



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy New 4-H Year! First, I want to say **Thank You** to all the wonderful and dedicated donors who contributed to support the many 4-H County Fair Awards and Trophies. Secondly, I want to say **Thank You** to the 4-H membership for being patient with us as we transfer over to a new enrollment system which allows folks to register online November 1. Change is hard, but this new system will benefit everyone in the long run and allow us to grow our amazing Johnson County 4-H programs. Cheers to a new great 4-H year! -Tara

Jr. Leader Service Project

 by Zoe Nason

Hey Jr. Leaders! We have an opportunity to be a part of 48 Hours of 4-H, which is an event that challenges 4-H'ers all over the state to serve and encourage others in their community, during the weekend of October 11-12. The YMCA Challengers is a program that allows people with disabilities the opportunities to be active, make friends and be part of a team. On October 11, the YMCA Cleaver location is holding a fall dance for the Challengers. The director, Reagan Schurr, has asked for our help in decorating, set up and tear down, and encouraging and having fun with the Challenger participants. There will be games, food, and of course, dancing! We will be helping from 4:45-9 p.m. (You can head over right after Officer Training!) The address is: 7000 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64131. This is a great opportunity to meet other 4-H'ers and participate in community service.

This opportunity is not limited to the county Jr. Leaders. Anyone 12 or older is welcome to come and help! If you have questions you can contact: Natalie Reed (nataliereed1996@gmail.com) or Zoe Nason (zoe0728@sbcglobal.net). **Please RSVP if you plan on coming.** Hope to see you all there!

Officer Training and Project Fair Event

This year's Officer Training and Project Fair Event will be held on Saturday, October 11, at the Johnson Co. Extension office. There will be a Project Fair that is open to everyone (both 4-H'ers and those interested in joining 4-H) from 1-2 p.m. where 4-H'ers will be available to answer questions about various project areas. 4-H'ers asked to set up a table will need to be there at 12:45 p.m. A model meeting presentation and breakout sessions for the officer positions will be held from 2:15-3:30 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about officer roles is invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Olivia and Susan Rogers at srgateway2000@gmail.com or 913-226-6167.

Also at this event, Johnson Co. 4-H will be collecting canned food items as a community service project for 48 Hours of 4-H. Please take a few minutes at home or at the store to grab some extra canned items and bring them with you on Saturday!

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Don't forget about National 4-H Week...



Celebrate National 4-H Week October 5-11, by promoting 4-H in your community. Clubs may want to create window displays or set up a booth at a community event. The National 4-H website offers materials such as bookmarks and flyers to help you in promoting 4-H. Find all these materials and more on the National 4-H's Toolkit page here <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits/>.

Record Books

The 2014 4-H year has come to an end and it's time to fill out your Record Books so you can get rewarded for your hard work. All forms and information can be found on the website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hrecordbooks. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books. You will submit ALL record books and applications to your club leaders. This includes but is not limited to your personal page, permanent records, KAPs, officer books, and pin applications.

Please note that "4-H Cloverbud Participation Recognition" has been added under membership pins. This will allow Cloverbuds to receive a certificate at Achievement Celebration if they complete the application and turn it into their club leader.

Why should a 4-H Member Complete a Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP)?

This award tool is to be used by those 4-H members ages 14-18 as of January 1, who wish to be nominated for project champions and receive project recognition.

Each KAP form completed by the member will include goals for that project, a summary of project learning experiences, leadership and citizenship experiences, awards and recognition for the project area, non-4-H experiences related to the project and photographs of the project area.

The KAP, Personal Page and Story will be submitted in a report cover to the Extension office by October 15, which is the same day as record books.

Keeping records to complete KAP's teach the following skills:

1. Goal Setting – learn how to set goals, how to make a plan of action and how to evaluate the progress made.
2. Evaluating – learn to reflect over the year "What did I do right?" and "What do I need to improve upon?"
3. Planning and Organizing – skills used now and in the future.
4. Record keeping – learn to communicate and summarize.
5. Learn the responsibility of completing a task.
6. Learn to evaluate information which will help market personal skills through future resumes and application forms.

These skills are helpful in the transition from one phase of life to the next. To learn more about the KAP visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hrecordbooks.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

2014-2015 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 4-H year will be done completely online by 4-H families. National 4-H has decided to use a new online data management system going forward. **Online enrollment will open November 1, 2014.** Please do not enroll before this date as it will negatively impact the system causing your enrollment and all information to be deleted and you will need to enroll again after November 1. The reasoning behind this is that the state office and our local office are still actively customizing the system. More information about the new system and how to enroll will be coming soon. This year a hard copy Participation Form is still needed on file at the Extension office by December 1, 2014.

For the 2015-2016 4-H year, both Enrollment and Participation Forms will be completed online. You can find the Participation form at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

County Council Elections and Information

Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of every other month at 7 p.m. starting on November 3. This meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a position be present for the meeting. On the off-month of Council meetings the newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the 1st Monday at 7 p.m. starting on December 1. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

This Year's Achievement Celebration is Oz-some!

The 2014 Achievement Celebration, "Celebrating Oz-some Achievements," is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This will be an event to celebrate the closing of the 2014 4-H year. We will recognize membership and officer pin earners, project winners and recognize volunteers for their many years of service. Check-in will be at 1:30 p.m. and the celebration starts at 2 p.m. RSVPs are required and are due to Christin by Friday, October 31.



4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Audit Committee members: start planning now for the annual 4-H Club Financial Audit! The audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. This document can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubleaders. Every Club/Group who has an EIN number issued by the IRS is asked to have a Financial Review Committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS. This information is due to the local Extension office November 1. If you have questions please contact Tara at 913-715-7021.

SAVE THE DATE!

2015 Citizenship in Action will be February 15-16, in Topeka, Ks.

2015 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 20-21, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

2015 Discovery Days will be May 26-29, at Kansas State University.

Local Opportunities

Countywide Junior Leaders Update

Next meeting: Monday ,October 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Who is eligible? Any 4-H'er between the ages of 12-18

Starting November 20, 2014 - NEW meeting date and times: Every month – 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Watch for an interest application to come out soon --- and the potential for a Citizen Washington Focus delegation for summer 2016!!!!

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion

The fall Paper Clover promotion will be held at Tractor Supply Company October 8-19. Money donated from purchases will be given to the Johnson County 4-H program! If your group is interested in helping out with a booth to promote Johnson County 4-H contact Tara.

48 Hours of 4-H

According to the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development, 4-H'ers are nearly four times more likely to make contributions to their communities. But just how much can they do? In one weekend this fall, 48 Hours of 4-H challenges club members, adult leaders and 4-H alumni to explore their service capabilities and inspire the community around them by taking part in some type of service project during the weekend of October 11-12, 2014. It could be a little project for a club or something bigger. Find out more information on the 48 Hours of 4-H webpage at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=595>.

As a county we would like to challenge all Johnson County 4-H clubs to come up with a service project that both gives back to our community and promotes 4-H!

Outstanding in their field: JoCo 4-H Ambassadors

Do you love 4-H?

Do you love to meet new people?

Do you love to tell your 4-H story?

We would love to have you apply!

2015 JoCo 4-H Ambassador Applications
Online NOW!

www.Johnson.ksu.edu/4HAmbassadors



Local Opportunities

Upcoming Extension Class for Youth: *Etiquette for Girls & Boys*

How are your child's table manners? This delightful class shows children how being kind and courteous at the dinner table is another step in being happy and healthy people. Suitable for ages 7-12. Held on Saturday, December 13, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Extension office. To register visit: https://events.jocogov.org/exc/dev_students.asp?action=browse&main=Extension+Classes&sub1=Family+and+Consumer+Sciences&misc=975 and click on the *Etiquette for Girls & Boys* class.

Johnson County 4-H T-shirts

These T-shirts are a Johnson County 4-H Council fundraiser. 4-H Council provides many opportunities for 4-H'ers throughout the year. By buying a T-shirt you are helping to fund some of these great opportunities. 4-H Council relies of fundraisers such as the 4-H food stand and this year's T-shirt sales to provide those opportunities. Cost per shirt is \$10. There are youth sizes small to XL and adult sizes small to XL and 3XL. Contact your Club Leader to place an order.



National/International Opportunities

Citizenship Washington Focus 2015

The 2015 Citizenship Washington Focus is June 11-22, 2015. Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. Registration is open and there are already a handful of youth who have applied to attend. Registration is limited to 46 youth and 4-5 chaperones. If you are interested in attending or chaperoning visit the CWF webpage at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=456> for more information.

2015 Kansas 4-H Exchange Programs Outbound Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Exchange Programs in collaboration with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs and the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. are offering several exchange outbound opportunities for Kansas youth and 4-H alumni. Applications and returned reference forms for all programs for travel in summer/fall 2015, are due by November 1, 2014, to Mary Kay Munson at munson@ksbroadband.net. Interviews for all programs will be conducted on December 6 in Manhattan, KS. A comparison chart, individual flyers and application forms are posted on the Kansas 4-H Exchange Program website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=234>. States' 4-H International Exchange Programs are only for youth aged 12 – 18 and include a home stay with a host family for most of the month.

IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. exchanges are only for 4-H alumni, aged 19-25. 4-H alumni 19 to 25 may apply for individualized programs of 6 weeks to 6 months in partner countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Visit the Kansas 4-H Exchange Program website for more information.

State Opportunities

Make it Yourself with Wool

Are you in the clothing project and like to sew? Why not enter the Make It Yourself With Wool Contest? Garments must be made from a minimum of 60% loomed, knitted or felted wool fabric or yarn. Individuals of all ages may enter, including adults. Kansas is a state only contest with no district qualifier.

The 2014 contest will be held on November 2, at Kansas State University with a registration deadline of October 12. For information visit <http://www.kansassheep.com/miyww.html>. Email debgordonks@gmail.com to receive an entry form.

Discovering Kansas - Student Photo Contest

Students across Kansas are invited to discover and celebrate the people and places of Kansas through photographs. The photo contest is open to Kansas students from first through 12th grade. Winners will be announced as part of the state's 154th birthday celebration on January 29, 2015, at the Capitol in Topeka. The contest is open now and ends October 31. Participants should see the entry form for technical requirements. This would be a great opportunity for 4-H Photography project members! Please visit: <http://www.kshs.org/p/happy-birthday-kansas-contest/18622> for complete rules and details.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend - KYLF and KVF

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum (KVF) will be held November 21-23, 2014 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2015 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers.

KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The theme for Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum is Mission Possible and will include workshops, opportunities for networking and sharing resources. Joint activities between the two Forums will include the keynote speaker and the inspirational program. Registration deadline is October 15, 2014 for both events. For more information on KYLF visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=419> and for more information on KVF visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=422>.

From the Kansas 4-H Journal:

"The upcoming project selection guide will be the last issue of the Kansas 4-H Journal. For 64 years the 'Journal' has shared 4-H stories, photographs and information across the state. We are eternally grateful to the many sponsors and local 4-H supporters who have made this magazine possible. In the future, watch for 4-H news on the Kansas 4-H website, Facebook page and twitter. You will find additional 4-H information on the Kansas 4-H Foundation website and Facebook page as well as the Alumni and Rock Springs 4-H website and Facebook page."

October

- 1 - **New 4-H Year Begins!**
- 5-11 - National 4-H Week
- 6 - Council Officers meeting
 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 8-19 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion
- 9 - County Sewing Project group starts
- 11 - Officer Training & Project Fair Event
 - Jr. Leader Service Project at YMCA
- 11-12 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 22 - Community Club Leader meeting
- 31 - Deadline to RSVP for Achievement Celebration

November

- 1 - 2014-2015 Enrollment opens online
 - Club Financial Audits due to Extension office
- 3 - Ambassador Applications and Recommendation forms due at Extension office
 - County Council meeting and Officer Elections
- 8 - Achievement Celebration
- 10 - Basket/Stools for JCEEF Silent Auction due to Extension office
- 15 - Johnson Co. Extension Education Foundation Dinner & Auction
- 20 - Junior Leaders meeting

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

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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/

Leader Update

2014-2015 4-H Enrollment

There was a decision made from National 4-H which was to stop the support of 4-H ACCESS database by 2015. This link explains National's reasoning behind discontinuing the database: <http://tinyurl.com/ACCESS-fact-sheet>. The State 4-H office notified us in late July of this decision. The biggest positive is we will be using a new system which 19 of the biggest states currently are using and have been for several years called *4HOnline*. This new system will be used for the upcoming 2014-2015 enrollment process.

With 4HOnline, 4-H families will enroll themselves online. We are currently working on tweaking a brochure for our county and will provide each club with them to give to your families. This brochure is quite helpful on the "how-to" of 4HOnline.

We will no longer accept hard copy enrollment forms. We recognize this will be a big change for our 4-H families. While many families have been asking for online enrollment, others prefer the hard copy enrollment forms. Families will have the ability to print a hard copy form after they have enrolled. We understand leaders also like having hard copy enrollment forms for your records and we are more than willing to print hard copies after families have enrolled themselves, if you would like. This system will be a great resource for leaders, us, and the families we serve once we are able to utilize all the features.

4-H families can start enrolling for the 2014-2015 4-H year on November 1, 2014. This date has been set due to the very quick turn around that is happening therefore the state office is still setting up our database. The 4-H year will still begin on October 1, but 4-H'ers will not be able to enroll until November 1. Enrollment for returning 4-H'ers will be due December 1, which has not changed from the past. We are here to help families as we all make this transition.

Participation Forms - Due to the quick turn around Participation forms will still be **required as a hard copy**. We encourage Club Leaders to use participation forms to collect contact information for communication and tracking of club members until official enrollment is available on November 1. The process has not changed where both Club Leaders and the Extension office need to have copies of the participation form. If you have new 4-H families please send us their contact information, so they can receive important emails and the Clover Clips newsletter the first couple of months. For the 2015-2016 4-H year the participation form will be online.

Community Club 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.

October 22 - *We will be discussing 4HOnline before enrollment opens on November 1.*

January 27

April 28

*All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

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

Club T-shirt Order Form

The order form can be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12GEcRl5Ra8F5M34jME63iHnfHuB1x-epw-KMsOCzNZs/viewform>. Please submit your club orders anytime between now and December 1. We ask that you pay for the t-shirts in full when you pick them up and then distribute them to your club members. Please email Amanda with any questions.

Leader Update

Club Leader Resource Page

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubleaders. There are links to all the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year and turned in to the Extension office; including a Club Leader Checklist. While on this page you will also notice that many of the documents have a new option where they can be filled out online through Google Docs and will be automatically submitted to the Extension office.

4-H Parents Committees

Healthy, thriving 4-H clubs usually have a strong 4-H Parents Committee. This committee can relieve some of the responsibilities typically taken on by the club's leader. It helps keep parents involved in all aspects of the club, as well as providing assistance, advice, and counsel to the 4-H club leader. Parents Committees play an important role in maintaining and improving the quality of the 4-H club.

The primary purpose of the 4-H Parents Committee is to identify and recruit volunteer leaders. The committee functions as a team, ensuring that the club has the necessary leadership to provide positive learning experiences. Parents committees and the club leaders should meet regularly to decide how your efforts can complement each other. In this way, each adult leader can contribute to the program without placing too great a burden on any individual.

In addition, the committee can assist the club by giving advice, making recommendations, providing support, and assuming important adult leadership roles. The Parents Committee functions like a school board or board of directors, representing parents in club decisions and providing leadership for the 4-H club. There are many other functions a 4-H Parents Committee can provide to their 4-H Club. To see a complete information brochure visit: www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H424.pdf.

Quality and Vibrant 4-H Clubs

What makes a 4-H Club vibrant? It's all about Fun, Friends, Voice and Choice! Do you wonder what keeps youth coming to club meetings? Really it can be summarized as follows:

- * 4-H'ers are having fun with their friends and making new friends.
- * They are learning about new things that interests them.
- * 4-H'ers have a voice in club activities and get to make decisions as a group.
- * They give back to the community through service to others.

What are the Characteristics of a Quality and Vibrant 4-H Club?

1. Promotes member development, not competition. **2.** Changes how youth do things, not what they do (firm yet flexible). **3.** Works hard and plays hard. **4.** Empowers young people. **5.** Provides communication with and listening to young people. **6.** Balances firmness with flexibility. **7.** Has people who affirm and support one another. **8.** Uses a mentoring system to help new members. **9.** Values and practices service to others. **10.** Takes time for training (youth and adults). **11.** Recognizes that each person brings skills and talents to the group. **12.** Honors assigned duties and responsibilities at the community, county and state level.

Material adapted from "Vibrant 4-H Clubs," Iowa State University

Leader Update

To: 4-H Community Club Leaders

From: Dan Lekie

Re: Extension Foundation Dinner and Auction

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation will hold their annual dinner and silent auction on Saturday, November 15. Our theme this year will be "Step Up to Extension." The Foundation Board is asking all 4-H clubs to participate in acquiring items for the silent auction. There are three ways to help the Foundation with this task.

1. You may create a theme basket to be used as an auction item.
2. We have nine Duratote Stools available on a first come first serve basis which can be decorated and filled with items of interest and also be used as an auction item.
3. This is outlined in the last paragraph of this note.

All proceeds from the event will help support the Foundation's grant funding program which benefits special projects in the Extension program areas of 4-H, FACS, Horticulture, Agriculture and Community Development.

Baskets or stools can be developed around a 4-H project theme like gardening, clothing, foods, art and crafts, etc. As an incentive the three clubs receiving the highest bids will be awarded prize money of **\$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third**. If your club is interested in creating and donating a basket or stool, please contact me. Baskets and stools are due to the Extension office by November 10.

I also want to ask you to consider soliciting donations for the silent auction. As an incentive, **all items solicited by 4-H will receive half the proceeds for program support**. This money will be held in the Foundation and dedicated to support 4-H programming through the grant funding process. Items such as restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia, clothing, tickets to the many Kansas City venues, and personal and business services are popular auction items. Please contact me directly at 913-715-7012 if you need auction donation forms to help with your efforts. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Extension office.

Sincerely,
Dan Lekie
Director, Johnson County Extension