



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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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.

For section 1 of the KAP each age category has a different number of *minimum goals* that our county requires: 7-8 year olds need at least 5 reasonable goals, 9-13 year olds need at least 7 reasonable goals, and 14 year olds and older need at least 10 reasonable goals. (See 4-H Award Guidelines at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms) Section 2 showcases what you have learned *this past year* in your project. For 7-8 year olds, there is a form for this page, but all the other ages can create one page to illustrate this. You can use bullet points, a table, outlines, or a chart to show your work. Include details about how your project developed this past year and what knowledge and skills you learned. Examples of LEARNING experiences include camps, contests, and judging schools, so show the judges what you learned in each experience you participated in. Your fair projects and Club Days performances can be included in this section to show what you learned. Use your Permanent Record Section 2 and 3 to help you remember the details of these activities to write this section. After you list each item, show the level of participation you did in this activity by recording (L) for local or club activity, (C/D) for county or district activities, (A/R) for area or regional activities, (S) for state, (N) for national, which includes activities that were in two or more states, and (I) for international events. Judges like to see what challenges you had and how you overcame them. This section emphasizes what you LEARNED-not what you led or how you served unless you show what skills you learned by doing that. Good luck! --Lauren

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION!

There's still time to register for the July Johnson County 4-H day camps schedule this year.

July 11-15, "Video Guru" - be a video producer! Learn the steps to take in producing a quality video work with area television personalities in gaining interview skills and edit your work to put on YouTube. Participants will produce 2-3 videos through the week and have a film festival on the final day! Location – Olathe Administration Building lower level. Lunch provided.

July 19, 20 or 27 - "Water, Geocaching and Fun" – learn technology skills with GPS handheld devices and water safety practices before spending time canoeing around a Johnson County Parks lake.

July 19 location – Kill Creek Park, July 20 location – Lake Lenexa, July 27 location – Mill Creek (at Wilder Road Access point). Lunch and canoeing safety vests provided.

Water Quality Contest

Registration Open!

The Friends of the KAW and Johnson County 4-H are pleased to announce a contest for Johnson County 4-H youth in 9-12 grade! This project will encompass sound water management and pollution control in three areas: (1) raising livestock, (2) growing a vegetable garden, or (3) caring for a lawn and yard. For each category there will be a first prize of \$100 and a runner-up prize of \$50 and projects will be judged on appropriate water management techniques, run-off control and controlling water contamination practices. For more information and to register go to: <http://kansasriverscience.org/stormwater-runoff-challenge> before August 1st (registration is now open which would allow for a longer time to work on your project)! Projects must be completed and submitted online to Friends of the Kaw by September 1, 2011. Winners will be announced after September 15, 2011 and posted on the Friends of the Kaw website at <http://kansasriver.org> and our Facebook page. Winners will have their projects displayed at Friends of the Kaw events throughout Johnson County."

Spring Livestock Shows, Clinic and Skillathons a Hit!

What a wonderful spring season we've had in Johnson County with livestock related events! The Johnson County Livestock Club also hosted a well attended day of showmanship, quiz bowl and livestock 101 information on April 9. The Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine shows were well attended and ran smoothly thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Livestock Show Committees. Thank you to everyone that helped make this season a success. Results and photos are posted on the KSUE website, Johnson County Kansas 4-H Facebook page and the Johnson County 4-H Livestock website.

Each show also had a species specific Skillathon as part of the day's events that was free to participate and included awards for the top three individuals per age category sponsored by Dow Agroscience. Good luck with your animals at summer shows and the fairs!

4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Teams – August 20-21

Are you interested in livestock? Would you like to participate in a competitive livestock knowledge team in August? If so, the Livestock Club is organizing teams for the August 20-21 event held at K-State. Teams will consist of a Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, Livestock Judging and Meats Judging. A qualifying Quiz Bowl and Skillathon event will be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on July 1 at 4 p.m. at the June/July meeting of the livestock club for those interested in participating. The weekend of livestock contests takes the scores of all four events to arrive at a team winner for the entire "Sweepstakes" event. Contact Mark Seeley to preregister for team participation by June 15 via an email including your name, contact information and team(s) of interest. Practices will follow this summer.

KJLS and KSF Livestock Nomination Deadline June 15

Anyone participating in the state livestock shows
Must have appropriate paperwork in by June 15.
Forms and additional information available at:
<http://www.asi.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=58>

June 18 - Boating Safety Clinic at Bass Pro Shops, Inc., Olathe

There will be a free boating safety clinic for the public on June 18 at the Bass Pro Shops, Inc. Olathe store at 1 p.m. It's important to learn good boating safety to avoid dangerous conditions and have fun in the water this summer. For more information contact Mark Seeley.

Poultry Clinic - June 15 - 6 p.m.

An informational clinic will be held at the Extension office for anyone interested in showmanship tips, animal handling and care of poultry.

Kansas 4-H Sport Fishing Tournament 2011

With the warm weather finally here, the fishing is good around most Johnson County lakes and waterways. Look at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Controls/doc11179.aspx> for more information on this summer's Sport Fishing Tournament details (deadline September 15). Sport fishing books are also available at the Extension office by contacting Mark Seeley.



Who - All youth interested in a meat turkey project this summer

What - 1 entry = receive 2 turkeys to raise to a finished, processed bird (one bird entered for finale)

How - **Registration deadline: June 16** (\$60/entry – limit 2 entries per person; 4 birds)

Send in entry information (name, phone and email) and check to Johnson County Extension 4-H office.

Please make checks payable to "*Johnson County 4-H Council*" (memo line – Turkey Project).

When/Where -

Start Date: July 21, 7 p.m. - at Johnson County Extension office, Olathe, KS.

Birds will be approximately 2 weeks of age when picked up on July 21st.

End Date: Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 6-7 p.m. at Farmers Coop, Spring Hill, KS

Each entry will complete a Skillathon and deliver live birds on November 1.

Participants must bring a clean, well identified cooler on November 1 for us to put your processed birds in for the return trip to Farmers Coop on Nov. 2:

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, all birds will be taken for processing and returned to **Farmers Coop for a 5-7 p.m. cooler pickup.**

Ice will be provided for each cooler at the processor.

Any unclaimed birds on **November 2 at 7 p.m.** will be donated to a food pantry.

Why - A project similar to the spring Broiler Derby, this livestock program is focused on enhancing animal husbandry skills of meat production systems and producing a quality product (two turkeys) to take home to the freezers at the end of the program. As part of the project, participants are also required to submit one poster describing the project and including turkey trivia with photos.

Each participant will receive a project t-shirt and sponsored prizes at project completion.

Each participant will be eligible for the following finale awards:

Largest bird (carcass weight) = \$100 gift card from Farmers Union Coop

Turkey Skillathon -Top 3 placing = \$50, \$25 and \$15 gift card from Farmers Union Coop

Best 4-H Gobbler Contest = \$10 gift card from Farmers Union Coop

For additional information, contact Mark Seeley, Johnson County 4-H/Youth Development Agent.

Project guidelines and expectations will be covered at July 21 pick-up as well.

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

June

- 15 - KJLS & KSF Livestock Nomination Deadline
- 15 - Poultry Clinic
- 15 - Preregister for Livestock Sweepstakes Teams
- 16 - Meat Turkey Project registration deadline
- 18 - Boating Safety Clinic

July

- 1 - Quiz Bowl & Skillathon
- 1 - Mr. & Miss 4-H applications due
- 8 - FACS Judging Contest
- 11 - CPR & First Aid Training
- 11 - 15 Video Guru Camp
- 19, 20 or 27 - Water, Geocaching and Fun

Mr. and Miss 4-H

The 4-H and Youth Development Program Development Committee has recently reviewed and reorganized the application process for Mr. and Miss 4-H. The new application process is designed to mimic a job application process. Hopefully this will prove to be a relevant and meaningful process for all candidates. All 4-H'ers who have completed at least three years as a 4-H member and are at least 13 (as of January 1, 2011) are encouraged to apply. All application documents and additional information about Mr. and Miss 4-H are at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=657>. Applications are due July 1 to the Extension office. Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Peine at 913-715-7000, kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org or Denise King at (913) 583-1009, or kingflock@aol.com.



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FACS Judging

Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Judging is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to gain reasoning, decision making and problem solving skills. FACS judging subject matter covers foods, nutrition, cooking, clothing, consumer decisions, home environment, fiber arts and more! Each year Johnson County sends one intermediate (9-13) and one senior (14-18) team to compete at the state FACS judging contest held during the state fair. Team members are invited to participate based on their scores from two contests: the summer judging contest and the county fair judging contest held at clothing judging.

The summer judging contest will be held on July 8 at the Extension office from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. There will be three age divisions: junior 7-8, intermediate 9-13 and senior 14-18. The contest will be 'come and go'. Most 4-H'ers can complete the judging activities within an hour. To RSVP for the summer judging contest call Pat Geier at (913) 715-7000 by July 1.

CPR and First Aid Training

The Johnson County 4-H Program and Johnson County Med-Act will be partnering to offer two sessions of CPR and First Aid Training on July 11. Two trainings will be offered in room 1070 and 1075 at the Extension office. The morning session will be 9 a.m.- noon and the afternoon will be 1-4 p.m. All adult volunteers and teens 12 and older are encouraged to attend. The training is FREE. An RSVP is requested at <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGIKVjY0Y1hVcUtQR2xsOHpnRGszOEE6MQ> Space is limited. Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Peine at kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org or (913) 715-7000.