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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season went well and you are looking forward to making 2014 a wonderful and productive year. As this is the time of year to think about and even make resolutions I find this quote popping into my thoughts: "In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure." – Bill Cosby. This issue of Clover Clips has a breath of information and opportunities to engage on a local, regional, and state level. Here is to a fantastic 2014! – Tara

Key Award Winners

 by Jessica Gunkel

The Key Award is the highest honor a 4-H member can receive. But to receive it is no easy challenge! You must be fully committed to your 4-H club and you also must genuinely want to make the best better. The Key Award has been rewarded since 1952, allowing only the top 1% of 4-H'ers to be honored with this award. At the recent Achievement Celebration banquet, the Key Award recipients were announced. There was an astounding eighteen Key Award recipients this previous year. The Key Award recipients are as follows: Lucas (Morning Glory), Chris (Great Plains), Evan (Country Hearts), Cassidy (Legacy), Julia (Spring Hill Rustlers), Natasha (Comet Tech), Sabrina (Comet Tech), Josh (Great Plains), Abby (Great Plains), Nick (Great Plains), Kendall (Pioneer), Anna (Great Plains), Zach (Great Plains), Natalie (Stanley Buccaneers), Samantha (Happy Helpers), Julia (Pioneer), Julia (Sharon), and Emily (Happy Helpers).



Kansas Award Portfolio Winners by Jessica Gunkel

In November, 4-H clubs from the Johnson County area had an Achievement Celebration banquet. The 4-H clubs celebrated all the hard work and achievements done this past year. One of the achievements is winning a KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) at county. The KAP is a book that 4-H'ers turn in to be judged, telling of all they have done in a specific project. 4-H'ers can do KAPs in projects like Reading, Fiber Arts, Cattle, Visual Arts, Leadership, Woodworking, Sheep and so on. To win a KAP, you must do a lot of leadership and citizenship in the project. Once the KAPs are announced as winners, they move on to regionals, if they win regionals, then they will be judged at state. If the KAP wins at state, the 4-H'er will be recognized at the Emerald Circle Banquet, and will receive a scholarship to go to Atlanta, Georgia for Congress. Congress is a convention for 4-H'ers to grow in leadership, citizenship, and also to know other 4-H'ers from around the nation. Congress is the Friday after Thanksgiving. Congratulations to all county KAP winners!

County Project Opportunities

County Photography Project Meeting - Plaza Lights

On Saturday, January 4, meet in the old K-Mart parking lot behind the Krispy Kreme at 8805 Shawnee Mission Parkway at 3:30pm to carpool to the Plaza. This time will be good to take twilight and night-time photos of the Christmas lights. If you have a tripod, please bring it for longer exposure night-time photos. At 6pm meet back at the cafe in Barnes and Noble on the Plaza to view each other's photos. Questions? E-mail Grace, Bruce, and Nina Ladd at theladds5@gmail.com.

County Rabbit Project Meetings

The meetings for the County Rabbit Project will be held after the first of the year. Look for more details in upcoming Clover Clips.

Archery 4-H SPIN Club

Archery will begin its season in early April with an Archery 4-H SPIN Club. SPIN stands for Special Interest, and serves a useful role to introduce new youth to 4-H and allow current members more of an opportunity to experience a project. This is a short term club that will meet six times and allow new, somewhat experienced, or even experienced archers the same opportunities to learn the sport of archery from 4-H certified Archery Instructors.



This year's Archery 4-H SPIN Club is for any participant between 4-H ages of 8-18 that has not competed in the State 4-H Archery Match in the past 2 years (Archery Qualifier matches not included). Meetings will be at an instructor's house near Spring Hill on Sunday afternoons. Equipment will be provided at each meeting to all enrolled that have paid the equipment fee (expected to be \$30) and turned in a 4-H Participation Form. The Archery 4-H SPIN Club can only accommodate the enrollment of 30 participants, so space is limited.

Anyone wishing to potentially attend Archery matches and join the Archery Match Practice group this summer will need to first attend this 4-H SPIN Club. The Match Practice group is pretty full, but accommodations for a few additions will try to be made. Archery 4-H SPIN Club is an introduction to the fast growing sport of archery. An announcement with the date and instructions for enrolling is planned for the March edition of Clover Clips. Online registration is expected to open in early March. As the date gets closer, more information will be posted on the JOCO 4-H Shooting Sports website, www.4-Hshootingandsports.com (click on Archery Club Calendar).

Local Opportunities

2014 Johnson County 4-H Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 8 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. Please note that multimedia presentations were added this year. For more details about this presentation see the 2014 Club Day Guidelines found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay. Please read the guidelines carefully so you register for the correct events. Club Day registration will be processed online. Registration is now available at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay.

Registration and payment are due to the Extension office by January 10, 2014.

This year 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to sign up for specific times after registration is complete. Initial registration will be done the same as in the past, on Google docs. If you do not sign up for a time you will not be penalized in any way, a time will just be assigned for you.

Club Days Timeline:

Registration and payment due: **January 10**

Sign-up for specific time slots will be available: **January 17-24**

Draft schedule will be posted: **January 31**

Final schedule will be posted: **February 3**

Club Days will take place: **February 8**

If you are interested in volunteering on the Club Day committee or have questions e-mail Amanda.

Regional 4-H Club Day

Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for March 15, 2014 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.

10th Annual Food Fare

Food Fare 2014 is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 at the Johnson County Extension office from 9:30am-12pm. This year is literary themed and will feature food based on many of your favorite books. If you would like to be involved, our next planning meeting is January 16 at 4pm at the Extension office. As always, registration is free, however families are asked to bring non-perishable goods to donate to Johnson County families in need. Please RSVP by Friday, January 17. Registration information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/nyad3yy>. The club with the most members present will receive a gift card!

Junior Leader Program

A county-wide Junior Leader program is coming back to Johnson County. After a break in programming we have rallied the troops and will be offering the first Junior Leader program on Monday, February 3 from 6:30-8pm. If you are between the ages of 12-18 please join us at the Extension office for this introductory meeting. This group is sure to be a blast!

Missing Achievement Pins

If there are still 4-H'ers or leaders missing pins from the Achievement Celebration banquet please let Amanda know as soon as possible. Please check with your club leader first, as they picked up any pins that were left over at the end of the banquet. Thank you!

Regional Opportunities

Workforce Development Series

Kansas State University Olathe and Aerotek Scientific invite you to register for the Workforce Development Series: a focus on skills needed in the Animal Health and Food Safety industries. This series is available to high school (junior and senior only) students and early to late career adults looking to enhance their workforce skills. The free series will focus on the following topics:

January 8: Resume/CV - First Steps to Success

February 5: Interviewing Skills - Industry Standards

March 5: Career Pathways - Now What?

April 16: The Art of Networking

The series is open to the first 50 registered participants (25 participants per career break-out area). To learn more about this series please visit <http://olathe.k-state.edu/professional-dev/workforce-dev.html>.

Riley County Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology Contest

The Riley County 4-H Horse Project Club will be hosting a Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology contest on Saturday, January 11 in Manhattan. More details, including the registration form, have been put on Johnson County 4-H's website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Registration is due Wednesday, January 8. If you have any questions, please contact the following:

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Rachael Hull - xrachealhasah.orsex@yahoo.com, or

Donnell Scott, Riley County Horse Leader – 785-313-4454.

State Opportunities

Horse Panorama Registration Information

Horse Panorama will be held January 25-26, 2014 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Registration Worksheet and more information can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=425>. Please have your registration worksheet, payment and participation form to the Extension office by 5pm on January 6, 2014. No entries will be accepted after this date.

Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action

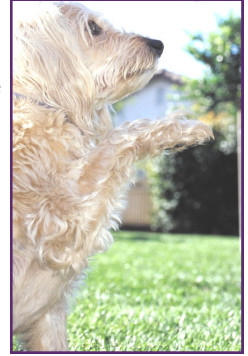
This event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. This two day event will be held February 16-17, 2014 at the State Capitol in Topeka. The cost to attend is \$160. All youth 13 to 19 years old by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend. Registration for Citizenship in Action is due by January 15 and more information can be found at www.kansas4-H.org.

This year scholarships will again be available in the amount of \$100 due to a generous donation from Capitol Federal Savings. Counties that have a Capitol Federal Savings will be given preference in these scholarships. Forms to apply for a scholarship are located at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=420>. Applications are due in the State 4-H office by January 2, 2014.

State Opportunities

4-H Dog Care & Training Judges Certification, Recertification and Project Leader Training

4-H Dog Judges Training will be held January 31-February 2, 2014 in Wichita, Kansas at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 21st and Ridge Road. Beginning on Friday evening allows for the ability to cover all four phases of the Dog Care and Training Program in one weekend. The training is also available to local project leaders and 4-H members (16 and older) as observers to learn more about what judges are looking for at 4-H dog shows. Any adult with experience in the show ring or as a dog project leader may also take the training to become a certified 4-H Dog Show Judge. Hard copy registration and fees are due to the State 4-H office by January 17, 2014. See "What's Hot" on the State 4-H website for details: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx>.



Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The 2014 Kansas 4-H Scholarship form-fillable application can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479>. 4-H members wanting to apply must have completed applications to the Extension office by 5pm on Friday, January 24. A complete list of scholarships will be in the January Kansas 4-H Journal. Graduating seniors and college students are encouraged to apply.

Foster Children Grants Available

- 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, <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=434>.

Horse Action Team Positions Available

Applications for the Horse Action Team are posted on the State 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=136>. Interested 4-H members, volunteers and agents can check the website for position descriptions. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2014.

Congratulations and Thank you!!

Congratulations are in order for Natalie McCracken. She has been selected to be on the 2014 State Youth Leadership Council.

Many thanks go to Katie Connor, Spencer Dennis and Julia Shields for the work they have done with the State Youth Leadership Council.

State Opportunities

Shooting Sports T-shirt Design Contest

Attention all 4-H shooting sports members! The Shooting Sports Match Committee is sponsoring a T-shirt design contest for the 2014 state matches. Any project member may submit a design for the back of a T-shirt to be sold at all four state matches. Design should be approximately 10 inch square and portray a promotion for Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports. Designs may be submitted via e-mail to jadams@ksu.edu or hard copy to the State 4-H office. The winner will receive a free shirt plus up to \$40 in entry fees for the 2014 state matches. Entries are due to the State 4-H office by 5pm, Friday, January 31, 2014.

2014 K-State Research and Extension Intern Program

K-State Research and Extension will be placing several interns in county, district, area, and campus offices from May 27 to August 1, 2014. During this paid internship interns will work with extension professionals in the development and implementation of educational programming in family and consumer sciences, agriculture, 4-H youth development and community development.

Students in any major related to one of the above who will have completed at least their sophomore year by fall 2014 at any college or university are invited to apply. The application deadline is February 3, 2014. For application information go to: www.ksre.ksu.edu/jobs.

National Opportunities

Citizenship Washington Focus

There are only a few spots left to attend Citizenship Washington Focus. This is a great opportunity for youth to visit their nation's capitol, visit with their legislators and participate in Citizenship Washington Focus at National 4-H Headquarters. A special perk for 2014 delegates is that they will be in Washington D.C. for the 4th of July! Delegates will get to watch a beautiful fireworks display over our nation's capitol! For more information, please visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=456>. Registration closes January 15, 2014, but it is best to sign up sooner rather than later as space is limited.

SAVE THE DATE!

Livestock Judging Clinic/Contest in Shawnee County will be held March 22. *Registration will be from 12-12:45pm and the contest will start at 1pm. More details coming soon.*

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day will be March 29 in Manhattan, Ks.

Camp registration and camp counselor registration will be due April 1. *Please plan accordingly and stay tuned for more details.*

State Wide Photography Workshop hosted by Shawnee Co. will be April 6 in Auburn, Ks. *More details to come next month.*

Spring Livestock Show: Beef April 26

Sheep & Goat May 31

Swine June 1

Fantastic Four 4-H Camp will be June 8-11.

Don't Forget!



4-H County Council Meetings

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of every other month at 7pm and January 6th will be our next meeting. We will have a special program this evening. Diane Mack who is the 4-H Northeast Area Specialist will be here to facilitate a program dedicated to communication and perceptions. It will be a great time! You will not want to miss out. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

4-H Calendar for 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 Johnson County 4-H Calendar is now available. This is great for returning and new 4-H families to use as a reference for upcoming 4-H events and deadlines. This year we have created a Google calendar. It can be viewed at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. You can share the calendar with your own Google calendar and it will automatically sync with any additions or changes that might be made. The calendar is updated throughout the year as events are scheduled. You can also check Clover Clips for updates on event dates and deadlines.

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. 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.

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2014 4-H calendar.

January

- 6 - Horse Panorama Registration due to office
 - County Council meeting
- 10 - Club Day registration/payment deadline
- 15 - Citizenship in Action online registration due
- 17 - Deadline to RSVP for the Food Fare
 - Dog Judge Training registration due to the State 4-H office
- 24 - 4-H Scholarship applications due to office
- 25 - 10th Annual Food Fare
- 28 - Club Leaders meeting

February

- 3 - Jr. Leader Program Introductory Meeting
 - County Officers meeting
- 8 - County Club Day

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Clover Clips News

Clover Clips will no longer be password protected on the website. We hope this will make Clover Clips more accessible to all of our 4-H'ers.

Submission Deadline - The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 20th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2014 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms for the deadline for that month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Christin at christin.bartels@jocogov.org.

Johnson County 4-H on Facebook



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Leader Update

Community Leader Meetings

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings.

We need to change the January meeting date due to conflicts with club meetings. The April meeting date has been set as well.

January 28 – DATE HAS CHANGED!!

April 22

Extension office – 6:30–8:30pm

Topics to be discussed:

January – Projects & VIP process

If you have a conflict on these dates please contact Tara.



e-Forum 2013-2014



North Central Region Volunteer e-Forum 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum will be broadcasted from local county Extension offices. Participation will be as simple as connecting with your local 4-H Youth Development Extension Professional. Join with other 4-H volunteers in your community and across the 12-state North Central Region to learn cutting edge information that will help you work effectively with 4-H members. Session topics include Working with Parents, Engaging Teens and Older Youth in 4-H, Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience, and Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects.

Registrations are now open for all sessions. Please click on the session title to register. Register for each session separately. Registered groups/participants will receive reminder e-mails, and the link to the session recording. Please register even if you cannot attend the live session, by registering, you can attend later.

[Watch the Information and Promotion Video](#)

[Session Descriptions](#)

Registration links:

[Using Technology to Enhance your 4-H Experience](#) - Tuesday, January 14, 2014

[Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects](#) - Monday, February 3, 2014

Time: 7-8:30pm Central Time for all sessions