



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Greetings 4-H Families,

It is hard to believe the holidays are just a few days away. I hope you will get the opportunity to enjoy this special time of year with your family and friends. December is always a time I use to reflect on the previous year and start planning for the new year. Looking back, our 4-H program had a great 2012! We are continuing to see an increase in 4-H membership with our numbers reaching close to 700. Our school enrichment programs reached over 6,000 youth in 2012. We also had the chance to increase our summer day camp programs in 2012 which allowed us to reach an additional 100 youth. It's great to see the Johnson County 4-H program continuing to evolve to reach new youth with relevant educational programs.

Looking ahead, the program will be experience a change in staffing as I will be leaving my position as the 4-H Youth Development Agent in Johnson County effective January 19. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the 4-H families and volunteers in Johnson County. I believe our program has some of the most dedicated and talented volunteers and it's been a pleasure working with each of them. I am confident I will be hearing great things about Johnson County 4-H in the near future. I hope our paths will cross soon. Best wishes. –Kaitlyn Peine

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 amanda.fraunfelter@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 Amanda at amanda.fraunfelter@jocogov.org.

Judging Activities at Club Day

There will be judging activities offered at Club Day this year. Look for more information in February Clover Clips after the Club Day Committee has had a chance to meet. We will more than likely be asking 4-H'ers to volunteer to help with or run a judging activity, so have your ideas ready!

Regional 4-H Club Day

Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for March 16 in Lawrence, KS. 4-H'ers receiving a top purple ribbon at County 4-H Club Day will have the opportunity to represent Johnson County at regionals.

Food Fare

Food Fare 2013 is scheduled for Saturday, January 26 at the Johnson County Extension office starting at 9:30. This year's theme is Across the Nation and will feature hands-on stations from different regions of the US. New this year is the Favorite Food show which features both table-setting and foods judging. The Favorite Food Show Guide and Sample Scoring are posted at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=658>. Our next meeting is January 14 at 4pm at the Extension Office if you would like to be involved. As always, 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 Friday, January 18 by completing the entry card found [HERE](#).** Space is limited, RSVP soon.



VIP Renewal

A reminder, for Kansas 4-H Volunteers to retain their registered VIP status they must complete and turn in an Annual Renewal form to the local county/district Extension office. The form is a simple one page form that asks their contact information, what the leadership role(s) they will be doing, any changes in their legal involvement and to recommit to the Kansas Volunteer Code of Ethics. The renewal form gives the local office vital information for good management of the local 4-H program and as such is an invaluable management tool. The form (in form fill-able PDF) is at: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H953.pdf>.

Horse Panorama

2013 Horse Panorama information is on the Website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=425>. There are contest rules available as well as registration forms and information. Registration is due to the State office by January 15!

Citizenship in Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council, will be held Sunday, February 17-18, 2013 at the State Capitol in Topeka. All youth 13 to 19 years old by January 1, 2013 are eligible to attend.



The purpose of the 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. Online registration is due by January 15. Registration for Citizenship In Action is now available and information is at www.kansas4-h.org. A completed Kansas 4-H Participation Form and payment are due to the Johnson County Extension office by January 20. Checks are to be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council.

This year we have 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>.

Citizenship Washington Focus

We are almost there! We currently have 29 youth signed up to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus trip. We still need to get to 33! Participation this year will determine if we have a Citizenship Washington Focus trip next year or if we make the trip every other year. Questions? Visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=456>.

InvenTeam

The InvenTeam initiative, created by the Lemelson-MIT Program, offers an unparalleled opportunity for high school age youth to cultivate their creativity and experience invention. InvenTeams are teams of high school youth/students, teachers, and mentors that receive grants up to \$10,000 each to invent technological solutions to real-world problems. Each InvenTeam chooses its own problem to solve.

In 2012 the Essex and Clinton County's NY Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) group received an InvenTeam grant for their invention idea to develop small pre-filters to improve the operation of bio-sand filters to provide clean water to households in developing countries (learn more here). They are the first 4-H club to receive an InvenTeam grant.

You can visit the [InvenTeams web site \(http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/\)](http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/) to learn more about the InvenTeams program and how to apply. 4-H and Lemelson-MIT are working on resources to support and promote youth invention. We hope to see more 4-H clubs participate in InvenTeams. Applications must be completed online. The deadline date is April 5, 2013.

Kansas Junior Swine Producers Day

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at Weber Arena in Manhattan, KS. This highly interactive, hands-on educational event will be a fun filled day of activities in which youth, parents, swine project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of swine production and management practices.

Presentations and demonstrations will be given by K-State graduate students and faculty, as well as our featured speaker, Kyle Baade. All participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, Skillathon practice, T-shirt, and a complimentary noon lunch. Participants with registrations after February 1 cannot be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Cost is \$10/person by February 1 or \$15/person after February 1. There will be more than \$600 in prizes given away! To view the entire brochure and registration, please visit the website, www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

KC Global Conference

The 2013 Kansas City 4-H Global Summit (KCGS) will be held March 14-17 at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. The Kansas City 4-H Global Summit is the premier workforce preparation and career exploration conference for teens, 15 and older. Delegates come from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas to focus on workforce issues of technology, globalization and environment. Youth will have the opportunity to take tours around the Kansas City area of factories and companies. In the evening youth will have a variety of activities to participate in including; a dance, hands on science challenges and an audience participation improv comedy performance.

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.

2013 Kansas 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, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is: **"Revolution of Leadership."** There will be an all new "60 Seconds to Win It" activity. Exciting workshops include: True Colors Revolution, the Revolution of Leadership, The Revolution of Recruitment, the Revolution of Games and Initiatives, and the Vibrant Video Revolution with Greg Peterson whose video "I Farm and I Grow It" was a smashing viral success on You Tube in 2012.

For full details visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=421>. Registration will be due on or before February 1, 2013. To register visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317>.

Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship application is available on the Kansas 4-H web site at <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479> . Only the “Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application – 2013” will be accepted. Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications are due into the State 4-H Office, February 1.

2013 graduating seniors and current college students are encouraged to submit only one Kansas 4-H Scholarship form to be eligible for all Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Please read the scholarship form closely as additional information may be needed for some scholarships.

Selection of Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be based on 4-H merit: 40% on 4-H leadership, 30% on 4-H Citizenship/community service in 4-H, 20% participation and recognition; and 10% on non-4-H leadership, community service, and participation or recognition through school.

Hosting Inbound Internationals

Exchanges for youth under age 19 coming to the U. S. in 2013 are conducted by States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs, headquartered in Seattle. This year teens 12-18 from Argentina, Cameroon, Japan and Norway will be here for one month between early July and mid-August. A family must have a host sibling within two years of age and the same gender as the visiting teen to host these 4-H age exchangees. For Kansas families to host exchangees from Argentina, Cameroon or Norway, we must accept at least two incoming teens and submit applications to Seattle by March 1. In order to do this, we need to identify interested families early and have them complete host family applications by February 15. Please contact Mary Kay Munson at 238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net as early as possible prior to the February 15 deadline.

Kansas has already committed to hosting 25 youth (12-16) and their chaperones between July 21 and August 19. Any Extension Unit or family who would like to host youth or chaperone in this program should contact Rose Scott, Japan Summer Inbound Coordinator, at 785-388-2009 or sixtykid2@gmail.com. Applications are accepted until all are placed, but better matches can be made for early applicants.

Kansas Foster Care Children and Resource Family Grants

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Saint Francis Community Services are working together to provide funding opportunities for children and families involved with foster care. The purpose of the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs is to provide financial assistance for foster youth and their resource families who want to participate in learning opportunities available through 4-H.

4-H focuses on developing confident, capable, caring, responsible citizens. 4-H offers a wide range of project areas that youth may learn from, ranging from agriculture to food and nutrition to aerospace and photography. Although being involved in the local club can provide an opportunity for youth to learn from each other and contribute to others through community service projects, volunteers and family support are also important elements of 4-H as volunteers and parents serve as club and project leaders that guide and mentor youth. Through the Kansas 4-H Foundation, \$5,000 of grant funds are available to support resource families and the children in their care who are current or potential 4-H members.

Family Project Grants

- Children must enroll as 4-H members through their local extension office.
- Eligible 4-H member can only apply for one 4-H project and one 4-H camp grant per year.
- Grant funds are for the purpose of starting or enhancing a 4-H project during the 4-H year such as purchasing a camera, craft supplies, clothing, feed, equipment, etc.
- Eligible 4-H member may request funds for supplies and equipment needed for participating in a pet or livestock project; however, funds are not available for the purchase of pets or livestock.
- Grant funding cannot include meal expenses.
- Items and supplies purchased from grant funding for 4-H project become the property of the eligible 4-H member.
- Liability, maintenance and warranty of the items and supplies purchased become the responsibility of the eligible 4-H member.
- Grant application and instructions available on the Kansas 4-H Web site, www.Kansas4H.org .

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.

Photography Workshop

Join the 4-H Photo Safari Workshop on March 10, 2013 in Auburn, Kansas. Registration deadline is February 23, 2013. Workshop fee is \$5 and photography judging is \$2. Make checks payable to Shawnee County 4-H Events Council-Memo Photo Workshop. Mail forms/check to Kathleen Ramonda, 5436 SW Wanamaker Rd., Topeka, KS 66610. For the registration flyer visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

Information for Dog Club Enrollment

Spring Training enrollment information is now posted on the web at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Registration is due January 15, 2013, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Three Great Learning Opportunities

Physics Lecture Series: First Lecture is on January 16, 2013!

"The Expanding Universe: Dark Matter, Dark Energy and Acceleration," with Dr. Bharat Ratra.

Come experience the fascinating world of physics! Physics is the most fundamental of all sciences. Through physics, we can understand why and how things work the way they do. Kansas State University Physics department and K-State Olathe are presenting a new series of talks on various topics of cutting-edge physics, high energy physics, physics education research, and more. All education backgrounds and ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information and registration [click here](#).

Careers and Cases in Veterinary Medicine Lecture Series:

First Lecture is on January 30, 2013!

"What is Living on and In your Pet," with Dr. Patricia Payne.

In the animal health and nutrition industry, the Greater KC area is the national leader, making the area from Manhattan, KS to Columbia, MO America's Animal Health Corridor. Companies and universities in our area lead the nation in animal health and nutrition research, innovation, business functions and production. Training the future workforce for this industry begins with our students. The program is geared to high school students, but parents, teachers and the general public are invited to attend. K-State College of Veterinary Medicine faculty will be available the day of each lecture to meet with interested students/families. For more information and registration [click here](#).

Life Science Lecture Series: First Lecture is on January 9, 2013!

"Bears on Thin Ice," with Debra Ryder, Kansas City Zoo.

Kansas State University Olathe and Olathe North High School are partnering to bring the Life Science Lecture Series to high school students across Johnson County. The FREE lecture series provides students an opportunity to learn from university and industry experts about science research in Life Sciences including areas in Animal Health and Food Safety. Each lecture is one hour in length with time at the end of the presentation for student and/or audience questions. For more information and registration [click here](#).

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

January

- 8 - Wildcat Women's Basketball Day registration due
- 9 - Life Science Lecture Series
- 10 - Club Day registration due
KC Global Conference registration due
- 15 - Horse Panorama registration due
Citizenship in Action online registration due
Dog Club Spring Training enrollment due
- 16 - Physics Lecture Series
- 30 - Careers and Cases in Veterinary Medicine
Lecture Series

February

- 1 - Ambassador Training registration due
Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 15 - Inbound host family applications due
- 16 - 4-H Club Day
Kansas Swine Producers Day
- 22-23 - Ambassador Training
- 23 - Photography Workshop registration due

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4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball

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 a drink for \$18. For more details, please 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!



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!



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