



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

It is hard to believe spring is so close which also means summer is right around the corner! We have a unique opportunity for the creative JOCO 4-H'ers out there. The Fantastic 4-H Camp which consists of six counties is looking for a summer camp theme and a T-shirt design to match. I nominated Johnson County to take on this task. We will award the winning theme/T-shirt design with a \$50.00 scholarship to any county or state Camp experience. Please e-mail me your theme and design by March 21 and winners will be announced on March 28. What a great Spring Break project! The T-shirts need to be a one color design so plan accordingly. Remember what Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Every artist was first an amateur."

- Tara

Volunteer Orientation Training Dates

If you are working with 4-H youth then come and participate in the Volunteer Orientation!*

This training will fulfill one of the two requirements for the VIP process. Bring your application, or fill it out on site, and you will have completed the VIP process and we will do the rest of the work to get you fully registered as a Johnson County 4-H Volunteer. All trainings will be held at the Johnson County Extension office.

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To register for the training please complete the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/VolunteerOrientationForm>.

*Not wanting to do an in-person training? Then feel free to do the online orientation and fill out the application in the convenience of your own home. Visit <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=87> to get started today!

Please contact Tara with any questions.

Regional Club Day

This year Regional Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 15 at Eudora High School.

The schedule is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HClubDay.

Even if you are not participating, consider going to show your support for your fellow 4-H'ers.

County Project Opportunities

County Rabbit Project Meetings

Below are the dates and the possible topics of discussion.

Location: Open Class Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds

Dates, Times & Topics:

Tuesday, March 4, 7-8:30 p.m. - Breeding and Baby Bunny Basics

Tuesday, April 1, 7-8:30 p.m. - Rabbit Shows & Rabbit Judging

Tuesday, June 3, 7-8:30 p.m. - Rabbit Showmanship

Contact Information for Questions:

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Archery 4-H SPIN Club Enrollment Open Soon

The first ever Johnson County 4-H Archery SPIN Club will have an online enrollment beginning on March 11 at 9 a.m. Enrollment will be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/classes. The online system will accept credit cards and a fee of \$30 per participant will need to be paid at time of enrollment. This fee is for all of the equipment, including: bows, arrows, targets, arm guard, finger protection, etc. Our main focus will be on covering beginning archery, but we will also work with those that have more advanced skills. This SPIN Club is a pre-requisite for joining our Match Practice group during the summer, which we have very limited space available. Archery 4-H SPIN Club will meet six times on Sunday afternoons, beginning on April 6. This is an outdoor event and sometimes it can still be a bit chilly in April. We will meet at an instructor's house, just west of Spring Hill from 2-3:30 p.m. Dates will be April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 11, and 18. June 1 is a make-up day in the event of bad weather. You must be there for the first meeting, since we will cover most of the safety topics that day. This is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Instructors. Safety will be a top priority. Participants need not be current 4-H members, but must be between 4-H ages of 8-18 (as of January 1, 2014). Current Match Practice members that attended 4-H Archery State Match, or were recently notified, do not need to sign up for 4-H Archery SPIN Club. If you are in doubt about a participant, please contact us. In addition to the fee, participants will be required to turn in a SPIN Enrollment Form and a 4-H Participation Form. We will have openings for 30 participants. Contact Arn Eccles at eccles@embarqmail.com for more information. After the enrollment period has closed, participants will be contacted to be notified of more details. Some information will also be posted on the JOCO Shooting Sports website at www.4-Hshootingsports.com (click on Archery Club Calendar).



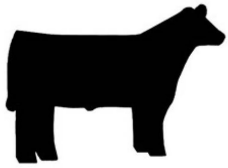
Club Day Feedback

We would love to hear about your Club Day experience! Please give us your feedback by filling out the following short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6SGQFQQ>. We would like to hear the positives as well as things that could be changed for next year.



The picture to the right is of two items left behind after Club Day. If either belong to you please contact Christin. Thank you!

Local Opportunities



Livestock Tagging & Weighing Information

Registration details and more information about each Spring Show can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.



Tagging and Weigh-In

Tagging and weigh-in will be available for those not showing in the spring livestock shows on the Friday evening prior to each show. Those not showing in the spring show are encouraged to weigh and tag the Friday before their respective specie's show. 4-H'ers exhibiting in the spring shows will weigh and tag the morning of their respective show. Bucket Calf tagging will be available from 4:30-8:30 p.m. on May 30 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. There will be a \$3 fee for each tag. Cash and checks will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Johnson County Extension Council.

New! Pre-pay Option

In an effort to help livestock weigh-in go smoother, 4-H'ers will have the chance to pre-pay for ear tags this year. This way all you will have to do is check in at the front table and then put your animals on the scale without having to worry about bringing cash or writing a check. To pre-pay for your tags visit <http://tinyurl.com/LivestockTagPayment>. This is not required but highly suggested.

Livestock Tagging Deadlines

All market 4-H/FFA sheep, steers, market heifers, hogs and goats must be tagged by a County Extension Agent or their designee on or before our respective Spring Show date. So if you plan to show livestock at the county fair, they must be tagged on or before our spring show dates.

State Livestock Nomination Forms

4-H'ers going to the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must nominate their animals. To see the guidelines for nominating your animal(s) as well as the nomination forms visit www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu. State deadlines are May 1 for Beef and June 15 for Goat, Sheep and Swine.

Forms Made Easy!

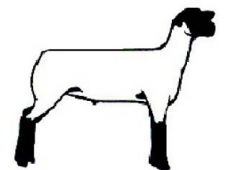
We have made filling out nomination forms much easier this year. All you will need to do is fill out the simple form found online at <http://tinyurl.com/JoCoLivestockForm> by the Thursday before your specie's spring show date and we will have a nomination form filled out with your information and signed by an Extension Agent ready for you at weigh-in. This will help speed up the process as we weigh-in as well as make it easier on the 4-H'ers. This will also help insure that you are filling out the correct forms. This is not required but highly suggested.

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Spring Beef Show - Saturday, April 26

Spring Goat and Sheep Shows - Saturday, May 31

Spring Swine Show - Sunday, June 1



Upcoming Horse Shows

The horse shows are open to all participants and are scheduled as follows:

April 26, 2014 at 9 a.m. – Practice Show at Douglas County Fairgrounds

May 10, 2014 at 9 a.m. – Official Show at Johnson County Fairgrounds

June 7, 2014 at 9 a.m. – Official Show at Douglas County Fairgrounds

July 12, 2014 at 9 a.m. – Practice Show at Johnson County Fairgrounds

The Show Bill/Entry Form is posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.

Regional Opportunities

Ellis County

Fort Hays Judging Contest & 4-H SpaceTech Day - March 22 in Hays, Ks.

This year several great 4-H activities are combined into one action packed day!

At 10 a.m. judging contests on campus and the 4-H SpaceTech Day will get underway.

Fort Hays Judging is open to 4-H and FFA members statewide. The judging contest information for all six contests - Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock and Photography - is posted on the Ellis County 4-H website. No pre-registration is required for the judging contests. However, there is a \$3/participant fee to cover the expenses of the event. 4-H SpaceTech Day will include hands-on experiences in robotics, rocketry, GPS/GIS and Astronomy for youth and parents. It will be held at Albertson Hall during the judging contests and will conclude around 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required for SpaceTech Day in order to have needed supplies on hand.

A link to the registration information for these two great events is found on the Ellis County 4-H main page at <http://www.ellis.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=19>.

Shawnee County

State Wide Livestock & Horse Judging Clinic & Contest

Shawnee County will be hosting a Livestock and Horse Judging Clinic/Contest on Saturday, March 22, 2014, at 1 p.m. with registration from 12-12:45 p.m. The contest flyer is posted on Johnson County 4-H's website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

State Wide Photography Workshop

Shawnee County 4-H will be offering a State Wide Photography Workshop on Sunday, April 6, 2014, in Auburn, Ks. The registration form has been posted on Johnson County 4-H's website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Registration and payment are due on March 24, 2014 to the Shawnee County Extension office.

Camp Registration Now Open!

Johnson County Summer Day Camps

Cooking Camp June 17-19 Ages: 7-11 Cost: \$50.00

Weird-Wacky-and Sometimes Edible Science June 24-26 Ages: 9-12 Cost: \$30.00

Science Explorations July 8-10 Ages: 9-12 Cost: \$30.00

(All times are 9 a.m.-Noon)

Visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HCamps for more information about these camps and directions on how to register and make your payment online.

Fantastic 4-H Camp - June 8-11

This camp is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 7-12. 4-H membership is not required. Camp is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, Ks. Transportation is provided.

Visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HCamps for more information about this camp and for directions on how to register and make your payment online.

Discovery Days Camp - June 3-6

Discovery Days is held in Manhattan, Ks. on the K-State campus. It is open to all youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1 of the current year. All documents for Discovery Days are posted on the State website at www.kansas4-H.org, click on "Events and Activities" and then click on "General State Events" and then "Discovery Days."

State Opportunities

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day

All Kansas youth, parents, and leaders are invited to Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day that will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at K-State's Weber Hall in Manhattan, Ks. This one-day event will give participants the opportunity to increase their knowledge about sheep production and management. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels, providing hands on learning experience, talks and demonstrations from guest speakers and K-State faculty, and door prizes from various sponsors. All participants will receive a T-shirt, complimentary lunch, and educational materials.

Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. with the program ending around 5 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person if registration is received on or before March 7 and \$20 per person after March 7 and at the door. All individuals attending (including adults) must register. Please visit the program website www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu for more information and to register.

The Alliance for A Healthier Generation Youth Advisory Board

Searching for 10 Amazing Young People! The Alliance for A Healthier Generation Youth Advisory Board is one of the only youth-led advisory groups in the country focused on childhood obesity issues. The young people that make up the board provide the youth perspective the organization needs to continue creating healthy change that is not only directed at kids but accepted by kids. The board members use their experiences to educate, as well as be voices of change among their peers, families, and nation. The Alliance for A Healthier Generation has begun their search to build the 2014-2015 Youth Advisory Board. If you are or know a young person who wants to play an integral part in creating a healthier generation, visit [https://www.healthiergeneration.org/about us](https://www.healthiergeneration.org/about_us), click "Leadership," then click "Youth Advisory Board" to learn more about joining the board. Applications due by March 14.

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

The sixth annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy will be held June 11-14, 2014 in Manhattan, Ks. Twenty high school students will be selected through an extensive essay application process based on educational, community, and livestock industry involvement. This four-day event will focus on increasing young leaders' knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Participants will be led by the Youth Livestock Program Coordinator, as well as three K-State students and will stay in K-State housing for the duration of the event. The academy is graciously sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC). Please visit the website www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu for more information and applications. Applications must be submitted via e-mail to coordinator, Kristine Clowers at clowers@ksu.edu on or before March 15, 2014.

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.

State Opportunities

F.A.S.T. Academy

The F.A.S.T. Academy will equip high school students with the skills and knowledge needed to look at the challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability. Open to youth who have finished their Freshman, Sophomore or Junior Year in High School. Attendees should expect to attend the entire 4 days, 3 nights at K-State. Youth do not have to be a Kansas 4-H'er to participate! Attendees will have the opportunity to select two of the following five tracts while they attend the F.A.S.T. Academy: Food Processing, Food Safety and Security, Environmental and Natural Resources, Ag Engineering, Biotechnology. The fee of \$300 includes a conference T-shirt, lodging, meals, insurance, and program fees. Delegates should pay fees to the Kansas 4-H office. Payment is due by June 1. Registration is online at www.kansas4-H.org. Click on "4-H Event Registration" and then select F.A.S.T. Academy. Registration will open on March 15 and will close after the first 100 attendees sign up or May 15, whichever comes first.

Floor Counselors Needed for Discovery Days

Responsible, mature and dependable young adults are again needed to serve as Floor Counselors for the 2014 Discovery Days. These floor counselors will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks and making sure youth stay in their rooms after lights out each evening. Floor Counselors can expect to work evenings and early mornings. They will receive free room and board for 5 days and 4 nights and \$100. To fill out an application, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/DDFloorCounselor2014>.

K-State Youth Horse Judging Camps

The Kansas State University Horse Judging Team will host two separate camps to assist youth in learning to judge horses and give oral reasons. Please visit the website www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu for more information and registration forms.

Beginner Camp - June 5, 2014

The beginner camp is designed for youth with very little experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note-taking and oral reasons.

Registration fee is \$35 per person and must be paid by May 10, 2014.

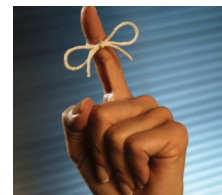
Advanced Camp - June 3-4, 2014

The advanced camp is designed for youth with some experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note-taking and oral reasons. Youth will be housed in K-State's dorms and will be assigned a roommate. Registration fee is \$115 per person and must be paid by May 10, 2014.

2014 4-H Venturers Wilderness Trip

The Venturers program has been available to 4-H'ers and youth from our state to try their hand at wilderness backpacking, canoeing or whitewater rafting for the last 14 years. This year's trip will focus on backpacking, but will also include some sand surfing and whitewater rafting, as well as some sightseeing. Youth must be at least 14 by the date of the trip. The registration information is on the web at www.ksre.ksu.edu/Venturers.

Don't Forget!



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.

Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificate Deadline

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2014. Appropriate forms can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

KJLS and KSF Beef Nomination Deadline

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and/or the Kansas State Fair need to have nominations in to the Extension office by May 1, 2014. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

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 7 p.m.

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. A hard copy of the "Events List" has also be uploaded to the website.

SAVE THE DATE!

Campference will be June 23-26.

Junior (ages 9-12) **Wildcat Sewing Camp** will be June 30-July 2 at the K-State Salina Campus.

Senior (ages 13-18) **Wildcat Sewing Camp** will be July 1-3 at the K-State Salina Campus.

2014 Johnson County Fair entry deadline will be July 1.

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

March

- 4 - County Rabbit Project Meeting
- 11 - Archery 4-H SPIN Club enrollment opens
- 15 - Regional Club Day
- 21 - Fantastic 4-H Camp Theme/T-shirt design due

April

- 1 - The following are due for Fantastic 4-H Camp:
 - Registration and payment
 - Scholarship Applications
 - Counselor Applications
- County Rabbit Project Meeting
- 7 - Council Officers meeting
 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 12 - Volunteer Orientation Training
- 13 - Pre-registration due for Spring Beef Show
- 22 - Community Club Leaders Meeting
- 24 - Pre-payment for Beef ear tags due and Pre-filled Beef nominations forms due
- 25 - Evening weigh-in for Beef Project members **not** showing in Spring Beef Show
- 26 - Spring Beef Show
 - Practice Horse Show (Douglas Co. Fairgrounds)

**Dates and information for Spring Shows and other events in other counties can be found by following the link near the bottom of our Livestock page at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.

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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



‘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.

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.

April 22

Extension office – 6:30–8:30pm

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

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Website Renovation

We are currently working on revamping and modifying the 4-H pages on the website. Over the next month if you see any errors or misplaced pages please let us know so we can fix them right away. Thank you.

Google Calendar

The Google calendar has been simplified and we hope it is easier to use as a resource.