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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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Greetings 4-H Families!

Happy New Year! Johnson County 4-H ended the 2009-10 4-H year with a BANG! We had great representation at the Kansas State Fair. Johnson County 4-H'ers competed against the 'cream of the crop' and earned numerous ribbons and special awards. Congratulations!

With the fall season quickly approaching, 4-H is gearing up to offer several fun and educational opportunities for your family. Family Night and Officers Training is scheduled for October 2. Award Application Judging will take place on October 14. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H'ers at the Achievement Celebration on November 13. We hope you will join us! We are looking forward to all the great things the 2010-11 4-H year will bring.

National 4-H Week, October 2-9, 2010

What's 4-H? Who can join? What can I do? Where do the clubs meet? These are a few of the questions people new to 4-H ask to learn more. With National 4-H Week being the week of October 3, every 4-H family is the best voice for our Johnson County 4-H Program. As a club, we encourage you to make promotional materials, have a fun activity at the school and community centers in your area during this promotional week for 4-H!

Johnson County 4-H Membership Drive Contest

JOIN 4-H! This fall, the Johnson County Extension office is offering a new membership enrollment prize! An award of \$50 will be presented to the 4-H club with the most completed new 4-H memberships from October 1 to December 31, 2010.

With the new 4-H year upon us, we're excited to see new faces and the expansion of Johnson County 4-H clubs. An excellent time to promote your club is during National 4-H Week – October 3-9, 2010. If you have a family interested in 4-H, there are now three ways to encourage their involvement.

- Speak with them directly about your program/club, the county activities and process.
- Refer them to the Johnson County 4-H Extension office and agents for more information.
- Complete the online form at: www.JoinKansas4-H.org which will then be routed to the Extension office.

Additional 4-H promotional resources are also available.

Click on Resources and then Marketing or go directly to: <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>. National 4-H Brand Network also has their Promotional Tool Kit available at <http://www.4-h.org/>.



Attention 4-H Families

The Pioneer Partners from Pioneer 4-H in De Soto are putting together a county cookbook and would like to invite anyone who wants to contribute their favorite recipes to do so. Contributors should send their recipes along with their name to: pbeary@kc.rr.com. Recipes should be received by October 23. The cookbooks will be on sale in time for the holidays. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT PHOTO SHOOT

On October 23, 2010 we will go to Schaake's Pumpkin Patch for a photo shoot. Meet at the Extension office parking lot at 2 p.m. We will also go over basic photo composition tips and macro techniques. For questions, call the Ladd's at (913) 268-6577. You can find Schaake's on the web site. It is located near Eudora, KS.

4-H Ambassador Applications Due Oct. 15

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. The 4-H Ambassadors are 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 are available at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. All forms are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on October 15. Interviews will be held early November. Feel free to contact Melinda Dennis, Ambassador Advisor at mdennis35@aol.com or (913) 530-9261 with questions.

Sewing Project Meeting

Sewing is great fun and a wonderful life skill. Sewing lessons for 4-H'ers will start with Orientation on Wednesday, October 20 at the Extension office at 6:30 p.m.

This year, we will offer classes every Thursday evening. Please attend every week, or as often as your schedule permits. Consistency and practice build the skill.

We will repeat some projects from last year and add new ones, both for personal use as well as community involvement. From October to March we will focus mainly on beginning sewing for those with less than three years sewing experience. Starting in April, a sewer of any skill level is encouraged to attend to learn new skills, to be able to have a specific time to devote to sewing projects each week and get to know other sewers in the county.

There will not be sewing in December and only two classes in November. Dates are as follows:

Oct 20 Orientation
Nov 4 and 18
(No meeting in December)
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24
Mar 3, 10, 24, 31 (No meeting March 17)
April 7, 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19, 26
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28

Kansas State Fair Successes

While at the fair over the weekend of September 10, I was pleased to see numerous Johnson County 4-H projects in the 4-H Centennial Hall, Kansas Showcase and Animal Barns.

The quality of projects was second to none with numerous prizes awarded to Johnson County 4-H project exhibitors. In the livestock barns, it was exciting to see strong competition from Johnson County 4-H members in both the showmanship classes, as well as animal classes with Morgan Mobley winning the market beef division Grand Championship with her red steer on Saturday, September 11.

Congratulations to all 4-Hers in a successful and rewarding Kansas State Fair experience! Official results for all classes can be found at: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/KSFAIR/> for projects and <http://www.kansasstatefair.com/pagedescription.php?id=1088&pages=sf> for livestock results.

We're proud of you and look forward to working with everyone for the 2011 season!

Johnson County 4-H Club Promotion Contest

Attention all 4-H Clubs! To encourage 4-H membership and to get the word out about your club, Johnson County 4-H Extension is offering a promotional contest this fall.

The two documents must be electronically submitted to Mark Seeley, 4-H Youth Development Agent at: mark.seeley@jocogov.org by November 1. (Limit one entry per club.)

A one page (8.5"x 11") flyer highlighting your club

A bookmark (six bookmarks per 8.5"x 11" paper); a condensed version of the flyer

Required content for each document:

Club contact information (meeting location/date, leader info, etc.)

Areas of interest of your club.

Any use of the 4-H emblem must have copyright marking

Each club has until November 1 to develop two pieces of promotional material. Judging will be held at the Extension office with the winning club awarded a \$50 certificate at Achievement Night, November 13. All entries will be utilized through the 4-H year as club promotional material! Good luck!

The Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports Update

We have had another great year in Shooting Sports. We had ten 4-H'ers shoot in 11 competitions at state! Our Johnson County 4-H'ers did a great job conducting themselves, professionally, responsibly, safely and always exhibiting good sportsmanship. Most everyone achieved the goals that they had set. Noelle Tomich placed 5th in the Senior Sporter class Pistol. We also have at least one shooter, Ethan Eccles, qualified to go to Fall State in Archery on October 2. Ethan is also heading to the State Hunting Skills competition. New this year we will be starting a shotgun discipline for ages 12-19! Mark Seeley will be our official instructor. Come to the safety meeting for details.

The Safety class for all disciplines (we offer, Archery, BB, Air Rifle, Pistol, Hunting skills, **and Shotgun**) will be held on Saturday November 6, from 1 - 4 p.m. This will be held in the Green Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. (This is not hunter safety.) There will be a one-time fee of \$25 collected at the sign in for each participant, with a maximum of \$75 per family. This is to cover the cost of ammunition, targets and other equipment and supplies for the season. Please bring a note pad, pencil and eye protection for the whole family. Glasses for \$5 can be found at Wal-Mart in the gardening section.

NOTE: ALL NEW PARTICIPANTS MUST TAKE THE SAFETY CLASS TO PARTICIPATE IN SHOOTING SPORTS. IF YOU ARE TAKING A NEW DISCIPLINE YOU NEED TO ATTEND THE SAFETY MEETING.

All shooters need to come and pay their dues and sign up for the new season.

Currently the proposed practice schedule for each discipline is as follows:

New Shooters start shooting in **January**

January - May we meet every Wednesday evening.

June - November we meet every other Wednesday evening.

Archery - Ages 7-10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Ages 11-19, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Rifle and BB - Ages 7-10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 11-19, 7:30 - 9 p.m. (ages 7-19, 7-10 p.m. start on BB)

Pistol - Ages 12-19, 6:30-9 p.m. (ages 12-19, Instructor discretion)

Shotgun - Ages 12-19, starting in mid-January; Saturdays 10-12 a.m. at Powder Creek, Lenexa.

Calendars will be available at the safety meeting. The calendar is also at the JOCO Shooting Sports Yahoo Group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jocoks_shootingsports/

If you have any questions please contact Ben Powell, County Coordinator at bpowell@bdyinc.com or (913) 302-3504

October Dates

- 2 - Family Night and Officers Training
- 2-9 - National 4-H Week
- 14 - Award Application Judging
- 15 - Ambassador Applications due
- 15 - KYLF registration due
- 23 - County Photography Photo Shoot

November Dates

- 1 - Johnson County Club Promotion Contest
- 1 - RSVP for Achievement Celebration
- 13 - Achievement Celebration
- 19-21 - KYLF



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Achievement Celebration



The 2010 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for 2 p.m. on November 13 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. This year's theme is a Reflection of Excellence. 4-H'ers receiving an award are asked to check-in prior to 2 p.m. Check-in will start at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 1:55 p.m. 4-H'ers not checked in will not be announced during the ceremony. The celebration will be a dessert reception and the dress is semi-formal. An RSVP is requested to Pat Geier by November 1.

The Johnson County 4-H Council has asked each club to consider donating \$20 to cover a portion of the membership, officer and project pins. Checks are to be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council. Donations are due to the Extension office by November 1.

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. to 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?](https://events.jocogov.org/exc/dev_students.asp?ac-)

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Thank You

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank all 4-H'ers and parents who volunteered their time to the 4-H Food Stand. Without your support we would not be able to make this fund raiser work. Each person is very important and very much appreciated. We are still waiting on a final bill from Pepsi but our total profit from the week will be between- \$9700 and \$9900. This is down a bit from last year but we had a very hot beginning of the week and low fair attendance those first few days. However, we are only about \$600-700 less profit from last year so I think we did a great job keeping costs down and generating enough sales to make enough money to fund the 4-H program for the next year. Again, this is your money for funding programs during the 4-H year so take pride in having a successful year. Thanks again--Martha Powell, Food Stand Manager 2010



KYLF

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is a one of a kind leadership building experience for 4-H'ers ages 14-18. KYLF will feature workshops, Youth Council Elections and opportunities to meet other 4-H'ers from Kansas and have fun. 4-H'ers get to choose which workshops they participate in as they register. Workshops are filled on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited, register soon!

KYLF will be held November 19-21 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. The registration deadline is October 15. More information and registration materials can be found at www.kansas4-H.org.