



Clover Clips

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A Note from Kaitlyn

I have exciting news to share with Johnson County 4-H families. Beginning in March the Johnson County 4-H program and JC Penny will partner for the JC Penny Round-up program. During each round-up week JC Penny customers at the Corbin Park located on 135th St. between Metcalf and Lamar in Overland Park will have the opportunity to round-up their purchase total to the next dollar. The proceeds will then go to Johnson County 4-H to be put toward the use of educational programs.

The first round-up will be March 24-26. Future round-up dates include: August 4-17, October 13-26 and December 1-14. It is important that we pass the word along to our families and friends.



Thanks to all of our campers for supporting us at our Jr. Leader Day Camp on January 18. It was a great success and we hope all our campers had as much fun as we did!

A special thanks to Kaitlyn Peine for coming in on her day off to help out, Marilyn Rogers and Denise King. Looking forward to seeing you next year!

County Club Day

The 2010 County Club day was a huge success. Thank you to the Club Day Committee who put in countless hours to organize hospitality and tabulation. I would also like to thank our 4-H families for their flexibility throughout the day. County Club Day results will be posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=91> Congratulations to the following top purple award winners: Jr., Int. and Sr. Stanley Buccaneers Gavel Games Teams, Spring Hill Model Meeting Team, Jayden Robert, Liza Rogers, Chase Eccles, Kristin Wingate, Zach Nason, Juliann Alvey, Aley Lies, Kassidy Forshey, Haley Claxton, Great Plains Vocal Ensemble, Kirsten Stous, Pioneer Choir, Spring Hill Vocal Ensemble, Olivia Rogers, Kenton Smith, Marianna Alvey, Courtney Claxton, Kristina Keehn, Allison Crowther, Jamie Alden, Broderick Schofield, Aliyah Friend, Matthew Boehm, Nicholas Allen, Callie Roberts, Erin Sullivan, Elizabeth Lang, Zoe Nason, Kylie Bergdall, Scotty O'Leary, Linsey Rogers, Melissa Gaddis, Michaela Mense, Ellie Fowks, Brynn McCracken, Molly Galbrecht, Kristen Gaddis, Horse Club Dance Team, Legacy Skit, Morning Glory Play, Nathan Quaintance and Riley Robert.

Regional 4-H Club Day

Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for March 13 at the Lawrence High School. The regional qualifiers should have already received a letter via email. Please respond to pat.geier@jocogov.org by February 22 to confirm your availability.

Johnson County 4-H Scholarship Opportunity

The 2010 Johnson County Scholarship applications are now available. Two scholarships for post-secondary education will be awarded in the amount of \$500. To be eligible for this scholarship the applicant must be or have been a Johnson County 4-Her within the past four years, have been a 4-H Club member for a minimum of five years, and pursuing a degree from a fully accredited public or private college, university or vocational school. This scholarship is not renewable, but the applicant may re-apply if all criteria are met and has not been previously selected. Money will be awarded based on completion of one semester or term with a C average or above. Transcripts must be submitted. Please return completed applications to the Johnson County Extension office by March 22, 2010. Recipients will be announced sometime between April and May. Money will be available after August 15. The application and guidelines can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT REMINDERS

February 20 - Photo Judging Workshop, 2-4 p.m. at the Extension office to prepare for the Wichita show or even if you can't go to Wichita and just want to learn.

March 5-6 - Wichita Flower and Garden Show. There will be workshops, photo shoot opportunity and a Judging and Photography contest. Questions? theladds@everestkc.net or (913) 268-6577

4-H Summer Overnight Camps

The Fantastic Four 4-H Summer Camp is scheduled for June 18-21 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center in Junction City, KS. Summer camp is for youth ages 7-11. We will also be holding Camp 101 at the same time and location. Camp 101 is a leadership camp for youth ages 12 and 13. 4-Hers and non-4-Hers are invited to attend both camps. Watch our website www.johnson.ksu.edu for more information. Details will be available soon!

Knitting Camp

Knitting Camp will be held each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month now through July 10.



In this series of Saturday morning Knitting Camps, 4-Hers will have the opportunity to learn and refine basic knitting skills of casting on and binding off, as well as the basic knit and purl stitches by completing practice projects. We will also have opportunities to learn about yarn, knitting equipment, reading a knitting pattern, and other skills that develop an accomplished knitter.

For each session please bring a pair of knitting needles size 5, 6 or 7. Metal or bamboo needles that are 10" long are recommended. Also bring your practice knitting worsted yarn. (We have had a generous donation of knitting worsted yarn here at the Extension office, so that is available to use as well, if you don't want to buy more yarn.)

For more information contact Valeria Edwards at valeria.edwards@jocogov.org or call (913) 715-7000.

4-H Summer Extravaganza Day Camp Series

Mark your calendars! Summer Extravaganza is scheduled for June 28-July 2. Summer Extravaganza is a week of fun, interactive and educational day camps. Each day will start at 10 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Tentative topics include: cake decorating, rocketry, photography, leadership and much more. All youth ages 7-13 are welcome to attend. More details and registration information will be available at our website, www.johnson.ksu.edu by March 15.

Gator Aid

Is your club looking for a community service opportunity? Gator Aid is a great option! Your club's collected food items will be used to teach low income participants in the Family Nutrition Program how to make healthier eating choices. There is a list of requested items that can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. Items can be dropped off at the Extension office during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Please Note:

I will be out of the office Friday, February 12 through Friday, February 19 for a 4-H event and training. If you need immediate assistance please email the 4-H office professional, Pat, at pat.geier@jocogov.org. Thank you for your patience. - *Kaitlyn*

Kansas 4-H GIS/GPS Task Force

This task force will help provide leadership in developing Kansas 4-H GIS/GPS programs. The task force will be comprised of youth (ages 13-18) and adults (volunteers, agents, educators, community partners) who have a strong desire to take an active role in supporting 4-H GIS and community mapping programs at state and local levels. Qualifying members may also apply to serve on the National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team. Additional details and state and national team applications can be found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=303>. Applications are due Monday, March 8.

Knowing Kansas 4-H GIS/GPS programming is in early stages of development, youth and/or adults are being sought who may or may not have previous GIS experience. Most importantly, applicants should have a strong desire to learn more about GIS and its applications in our society and a willingness to provide leadership in working with 4-H and other youth to increase the use and understanding of GPS and GIS in Kansas.

Johnson County Spring Beef Show

The Spring Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 10, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Those members who will not be able to participate in the show must weigh their calves on Friday evening, April 9, from 6-8 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Gardner. All bucket calves will be tagged on Friday, May 28, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds from 6-8 p.m. Watch your email and www.johnson.ksu.edu for more registration details.

Commercial heifers, market steers and market heifers will all need to be weighed and tagged at the Spring Show. Nose printing will be offered for market beef to be entered at the State Fair and/or KJLS. Commercial heifers will need to be tagged at this time in order to be shown at the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Market heifers showing at the Johnson County Spring Beef Show or the Johnson County Fair will need to be weighed at the Spring Show.

Spring Sheep Show

The Johnson County Spring Sheep Show will be held on Saturday, May 8, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. We will weigh and tag sheep that will not be showing on Friday, May 7, from 6-8 p.m. Keep in mind that Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, will be the only time to weigh and tag lambs for the 2010 season. Nose printing will also be offered on both of these days.

Spring Swine Show

The Johnson County Spring Swine Prospect Show will be held on Saturday, May 29, at the fairgrounds in Gardner. We will weigh and tag pigs that will not be showing on Friday, May 28, from 6-8 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Keep in mind that Friday and Saturday, May 29-30, are the only two days to weigh and tag swine projects. We will also read ear notches these two days which are required for State Fair and Jr. Livestock Show.

Attention ALL Livestock Exhibitors

**4-H members NOT showing must weigh and tag their animal on Friday evening.
THERE WILL BE NO ALTERNATE DATES FOR WEIGHING & TAGGING FOR 2010.
If you cannot make it, you should send the animal with a fellow club member.
IF YOUR ANIMAL IS NOT WEIGHED & TAGGED, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO
SHOW AT THE JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR.**

Shawnee County Photography Workshop

The 15th Annual Photo Workshop will be held on March 14 in Auburn, KS. Youth and participants (both 4-H members and non-4-H members) can attend at a cost of \$5 per registrant. Choose from sixteen workshop options! Registration is due February 24. Visit www.shawnee.ksu.edu to access a copy of the registration form.

Horse Judging

Horse Judging practice will begin on February 22 with an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. in room 1060 at the Extension office. The Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest is scheduled for June 22 at Cico Park in Manhattan. For more information contact Kelli Egbert at kellidrees@hotmail.com.

4-H Photos on Shutterfly

4-H county photos can now be viewed at www.shutterfly.com. Several 4-H families have asked about county 4-H event photos and this is the perfect tool to share them. To protect the privacy of our 4-H members, names will not be posted with the photos. Kaitlyn will be posting photos throughout the year. The exciting part is 4-H families can post their own 4-H photos too! As you post photos, please make sure they are appropriate and educational. The username will be **joco4h@yahoo.com** and the password is **clover**.

****We need photos of county club day. Please post your photos of our 4-Hers in action!

NEW Fair Entry Deadline

New in 2010! Johnson County 4-H online entries for exhibits judged at the county fair are due **July 28**. If a 4-H family wishes to submit paper entries, those are due on **July 15**. All entries for home environment, fiber arts and clothing construction will also be due on **July 15**. **This year late entries will not be accepted.** Watch March's issue of Clover Clips for more details.

Add/Drop Project Deadline

IMPORTANT: May 1 is the add/drop project deadline for all 4-Hers. This deadline will be strictly enforced. If you are not enrolled in a particular project, you will not be eligible to exhibit in that project area at the county fair. If it is a possibility that you may want to exhibit in a particular project, don't hesitate to add it. Remember, enrolling in a particular project does not make it mandatory for you to exhibit in that project area at the county fair. *When in doubt, add it!* If you have any questions about this deadline email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org.

4-H Day with the T-Bones

4-H Day with the T-Bones is scheduled for Saturday, June 19 at 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the Parade around the field will start at 6:15 pm. We will need to arrive by 6 p.m. to line up for the parade. All of the attending 4-H groups will go down on the field and walk around the track as they are recognized on the PA system. We will have the 4-Hers in a group seating block in the bleacher select seats (bleachers with backs to them). If families or groups wish to sit together within that block of seats, they must submit their order on one form or together at the same time. They can mail, fax or phone in their orders; the information is on the flyer. The flyer can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

Cloverbud Day Camp

The Cloverbud Day Camp is scheduled from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on July 12 at the Extension office. This camp is for enrolled Cloverbuds ages 5-6. Registration information will be available soon!



4-H Greenheart Service Day - April 17

Please join us in giving back to our community. Volunteers in this county-wide service day will be put into groups to help local residents with household chores. We will meet for breakfast at the Extension office before going to our first locations. Lunch will be served back at the Extension office where we will discuss our experiences and provide feedback about the event. Registration forms will be sent out with the next Clover Clips. For more information contact Megan McLaughlin at mclaughlin.dan@sbcglobal.com.

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