

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, at Village on Antioch Presbyterian Church in Overland Park. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. The guidelines are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html). Registration has closed.

**Club Day Concessions** — The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors will be sponsoring concessions during Club Day. The Ambassadors do a lot for Johnson County 4-H and the community by presenting to local 4-H clubs, sponsoring events for 4-H'ers, and being advocates for 4-H in a variety of local events. Selling concessions during Club Day is a way for the group to raise funds to continue providing these opportunities. Please stop by with your family to enjoy some delicious food and support the Ambassadors!

**Judging Activities** — Put your knowledge and skills to the test by participating in various judging activities during Club Day. Judging helps you learn new information and challenges your knowledge in a fun way. The opportunity to take part in different contests will be held from 9-11 a.m. Activities include:

**Family and Consumer Sciences** – This year will focus on FCS judging activities for all levels around the theme of color, texture and line. No matter what project you are enrolled in, these three elements of design play a big part in the success of your 4-H projects.

**Horticulture** – This judging contest will test your knowledge in two ways:

1) Test your ability to identify plants around you. 2) Be the judge and place classes like at the fair. The contest is open to all ages. There is also an opportunity to participate in Horticulture judging at the state level. If you are interested, find out more information during the judging activity at Club Day.

**Regional Club Day** — Top performers will be invited to participate in Regional Club Day which is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Ottawa High School in Ottawa.

## Update on Food Fare

Due to construction in the building and the rise in COVID positivity rates, Food Fare has been rescheduled for Friday, April 8, still 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 "Months of the Year." Food Fare participants will tour each booth, trying the food samples and participating in the activities. If your family would like to attend Food Fare as participants, please sign up using the link on the 4-H Food Fare webpage at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html). This is a free event, however we do ask that participants 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.

# 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.

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## Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are **due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 29** because May 1 falls on a Sunday this year. Appropriate forms can be found at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). \*\*Please note that the Horse ID Certificate dated January 2020 **must** be used. Also posted on the website above is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate; it must only be one page (front and back).

**4-H Horse Snaffle Bit Project Nominations** - Horse snaffle bit project nominations are also **due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 29** since May 1 falls on a Sunday this year. Along with the nomination, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted.

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## Ks Junior Livestock Show & Ks 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 Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. **\*\*NOTE: Please plan ahead as May 1 is a Sunday this year, so all forms will need to be signed no later than Friday, April 29.\*\*** Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at [www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu).

**YQCA Certification Requirement** - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 5 for more information about YQCA Certification.

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## Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2022

4-H Online opened October 1, 2021 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2022 4-H year. We asked that all returning 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2021. **If your family has not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** If not re-enrolled, your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2022 enrollments in 4-H Online is now being used. The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>.

Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://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.)

If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Kansas 4-H Discovery Days** will be June 1-3 at Kansas State University in Manhattan.  
**Johnson County Fair** will be July 31-August 6 in Gardner.

# Local Opportunities

## Young Artist Show

Images Art Gallery in downtown Overland Park sponsors a Youth Artists Exhibit each year for youth in Pre-K through 8th grade. The exhibit will be held February 18-March 12, and there is no cost to enter. Simply fill out the entry form with a photo of either 2D or 3D artwork created by each young artist (one piece of artwork per student). Advance sign-up is recommended but not required. Enter now through February 7 at [www.imagesgallery.org/enter-young-artist-show](http://www.imagesgallery.org/enter-young-artist-show). Art must be delivered February 5-12 during gallery hours. The gallery is located at 7320 W 80th Street, Overland Park, KS and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Family members and friends are invited to the opening reception at the gallery on Friday, February 18, from 5-8 p.m. Art must be picked up March 12-19, during gallery hours. Contact Norma Herring at [normajherring@gmail.com](mailto:normajherring@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

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## Grants Available from Extension Education Foundation

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation (JCEEF) was established in 1997. Their mission is to support education through Extension. Their purpose is to support the Johnson County Extension Service by: promoting awareness of the services and educational programs to citizens of all ages in Johnson County, encouraging educational and research programming, and developing and recruiting financial support.

The Foundation is making funding available to assist with individual/group projects which are currently not funded or purchased. These projects should have a strong educational component and be consistent with the mission of the Foundation. Anyone who is affiliated with Johnson County K-State Research and Extension may apply. This would include staff, volunteers or any program participant. More information about the process and the application can be found on the JCEEF website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/foundation/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/foundation/). Grant applications must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2022.

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## 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 7 p.m.

Actively participating in two Council Committees is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin. Council Committee descriptions are posted on the 4-H Council website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html](http://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.

## Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

**Did you know...** All clubs are to function formally through a constitution and by-laws. These are the organizing documents of a club and describes how the club operates. A current copy of the club Constitution and Bylaws must be kept on file in the local extension office. A template for clubs to use is on the Johnson County 4-H Leader Resources website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/). For more information, see section 7.3: Club Constitution and Bylaws in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook ([www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/)).

# County Project Opportunities

## Countywide Livestock Program

The Johnson County Livestock Program plans to meet on January 28, at 6:30 p.m. using a hybrid method. Contact Jessie at [jessie.furgins@jocogov.org](mailto:jessie.furgins@jocogov.org) for in-person meeting details. To participate virtually, log in through Zoom at <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/97692791931>.

The Countywide Livestock Program will center around three pillars to include education, judging, and careers dealing with livestock. Education could include, but is not limited to, hosting clinics, teaching youth what to expect when preparing for the livestock auction, etc. Judging includes working with youth wanting to learn more about each species and competition. Lastly, career information includes touring local agribusinesses, hosting presentations from professionals in the agriculture community, etc. You do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project to participate, so if you or anyone in your family is interested in participating, please plan to attend!

## Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Sewing Project members - If you have ever wanted to learn to sew or are currently sewing and want a place to sew, then come join the countywide sewing group. The group meets to sew 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday through July. For more information please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com) or 913-302-5812.

## Project Videos Available

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](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html) for you to watch when you choose.

### Advice from Mr. and Ms. 4-H

**Question:** *What is your favorite memory from Club Day?*



**Mr. 4-H, Ben Burling:** My favorite memory from Club Day is the skit the Morning Glory 4-H Club did in 2020. As a club we acted out all about "Fair Week" in the skit. Our skit highlighted what the night before check-in and fair week looks like for a 4-H'er. Rushing around, trying to finish up projects, checking to make sure you have everything for project check in, asking your Mom where another item is, making sure your cake is perfect, getting soaked in the wash rack and changing quickly before you show, etc. We practiced and laughed so much as a group. It was the event I will remember forever!



**Ms. 4-H, Becca Adair:** I have memories from Club Day of my hands being cold and my heart beating faster than normal to supply a lifetime, but for some reason I still go back every year. Maybe it's because my mom keeps signing me up, or maybe it's because of the adrenaline from giving a speech, but my favorite memories from Club Day don't come from inside the competition rooms. There is no replacement for the different/heightened level of friendship that results from advice before presenting a talk or acting in a skit as a club. I can be happy with what I've done throughout the day, but what brings the most fulfilling memories is doing it with new and old friends by my side.

# County Project Opportunities

## YQCA Requirements

**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, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2022 in order to exhibit at the 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.

**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 [www.YQCA.org](http://www.YQCA.org) and logging into the system through 4-H Online using your current login information. All registration and payment is 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.) Dates for in-person trainings in Johnson County will be announced later. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

For more information visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

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## Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

Anyone interested in astronomy is invited to participate in the following activities:

- Telescope-Building Workshop – Telescopes will be built from scratch and they can be brought to the Powell Observatory trip in June to look at the night sky!

**Date:** May 14, 2022    **Time:** 10:30-11:45 a.m.    **Location:** Room 1070/1075 at the Johnson County Extension Office    **Seats Available:** Attendance is limited to the first 10 4-H'ers who RSVP due to available supplies.

- Trip to the Powell Observatory – Be sure to bring your telescope!

**Date:** June 4, 2022    **Time:** TBA

If you plan on coming to any of these events, please RSVP to Nathan Anderson, Countywide Astronomy Project leader at [handerson3@gmail.com](mailto:handerson3@gmail.com).

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## Kansas 4-H Project Report Form Resources

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

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## Kit Check Out for Registered Volunteers

In an effort to make hands-on, quality, educational resources available to your program and club, we have Johnson County 4-H kits for Registered 4-H Volunteers to borrow. Thank you Johnson County Extension Education Foundation and Google's CS Pathway grant for making this possible! Find information at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/KitCheckOut.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/KitCheckOut.html) and contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

# State Opportunities

## **Citizenship in Action**

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to attend Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

Citizenship in Action will be held February 20-21, 2022, in Topeka for youth 13-18 years old (before January 1). Registration and more information can be found at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/). The fee is \$200 and the registration deadline is February 1, 2022.

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## **2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarships**

Applications for 2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2022. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application information is posted at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html). Listed on this website is the scholarship application link, recommendation letter link and the required files that you will need to upload in addition to completing the application. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

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## **Insect Art Contest**

It's time once again for K-State's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Insect Art Contest! This year's theme is "The Benefit of Insects." The goal is to capture in an art piece that insects benefit us as a society and why they are important.

Selected artwork will be used to promote the importance of insects and to create other educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. A winner will be selected from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries.

Why should you participate? It's fun. It's an opportunity to learn more about the benefits of insects. It's an opportunity to flex your creative muscles and practice your (art)craft. It's a state contest and you can add that to your record book or pin application for Entomology and/or Visual Arts.

The deadline to submit entries is April 15, 2022. Additional information can be found at [www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/](http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/).

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## **Host Families Needed**

Looking for some new fun and excitement this summer after a long year of staying home? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer from mid-July to mid-August. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 25-30 families this summer. Host families who are willing to host a Japanese boy or girl are needed. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 and 15. Host family assignments are made matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling. The goal is to make these assignments as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16 who is interested in the Japanese culture may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. For more information and to apply visit [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-an-inbound/japanese-inbound.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-an-inbound/japanese-inbound.html).

# State Opportunities

## **Kansas Junior Beef Producer and Sheep Producer Days**

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 5, and Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie.

Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend! Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to meat science and showmanship. Tentative schedules and registration information are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website at [www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/). Registration is due February 11, for Junior Beef Producer Day and February 25, for Junior Sheep Producer Day.

# National Opportunities

## **National Youth Summit Series**

The 4-H National Youth Summit Series brings together high school students for three days of hands-on activities and workshops, led by leaders and educators in these fields. Participants will have the opportunity to work alongside students and experts with shared interests, as well as learn and strengthen technical and leadership skills. For more information or to register, go to <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. Virtual attendance options are available as well.

**2022 Agri-Science Summit** - March 10-13, 2022 (*Registration deadline - February 15, 2022*)

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

**2022 Healthy Living Summit** - April 21-24, 2022 (*Registration deadline - April 4, 2022*)

At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address issues surrounding nutrition, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Working alongside professionals in family consumer science and healthy living, students will create action plans they can implement in their communities to teach other youth about what they have learned.

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## **4-H Youth in Action Awards**

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders ages 15-19 with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the core pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living, and STEM. 4-H'ers share how they're impacting their communities through service and leadership.

Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Opportunities to showcase their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to National 4-H Council event
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

Learn more about the application process at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/> and set your calendar to apply by March 28, 2022.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

The Comet Tech 4-H club decorated gingerbread houses for the meeting of December. The Christmas Committee made the graham cracker houses in advance so every 4-H'er that was there got to decorate a gingerbread house that they could take home. Some people got a little overboard with the decorations, but everyone had an awesome time!

By Kaden Schultz, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



## Resilience in the New Year for Oxford Hustlers

By Emerson Eickholt, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The first club meeting of 2022 returned to Zoom due to COVID numbers, but January began in full planning mode for Oxford Hustlers as members prepare for the annual Club Day skit, Gavel Games and individual presentations. Virtual project meetings continued with hopes that club members can meet again in person next month.

### **This month's joke is:**

Q: What did they call George Washington's false teeth?

A: Presidentures.



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Christmas Caroling

By Ava Quinn, Sharon 4-H Club Reporter

There was a room full of smiles, young and old, as the Sharon 4-H group met at the Blackhawk Assisted Living Center to sing Christmas carols with the residents. The group met at the center on Monday, December 6 before their monthly meeting. Before the last song one of the residents tested the 4-H members' knowledge with fun riddles. Some of the members knew the answers and a few of the riddles stumped them. After the caroling the 4-H members held their monthly meeting where the group enjoyed hot cocoa bombs and yummy Christmas cookies. Instead of having a gift exchange with each other, the Sharon 4-H members chose to collect gifts for the families in need for Christmas.



## **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.

## February

- 1 - Citizenship in Action registration due online
- 3 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 7 - County Council Officers meeting
  - Young Artist Show entry deadline
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 11 - Jr. Beef Producer Day registration due online
- 12 - County Club Day (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Agri-Science Summit registration due online
  - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20-21 - Citizenship in Action (pre-registration required)
- 24 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 25 - Jr. Sheep Producer Day registration due online
- 28 - Foundation Grant Applications due

## March

- 1 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship Applications due, online
- 5 - Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 3 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 7 - County Council meeting
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10-13 - Agri-Science Summit, Maryland (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 19 - Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 26 - Regional Club Day, Ottawa High School
- 24 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 28 - Youth in Action Award Applications due
- 31 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2022 4-H calendar.

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## Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2022 4-H Calendar at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://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](mailto:christin.bartels@jocogov.org).

# Leader Update

## **Remind Families to Re-enroll**

4-H Online opened October 1, 2021 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, 2021. **If families are not enrolled for the 2022 4-H year they will miss 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/](http://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 Clover-buds will not be charged the fee.)

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

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## **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, 2021. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2021-2022 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 the Johnson County 4-H office.

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## **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/](http://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/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/).

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## **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.

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## **Recording Volunteer Hours as a 4-H Volunteer**

An accurate recording of hours served by our volunteers is valuable in determining the reach and success of Johnson County 4-H programs. We would like to encourage all registered 4-H volunteers to record their hours through their 4-H Online account. Instructions can be found on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/volunteer-hours.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/volunteer-hours.html). If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.