



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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2024 Enrollment

4-H Online will open October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2024 4-H year. We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2023. The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. 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.) Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

A note to families re-enrolling 4-H'ers... You will need to select the club and all desired projects during re-enrollment as Projects and Clubs will not prepopulate from last year. If a project is selected that the 4-H'er was enrolled in last year, the years in project will increment correctly based on what number was entered the previous year. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Ambassador Game Day and Ice Cream Social

On Sunday, October 1, from 2-5 p.m. at the Extension office, the Johnson County Ambassadors will be hosting a *Game Day and Ice Cream Social* event. Games for all ages, interests, and skill levels, will be provided, including board, card and outdoor games. This event is FREE and the whole family is invited. To sweeten the deal, ice cream will be provided for all. You are encouraged to bring a friend that is new to 4-H or interested in 4-H! Also, the Ambassadors are asking for donations of nonperishable food items to donate to a local food pantry. Please RSVP by September 27 at <https://forms.gle/ZinuCTpZRtgCeCA88>.

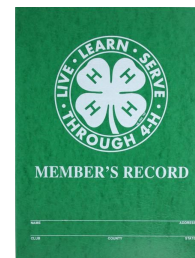
Project Fair and Officer Training

Officer Training and Project Fair will be held on the evening of Monday, October 2, at the Extension office from 6-8 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about an officer position is invited to attend Officer Training sessions. 4-H'ers experienced in Officer roles are needed to act as presenters; please sign up here www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAA82BAAFB6-20233. The Project Fair will be held during Officer Training and continue until 7:45 p.m. This event is for everyone to see first-hand the large variety of 4-H projects you may participate in and talk to 4-H'ers who are active in those projects! 4-H'ers are needed to bring projects to display during Project Fair; please sign up here www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAFB6-20232.

Important End of Year Tasks

Prepare for End of Year Awards

1. All 4-H'ers should complete their Record Book (this includes the personal page, 4-H story, and permanent record) so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record book to them.
2. If you would like to apply for a membership pin, complete and submit a membership pin application to your club leader.
3. Officers should complete their books if it is required. Make sure to review the scoring sheet to meet all requirements.
4. Finish your Project Reports for submission to the Extension office for judging. 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.



You will submit ALL record books, applications and officer books to your club leaders. Find all the resources for these awards at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Review 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 on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Every club/group who has an EIN 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 Extension office by November 1, 2023. A reminder that the Treasurer's Book MUST be submitted from every group with an EIN. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Horse Panorama will be January 27, 2024 on the K-State Salina campus.

Citizenship in Action will be February 18-19, 2024 in Topeka.

Discovery Days will be June 5-7, 2024 on the KSU campus in Manhattan.

Johnson County Fair will be July 28-August 3, 2024 in Gardner.

Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be August 10, 2024 in Manhattan.

Kansas State Fair will be September 6-15, 2024 in Hutchinson.

Local Opportunities

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraising Event

In celebration of National 4-H Week, the Fall Paper Clover fundraising campaign sponsored by Tractor Supply Co. will run October 4-15, 2023. If your club would be interested in setting up a booth sometime at our local Tractor Supply store in Olathe, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAFB6-paper. 4-H groups can help bag customers' purchases, display animals, demonstrate projects, sell baked goods, etc. Also, please spread the word to family and friends through social media platforms to help increase awareness about the fundraiser! A portion of the funds raised during the campaign comes back to Johnson County 4-H to be used as scholarships for 4-H'ers to attend events such as summer camps and leadership training.

Countywide 48 Hours of 4-H Service Project

Johnson County Extension has organized a service project opportunity for 48 Hours of 4-H that is open to everyone from individual club members to the entire club. 4-H'ers and their helpers will collect shelf stable ingredients to make "meal kits" to give to local food pantries. This project will give families and those in need a nearly complete meal by shopping for ingredients from a specific recipe, boxing the items, and then donating to the food pantry. Use 48 Hours of 4-H, the first week-end in October 7-8, to buy or ask for donations of the shelf stable ingredients in the recipe below. Please contact Lexi for drop off details if you will be participating.

Tortilla Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 4 corn tortillas
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 small jalapeno chili, stemmed, seeded, and minced
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans low salt diced tomatoes
- 1 box (32 ounces) low sodium chicken broth
- 1 (15 ounce) can low salt corn, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can low salt black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup chopped cooked chicken (boneless breasts or thighs)
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro leaves
- Juice of 2 limes
- ½ teaspoon salt

New Family Orientation

We will be offering New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, for parents of first and second year 4-H members. We will cover topics such as enrollment, project selection, record books, 4-H events, county activities, and allow time to answer questions. To register, please complete the information at <https://forms.gle/4HxMnH4ZWWRWj4Qk7> by Sunday, October 15. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Join the 2024 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H, meeting new people, and want to gain more leadership experience, this is the perfect program for you! The Ambassador program is a leadership role where 4-H'ers share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer. Applicants must be between the ages of 14-18 (before January 1, 2024). For more information and the application, please visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Applications are due to the Extension office by Wednesday, November 1 at 5 p.m.

Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form by November 1.

Local Opportunities

4-H Achievement Celebration

Johnson County 4-H will be celebrating the achievements of members and volunteers at the 2023 Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 4, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (13145 S. Black Bob Rd., Olathe). This year's theme is "Truckload of 4-H Fun." Check-in will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the program starting at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available. If your family will be attending please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/WsjJ6sEihw7dpP5cA> by Friday, October 27.

Fiber Mill Field Trip

Join Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm November 4 on a field trip to MM Fiber Mill in La Cygne. Owners Peggy and Roger Minniear will show the process of turning raw fibers into finished yarns using modern machinery. Participants will also explore how fibers were turned into yarn during the pre-industrial age, from skirting to carding and spinning. The bus departs Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm at 8 a.m. with plans to return at 2 p.m. Bring money for the retail store and lunch. Transportation and programming included in the registration fee of \$25 for non-members or \$15 for Mahaffie members. More information can be found on Mahaffie's Facebook page at <https://fb.me/e/3bY0GGeRY>.

County Council Elections and 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. starting on November 6. The November meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Council officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a County Council officer position be present for the meeting.

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 JoCo 4-H office.

Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class

Are you ready to have some fun in the kitchen? Kids in the Kitchen – Gingerbread Train is a cooking class for youth ages 7-12 to make and take your own gingerbread train creation. Participants will also learn food safety, basic cooking skills and nutrition. The class will be held at the Extension office on Saturday, November 11. Check-in starts at 9:45 a.m. with the class beginning promptly at 10 a.m. and concluding around 12 p.m. The cost to attend is \$20 per youth and you must register at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/.

Makerspace Labs at Local Libraries

The Olathe Public Library Indian Creek branch and Johnson County Library Central Resource branch both offer new Makerspace Labs! These labs provide 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 cutting and engraving, sewing, music/sound/recording studios, and more. These labs are the perfect place to design and create new projects for Fair! Costs, fees, and reservations vary between locations so please visit their website for specific information. Olathe Public Library—www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace. Johnson County Library—www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace.

County Project Opportunities

Entomology Project Family Day

Do you have a 4-H'er who is interested in the Entomology project? Then come to Family Day at the Allen County Extension office on October 14. Starting at 1:30 p.m. come see the different things you can do to learn about insects! Several 4-H'ers will have games and challenges for youth and adults. If you are thinking about trying this project for 2024, come check out the event. Among the many fun activities, parents can learn how to safely use social media in 4-H projects from Family and Consumer Science Agent Cassidy Lutz in a special session. If you want your picture taken with "The Bug," please bring your own camera or cell phone. Pinning set-ups for new families will be available for purchase for \$10 each. Brothers and sisters of all ages are welcome!

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Sewers!! The new year of sewing is fast approaching. Meetings are held at the Extension office each Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. from October 5 until November 16. Then will start again on January 4, 2024. The first 6 weeks will be primarily for beginners to 2nd or 3rd year sewing levels as we learn the basics of sewing. However, if you are experienced and just want to have a dedicated time to sew you are more than welcome to come. Four or five projects will be completed. At the start of meetings in January, a couple more projects will be done, then work will start on outfits to enter for the fair. 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!

Chicken Processing Workshop

Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm is doing a Chicken Processing Workshop on October 10 at 5 p.m. More information about the event can be found at <https://fb.me/e/4QhGjJZj8>. They are offering a discount on registration to 4-H members and volunteers. If interested, contact Kathleen Puls at mahaffie@olatheks.org.

Join the 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun and Air Rifle Projects!

The always-popular Johnson County 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle programs return for another season starting in October. Youth and their parents can learn to safely and responsibly use firearms, promote sportsmanship and ethical behavior, get acquainted with the fundamentals of competitive air-gun shooting, and foster shooting as a fun, family recreation.

About the project

The 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun and Air Rifle projects are administered under the K-State Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development program and operated by a team of adult volunteers who are experienced in shooting and youth instruction, who have been recommended and background-screened by the county Extension office, and who have received mandatory intensive training and state-level certification in the rifle shooting discipline and in youth development training techniques.

The competitive squad portion of the project consists of a combination of live-fire shooting instruction and classroom lecture covering general gun knowledge, proper gun handling, and procedures for participating in airgun competitions. The BB Gun program is open to beginners and assumes no previous shooting experience or training. The competitive season lasts from October until the state 4-H championship in early April, and it includes weekly practice meetings and participation in about six competitions throughout eastern Kansas during the winter.

You do not have to own your own equipment to participate. The 4-H Rifle Club has sufficient safe and proper equipment to outfit most youth who are interested in participating.

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County Project Opportunities

How to join the BB Gun and Air Rifle Projects (continued from page 5)

If you have already participated as part of the competitive squad in years past:

- Step 1) Re-enroll in 4-H as soon as the new enrollment year opens in October, at <https://v2.4honline.com>. This is important! If you show up for practice and are not officially enrolled in 4-H, **you will not be permitted to shoot**. Please complete your enrollment as soon after October 1 as possible. Remember to select the BB Gun and/or Air Rifle project, as appropriate.
- Step 2) Send an email to RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com and let us know you plan to return this year and which discipline(s) you plan to participate in.
- Step 3) Watch the Shooting Sports website calendar, at www.4-HShootingSports.com for updates on scheduled practice dates and times. At this time, the first practice for returning shooters is scheduled for November 14. Returning participants please note: Live firing at the introductory sessions explained in the next session will be reserved this year for new shooters only. Returning shooters may participate in classroom sessions and volunteer to help, but they will not be allowed to participate in live firing.

If you have not participated as part of the competitive squad in years past:

- Step 1) Be aware of the following requirements particular to the Shooting Sports program:
- BB Gun is open to youth between age 9 and 15 as of January 1, 2024.
 - Air Rifle is open to youth aged 12 to 18 as of January 1, 2024, who have successfully completed at least one season of the BB gun program (unless over age 15).
 - Successful completion of at least one season of the Air Rifle program is a required prerequisite for participation in the advanced shooting disciplines of smallbore rifle (.22 caliber) and muzzleloading rifle, which will begin in summer 2024.
- Step 2) Plan to attend the initial introduction to 4-H BB Gun safety classes scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. October 17, October 24, November 6, and November 7. Participation in these four classes is **required** in order to be considered for invitation to participate in competitive match season shooting with the Johnson County 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle squads. Participation in 4-H Shooting Sports with the competitive squad is by invitation only. Invitations will be extended by the 4-H instructors based on student performance in the introductory classes and available resources.
- Step 3) As soon as possible, send an email to RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com to introduce yourself and let us know you plan to participate.
- Step 4) Enroll in 4-H as soon as the new enrollment opens on October 1, at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Be sure to enroll in the BB Gun and Air Rifle projects as appropriate to your participation plans. **This is important!** If you show up for practice and are not officially enrolled in 4-H, you will not be permitted to shoot. Enroll as soon after October 1 as possible, as your enrollment must be accepted by Johnson County K-State Research and Extension before your enrollment is official, and acceptance may take several days. You will only be permitted to shoot at any of the safety classes if you can demonstrate your enrollment is official—**no exceptions will be permitted**.
- Step 5) Watch the Shooting Sports website calendar at www.4-HShootingSports.com for updates on scheduled dates, times, and locations for the introductory safety class and regular practices.

Questions? E-mail rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com.

Project Videos Available

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.

State Opportunities

Apply for Two Leadership Roles

There are two ways young people become members of the Kansas Youth Leadership Council, as a Youth Leadership Council Representative or a National 4-H Council Delegate. The same application process is used for both opportunities with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both roles. Applications are due October 2, 2023.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Those who are selected as National Conference delegates will serve a two-year term on the council. Applicants must be ages 15-18 before January 1, 2024. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Youth may also run for a one year term as a representative on the council. Youth Council applicants must be ages 14-18 before January 1, 2024. Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, 48 Hours of 4-H, and other events. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/.

48 Hours of 4-H

To round out National 4-H Week, you are encouraged to invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members, and 4-H alum to give back to our community during 48 Hours of 4-H. It's time to start making plans to participate on October 7-8, 2023. Check out the 484H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/ for more information and to register your project.



Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

Leadership Weekend will be November 18-19 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF). KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2024 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers.

KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. For more information and to register, visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/.

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers (www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-association/). For more information and to register, visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/.

Again this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 16 for both events. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

REPORTER'S CORNER

So Many Projects!

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

Do you enter projects in the County Fair? Every club does. Some clubs, in the name, say the main project they do, like the Horse, Dog and Poultry clubs. (Okay, okay, there is no Poultry club. If only there was...) My club is called the Happy Helpers 4-H Club. It may not seem like there is a main project for our club, but there is. Civic Engagement! Everyone in our club has participated in this project. We do that and a wide array of other projects. Some of the projects that our club brought to the Fair in 2023 include: Table Setting, Foods, Poultry, Posters, Notebooks, Cloverbuds, Flowers, Geology, Notebooks, Clothing Construction, Architectural Blocks, and Art. Overall, our club competed in about 20 different categories, and brought over 100 individual entries to the Fair! Wow! What a year! Doing all those projects takes a lot of hard work. But when focusing hard, a Grand Champion can be earned.



Morning Glory Day Camp

By Corissa Rietcheck, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

Morning Glory 4-H Club Day Camp was held on June 26, 2023, in the Grange Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The Jr. leaders (age 12 and older) put on a day camp for the younger kids. Each Jr. Leader (or 2) were in charge of 1 booth. Each booth contained a project such as crafts, science, food, and games.



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.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Oxford Hustlers Look Ahead to New Year

By Iris Schrotberger, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

On September 14th, 2023, the Oxford Hustlers met for their September meeting. Members were excited to look ahead to the beginning of a new 4-H year with officer elections. Members are also working on getting their record books, pin applications, and officer books created. We had lots of fun voting for our members and getting to see each other. We can't wait for the start of the new year with our new officers and hope everyone has a great year!



The Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Report

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

The Johnson County 4-H Horse Club had a very fun and exciting fair. We had a great time decorating the barn and competing in the horse show. The Rodeo Queen and Princess were Emma K. and me, Emma G. I hope that everyone had a great time at the fair and is excited for next year. Thanks to everyone for making this year's fair possible. A special thank you to Emilie Kaiser, she kept everything running smoothly at the fair. Emilie Kaiser is also our new Community Leader and Emily Grove is our new Assistant Community Leader so please help us welcome them. Thank you to Shannon and Greta, our previous Community Leaders for leading the club this past year. We can't wait to see what this new year brings!



October

- 1 - 4-H Online open for Enrollment/Re-enrollment
 - Club Organization Report due online
 - Games & Ice Cream Social, office
- 1-7 - National 4-H Week
- 2 - Officer Training & Project Fair, office
 - Kansas 4-H Youth Council applications due
- 4 - Fiber Mill Field Trip (pre-registration required)
- 4-15 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 5 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 7-8 - 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- 10 - Record Book Judging, office
 - Chicken Processing Workshop, Mahaffie (pre-registration required)
- 12 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - Entomology Project Family Fun Day meeting, Allen Co. office
- 15 - New Family Orientation registration due
- 16 - Ks Leadership Weekend registration due
- 18 - New Family Orientation (pre-registration requested)
- 19 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 27 - Achievement Celebration RSVPs due

November

- 1 - Current 4-H members re-enroll by today
 - Club Financial Audit due
 - Ambassador Applications & Renewals due
 - Volunteer Renewal Applications due online
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 4 - Achievement Celebration, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Veterans' Day observed, office closed
- 11 - Kids in the Kitchen cooking class (pre-registration required)
- 14 - Club Leader Meeting, office
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18-19 - Ks Leadership Weekend, Rock Springs, (preregistration required)
- 23-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

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 that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2024 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

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Club Leader Resource Page

Please take time to review the links to the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Resources include:

Annual Financial Report - This report and a complete Treasurer's Book must be submitted to the Extension office by November 1. Please remind your Treasurer to include all required documents such as monthly statements and all receipts. Links to the report form and Financial Review Committee Responsibilities document are posted on the Club Leader Resource page.

Club Seal Requirements - As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2022-2023 year, remember that the goal of the club seal and pins is to encourage involvement, challenge 4-H'ers to try something new, and provide a well-rounded experience.

Club Organization Report - The Organization Report is due in the office by October 1, 2023. This form is to be completed using information for the upcoming 2023-2024 4-H year.

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/.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. Even more would be better! Contact Johnson County 4-H staff with any questions.

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 ask 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.

Community Club Leader Meeting

Please join us Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office for an opportunity to share updates, best practices and discuss how to enhance 4-H programming in Johnson County. If a club leader is not able to attend, please send another adult from your club. Contact Lexi at lexi.ray@jocogov.org with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

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.