



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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Greetings 4-H Families!

As the '09-'10 4-H year comes to an end, it's a great time to reflect on the past year and start planning for the new 4-H year. Putting the last entries in your permanent record and reviewing your previous 4-H activities is a great way to review your successes. Get rewarded for your hard work by completing a Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) or a membership pin application.

We will kick off our new 4-H year on October 1. Clubs will be electing new officers in the next month and we challenge you to step up to the plate to apply/run to be a club officer. Serving as a club officer is hard work, but is also very rewarding. The number of leadership opportunities at the club and county level are endless.

New 4-H Club for Livestock Project Members

Interest has been expressed for a Johnson County 4-H Livestock Project Club. All 4-H members who have an interest in learning more about livestock oriented 4-H projects are invited to attend an informational meeting on September 20, 6:30 p.m., in rooms 1070 and 1075 at the Extension office.

New Enrollment Forms

There are new enrollment forms for 4-H members and Cloverbuds posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms that will be used for the 2010-11 4-H year. ***New in 2010-'11: Each enrollment form will require the member's and their parent's/guardian's signature. Our new enrollment system is an online database and the state 4-H office requires a signature on each enrollment form to verify the 4-H'er is aware of the database. We will only be accepting the new enrollment forms.

All enrollment forms are due to the Extension office by December 1. Check with your club leader for your club's deadline. Although enrollment forms are due December 1, 4-H enrollment is open to new 4-H families year-round.

VIP Renewal Forms

The beginning of the 4-H year is a great time for volunteers to renew their Volunteer Information Profile (VIP) status. For volunteers new to our program, the VIP is an application process each volunteer with our program is asked to complete. The application ensures the safety and wellbeing of our youth. All VIP forms and additional volunteer information can be found at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=87> If you have any questions about the VIP process email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org

Local 4-Her Wins State Horticulture Judging Contest

Evan Eschliman won the senior division at the state horticulture judging contest on August 21, on the K-State campus. Evan was challenged at the contest to identify plants, place judging classes and take a test of gardening subject matter. This was his first year of competing at the senior level. Johnson County may send two teams to the state contest and each team requires at least three team members. We always welcome more 4-Hers to participate.



Evan was congratulated by the Associate Director of Extension and Applied Research, Daryl Buchholz at the State Horticulture Judging Contest in Manhattan.

Award Application Workshop

An informational workshop on the Kansas Award Portfolio and Membership Pin Applications will be held on September 14 at 6:30 pm at the Extension office in room 1060. We will cover each section of the Kansas Award Portfolio Application and review proper completion of membership pin applications. There will be a \$3 fee per family to cover the cost of the workshop supplies. Please RSVP and submit your \$3 fee to Pat Geier by September 9. Checks can be made payable to 4-H Activity Fund.

Award Applications

All membership and officer pin applications, club summaries and Kansas Award Portfolios are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. October 14. Make sure to check with your club leader about your club's deadline for applications. Judging of applications, summaries and portfolios will start at 6 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided for the judges. Each club is requested to send at least one adult representative to assist with judging.

An electronic copy of the membership pin applications can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms If you have questions about any award applications call Kaitlyn at (913) 715-7000 or email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org

Kansas Youth Leadership Council

Kansas Youth Council members plan and facilitate the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference and much more! Being a part of state council is an outstanding leadership building experience. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2011 are invited to apply. Applications can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=48> Applications are due to the State 4-H Office on October 15.

This year the elections will include the written application, and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel at the beginning of KYLF. From those that interview, up to six candidates will be selected to be in the election.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) will be held November 19-21 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for those 4-H members ages 14-18 before January 1, 2010. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections and opportunities to learn and have fun. Workshops are filled on a first come, first served basis. The keynote speaker will be leadership coach, Kelly Barnes. The registration deadline for KYLF is October 15. More information and registration materials can be found at www.kansas4-H.org.

Don't Forget to Say Thanks!

The 2010 Johnson County Fair was a huge success. We have an outstanding group of volunteers and donors to contribute to the fair each year. Don't forget to send a thank you to your department chair. If you received a trophy, belt buckle, a special award and/or sold a project in the auction, send a thank you note. It is important we let these gracious donors know how much we appreciate their efforts.

State Fair Entry Drop Off

State Fair entry drop off will be Tuesday, September 7 through Thursday, September 9. Entries can be dropped off at the Extension office from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. All perishable food items can be dropped off at the Extension office Friday, September 10, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Please note all State Fair entries are closed at this time. 4-H'ers who made a State Fair entry should have already received a letter in regard to their entries.



KANSAS 4-H GIS DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

Planning a day at State Fair? Check out the first ever Kansas 4-H GIS Day, Saturday, September 11, in 4-H Centennial Hall. Learn more about GIS and some cool technologies. Geo-mini sessions will be presented every 30 minutes. Check out a GPS unit or bring your own for a morning and afternoon Kansas 4-H GeoBash. Contribute to the Kansas 4-H Civic Issues Map and have your name in a drawing for some pretty cool prizes! Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. There's something for the whole family!



Foundation Grants Available

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation will be offering grants to individuals or groups affiliated with Extension programming in Johnson County. Eligible parties include 4-Hers, leaders and 4-H clubs. Grant applications will be accepted through December 1 using the standard foundation format. The grant application and additional details are available at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=669> Completed applications are due to the Extension office by December 1. Any questions about the application process may be directed to Dan Lekie at (913) 715-7000 or dan.lekie@jocogov.org

Family Night and Officers' Training 2010

Family Night and Officers' Training 2010 is scheduled for October 2 from 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Extension office. Family Night is an evening full of officer training, exploring 4-H projects and leadership opportunities. This is an excellent event for all 4-H families to attend. An RSVP is requested to Pat Geier by September 24.

Achievement Celebration

The 2010 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, November 13 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2010 4-H year. We will recognize membership and officer pin recipients, project winners and recognize volunteers for their many years of service. Stay tuned for more details!

State Livestock Judging Team

Julia Wade, Taylor Harrison, Kevin Virosteck and Katelyn Barthol represented Johnson County in the senior division at the State Livestock Judging Contest on August 21. The team evaluated seven placing classes and presented four sets of oral reasons. The team ranked 20th out of 47 teams. Congratulations Julia, Taylor, Kevin and Katelyn for representing Johnson County at the state level.

Ambassador Applications

Do you enjoy sharing your 4-H story? Are you interested in recruiting new members to the Johnson County 4-H Program? Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors is the perfect opportunity for you to put your skills to use. Ambassadors is a group of elite teenage (age 13 and older) 4-H members who promote 4-H. To be selected as a Johnson County 4-H Ambassador is a tremendous honor. Make sure to check out the job description to learn more about the details of the program. The application, essay questions, club leader recommendation forms and job description will be available at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms by September 10. All forms are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on October 15. Interviews will be held early November.

September Dates

- 7-9 - Drop off entries for State Fair
 - RSVP for Award Application Workshop
- 10 - Perishable items accepted for State Fair
- 11 - GIS Day at State Fair
- 14 - Award Application Workshop
- 20 - Johnson County Livestock Project Club
- 24 - RSVP Family Night and Officers' Training

October

- 1 - Beginning of 4-H year
- 2 - Family Night and Officers' Training
- 14 - Award applications due
- 15 - Ambassador applications due
 - KS Youth Leadership Council applications due
 - KS Youth Leadership Forum registration due

November

- 3 - Achievement Celebration

December

- 1 - Foundation Grant applications due



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