



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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Happy Holidays! The holiday season is the perfect opportunity to spend time with family and friends, to reflect on the previous year and to give back to our community through community service. 4-H'ers gain leadership, communication and citizenship skills through service activities. The winter months are a great time for clubs to consider a community service activity.

Community service ideas include volunteering at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau's Holiday Shop, visiting a nursing home, contributing to an angel tree or collecting items for Gator Aid. The possibilities are endless! We wish each of you a safe and warm holiday season. —Kaitlyn and Mark

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

There's still time to apply for the CWF trip to Washington DC from June 16-27, 2011! Each year, up to 50 Kansas 4-H members get the chance to be part of this extraordinary learning experience on the road to the heart of our nation's capital. The selection committee will fill the spots as qualified applications come in, so don't delay! Delegates must be 15-18 years old by January 1, 2011 to qualify. If you, or someone you know, should be applying for CWF, the application and additional information is available on the Kansas 4-H web site at: <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/CWF>

Livestock Quality Assurance

(includes Pork Quality Assurance – PQA)

For 2011, all 4-H members participating in a livestock project (beef, goat, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbit) are requested to attend a LQA clinic prior to the county fair in August. LQA will be integrated into the clinic portions of each show day, provided at a Livestock Lock-In as well as evenings scheduled for those that can't make other times. For more information contact Mark Seeley.

Kansas 4-H Scholarships

Announcing the 2011 Kansas 4-H Scholarships! The application form can be found on the Kansas 4-H web site <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx>. **Complete applications are due to the Extension office before 5 p.m. on January 28.** Selection is based on 4-H merit: 40 percent on 4-H leadership; 30 percent on 4-H citizenship/community service in 4-H; 20 percent on 4-H participation and recognition; and 10 percent on non-4-H participation, leadership, community service, participation, and recognition in school and community. Graduating seniors and college students are encouraged to apply.

Dog Judges Training

Training for dog judges has been scheduled in Scott City for all western Kansas people and others to re-certify or train for the first time!! The first training will cover Showmanship and Agility on January 29-30, 2011. The second training will cover Obedience and Rally Obedience on February 12-13, 2011. Watch for registration information later. These trainings have also proved valuable for older teens and leaders to better understand what judges are trained to look for in 4-H shows.

4-H Poultry Project

Three informational sessions will be hosted regarding poultry (chickens, doves, ducks, etc.) projects in early 2011. The meetings will cover husbandry skills, showmanship, genetics and more as an ongoing effort to educate and expand the poultry program of Johnson County 4-H. All meetings are open to the public (you don't have to be enrolled in the poultry project). If interested please, send Mark an email (mark.seeley@jocogov.org) with two preferred meeting times in the months of January through March.

FAMACHA Training

December 8, 2010 (6-9 p.m.), 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds . So you ask, what is the FAMACHA? It's a training system to help control stomach worms in sheep and goats. Through a simple eye evaluation to decide which sheep/goats do and do not need treatment.

COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS

December 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the Extension office, room 1060. We will be doing a service project involving photography.
January 15, 1:30-6:45 p.m.--We will meet at the Extension office with a representative of Canon to learn about settings on our cameras, plus she will talk about what is needed for outdoor nighttime photography. Then we will carpool down to the Plaza around 3:45 p.m. and practice what we've learned. The Plaza lights will still be lit, so it should be a great photo opportunity. The Canon representative will have a printer available so we will be able to print a photo that evening.



Wichita Garden Show, 4-H Photography Extravaganza and Horticulture Judging Contest

The annual 4-H Photography Extravaganza will be March 4-5 at the Wichita Garden Show. The 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be March 5. Some general information is available on the Wichita Garden Show web site: <http://www.wichitagardenshow.com/photography.html>

Specific information including registration procedure and forms will be available soon. Save the date, March 4-5.

CLUB DAYS 2011

Our 2011 Club Day is scheduled for February 19 at the Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner, KS. Registration information will be available in January's issue of Clover Clips. All registration materials will need to be due to the Extension office by February 1.

Last Call for Enrollment Cards

We are still missing enrollment cards. If you have not already turned in your enrollment card, please do so ASAP. We need enrollment information to make sure each 4-H family is getting Clover Clips and to gather enrollment for project areas.

4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents is excited to inform you that the Third Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team has been scheduled for Saturday, January 22, when the Wildcats take on the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Tip-off will be at 1 p.m. Each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, hot dog and a drink for \$16. For more details, please see the registration form located at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/> under "What's Hot". Registration must be postmarked by December 15. We hope to see you there!

Shotgun Instruction

The first 2011 meeting of the shotgun project will be held on January 15 at Bass Pro Inc., Olathe store from 10am to noon at the 2nd floor meeting room. 4-H'ers interested in Trap Shooting that are 12 years 4-H age are invited to attend.

A.I. Short Course

Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 a.m. join KSRE Johnson County and the JCLA for breakfast and artificial insemination training with Mike Pierron. RSVP at the Johnson County Extension office by calling 715-7000.

Knitting Camp

2011 Knitting Camp dates will be Saturday, January 15 and 29, followed by the 2nd & 4th Saturdays beginning in February, 2011: Feb 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, April 4 and 23, May 14 and 28.

Knitters should bring a short pair (about 10" long) of size 8, 9, or 10 knitting needles (metal or bamboo, not plastic) and a skein of good quality plain acrylic yarn, such as Red Heart brand. Make sure the yarn is a distinctly different color than the needles. It is easier to see your stitches and learn to knit with plain yarn, that you can see clearly on the needles.

Pat Mummert will be the instructor again this year. We plan to have a 4-H volunteer who is an experienced knitter assisting with the instruction as well.

4-H'ers with some knitting experience as well as new knitters are welcome. We encourage moms who want to learn or refine their knitting skills to bring their needles and yarn and participate as well. Parents are expected to stay with their 4-H'er during Knitting Camp, even if they are not knitting. Attendance at every Knitting Camp is encouraged, for consistency and skill building.

Please call 913-715-7021 or email Pat.Geier@jocogov.org to register for Knitting Camp.

County Council Committees

Have you ever wondered how our county-wide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hard working, dedicated adult volunteers and 4-H'ers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to Johnson County 4-H Council Representatives from each club. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events.

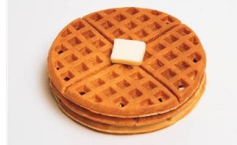
Please pass this invitation along to any interested 4-H'ers and/or adult volunteers.

Committees with an *** are committees that **definitely** need additional committee members. The following is a list of the 2011 committees: 4-H Club Day, 4-H Fashion Revue, Foods and Nutrition, Family Night/Officers Training, Achievement Celebration, Spring Sheep Show, Spring Goat Show, ***Spring Beef Show, ***Spring Swine Show, ***Fair Concession Stand, ***Demonstration Contest at County Fair and ***National 4-H Week/4-H Promotion.

4-H'ers interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org with their name, the name of the committee(s) they would like to join, phone number and email by December 15.

Spring Break Cooking Class

The 4-H Youth Development program will be partnering with the Johnson County Master Food Volunteers to offer an interactive, fun, hands-on cooking class for youth ages 7-12. Topics will include food preservation, food safety and food preparation. The same class will be offered twice, once on March 14 and on March 18. Stay tuned for more details!



Food Fare 2011

The 2011 Food Fare is scheduled for January 29 at the Extension Office starting at 9 am. This year's theme is Breakfast. Admission is free and open to everyone age 7-18. However, everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for Gator Aid.

We will again offer the opportunity for 4-H'ers to bring 1 or 2 PERISHABLE BREAKFAST items to be judged. Some examples would be crepes, breakfast casserole, biscuits & gravy, fruit salad, smoothies, etc. These items should NOT be the same as items you bring to the county fair in August. Registration forms for judging must be submitted by January 15 and will include the recipe that you are bringing. You will then be notified of your judging time. All 4-H'ers attending are requested to register. The registration form can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms 4-H'ers will be able to visit hands-on stations in the morning and will be come and go to accommodate for judging times. Stations include egg dishes, waffles, pancakes, crepes, fruits, meats, table setting and granola. There will be two afternoon demonstration sessions on egg dishes and breads. Additional adult and teen 4-H'ers are still needed to help. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Cathy O'Rourke at cmjilka@aol.com. For questions, contact Cathy O'Rourke at cmjilka@aol.com or Nichole Burnett at nburnett@ksu.edu or 715-7000.

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2011 4-H calendar.

December

- 8 - Photography Club Service Project
- 15 - Council Committee signup deadline

January


- 15 - 4-H Knitting Camp
- 15 - Photography Club Photo Shoot
- 15 - Shotgun Instruction at Bass Pro
- 28 - Kansas 4-H Scholarships Due
- 29 - 4-H Knitting Camp
- 29-30 - Dog Judges Training, Showmanship & Agility
- 22 - 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball

February

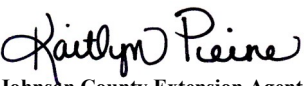
- 1- Club Day Registration Due
- 12-13 - Dog Judges Training, Obedience and Rally Obedience
- 19 - Club Day


March

- 4-5 - Wichita Garden Show and 4-H Photography Extravaganza
- 14 - Spring Break Cooking Class



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Get Fit with Wii

Tired of being cooped up inside and need to burn off some energy? Never played and wonder what all the talk about Wii is about? Get off the couch and get fit while playing video games! Play on the big screen and try out different games for free. Sign up for time slots at the Extension office. Grab a friend or co-worker and register soon as space is limited to 40 people.

Extension office room 1060

Monday-Thursday, December 27-30

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. (30-minute time slots)

Fee: free

Facilitators: Nichole Burnett, MS, RD/LD, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent

For information about registration visit: https://events.jocogov.org/exc/dev_students.asp?ation=coursedetail&id=2669&main=Extension+Classes&sub1=Family+and+Consumer+Sciences&misc=244&courseinternalaccesscode=

Fantastic Four 4-H Camp
 Save the date and spread to word to your fellow 4-H'ers and friends! Fantastic Four 4-H Camp will be held at the Rock Springs 4-H Center, June 20-23. Once again, all camp counselors will be required to attend Camp Counselor training on June 19 at Rock Springs.

 ★ **2011 Summer Day Camp Series** ★
 ★ Mark your calendars! The 4-H Youth Development program will be partnering with the Johnson County Master Food Volunteers to offer a week-long Cooking Camp June 27 through July 1. Stay tuned for additional details! ★
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