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Greetings 4-H Families!

We hope your summer is off to a fantastic start! We are looking forward to all of the great camps in June and July and the county fair in August. The summer months are a great time to finish up your 4-H projects. We are fortunate to have several highly qualified project leaders at the club and county level. We strongly encourage you to seek out these leaders to enhance your project experience.

As you wrap up your 4-H projects, we challenge you to reflect back on what you did and what you learned. Ask yourself, what was my original goal when I started this project? How did you start and finish your project? What skills did I gain from this project? Although your project may or may not have turned out like you anticipated, you still gained valuable life skills.

Good Luck!

FACS Judging

Family and Consumer Sciences Judging was held on June 10, 2010, at the Johnson County Extension office. Over 15 youth competed in the contest. Classes judged during the contest included handling leftovers safely, caring for clothing after school and introducing people to each other correctly. Reason sheets were completed in each class for additional learning. The top three placing contestants in each division are listed below: Senior: 1. Natasha Graham 2. Evan Eschliman 3. Brendan Porter Intermediate: 1. Kylie Bergdall 2. Sabrina Graham 3. Carley Eschliman Junior: 1. Matthew Boehm 2. Samantha Brethour 3. David Porter Congratulations to all participants!

This was the first FACS Judging Contest to be held in Johnson County in many years. A second FACS Judging Contest will be held Saturday July 24, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 151st and Blackbob in Olathe. The July 24 contest will occur at the same time and place as the Clothing Construction, Fashion Review and Fiber Arts Judging before the Johnson County Fair. This will allow 4-Hers to participate in several events in a single day at one location. It will keep participants involved while they wait for their turn in consultation judging.

We anticipate selecting a FACS Judging Team to represent Johnson County at the Kansas State Fair in September. Strong consideration will be given to 4-Hers who participate in both the June 10 FACS Judging Contest, as well as the July 24 FACS Judging Contest.

Please RSVP to Pat Geier by July 17 if you plan to participate in the July 24 FACS Judging Contest.

MR. AND MISS 4-H

Mr.and Miss 4-H applications are now available at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4hforms. Any 4-H member 13 years of age and older is eligible to apply. Applications are due July 1 to the Extension office. Judging will be on July 13 at the Extension office. ***Please note this date has changed from the original July 17 date. Crowning will be the evening of the Style Review on July 29. If you have any questions please contact Denise King at kingflock@aol.com.

County Fair Books

The availability of hard copies of the fair book is limited. A hard copy of the fair book can be purchased from the UPS store in Gardner, located at 814 E Main. Families can also print a hard copy of the online version of the 4-H fair book at www.jocokansasfair.com Please make sure you click on the 4-H fair book link if you are intending to exhibit in the 4-H division at the county fair.

County Fair Entry Deadline

The Johnson County Fair Board has decided all 4-H online entries for exhibits judged at the county fair will be due July 28. All paper entries will be due on July 15. All entries for home environment, fiber arts and clothing construction will also be due on July 15. Late entries will not be accepted. If a 4-Her does not meet the July 28 deadline for online entries they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division. The only exceptions must be made in writing to the fair board.

All livestock exhibitors will be required to submit a stall request by July 15. All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit tag numbers by the July 28 deadline. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-Her's name who is exhibiting the animal by July 28.

SPRING SWINE SHOW

The 2010 4-H Swine Spring Show was held on May 29, 2010, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, KS. Over 90 animals were entered for the event. Thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work. Brett Goetzmann received the Johnson County **Reserve Grand Champion** award with his prospect. Ryan Goetzmann was named the Johnson County Grand Champion. Congratulations to Tonya Slyter, who earned the Overall Reserve Grand Champion award and to Katelyn Barthol for receiving the **Overall Grand Champion** award.



Katelyn Barthol , Prairie Moon , received Overall Grand Champion award at the Johnson County Spring Swine Show.



Tonya Slyter, Blue River Wranglers, received Overall Reserve Grand Champion award at the Johnson County Spring Swine Show.

Summer Knitting Camp a **Success**

Several 4-Hers attended the three-day Knitting Camp at the Extension office in early June, organized by Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Valeria Edwards. Some knitters came to refine their knitting skills, while others, including mothers, learned to knit for the first time! Volunteer instruction by Cindy Quaintance and Laura Whipple was especially appreciated. Keep practicing as we will not have Saturday morning knitting camps again before the fair. If you have questions about knitting projects for the Fair, contact Valeria in the Extension office for assistance.

Water, Geocaching and Fun!

Spend July 13, 9 a.m - 2 p.m. at Kill Creek Park in Olathe canoeing (includes practicing skills on land and water and geocaching (GPS/GIS activity) while learning water quality issues. Fee is \$10. Lunch is provided. To register call 715-7000 or online at www.johnson.ksu.edu/classes. Students 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent. Register by July 6.

4-H Foods & Nutrition Judges Training

Johnson County Extension Office Room 1060 Saturday June 26, 2010 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free but must bring an item to be jud

Free but must bring an item to be judged (notify Joan McDaniel 715-7017). Pre-registration required. Instructors: Diane Mack and Karen Blakeslee

Serve it Safely

Friday, July 23

9 a.m. - noon

Fee: \$7 includes ServSafe book and thermometer (free to those enrolled in Foods project)

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

Johnson County K-State Research and Extension, 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe.

Find out if you really know how to wash your hands or if the 24 hour bug you had might have been a foodborne illness. Designed for anyone who serves food to the public whether it is at the 4-H Food Stand, a school fundraiser or church supper.

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Johnson County 4-Her, Rachel Chall of Overland Park, was one of twenty students from across the United States who gathered on the Kansas State University campus to take part in the second K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA) June 9-12, 2010.

This unique opportunity gave high school students the chance to evaluate real life livestock situations, gain familiarity with college life, and tour many facilities within the animal sciences industry. During their time at the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy, students were given tours of the University Farms, went on a College of Agriculture Scavenger Hunt, and engaged in three interactive leadership development sessions led by faculty members from across the KSU campus. Participants also lived in the dorms and ate in the KSU dining halls, adding to their college experience.

The Academy also included a day of livestock industry tours across Kansas with stops including: WIBW Radio Station, Topeka; Kansas Livestock Association, Topeka; Wildcat Ranch, Topeka; Sundstrom Dairy, Ottawa; and SYSCO Foods, Kansas City.

The event was sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) and coordinated by the K-State Youth Livestock Program located in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. For more information about future programs, visit www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu or contact Sharon Breiner, Youth Livestock Program Coordinator at sbreiner@ksu.edu or (785) 532-1264.

Hoof Trimming, July 24

In addition to helping with fair cleanup on Saturday July 24, you'll have an opportunity to have cattle hoofs trimmed starting at 8 a.m. A hoof trimmer will be on the fairgrounds to trim hoofs for \$25 a head. To schedule an appointment, contact Jessica Brunker at 238-7601 or jessica.brunker@gmail.com. A limited number of appointments are available so please call early.

Rocket Launch

There will be a County Rocket Launch on Sunday, June 27, at 3 p.m. (weather permitting). The lunch site will be the field just north of the Johnson County Fairgrounds. If you have questions, contact Greg May at mayfamilyfive@aol.com or 782-1243.

Rabbit Hutch and Carrying Cage

Kim Zier would like to donate a rabbit hutch 30x30x18" and carrying cage. Both are in good condition. If you are interested, contact Kim at kandnz@everestkc.net or 894-4131.



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