



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy New Year! We ended the 2014-15 4-H year with a BANG! We had great representation at the Kansas State Fair. Our 4-H'ers competed against the entire State and earned numerous ribbons and special awards. Congratulations! As fall is here there are many educational opportunities and events on the 4-H calendar. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you there. - Tara

Service Project Opportunity by Zoe Nason

Attention all 4-H'ers!

The Johnson County Junior Leaders will be hosting a service project on October 17 from 2-3 p.m. We will be delivering cupcakes to Aberdeen Village, a senior care facility in Olathe. We would like to invite all 4-H'ers to join us for this fun event! Please bring a dozen decorated cupcakes and come ready to visit with the residents. If you are interested in joining us or have other questions, please contact Zoe Nason at zoe0728@sbcglobal.net. We hope you can join us to give back to our community!

2016 Enrollment

4HOnline is now open for families to reenroll current 4-H members for the 2016 4-H year. New families may also enroll for the 2016 4-H year. **The deadline to reenroll current 4-H members is November 2, 2015.** The State 4-H office has made a step by step brochure for reenrolling which we have posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. We have also posted the State's brochure for enrolling for new families. Please read the brochure to assist your family in reenrolling, and here are a few tips to point out:

- Log in to your family's existing profile. **DO NOT** create a new family account!
- Most data will pre-populate from the 2015 year's data, but make sure you double check and edit items that may have changed from last year. Items like: Volunteer Status (Yes or No), Volunteer Type (i.e. Project Leader, Secretary, etc.), Club, Projects, etc.
- If you are a Club Leader or Project Leader you will not be able to log in to your club/project until you have reenrolled and your enrollment has been accepted by our office and the Organizational Report for your club has been turned into the Extension Office.
- The Participation Form will be filled out online this year as part of the enrollment/reenrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.

As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Officer Training and Project Fair Event - Volunteers Still Needed!!!

We are still **greatly** in need of 4-H'ers to lead sessions for Officers Training and present about projects during the Project Fair. To lead a session for an officer position please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-officer. To be a presenter during the Project Fair please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-project. If you have questions, please contact Susan and Olivia Rogers at 913-226-6167 (call or text) or srgateway2000@gmail.com.

This year's Officer Training and Project Fair event will be held on Saturday, October 10, at the Extension office. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about officer roles is invited to attend officer training from 2-3 p.m. The Project Fair, where 4-H'ers will be available to answer questions about various project areas, will be from 3-4 p.m. and is open to everyone (both 4-H'ers and those interested in joining 4-H).

Renewal for Registered Volunteers

In the past Registered Volunteers have had to submit their renewal by October 1. However, the State 4-H office is creating a new online form that will be much easier for everyone. Once we receive the form it will be emailed to all Registered Volunteers along with the deadline to submit for this year. Of course you are still welcome to submit the hard copy renewal form found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/renewal.html at any time. If you have any questions please contact Amanda.

Volunteer Orientation Dates

One part of the Volunteer Screening Process is the orientation. You can either do this online or attend an in-person orientation. In-person orientations will be held at the Extension office.

Dates: October 12 – 6:30-8 p.m., October 17 – 10-11:30 a.m., October 21 – 6:30-8 p.m.

To register complete the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/97J0GehEHU>. Still have questions about becoming a Registered 4-H Volunteer? Please call the office or visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/ for more details.

New 4-H Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation, November 7, 2015, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Extension office for parents of all 1st and 2nd year 4-H members. To register please complete the information at <http://goo.gl/forms/mSJlePynuv>. As new families join our 4-H program, welcome them with open arms AND information. If they, or anyone else you know of, are not receiving the monthly newsletter, please direct them to the Johnson County website or our office. Thank you for your help in this area as we begin our new 4-H year.

Achievement Celebration - New Program This Year!

The 2015 Johnson County Achievement Celebration, "A Picture Perfect 4-H Year" will be held on Saturday evening, November 14, 2015 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Check-in will begin at 5:15 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the program will follow dinner. Dinner includes pasta with chunky tomato sauce, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. The cost for the evening is \$7 per person. Please RSVP online at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=e6rb9sqab&oeidk=a07ebmpg92j9c56558a> by Thursday, November 5. When submitting your family's RSVP online you will be able to pay with a credit card or you will also have the option of sending your payment to the Extension office by the November 5 deadline. If you have any questions please contact Christin.

County Project Opportunities

Entomology Basics Class - Change of Date!!!

There will be an Entomology Basics class on **December 5, 2015** from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Extension office. Topics that will be discussed include: What is entomology?, Tools for collecting, Storing, Thawing, Pinning, Labeling... navigating www.bugguide.net, and the new state rules (see paragraph below).

Please use the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/2wZKZ5OqKo> to RSVP by November 30.

4-H Entomology Rule Changes for Kansas State Fair

There are new rules for 4-H Entomology at the State Fair. These new rules will not be required until 2016. State Fair division rules and a tip sheet explaining the changes can be found at <http://entomology.k-state.edu/extension/4-h-and-youth/>. Start working on these changes now so you will be all ready for the 2016 fair season.

4-H Beekeeping SPIN Club Honey For Sale

The Johnson County 4-H Beekeeping SPIN club has completed its first session and has honey from their hives available for purchase. The funds raised from the sale of their honey will go towards the next session of the Johnson County 4-H Beekeeping SPIN Club. If you are interested in purchasing some honey please contact Christy Milroy at 913-707-2003.



Johnson County Tailwaggers Shine at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show!

State Champion Title Winners: Cristina in Senior Showmanship; Elizabeth in Intermediate Showmanship & Rally II Obedience.

Finalist Winners: Cate in Junior Showmanship; Aspen in Novice Obedience; Cristina in Senior Showmanship; and Elizabeth in Intermediate Showmanship & Rally II Obedience

All of our members participating won Purple in Showmanship!



(Left to right) Cristina with Rosco; Elizabeth with Zeb; Elizabeth with Rosabell; Cate with Chloe; Ashley with Teaka; Emily with Luna; and Aspen with Dallas.

Local Opportunities

Don't forget about National 4-H Week...



Celebrate National 4-H Week October 4-10, by promoting 4-H in your community. Clubs may want to create window displays or set up a booth at a community event. The National 4-H website offers materials such as bookmarks and flyers to help you in promoting 4-H at <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/4H-marketing-online-resource-center/4H-campaign-assets/>.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraising Event

The fall Paper Clover promotion will be held at Tractor Supply Company October 7-18. Money donated from purchases will be given to the Johnson County 4-H program! If your group is interested in helping out with a booth to promote Johnson County 4-H contact Tara.

48 Hours of 4-H

Join others around Kansas this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, October 10-11, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find more information at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=595>.

Countywide Junior Leaders

Next meeting: Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Who is eligible? Any 4-H'er between the ages of 12-18 who is interested in expanding their leadership opportunities and further developing their leadership skills in a fun environment with other 4-H'ers from across the county!

Meeting date and time: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

Become a Johnson County 4-H Ambassador!

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Do you love to tell your 4-H story? Then apply to be a 2016 Johnson County 4-H Ambassador! The application and more information can be found on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to fill out and turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on November 2.

County Council Elections and Information

Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. starting on November 2. This meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a position be present for the meeting. On the off-month of Council meetings the newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the 1st Monday at 7 p.m. starting on December 7. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

Local Opportunities

4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Audit Committee members: start planning now for the annual 4-H Club Financial Audit! The audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. The Annual Financial Report document can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html. Every Club/Group who has an EIN number issued by the IRS is asked to have a Financial Review Committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS. This information is due to the local Extension office November 2. If you have questions please contact Tara.

New Publish Date for Clover Clips!

In an effort to get information out at a more beneficial time, Clover Clips will now be published on the 25th of each month for the upcoming month. For example, the February issue of Clover Clips will be published on January 25. (Remember there is no August issue due to county fair.) Submissions for Clover Clips will now be due to Christin on the 15th of each month. Please check the Johnson County 4-H Calendar for exact dates as the 15th or 25th may fall on a weekend or holiday. If you have any questions please contact Christin.

State Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend (KYLF & KVF)

What: Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2016 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

When: November 20-22, 2015

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2016

Registration: Link to register at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=419>. Deadline to register is October 15, 2015.

2016 Scholarship Applications Available

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Form can be found by visiting <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479>, this is the only form that will be used for the 2016 4-H scholarships. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

SAVE THE DATE!

2016 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification will be January 29-31 (tentatively in Nemaha County).

NE Area Leadership Event will be January 30 at Riley County High School. (Event for ages 12-18.)

REPORTER'S CORNER

Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club

By: Elizabeth Lang, Reporter

The Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club finished their year together with a fun filled party held at the Russell Farm. Members in the foods project met beforehand and prepared side dishes for the event. Festivities included a BBQ, Team Games, Relays, Campfire Roast; and outdoor Movie. Prizes were awarded in games such as the Shaving Cream Cheetos Game (pictured below).



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 a new opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a new 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.

October

- 1 - 4HOnline open for Enrollment/Reenrollment
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 4-10 - National 4-H Week
- 7-18 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 10 - Officer Training and Project Fair
- 10-11 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 12 - Volunteer Orientation
- 13 - Record Book Judging
- 15 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 17 - Volunteer Orientation
 - Service Project with Junior Leaders
- 21 - Volunteer Orientation

November

- 2 - Reenrollment due for returning 4-H'ers
 - County Council meeting
 - Ambassador Applications/Renewals due
- 5 - Payment and RSVPs due for Achievement Celebration
- 7 - New Family Orientation
- 14 - Achievement Celebration
- 19 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 30 - RSVPs due for Entomology Basics Class

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2016 4-H calendar.

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Johnson County 4-H is now on Twitter!

Follow [@jocoks4h](https://twitter.com/jocoks4h).



Johnson County 4-H on Facebook

'Like' our Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information and news about the happenings of Johnson County 4-H! Visit www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H to like our page.

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Note to Leaders: We are working with the State 4-H office to find the best way to get you a hard copy form of the information that families input online for the Participation Form portion of enrollment. We will keep you updated on the progress. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for understanding.

End of Year Forms on the Club Leader Resources Page

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html. There are links to all the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year and turned in to the Extension office; including a Club Leader Checklist. While on this page you will also notice that many of the documents have a new option where they can be filled out online through Google Docs and will be automatically submitted to the Extension office.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:45 p.m. on October 13 in room 1055 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging.

Community Club Leader Meetings - Change of Date!!!

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings.

Next meeting: December 9

*All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

If you have a conflict on this date please contact Tara.

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Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

Direct Volunteer: A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, countywide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.) **Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.**

Episodic Volunteer: A volunteer helping with a single “episode” or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

Indirect Volunteer: A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.