



Clover Clips

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. We truly appreciate all the time and talents each of you bring to our program. Thank you.

2013 4-H Club Day

The Johnson County 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 16 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 10, 2013. If you are interested in volunteering on the Club Day committee or have questions email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org.

The Gardner-Edgerton School District has changed their policy for facility rental and we no longer have access to their music rooms. If any family has an electric keyboard they would be willing to let the committee borrow for the day, please contact Kaitlyn at kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org.

Cooking Classes

Just a reminder 4-H'ers receive half off the registration fee on all Foods department classes. This includes Saturday morning workshops as well as evening classes on topics such as canning and pie-baking. Check out the fall line-up here: <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=56>

Are you over the age limit or already a pro on that topic? Volunteers are welcome and appreciated. Contact Nichole Burnett at nichole.burnett@jocogov.org if interested.

Intern Opportunities

K-State Research and Extension is looking for interns for the summer of 2013. Applicants must have completed at least four semesters at a university. The internship runs from May, 28 to August, 2 and is for 40 hours a week. Applications are due February 4, 2013. For more information visit <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/jobs>.

Kansas City 4-H Global Summit

The 2013 Kansas City 4-H Global Summit (KCGS) will be held March 14-17 at the Hilton Airport Hotel, Kansas City, MO. Registration fees for youth are \$310 and \$420 for adults. Participants should also bring \$75 to \$100 for lunch and dinner Friday, lunch Saturday, breakfast Sunday and personal expenses such as shopping, gifts or snacks. Crafts will be available for purchase at the Ethnic Enrichment Festival on Saturday evening.

This is open to youth who are 15 years of age and not yet 19 years of age before January 1, 2013. Prior 4-H membership is not required. Registration is now open by visiting www.kansas4-h.org and clicking on Home and then "register". January 10 is the last day to register. Payment and a completed Kansas 4-H Participation form is due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on January 10. Checks are payable to Johnson County 4-H Council Fund.

KANSAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The 2013 Kansas 4-H Scholarship form -fillable application can be found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx> under Resources, then Awards or under "What's Hot". 4-H members wanting to apply must have completed applications to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 28.

Scholarship 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. A complete list of scholarships will be in the January **Kansas 4-H Journal**. Graduating seniors and college students are encouraged to apply.

Morning Glory 4-H Club Fundraiser: KIDS NIGHT OUT!

A fun night to explore 4-H with games, cooking, & crafts, so parents can spend time shopping or just enjoy some time alone!

Who: Kids ages 5-11

When: December 8, 2012, 4-8 p.m.

Where: Johnson County Extension office

Price: \$20 for the first child, \$10 for each additional sibling. Fee includes a meal with dessert and a kid-made gift for a special loved one

Register by December 5. To sign up or for questions, email: morningglory4h@yahoo.com

4-H DAY WITH THE WILDCAT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents is excited to inform you that the 5th Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team has been scheduled for Saturday, February 2, when the Wildcats take on the University of Kansas Jayhawks. Tip-off will be at 2 p.m. Each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, hot dog and drink for \$18. For more details, see the registration form located at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/> under "What's Hot" (located on the right hand side of the webpage). Registration must be postmarked by January 8. We hope to see you there!

Citizenship in Action

Registration for Citizenship in Action is now available and information is at www.kansas4-h.org. Youth who are 13-19 by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend. The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

The State 4-H office has scholarships in the amount of \$100 available to those youth who would like to apply due to a generous donation from Capitol Federal. Counties that have a Capitol Federal Savings will be given preference in these scholarships. You can locate scholarship forms by visiting <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=420>. Registration is due by January 15. Payment and a completed Kansas 4-H Participation form is due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on January 15. Checks are payable to Johnson County 4-H Council Fund.

Food Fare – Across the Nation

Saturday, January 26; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fee: Free but you are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item

www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

Instructors: 4-H Foods Leaders and Extension Master Food Volunteers

If you are interested in helping with this event, join us at the first planning meeting December 10 at 4 p.m. We need your input and help to make this event successful! Email any questions to Nichole.Burnett@jocogov.org

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

The fifth annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy will be held June 5-8, 2013 at Kansas State University's Manhattan campus. The goal of the academy is to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry through an engaging summer experience hosted by K-State Animal Sciences and Industry. This four-day event will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas's diverse livestock industry, as well as building participants' leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement. The event is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. More information and applications will be on the website, www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

Kansas Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is open to youth age 15-18 years-old. It is an intensive 12 day summer citizenship experience in our nation's capital. Along the route, delegates tour educational sites like the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and Independence Hall in Philadelphia/ Gettysburg Battlefield or Monticello and Williamsburg, Virginia. Delegates and/or their counties are responsible for the cost of \$1,575. For more information visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=456>. Applications will be accepted until January 1 or until 50 spaces are filled.

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.

Kansas Junior Swine Producers Day

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day is scheduled to be held Saturday, February 16, 2013 at Kansas State University's Weber Arena. K-State faculty, grad students, and speakers will provide hands-on education over topics such as selecting your youth project, nutrition, general swine care, and showmanship. Youth and parents will be encouraged to participate in a non-competitive swine skillathon. Youth will also have the opportunity to participate in the Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification session. More information about the program and registration forms will be available on the website www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu. Early registration is due February 1, 2013.

VIP

Volunteer Information Profile

Johnson County 4-H depends on volunteers to help give our youth the best 4-H experience possible. The Volunteer Information Profile is to insure our volunteers have the best interest of young people at heart. Some people may not even be aware they are required to fill out a VIP. A volunteer is an adult or teen with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with other adults present or in a public setting OR a volunteer whose position puts him or her in close, ongoing, one-to-one interaction with youth must complete the VIP process. Volunteer roles include, but are not limited to, judging team coach, community leader, organizational leader, project leader, camp counselor, camp assistant, Discovery Days or other event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, and 4-H activities, and county-wide project leader. New volunteers must complete and submit the VIP Application at the beginning of their first year. Once the initial application is filled out volunteers fill out a shorter form called the VIP Renewal Form. This renewal form needs to be filled out on an annual basis. The fall is a great time to renew your VIP application. Questions regarding the VIP process can be directed to Amanda Fraunfelter, 4-H Program Manager at 913-715-7000 or amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org.

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

Spring Livestock Shows

The dates have been set for the Spring Livestock Shows.

Beef- April 20

Sheep/Goat- May 11

Swine- June 1

Look for more information in February's Clover Clips.

Does this belong to anyone?

This Conair curling iron was found after style revue back in August. Does anyone know who it belongs to? If it belongs to you, email amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org.



Council Committees

Have you ever wondered how our county-wide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hard working dedicated adult volunteers and 4-H'ers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to Johnson County 4-H Council Representatives from each club. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events. Please pass this invitation along to any interested 4-H'ers and/or adult volunteers.

The following is a list of the 2013 committees: 4-H Club Day, Fair Concession Stand, Achievement Celebration, Trips and Awards (adults only), 4-H Fashion Revue, Family Night and Officers Training, Budget Finance Committee, Foods and Nutrition, 4-H Promotions/National 4-H Week, Policy Changes Committee (adults only), Special Needs Committee.

4-H'ers interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to email amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org with their name, the name of the committee(s) they would like to join, phone number and email by December 20.

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4-H/Youth Development

K-State Research and Extension is committed to making its services, activities, and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, please contact the Johnson County Extension office at 715-7000. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Rabbit Needing Good Home

This was posted by June Puett Drake-Johnson on the Johnson County 4-H website:

"I have a beautiful Lion's head rabbit that needs a good home soon. I have to move and can't take her. She is free to a good home. She does have papers. Call me at (913) 884-5863."

Join 4-H

913-715-7000

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Join 4-H Yard Signs

Join 4-H Yard Signs are available at the Extension office. Consider placing one in your own front yard or your business. The signs are made of durable plastic and come with a wire base. Stop by the office today to pick up your sign!

Johnson County 4-H on Facebook

'Like' our Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information and news about the happenings of Johnson County 4-H! Visit www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H to like our page.

County Junior Leaders

There has been interest in revitalizing the County Junior Leader Program. Any 4-H'er interested in providing input for the program should contact Marilyn Rogers by January 1, 2013. Marilyn can be contacted by email at rogerstim@sbcglobal.net or 913-526-6726.