



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## Greetings 4-H Families,

We hope your new 4-H year is off to a great start! This is the perfect time of the year to start setting goals for what you would like to accomplish for the 2012-2013 4-H year. Are you planning on exploring a new project or expanding a current project experience? Would you like to build your leadership skills or plan a community service event? The opportunities are endless.

As you establish your goals think about creating S.M.A.R.T. goals. Make your goal **specific**: think about the five W's, who, what, when, where and why? Goals should be **measureable**: how will you know when you have achieved your goal? Ask yourself, is this goal **attainable**? Given your time and resources is the goal realistic? Make your goal **relevant**: how does this goal contribute to your success as a 4-H'er and citizen? Create a **timetable**: when would you like to accomplish your goal? As you create your goals, refer to section I of your Kansas Award Portfolio and record your goals for each of your projects.

## Check-In for Achievement Celebration

The 2012 Achievement Celebration is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on November 3 in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. This year's theme is Bubbling Over With Success. 4-H'ers receiving an award are asked to check-in prior to 5:30 p.m. Check-in will start at 5 p.m. and conclude at 5:25 p.m. 4-H'ers not checked in will not be announced during the ceremony. The celebration will include a dinner and the dress is semi-formal.

## **Enrollment Cards**

All returning 4-H'ers enrollment forms are due to the Extension office by December 1. Check with your club leader to see if your club has an earlier deadline. Although enrollment forms are due December 1, enrollment is open to new 4-H families all year. Enrollment forms for 4-H members and Cloverbuds are posted at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms). Please note the enrollment forms now require a leader's signature from every club you are a member of. This is to help the leaders get a better idea of who is in their club.

The project guide is found online at [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms). The project guide has been modified to cater to Johnson County specifically. We hope this new guide will explain projects better to new 4-H families.

## 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](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms).

## National Western Catch-a-Calf Program



The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program is a great program designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. This program can provide youth with an opportunity to be part of one of the best programs at the National Western Stock Show. Youth who choose to participate in the contest may have a range of experiences in raising, feeding and showing beef cattle, all are acceptable.

Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of December 31, 2012 to apply. They must also be enrolled in 4-H at the time of application. Successful catchers must have adequate facilities available to house their steer as they are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their animal. The applications to participate in this year's Catch-a-Calf program at the NWSS are now available on line at <http://www.nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf/> Catch-a-Calf applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2012.

## 4-H Ambassadors Training

The 2013 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 22-23 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all county/district 4-H Ambassadors and Ambassador Advisors. The theme is: **“Revolution of Leadership.”** Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H website by early December. Registration will be due on or before February 1, 2013.

## 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 and speakers will provide hands-on education over topics such as selecting your youth project, nutrition, show ring skills, and individual topics tailored to age. More information about the schedule and registration forms will be available on the website [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) as soon as a tentative schedule has been set.

## Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producers Day

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013. The program will focus on topics such as nutrition, feeding, health and breeding. For more information and registration forms, please visit [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) in the near future, as a tentative schedule is still being set.

## Dog Judge Certification Training

4-H dog judge certification training will be held January 25-27, 2013 in Gardner, KS at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. New format beginning on Friday evening has allowed us to cover all four phases of the Dog Care and Training Program in one weekend. This is also a good opportunity for local project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and thus better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the State 4-H Dog show.

Details for registration will be available in early December, so share the dates with potential judges and project leaders in your Extension Unit.

# 2013 4-H Club Day

Mark your calendars! 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. If you are interested in volunteering on the Club Day committee email [kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org](mailto:kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org). Stay tuned for more details.

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](mailto:kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org).

## **4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PLACES VERY WELL AT 2012 STATE MATCHES!**

Ten Johnson County Shooting Sports members participated in four Kansas State match events this fall, winning many awards. The first fall match was held on a very chilly October 6<sup>th</sup> near Topeka, with competitions in Archery and Small Bore Rifle. The second fall match was on October 13<sup>th</sup> near Wichita, with competitions in Hunting Skills and Shotgun.

Nine of our Archery members participated. Amy Ullrich took first place in the Junior Recurve competitions, including firsts in: FITA, 3-D, and Overall. Milton Lee also medaled in Junior Recurve, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in FITA, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3-D, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall. Amy and Milton were also on the Johnson County Recurve team, along with Emma Ullrich and Austin Woodard, placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Amy Ullrich also took first place in each of the Junior Olympic competitions, including first in: FITA, 3-D, and Overall. Chase Eccles placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Junior Olympic FITA. Ethan Eccles placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Senior Olympic 3-D. Also competing in the Archery tournament were: Jordan Fletcher, Alyssa Overmann and Callie Roberts. We had some outstanding shooters representing Johnson County!

Bryce Zimmerman competed in the State Shooting Sports Match on the same day, competing in Small Bore Rifle. Bryce took 4<sup>th</sup> place in Prone, 4<sup>th</sup> in Silhouette, and 4<sup>th</sup> Overall. This earned Bryce a spot on our State Team to compete at 4-H Nationals this next summer, held at Grand Island, Nebraska.

Our county also did very well in the Hunting Skills competition. In the Junior division, Chase Eccles took 1<sup>st</sup> in Hunter Knowledge, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wildlife I.D., 1<sup>st</sup> in Compass and Orienteering, and 1<sup>st</sup> Overall. In the Senior division, Ethan Eccles took 4<sup>th</sup> in Hunter Knowledge, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wildlife I.D., 1<sup>st</sup> in Compass and Orienteering, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall. The team of Ethan and Chase Eccles placed 1<sup>st</sup> at state. Ethan will represent Kansas on the Hunting Skills team at 4-H Nationals this next summer. Ethan Eccles also participated in the Shotgun state competition.

Each of these shooters are to be commended for qualifying to attend a state match in their discipline. They all practiced very hard throughout the summer, including attending local matches. Accompanying these shooters were instructors: Arn Eccles, Aaron Woodard, and Barry Zimmerman. Shooting Sports members are currently busy getting ready for their spring season matches for BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. For more information go to [www.4-hshootingsports.com](http://www.4-hshootingsports.com).

Check out [www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms) for the 2012 4-H calendar.

## Farm Safety 4 Just Kids

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids was



formed in 1987 after an 11 year old boy suffocated in a gravity flow wagon of shelled corn on his family's Iowa farm. Today, the organization's goal is to increase public awareness and understanding of the hazards to children on the farm. Farm Safety 4 Just Kids has a Kansas Outreach Coordinator who would like to conduct a short safety presentation at your local 4-H meeting. If you are interested in a program, contact Pamela Beavers, the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids Kansas Coordinator at [pamela.beavers71@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.beavers71@gmail.com) or by calling 913-749-3221. The web site for Farm Safety 4 Just Kids is <http://www.fs4jk.org>



### 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](http://www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H) to like our page.

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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!