Association requires all livestock exhibitors to wear Johnson County Fair t-shirts when exhibiting livestock at the fair. The fair association will have a new t-shirt design this year. Please complete the form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAWPGfdaAikpHfRnVOXLah_6T_Xq0YbgRCJRFILyGFLBHZtg/viewform?usp=sf_link to submit your family's request for t-shirts by July 24. One t-shirt per 4-H'er is free, additional t-shirts are \$10 each.

Livestock and Project Auctions

See the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction section or the 4-H Project Auction section in the 4-H Fair Book for more details about the Livestock Auction and Project Auction.

Livestock Auction: In order to sell their livestock, exhibitors must turn in auction forms and fill out and sign a W-9 IRS Form by 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Project Auction: Project auction entry forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Thursday in the 4-H Building. No late entries will be accepted. An exhibitor selling a project for \$600 or more must complete a W-9 Tax ID (social security) form to the Extension office within 5 days of the auction.

State Fair Entries

4-H exhibits that receive a purple ribbon are eligible to enter at the Kansas State Fair as long as there is a corresponding department at the State Fair. To enter in the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2024. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the State Fair may sign up in the 4-H Building from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, August 1. You may also call or email Christin with your entries. All entries must be into the Extension office by 5 p.m. on August 8.

Please note: beef, sheep, swine and meat goat entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15 and Horse Show entries are due by August 1. These projects have a separate entry process.

Fair Edition

Barnyard Olympics Competition

Please join the Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors on Friday, August 2 at 9 p.m. or immediately following the 4-H Project Auction in the Livestock Pavilion for the annual Barnyard Olympics competition. This event is a timed, barnyard-themed obstacle course and is open to everyone! Teams must have four members and 4-H membership is not a requirement. Team sign-ups and a \$10 team entry fee will be collected at the 4-H Ambassador Booth before the event. 100% of the entry fee goes towards scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend state events and camps and for the promotion of the 4-H program throughout the county. Please join us for a barnyard load of fun on August 2!

Johnson County Fair Parade

The 2024 Johnson County Fair Parade will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, in Gardner and will follow the route of Madison St. to Center St. to Shawnee St. For more information and to register, visit <https://business.gardnerchamber.com/events/>.

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. on Sunday, August 4. All remaining exhibits will be released after the church service which usually concludes around 8:45 a.m. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make prior arrangements with another 4-H family to pick up their entries on Sunday morning.** If a 4-H'er does not pick up their entries it is the responsibility of the Club Leader to collect the rest of the club's entries.

Premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that all 4-H exhibitors and their families help with fair clean-up. Requested corrections to premium checks must be submitted to the Fair Office by 12 p.m. on Sunday.

State Opportunities

Host Families Needed for Japanese Exchange

Eleven Japanese youth are in need of a welcoming Kansas Family to host them July 23-August 15. The Kansas 4-H International Program has 7 girls and 4 boys available between ages 13 and 16. Kansas 4-H makes host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling that is no more than 3 years older or younger. Families receive the Japanese delegate's Personal Information Sheets so they can communicate and get to know each other before the delegate arrives.

Any Kansas family (4-H or non-4-H) with children aged 10-17 interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are completely medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money for souvenirs. The delegates 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.

Please see the listing of Japanese youth needing host families for 2024 at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-an-inbound/japan-inbound-docs/Pam%20Tip%20Sheet%20Japanese%20Youth%20Needing%20Host%20Families%20May%2014.pdf. To host a particular youth from the list or if you have further questions, please contact Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator at 785-826-8917 or pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

State Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

The 2024 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be held on Monday, August 12 in Pottorf Hall at Cico Park in Manhattan, KS. This event is a fun, educational, and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/horticulture projects to participate.

Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. This year's tours include the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center and the Hal Ross Flour Mill. Eight contests are open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Preregistration is required online at <https://bit.ly/3Wrq7Uh> by July 25. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information visit the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/.

County Project Opportunities

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 work 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. Hope to see you there!

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. The next meeting is July 5. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah, countywide knitting project leader, at kallansrudsarah@gmail.com. Sarah can also be reached by phone/text at 913-418-6030.

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Show

The remaining 2024 Johnson County 4-H Dog Club dog show is the Rally-O & Agility Show on July 13, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. For more information about training or the dog shows, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/jocoks4hdogclub/home>.

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 Communications 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 17-18 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.

Local Opportunities

Summer Youth Events

There are so many opportunities for youth to learn here in Johnson County! Check out these events from your Johnson County Extension office. Learn more and register at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/.

- » **Financial Planning Academy** offers high school students a daylong workshop at K-State Olathe to explore personal finance and a career in financial planning. Tuesday, July 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.
- » **Nature Camp** takes place July 8-11 at Celebration Park in Gardner. Kids ages 7-12 can have adventures while learning about insects, turtles, trees, and more. Cost is \$25 per camper.
- » **Kids in the Kitchen Summer Camp** for ages 11-15 will be at the Johnson County Extension office July 9-11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. all three days. Cost is \$50 per camper.
- » **Junior Extension Master Naturalist Wild Kids!** has two sessions this month, both from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., for ages 7-14. “Rocks & Fossils” on Saturday, July 13 at Lake Olathe and “The Importance of Water” on Saturday, July 27 at Millcreek Streamway Park.

Leadership Day Camp

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors are hosting a Leadership Day Camp for all youth, ages 8-12 (including non-4-H'ers) on Monday, July 8, from 1-5 p.m. at the Extension office. During this camp participants will engage in fun activities and games that will build leadership and teamwork skills. A \$15 registration fee will cover material costs and snacks. Registration is required at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events and space is limited.

Items Requested for JCEEF Signature Event Silent Auction

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation (JCEEF) will hold their annual dinner and silent auction on Saturday, August 24, at the Lodge at Ironwoods in Leawood. The Foundation Board is asking 4-H clubs to participate in acquiring items for the silent auction. All proceeds from the event will help support the Foundation's grant funding program which benefits special projects in all the Extension program areas of 4-H, Community Development, Family and Community Wellness, Horticulture and Natural Resources.

4-H clubs can develop baskets around a 4-H project theme like gardening, photography, clothing, foods, art and crafts, etc. As an incentive the three clubs receiving the highest bids will be awarded prize money of \$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. If your club is interested in creating and donating a basket, please contact Tara at 913-715-7012 or tmarkley@ksu.edu. Items are due to the Extension office by July 31.

New Procedure to Request County Council Funds

Requesting funds from county council is now done through Google Forms, in addition to the request made at a council meeting. Those that are requesting funds for experiences such as State Events, Shooting Sports Training Reimbursement, 4-H National Congress and International Trips, etc. will use the “4-H Council Funding Request” form. If there is a family that is in need of assistance due to financial burden there is the “Financial Burden Request for Funds” form. This form will be reviewed confidentially by Extension staff, edited for privacy, then forwarded to the Project Support and Scholarship Committee for review. All awards will be dependent on funding and approval. Links to these forms are posted on the 4-H Council website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Morning Glory meets the Dog Club: May Exchange Meeting!

By Eli Bitar, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

On May 27th, 2024, members of the Morning Glory 4-H club attended the May Exchange meeting, where we saw members of the Dog Club attend and talk some about what they do in their club. Gabbie gave a talk to the group about the history of Morning Glory 4-H club. Sammy talked to the two clubs about BB gun safety. This meeting, they also recognized the two people who were graduating from high school this year!



The Prairie Moon June Meeting was a celebration for our graduating 4-H'ers. Cion Hamilton hosted our annual celebration for these graduating club members Dylan, Kylie, Emma, Alana, Tuman and Hailey. This celebration consisted of dinner, multiple games and speeches. The speeches that our seniors presented were the answers to fun questions that our club leader Justin asked. After these graduates concluded their speeches, Cion wanted to go around and congratulate each individual graduating 4-H'er by saying how she remembered when they first joined and how they have grown in their 4-H years since. To conclude our day we finished up a normal meeting and made sure to give a big round of applause to all of our amazing graduates.

By Aubrey Dunmyer and Morena DeKeijzer, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporters



REPORTER'S CORNER

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Izzy Martinez, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

The JoCo 4-H Horse Club has been very busy! We hosted our last two Buckle series races and we have our high point winners! Adi L. won our 7-9 buckle, Emma G. won our 10-13 buckle, and Sunni C. won our 14-18 buckle! Great job to all three of them and a good job to everyone who went out in the muddy arena to compete! We look forward to doing our series again next year, hopefully with a less muddy arena. As July comes closer and closer, so does fair! One important part of fair our club is in charge of is Rodeo Royalty. The 2023 Rodeo Princess is Emma G., and the 2023 Rodeo Queen is Emma K. This year, our contestant for Rodeo Princess is Maesie C., and our Rodeo Queen contestants are Gabby B., Ann'adele K., and Izzy M. They all anxiously wait for Monday, July 29th to learn who the 2024 Rodeo Queen and Princess will be.



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.

July

- 1 - Entries for Dog, Interior Design & Architecture, Sewing & Textile Design, and Shopping in Style due
 - County Council meeting
- 4 - Independence Day, office closed
- 5 - Countywide Knitting Group meeting
- 8 - Ambassador Leadership Camp, (preregistration required)
- 9-11 - Cooking Camp for ages 11-15 (pre-registration required)
- 10 - Conference Judging time slot sign-ups open
- 15 - Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entries due
- 17 - Mr. & Miss 4-H Presentations/Interviews, office
- 20 - Fairgrounds Clean Up Workday
 - Sewing & Textile Design, Shopping in Style, and Interior Design & Architecture judging, Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- 24 - Entries due for exhibits judged during fair
 - JoCo Fair Stall Requests & Tag Numbers due
 - Fair Livestock T-shirt Orders due, online
 - Public Style Revue, Wheatridge Middle School
- 25 - Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo registration due
- 27 - Fairgrounds Set Up Workday
- 29 - 4-H Foods Judging, Gardner Elem. (2-7 p.m.)
 - Evening project Check-in (6:30-9 p.m.)
- 30 - Morning project Check-in (8-10 a.m.)
 - Cloverbuds Show and Share, 4-H Bldg.

August

- 1 - State Fair Entry Sign-up, 4-H Bldg. (3-5 p.m.)
 - Kansas State Fair Horse Show entries due
- 2 - 4-H Project Auction, Livestock Pavilion
 - Barnyard Olympics, Livestock Pavilion
- 3 - Johnson County Fair Parade, 10 a.m.
 - 4-H Senior Recognition, Livestock Pavilion
 - Youth Livestock Auction, Livestock Pavilion
- 4 - Release of livestock from fairgrounds (6 a.m.)
 - Clean up fairgrounds & Pick up remaining fair exhibits
- 8 - State Fair entry requests due to Ext. office
- 10 - Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan (preregistration required)
- 12 - Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show entries due

Check out 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 15th of each month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Christin at Christin.Bartels@jocogov.org.

Leader Update

Club Members' Fair Exhibit Pick Up

Please collect any projects that have not been picked up by 4-H'ers in your club by 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 4 during fair clean up.

4-H Online Enrollment for New Families

The 4-H Online system has been set up to not allow any changes to 4-H members' projects after May 1. New families can still enroll in 4-H Online. A step by step brochure to help new families enroll is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As always, if you have any questions about the 4-H Online system do not hesitate to 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.

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.