



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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Project Enrollment for County Fair

The first rule in each department in the 4-H division will explain the project enrollment requirement. A report of each 4-H'er's project enrollment is posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=91> and at <http://jocokansasfair.com/OnlineEntries.html>. The password for both sites is **clover**. The deadline to add a project has already passed. If the 4-H'er is not enrolled in the appropriate project he/she will not be able to exhibit in that department. If you feel there is an error on the report please call Pat Geier at (913)715-7000 to confirm your project enrollment.

County Fair Entries

4-H online entries for exhibits judged at the county fair will be due August 3. 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-H'er does not meet the August 3 deadline for online entries they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division.



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 August 3 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-H'er's name who is exhibiting the animal by August 3.

Online entries are now available at <http://jocokansasfair.com/OnlineEntries.html>. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation. On step 5 you should find an option to print a detailed receipt. If on step 5 you have the box checked to send an email confirmation you will also receive a detailed receipt in an email. When in doubt enter the class! After August 3, adding a class/entry is not an option, it is much easier to drop a class at the fair. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.

County Rocket Launch

There is going to be a County Rocket Launch on Sunday, July 17 at 1 p.m. (weather permitting). The location is the field just north of the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Bring engine, wadding and a camera. This will be the last opportunity for a rocket launch. Questions? Call Greg May at (913) 782-1243.



2011 4-H County Fair Auction Participants

Welcome to the heat of the summer! With fair around the corner, it's important to keep in mind the importance to hydrate yourself and your animals. Keep cool, enjoy the month of July and we'll see everyone at the County Fair in August! Also, keep your best event photos and download to the Johnson County Kansas 4-H Facebook site for all to enjoy!

1. All exhibitors selling livestock or projects must turn in their registration form with **W-9 Form** (available at the JoCo Fair website) and a suggested \$5 to help offset the luncheon costs by no later than 2 p.m. on Friday of the fair to be eligible to sell at Saturday's 1 p.m. auction.
2. Please bring a **case of water or a watermelon** when you're submitting your seller registration paperwork to be provided during the auction. If your last name starts with A-M, please bring a watermelon. N-Z please bring water.
3. An IRS 1099 will be issued for exhibitors paid over \$600 in sale proceeds and premiums.

For more information look at the Livestock Auction section of the fair book or contact Mark Seeley.

State Fair Entries

All 4-H exhibits that receive purple ribbons are eligible to enter their exhibits at the Kansas State Fair. **4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the state fair may sign up in the fair office from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, August 10 through Friday, August 12.** 4-H members must be 9 as of January 1, 2011 to enter. All entries for the Kansas State fair must be made by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 16. Please note all livestock entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15.

Family Camp out! - October 14-16

Want to learn camping skills and have a fun weekend with the family? This fall, we're organizing a multi-county camping experience for the entire family at Hillsdale State Park, Paola. This fun filled weekend of camping will include free time for fishing, hiking and biking with educational sessions covering plants, animals, cooking and camp skills. At least one guardian is required to attend with their 4-H youth for this event. We'll be primitive camping at the "Youth Area" of Hillsdale and community cooking at a central campfire. Look for more information and sign-up details in the August Clover Clips or contact Mark Seeley!



Heritage Plaza at Johnson County Fairgrounds

Remembering and honoring all the individuals, families and companies that have made the Johnson County Fair a success since its inception has been a long time goal of the Johnson County Fair Board. This goal is becoming a reality with the construction of Heritage Plaza. In recognition of all time, money and leader the thousands of people have dedicated to make the fair an ongoing success and one of the biggest county fairs in Kansas, we are constructing the Johnson County Fair Heritage Plaza.

The plaza will be located just south of the Memorial Building and north of the restrooms. If you know of someone you would like to honor or recognize for all their work, please consider buying a paver for \$100 and have it engraved with the person(s) name and years of service. Order forms and additional information can be found at <http://jocokansasfair.com/HeritagePlaza.html>.

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. Sunday, August 14. All remaining exhibits will be released at 9 a.m. **NEW in 2011:** At 9:30 a.m. all remaining 4-H exhibits will removed by club leaders. All premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that 4-H exhibitors help with fair clean up.

Officers Training & Family Night

The date for Officers Training and Family Night has been changed to October 1. The event will be held during the evening at the Extension office. Stay tuned for more details!

Home Environment Judging

It is wonderful that so many 4-H'ers enrolled in Home Environment this year. This project provides opportunities to learn life skills such as project planning and developing and sticking to a budget to support the plan. There are many opportunities to practice teamwork, cooperation, and communication among family members as the project progresses. The icing on the cake is expressing creativity with fabric selection, color choices, and placement of accessories in the room.

Make sure to "show us your stuff" by exhibiting aspects of your completed project at the County Fair. Items made by the 4-H'er can be entered in any of seven Single Exhibits. Show us what you learned by creating and entering a poster or a notebook that explores a component of Home Environment such as a study of lighting choices, exploring texture, or possibilities of room arrangements.

The Group Exhibit is a chance to showcase your completed room during the home tour. By making a brief presentation about your completed project, you can practice public speaking skills and convey to others what you learned in Home Environment.

Single exhibits will be judged at the Extension office Tuesday, August 2, beginning at 9 a.m., followed by the home tour Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday will be used for additional judging, if necessary. **BE SURE TO CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY JULY 15 TO SCHEDULE YOUR HOME TOUR.** Talk to Valeria Edwards if more information is needed.

Record Book Corner

This month's tips were submitted by Lauren Gregory. Lauren has earned awards at the state level for her Kansas Award Portfolio.

4-H has some of the best opportunities to learn leadership and citizenship. This month, you can tackle sections 3, 4, and 5 of the Kansas Achievement Portfolio that really show your leadership and citizenship in your project area. You will use information from your Permanent Record Book from sections 2, 3, and 4. Leadership is teaching someone new skills or information, organizing and coordinating a meeting, event or activity. Citizenship is serving others without any compensation. Section 3 and 5 are the meetings, committees and organizations that you are in *this year* that *relate to your KAP project*. For example, if you are doing a KAP in Clothing Construction, you could list the meetings that you organize and lead, the educational tours that you arrange, any clothing drives or other community service projects that you manage, county committees like Fashion Review that you participate in or chair, and events like Officer Training and Family Night if you give a project demonstration/talk about Clothing Construction. If the project was in 4-H, it goes in Section 3 and if it is non-4-H, it goes in Section 5. Non 4-H activities can be school, clubs, church, community groups and organizations. For 7-8 year olds, there is non 4-H Experiences Related to Project Section, so it's pretty simple.

Next, you will want to list all the things you did in this project with an emphasis on your leadership and service. You can list project talks and demonstrations from each project meeting (write the name of the talk on the line), PowerPoint presentations that you give (maybe at Club Days, Officer Training and Family Night, Fair, non-4-H events), workshops, educational field trips or camps that you organize, quiz bowls you plan, judging activities that you construct (club, county events, or state-wide events), school or library exhibits that you arrange, articles you write about your project (you can send them to the Kansas 4-H Journal, a local newspaper or school paper) and all the service projects that you do related to your projects. If you give a talk at an event, you can record the time it takes to research and write your talk/demonstration on a separate line than you record the presentation that you give. Keep track of the number of meetings/events you lead and attend through the year. Ask your community leader or Kaitlyn or Mark for opportunities to lead and serve in your KAP area. With fair coming up, there are lots of opportunities to serve! Find out if your project has a state-action committee or participate in the leadership at Discovery Days or KYLF (see the Kansas 4-H website for list of Action Teams and how to join <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=16>). For a state-competitive KAP at the 14-18 year old level, try to write 46 age-appropriate and *quality* leadership and community service activities that you accomplished in your project area this year. You will not be able to expand the number of lines or the space, so chose your words carefully! You can write more about your activities in your story. Make sure you record the level of participation (local, county, area, state, etc.) and the number of hours you work on each item. Remember to record how many are in the audience, too. (continued pg 4)

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

July

- 15 - Paper fair entries due
 - Home Environment, Fiber Arts, Clothing Construction entries due
 - Stall requests due
 - Schedule Home Environment home tour
 - Livestock entries due for State Fair
- 17 - County Rocket launch
- 30 - Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Clothing Construction judging

August

- 2 - Home Environment exhibits judged and home tour
- 3 - Livestock exhibitors enter name and tag number
- 4 - Public Fashion Revue
- 10-12 - Sign up for State Fair at fairgrounds



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Record Book Corner Cont.

Section 4 is the listing of your top awards that you received this year. The award does not have to relate to your project, but if it does, put an * by it. You could put your Achievement Pin, Officer Pin, Key Award Pin or award ribbons that you received at Club Days, the County or State Fair. Be sure to list the 4-H awards and non 4-H awards in the right sections. When you finish these sections, you're almost done with your KAP. Next time we'll go over photos and your story. Have a great summer! –Lauren

Grants for Livestock Project Members

The Johnson County Livestock Association extended the deadline to apply for one of their Livestock or Mentor Grants to July 15. Please take advantage of potential funding for your next year's beef, sheep, swine or goat project. Applications are on-line at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1136>



Petting Fair Help

We have a request from Aberdeen Village here in Olathe for help with a petting fair they would like to put on for the senior residents. The fair themed day would take place on July 27 in their parking lot just east of our Extension office on 119th street. Animals would need to be there from 9:30-10:30 in the morning. If you would like to provide some animals for this community service project, please contact Christina Wilson at Aberdeen Village at 599-6100.

Horticulture Judging

Hey Plant Science project members have you ever thought about being part of the horticulture judging contest? Now is the time to get involved. Participants in the contest will take part in three phases of the contest which are judging, plant identification and skills. The contest will be held on the campus of Kansas State University on Saturday, August 20. For complete information visit the state 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=44> or contact Dennis Patton, 913-715-7000 at the office.