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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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Greetings 4-H Families!

Hopefully you are staying warm and enjoying the holiday season!
This is a great time of the year to reflect on all our blessings and to extend an attitude of appreciation. Johnson County 4-H is fortunate to have such a great group of 4-H families and gracious volunteers. I truly appreciate all the time and talents each of you bring to our program. Thank you.

Our office has experienced a change in staffing and Mark Seeley will no longer be with our program. I appreciate your patience as we work through this change. As always, don't hesitate to contact either Pat Geier the 4-H office professional or myself if you need assistance.

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Speech 101: Sharpening Your Presentation Skills

We had an outstanding turnout for our Speech 101 workshop on December 6. Thank you to the following 4-H'ers for volunteering their time and talents for the breakout sessions: Kassidy Forshey, Luke Guetterman, Natalie and Brynn McCracken, Jayden and Riley Robert and Julia Shields. Donated gloves and stocking caps were given to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. The top three clubs with the most attendance were 1) Prairie Star 2) Pioneer and 3) Comet Tech Club. Each will be receiving a gift certificate to the 4-H Mall. The resources from the workshop are posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay. Copies of the resources are also available to pick up from the Extension office.

Adding/Dropping Projects

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers will be May 1. 4-H'ers who have not established project enrollment by May 1 will not be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. A report of project enrollment will be published on March 1 for families to confirm project enrollment. 4-H'ers will have until May 1 to finalize their project enrollment. Any 4-H'er wishing to add or drop a project will be asked to submit a project add/drop form. The form can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

2012 4-H Club Day

The Johnson County 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 4 at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. Club Day registration will be processed online. Special scheduling requests will be addressed on a first come first serve basis. For additional information regarding registration visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay. Registration and payment are due to the Extension office by January 15, 2012. If you are interested in volunteering on the Club Day committee or have questions email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org.

Seeking 4-H Club Day Judges

Johnson County will be trading Club Day judges with the Shawnee County 4-H Program. We will need adult volunteers to judge at Shawnee County's Club Day scheduled for Saturday, February 11. For those who are interested, we will be carpooling from the Johnson County Extension office. If you have a particular area you are interested in judging please email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org.



Remember to check www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms for the most up-to-date 4-H calendar. Please note the week of Summer Cooking Camp has been changed to the week of July 16-20. The Johnson County 4-H Livestock Club has also set the dates of the 2012 spring livestock shows. Make sure to download a copy for your family's calendar.

Food Fare- Exploring Cultures

Food Fare 2012 is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 at the Johnson County Extension office. The morning session will start at 9 a.m. This year's theme focuses on exploring cooking techniques and foods from various countries. Topics include Korean BBQ, German, Italian cooking and more! Registration is free, however families are asked to bring non-perishable goods to donate to Johnson County families in need. 4-H families are asked to RSVP by January 23 by clicking HERE. Space is limited, RSVP soon.

Attention all Sewing Project members:

On December 10 at 2 p.m. we will be touring the JoAnn's Fabric store on Metcalf. We will talk about different fabric types, picking patterns and other good things to learn in a fabric store. No RSVP is needed just show up and meet the group at the front of the store.

On February 20 (Presidents Day) We will be taking a bus to Manhattan to tour the McCalls pattern company and the Art Museum on the KSU campus, then on to Call Hall for the best ice cream ever!! There will be a charge to cover the cost of the bus. Please keep this date open and watch your clover clips for more details.

Sewing classes will begin again on January 5. If you are interested and need more information about the sewing class or the field trips please email Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com

4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents is excited to inform you that the Fourth Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team has been scheduled for Saturday, February 18, when the Wildcats take on Texas. Tip-off will be at 6 p.m. Each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, hot dog and a drink for \$18. For more details, please see the registration form located at www.johnson.ksu.edu. Registration should be mailed to the Geary County Extension office and must be postmarked by January 17. We hope to see you there!

Shawnee County Livestock and Horse Judging Clinic

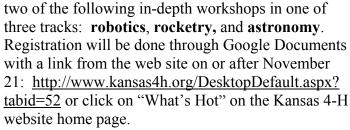
The Shawnee County 4-H Program is hosting a livestock and horse judging clinic on March 3 in Topeka, KS at the Kansas Expocentre Livestock Pavilion. Registration is from noon-12:45 p.m. with the clinic starting at 1 p.m. There is not a preregistration. For additional details visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

Douglas County Beginning Livestock Judging Expo

Douglas County 4-H will be hosting a livestock judging workshop for beginners on January 7 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence, KS. Pre-registration is required and is due the Douglas County Extension office by January 3. For more information visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

4-H SPACE TECH WORKSHOP

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team and K-State Research and Extension are sponsoring a Southeast Area SpaceTech Educators' Workshop on Saturday, January 7, at the Miami County Extension office in Paola, KS. Participants will get to attend



4-H members (12-19-years-old), parents, volunteer 4-H leaders, Extension staff, and educators working with youth who are interested in 4-H science, engineering and technology (SET) project areas. This training is being held in the Southeast Area, but it is open to any Kansas resident on a first-come, first-serve registration basis. Registration is limited to 20 per each session with a minimum of 5 required for each workshop session to be taught. No youths 11 and younger will be accepted to this training. Consider sending a team of youth and adults from your county/district to be trained to take home valuable information. Parents planning on assisting their older children during the training need to register for the training.

Registration will be due on-line by December 27, 2011. Your check made payable to KSU, and a current copy of your Kansas 4-H Participation form must be sent in separate from your registration, or brought with you the day of the training. The registration fee of \$15.00 includes lunch, breaks, two workshops, workshop materials and training team costs. Registration fees are non-refundable unless KSRE cancels the workshop due to low numbers. For more information contact, Deryl Waldren, Northwest Area Extension Office, P. O. Box 786, Colby, KS, 67701. Telephone: 785-462-6281, or e-mail, dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Kansas 4-H Scholarships

2012 Kansas 4-H Scholarships are available! The application form can be found on the Kansas 4-H web site http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx, and its form fillable. Complete applications are due in the Department of 4–H Youth Development, Kansas State University, on Friday, February 3, 2012 before 5:00 p.m. This is not a postmark date. The applications are due in the state office by February 3. 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.

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the ! 2012 4-H calendar. !

January

- 3 Pre-registration due for Douglas County Beginning Livestock Judging Expo
- 5 Clothing classes resume
- 7 4-H Space Tech Workshop
- 17 Registration deadline for 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball
- 23 Food Fare registration due

February

- 3 Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 4 4-H Club Day
- 11 Volunteers needed to judge Shawnee County 4-H Club Day
- 20 Clothing project member's bus tour to Manhattan



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Join 4-H Yard Signs

Join 4-H Yard Signs are available for purchase. Consider buying one for your own front yard or your business. Signs are \$10 each. The signs are made of durable plastic and come with a wire base. Stop by the office today to purchase your sign!