

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Food Fare

Food Fare will be held on Friday, March 31, 6-8 p.m. at the Extension office. This event is an opportunity for clubs to have a booth that showcases their creativity with food samples, decorations and activities based on a theme. This year's theme is "Decades of Time."

Food Fare attendees will tour each booth, trying the food samples and participating in the activities. If your family would like to attend Food Fare, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/3YOoAGk> and we encourage you to bring a friend or someone new to 4-H! This is a free event, however we do ask that attendees bring nonperishable food items that will be donated to a local food bank. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

New Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation on April 4, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office. This meeting is for parents of all first and second year 4-H members. Topics to be discussed will focus on the upcoming Johnson County Fair and there will be time to answer questions. To register please complete the information at <http://bit.ly/3TwQxR3>. Registration is required by Sunday, April 2. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation. If you have any questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Johnson Co. Extension Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

We are grateful for our volunteers and want to honor you and the work you do! Johnson County Extension volunteers are invited to join us for a celebration in your honor on April 18 from 4-6 p.m. in the Pavilion at the Extension office. If it rains or is cold, we will have the event in room 1070/1075. Please RSVP at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_73QE3NMwGMwbCiG.

Advice from Ms. 4-H Runner-up, Fern Schrotberger

Question: *What is the importance of community service and what are some of your 4-H community service experiences?*



Community service is extremely important to being a well-rounded 4-H'er. Community service, like volunteering at a dog shelter or a food pantry, are ways to connect yourself with your community and help out within it. I currently volunteer with my 4-H club where we pick up trash and help at a mobile food kitchen. I also volunteer at a clothing boutique and with my church/youth group. I hope you all can find ways to help out your own community with community service this year!

Important Deadlines

Adding/Dropping Projects and Enrollment Status

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and be approved in 4-H Online to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4-H Online by simply clicking the Edit button in the Projects tab within the 4-H member's profile. This option will be available through May 1 and after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects. If you have questions about project enrollment or the May 1 deadline, please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show & Kansas State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the KSU Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to Kansas Livestock Nominations and the process can be found at www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/.

YQCA Certification Requirement - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 3 for more information about YQCA Certification.

Johnson County Fair 4-H Horse Show & Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show

Johnson County Fair — 4-H members must properly identify their horse either by (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) identifying the horse with a Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. ***Depending on the identification method chosen, the 4-H member must have either a copy of the Horse ID form signed by the 4-H agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file at the JoCo 4-H office by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2023.***

Horseless Horse Project - 4-H members participating in the Horseless Horse Project must turn in a completed Johnson County 4-H Horseless Horse Certificate to the JoCo 4-H office by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2023.

Kansas State Fair — 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project must meet three requirements in order to be eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. One of these requirements is the horse must be properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project. This can be accomplished by either (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) identifying the horse with a Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate signed by the local 4-H Agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. ***Depending on the identification method chosen, the 4-H member must have either a copy of the Horse ID form signed by the 4-H agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file at the JoCo office by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2023.***

3-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Project Nominations - The 3-year-old snaffle bit project nomination/ID Certificate is to be postmarked on or before June 1 along with the \$10 fee. Nominations are made through the JoCo 4-H office and then sent to the State 4-H office, so plan ahead. More information about the 3-year-old snaffle bit project is in the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, which is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

All forms can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. Also posted on the website above is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate. Note that it must only be one page (front and back). Please also take time to review the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, a link to it is posted at the website above.

County Project Opportunities

Entomology Project Class

Whether you are a novice or a seasoned veteran, you are welcome to join an Entomology Project meeting held at the Allen County Extension office in Iola on Saturday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. We will be working on pinning insects and identifying the insects you have collected thus far. From our prior meeting, we will finish the “Snow Globes” you started, so bring pinning supplies, insects, your painted tuna can and a picture of an insect to fit inside your tuna can. Please bring a garden trowel if you have one. We will be planting flowers as a community service project. Also bring a two to three-minute talk on the insect whose picture you put in the tuna can. If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com or 620-804-9170. Insects are starting to come out so get your jars ready. Happy insect hunting!

Countywide Home Environment Project Meeting

Are you interested in redecorating your bedroom, bathroom, any other room in your house, or even your outdoor patio? If so, the Home Environment project is for you! This project involves redecorating a room or even just a single item in the room. For example, repurposing an old lamp, table, mirror, or headboard for a bed. The possibilities are endless, and the costs are relatively low because several things can either be found in your attic, basement, or even along the curb of the street. Please come to the meeting on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in room 1060 at the Extension office to discuss this project, what the possibilities are, and how parents can become involved in creating something new for the home. Presented by Debbie Wadhams, Home Environment Project Leader.

YQCA Requirements

Johnson County 4-H will hold our **LAST in-person training** on Saturday, May 13, at the Extension office starting at 11 a.m. After this date certification must be completed online.

What is YQCA? Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal wellbeing, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for ages 7-21. This program is an annual certification that grows with the youth, so the learning modules are different every year.

Who needs to be certified?

Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: All youth age 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goats, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2023, in order to exhibit at the fair. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 7 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification. A copy of the YQCA certificate must be submitted during the nomination process.

How do I get certified? Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to <https://yqcaprogram.org>. All registrations and payments are handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. (If a family needs financial support, contact the Extension office.) For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Sewing Project

All interested 4-H'ers are welcome at the countywide sewing classes! No experience is required. Classes are held every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Extension office. (There will be no class on April 6 or 27.) If you have questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

Livestock Animal Project Tagging Information and Updates

All market animals including steers, pigs, sheep, goats and market heifers must be tagged by Extension staff on or before the respective Spring Show date in order to be eligible to show in the 4-H division at the Johnson County Fair. The cost for this year's Kansas 4-H EID ear tag is \$3 each. Johnson County Extension staff will be on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Spring Livestock Shows to facilitate the purchasing and tagging process. ****New this year,** families will have an earlier opportunity to tag their pigs, sheep or goats on the evening of Friday, April 14. Please see the chart below for specific tagging dates/times and deadlines.

Dates Tagging will take place at the Johnson County Fairgrounds	Last Day that each species can be tagged to be eligible for Johnson County 4-H Fair
April 14 (5-7 p.m.) — Beef, Bucket Calves, Goats, Sheep and Swine	Beef – Saturday, April 15
April 15 (7-9 a.m.) — Beef Spring Show participants only	Goats and Sheep – Saturday, June 3
June 2 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only	Bucket Calves and Swine – Sunday, June 4
June 3 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only	
June 4 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only	

If a 4-H livestock family needs an animal tagged on a later date than Friday, April 14 and prior to the specie's tagging deadline, they will need to contact the Extension office and either (1) BRING the animal(s) to the Extension office or (2) PAY a farm fee of \$50 to have Extension staff travel to the location of the animal(s). Families that need an animal tagged prior to Friday, April 14 will also need to contact the Extension office. All animals must be tagged on or prior to each specie's tagging date listed above. Animals tagged after these dates will only be allowed to show in open class at county fair (UNLESS prior arrangements have been discussed and approved by Extension, the Livestock Superintendent, and the Department Superintendent). Any animal needing tagged following the specie's deadline will need to contact the Extension office. Any female animal being shown in a market class is REQUIRED to have an EID tag. If a family does not have a way to transport their animal(s) to tagging events, it will be their responsibility to contact the Extension office and schedule a day for Extension staff to travel to the location of the animals and a \$50 fee will be required.

Please contact McKenna Holtgraver at McKenna.Holtgraver@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000 if you have any questions.

County Project Opportunities

Entomology Notebooks Now a Part of the Johnson County Fair

Prefer to catch insects with a camera instead of your hands? Does the thought of touching insects make your skin crawl? Now you can participate in the entomology project, no insect handling required, with an entomology notebook. 4-H'ers take pictures of adult insects during the current 4-H year and create individual entries for each insect to be placed in a 3-ring binder for Johnson County fair competition. Two pictures of each insect are recommended. Identification and date/locality of collection is essential with the pictures. Entomology notebooks also require a special project each year that further explores the world of insects. It is highly suggested to visit the Kansas 4-H Entomology Project page at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology/, the Entomology Collection Notebook guide (www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology/docs/Entomology%20Collection%20Notebook2019.pdf) and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/ for all the details. For questions, email Sara Eccles at sseccles@gmail.com. Happy collecting!

Don't Miss Out on the 4-H Fashion Revue

Do you have a great outfit you are proud of and would like to show off? You can strut your stuff at the 4-H Fashion Revue this summer! The categories are Buymanship and Everything Under \$15. To enter the Fashion Revue, enroll in the Clothing and Textiles project in 4-H Online by May 1. You do not have to sew what you wear in Buymanship or Everything Under \$15! However, you must be enrolled in the Clothing and Textiles project by May 1 in 4-H Online, and enter in the appropriate class(es) in the 4-H Fashion Revue department by the 4-H fair entry deadline. You can find more information in the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book. Judging for the Fashion Revue is Saturday, July 22, 2023. The Public Fashion Revue is the evening of Wednesday, July 26. All 4-H'ers are invited to come join the fun!

Calling all Project Talks, Demonstrations & Public Speaking!

Did you know that in addition to County 4-H Club Day and Regional 4-H Club Day, there is another opportunity for 4-H public presentations? Yes, at the Johnson County Fair! Plan to add Public Presentation to your fair entries this year! 4-H members who are 4-H age 9 or older who receive a purple ribbon on a Demonstration or Illustrated Talk are eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair.

Learn More About Kansas 4-H Projects

4-H Clover Classroom is an online classroom to help youth explore 4-H projects and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the different project areas within Kansas 4-H. The online activities have been developed for different skill levels. For example, even if you've never done photography before, the lesson will give you some things to get you started in photography. Some of the initial activities include getting to know your camera; learning about pollinators in the garden; and knowing the differences between quick bread and yeast bread. The lessons that are currently available are based on the most popular 4-H projects in past years, according to enrollment and more activities will be routinely added in the future. The online materials are free and if printed materials are preferred there is a small fee for those. The classroom is located on the Kansas 4-H website at www.Kansas4-H.org under the Resources tab.

Local Opportunities

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser

The spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover fundraising campaign will run April 26-May 7, 2023. If your club would be interested in setting up a booth sometime at our local Tractor Supply Co. in Olathe, please contact Jessica Lawrenz. 4-H groups can help bag customers' purchases, display animals, or demonstrate projects. Also please spread the word to family and friends through social media platforms to help increase awareness about the fundraiser! A portion of the funds raised during the campaign comes back to Johnson County 4-H to be used as scholarships for 4-H'ers to attend events.

4-H Camp Scholarship Information

There are a limited number of scholarships available for Johnson County 4-H members attending Rock Springs summer camp. Scholarship amounts vary from year to year. The application is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html. Applications are due to the office by 5 p.m. on May 1.

Rock Springs Summer Camps and Employment Opportunities

Registration is open for Summer Camp 2023! This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions. For more information, session dates and fees, visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/. Johnson County 4-H's unofficial camp session is the Traditional 4-H Camp, Session 1, June 4-7, 2023.

Rock Springs employee applications for summer 2023 are open too! If you know someone who likes spending time outside and working with youth, Rock Springs Ranch may be a great fit. Approximately 60 staff are hired each summer in a variety of roles from counselor to activity specialist and leadership roles. For more information and job descriptions, visit www.rockspringsranch.org/employment/.

County Council Meeting and Committee Information

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives at 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the first Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. Elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 6:30 p.m.

Actively participating in two Council Committees is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin. Descriptions of each of the Council Committees is posted on the 4-H Council website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above. ****As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee.**** If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

WANTED! 4-H Electricity Fair Superintendent

Johnson County 4-H is looking for a new 4-H Fair Superintendent for the **Electricity** side of the 4-H Energy Management Department. Responsibilities include answering questions from 4-H families regarding Electricity projects, and being present while Electricity projects are being checked in and judged at the Fair. Please contact Jessica Lawrenz at jessica.lawrenz@jocogov.org or 913-715-7020 if you would like to help.

Local Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Scholarships

Every year Johnson County 4-H offers a scholarship to two individuals that are either 4-H seniors or former 4-H members. The scholarship application and guidelines for the 2023 Johnson County 4-H Scholarships are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/, under County/State Opportunities. **Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.** Please help us spread the word of this opportunity to any Johnson County 4-H alumni from within the past four years who were in 4-H for at least five years.

Kansas 4-H Project Report Resources

Set goals, practice record keeping, reflect, and compete using Kansas 4-H Project Reports. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html. Informational slides from our local training are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

Makerspace Labs at Local Libraries

The Olathe Public Library Indian Creek branch and Johnson County Library Central Resource branch both offer new Makerspace Labs! These labs provide a space to explore, create, invent, build, and collaborate with others. Equipment and tools are for every skill level. Equipment includes: 3-D printing, embroidery, crafting, large format printing, laser cutting and engraving, sewing, music/sound/recording studios, and more. These labs are the perfect place to design and create new projects for Fair! Costs, fees, and reservations vary between locations so please visit their websites for specific information. Olathe Public Library—www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace. Johnson County Library—www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace.

Officer Training and Project Videos Available

If you weren't able to attend Officer Training in October, or would just like more tips about your officer position, visit the Officer Training website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html to view informational videos about many of the 4-H positions.

Explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html for you to watch when you choose.

4-H Program in Need of Food Stand Manager

A responsible and organized adult is needed to serve as the 4-H Food Stand Manager for the 2023 Johnson County Fair. The 4-H Food Stand is the largest fundraiser for 4-H Council and helps to pay for County Club Day, Achievement Celebration, Style Revue, and much more. The position does come with a stipend. Please see the Position Description posted at <https://tinyurl.com/2a5cdrx2>. If you have questions or are interested in the position, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at joco4-h@jocogov.org.

National & State Opportunities

USDA Summer AgDiscovery Program

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) sponsors a unique summer outreach program for youth in grades 7-12 to experience agriculture at a variety of universities across the country that work with USDA. Students spend 2-4 weeks at a university learning about agriculture. Youth will gain hands-on experience through labs, workshops, and field trips; participate in character- and team-building activities; and join in many other fun and educational events. There is NO cost for tuition, room and board, activities, or meals. The only cost is for travel to and from the university campus. Each University offers different opportunities and activities that correlate to agriculture in that region of the United States. For more information and to apply, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.

Insect Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H'ers and art students across the state. The theme this year is "Insect Superheroes." The goal is to explore why real life insects can be considered superheroes. Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Entries are due before April 14, 2023. Contest rules and the entry form are posted at www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/.

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

The goal of this academy is to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. In 2023, the program will be June 21-24. This four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participants' leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2023. More information and the application form are available at www.asi.ksu.edu/kasla.

SAVE THE DATE!

Discovery Days will be June 7-9 on the K-State campus in Manhattan.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular will be June 16-17 in Manhattan.

Johnson County Fair will be July 30-August 5 in Gardner.

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be August 8 in Pratt.

Kansas State Fair will be September 8-17 in Hutchinson.

Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraiser will be October 4-15.

48 Hours of 4-H will be October 7-8.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Raising Money in a Delicious Way

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

Did you know that every year there is a special show just for rabbits in the Kaw Valley? This year, the rabbit show was on March 4th, at the Johnson County fairgrounds, in the 4-H building. For several years, the Happy Helpers 4-H Club has run a concessions stand at the rabbit show, with food



for breakfast and lunch. Biscuits and gravy and cinnamon rolls were for breakfast, hotdogs and pulled pork sandwiches were for lunch. Chips were for snack, water and fountain drinks were for beverages, and pie and cookies were for dessert. Other snacks and items were prepared as well. When people came in, they could immediately come to the concessions stand. Every time people bought something at the stand, it was raising money for the club. Delicious and helpful!

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Emma Grove, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

We had a great turn out at the Turn n' Burn buckle series! Get ready for the second day of the Turn n' Burn series on March 26th! Awards will be handed out at the end of the event. Thanks to everyone who helped out and participated in the Turn n' Burn. Emma K. and I designed the high point buckles that will be awarded to the highest scoring participants of each age range. Thank you, Zoey Y. for demonstrating the different types of horse boots and their uses, we also had a blast playing the game you made. Get ready because we only have 4 meetings left until fair!



Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have an opportunity for you! The *Reporter's Corner* is a section within Clover Clips that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the Clover Clips submission deadline. Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

April

- 2 - New Family Orientation registration due
- 3 - County Council Officers meeting
- 4 - New Family Orientation, office (pre-registration required)
- 6 - NO Countywide Sewing Group this week
- 8 - Entomology Class, Iola
- 13 - Countywide Sewing Group
 - Home Environment Project Meeting, office
- 14 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
 - Insect Art Contest Entries due
 - Evening tagging for livestock project animals, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 15 - Morning tagging for Spring Beef Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
 - Last day Beef Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
 - KSU Animal Science Leadership Academy applications due
- 18 - JoCo Extension Volunteer Celebration, office
- 20 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26-May 7 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 27 - NO Countywide Sewing Group this week

May

- 1 - Deadline to Add/Drop projects in 4-H Online
 - 4-H Camp Scholarship applications due
 - County Council meeting
 - Market Beef Nominations due, online
- 4 - Countywide Sewing Group
 - Club Leader Meeting, office
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 13 - YQCA Training, office (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 29 - Memorial Day, office closed

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2023 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2023 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources 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.

Leader Update

Club Leader Meeting

Our next Club Leader meeting will be Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Please try to have at least one leader or an adult representative from your club attend. At this meeting Club Leaders will receive an updated “4-H Leaders Handbook” full of resources to run a successful club. We will also discuss the Fair and other topics that arise.

Remind Families to Re-enroll

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. We asked that all returning 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2022. **If families are not enrolled for the 2023 4-H year they are missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only contact information from the current year’s enrollments is now being used.**

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com> and enrollment guides for volunteers and families are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As a reminder, the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.)

As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Adults providing supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Volunteer applications and renewals are completed through 4-H Online. We asked that all returning volunteers complete their renewal by November 1, 2022. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2022-2023 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile has been approved they may resume their volunteer duties. If you have any questions please contact Christin Bartels.

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Please take time to review the forms, links and resources available on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Resources include information about the Annual Financial Report, requirements for the Club Seal, and the link to complete the Club Organization Report.

There are also more resources available to support 4-H clubs on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/.

Families with Financial Difficulties

All youth in the community deserve to have the positive youth development experience offered in 4-H. If you have families facing financial challenges, preventing them from participating in a 4-H event, please contact the Extension office for support.