



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## Hello 4-H Families,

Spring! Camps! Fair!

These three words also mean it will be **summer** – soon! Ami Lin, our new 4-H Agent, will be starting June 4<sup>th</sup>. Here's to a wonderful spring and beginning the summer fun times! -**Tara**

## May 1 Deadlines

### **Enrollment Status and Adding/Dropping Projects**

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 have an Active status in 4HOnline 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 4HOnline by simply editing the 4-H member's profile. This option will be available until midnight on May 1 and then after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

### **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 May 1. 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).  
\*\*\*\***NOTE:** The state 4-H office has updated the Horse Identification Certificate for the 2018 4-H year. Please use this updated certificate, it is posted on the above webpage. Also posted on this webpage is an example of a correctly filled out Horse Identification Certificate.\*\*\*\*

### **4-H Horse Snaffle Bit Projects**

Horse snaffle bit projects are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee. Three-year-old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year and do not have to have been shown to re-nominate.

### **Ks Junior Livestock Show and Ks State Fair Livestock Nominations**

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and/or the Kansas State Fair need to submit nominations to the 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 the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).

# Fair Edition

## **2018 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book**

The electronic version of the 2018 Johnson County Fair Book will be available to view at [www.jocokansasfair.com](http://www.jocokansasfair.com).

## **County Fair Entries**

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due July 25. All entries for clothing construction, dog show, fashion revue, fiber arts, and home environment will be due on **July 1**. Late entries will not be accepted and if a 4-H'er does not meet the deadline they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division.

All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit stall requests and tag numbers by July 25. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-H member's name who is exhibiting the animal by the July 25 deadline. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship. **All livestock entries must be accompanied at check-in with a printed entry tag.**

Only online entries are accepted. The entry system typically opens around June 1 and usually is accessible through the Johnson County Fair website at [www.jocokansasfair.com](http://www.jocokansasfair.com).

Note: Once an entry is submitted it cannot be edited. If assistance is needed in making online entries please contact the Extension office or the Fair office. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation.

After the entry deadline adding a class/entry is not an option. If you are not sure about what you are taking to the fair, please wait until closer to the deadline to make your entries. This will help keep dropped entries to a minimum as the Fair Board has to pay for each dropped entry.

In order to save time with project check-in at the fair, 4-H'ers are strongly encouraged to print their entry tags at home.

## **Mr. and Miss 4-H**

The Johnson County Mr. and Miss 4-H Program recognizes young people for the leadership and commitment they have contributed to the 4-H program and their communities. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (as of January 1, 2018) are eligible to apply. More information about the Mr. and Miss 4-H Program can be found at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/mr-and-miss-4-h.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/mr-and-miss-4-h.html). More details about the application and interview process, including dates, will be coming soon.

## **Food and Clothing Labels**

Food labels (including those for Food Preservation) are available on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html) to print off at home, or they can be picked up at the Extension office. Clothing labels can be made by typing, or printing in ink, on a 3" x 5" piece of white cloth: Class Number, Name, and Address. Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

## **Departmental Forms**

Some departments such as Energy Management, Fashion Revue, and SpaceTech, require additional forms along with the entry. These forms are posted on the Johnson County Fair webpage at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html). Please refer to each department's rules in the fair book regarding what forms are required.

# Fair Edition

## Photo Mats and Photo Sleeves

The Extension office has photo mats and protective photo sleeves available for Photography Project members to purchase. Photo mats are \$1.25 each and photo sleeves are \$0.25 each. Photos exhibited in the 4-H Photography division at the county fair are required to be mounted on a photo mat and preferably placed in a protective photo sleeve for display. You may pick up photo mounting directions and labels at the Extension office and they are also posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html).

## Entering Quilts in the Fair

If you are entering a quilt in the Johnson County Fair the ideal department to enter it in is the Fiber Arts department. The judge for Fiber Arts will be more experienced with quilts and therefore better able to give 4-H'ers helpful feedback.

## 4-H Foods Judging

The 4-H foods judging will take place at Gardner Elementary School from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, July 30.

### **A note from our FACS/Health and Food Safety agent regarding food entries:**

*The 4-H Fair is just a few months away! Many of you may already be researching and testing recipes for your food entries. To make sure your entry is food safe and eligible for judging, please keep the following in mind:*

- Your product should **not** require refrigeration.
- Cream cheese in any form (even baked in the recipe) is **not** allowed.
- Fresh fruit is **not** allowed.
- Egg custards and recipes using egg custards are **not** allowed (including cakes and pies).
- Fruit and pecan pies are ok so long as all ingredients have been baked. So, no fresh fruit sitting on top, please.
- Be sure to include a recipe and the recipe's source for all of your entries.

If you have any questions about your food entry, please contact the Extension office.

**Canning and Preservation fair classes:** 4-H'ers should only use CLEAR canning jars for the fair. Save the colored blue and green canning jars for home use. Colored jars may have to be opened to check canned ingredients and if it is opened it cannot go on for further judging. This a food safety issue.

## Project Check-in

Projects will be checked in on Monday, July 30, from 6:30-9 p.m. and again on Tuesday from 8-10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Please plan on arriving before 10 a.m. to have ample time to check in all of your projects. Livestock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check-in time.

## Cloverbuds Show and Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday, July 31 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the 4-H building. This is a reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts when youth turn 7 before January 1 of the current 4-H year. Cloverbuds can bring a maximum of two projects to show and share. Each Cloverbud will sign up for a 15 minute time slot. A signup sheet will be available Monday evening and Tuesday morning during project check-in inside the 4-H building. For more information about activities for Cloverbuds, please visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=399>. Projects that are reasonable in size and are not living/breathing will be displayed in the 4-H building and available for pick up Sunday, August 5.

# Fair Edition

## 4-H Food Stand

Each year the Johnson County 4-H Council has a food stand at the county fair. This is our largest fundraiser for the County Council. County Council funds Achievement Celebration, transportation for 4-H Camp, Discovery Days, trip scholarships for 4-H'ers, Project Fair and Officers Training, County and Regional Club Days and much more. A two hour shift at the food stand is a small price to pay for a year of all these great countywide activities!

## Livestock T-shirts

The Johnson County Fair Association requires all livestock exhibitors to wear Johnson County Fair t-shirts when exhibiting livestock at the fair. The fair association is using the same yellow shirt as last year, so only those needing a new size or those that don't have a shirt from last year will need to order. The cost is \$7.50 per shirt. Please place your order with your club leader by your club's deadline. **\*\*\*Club leaders, please see the Leader section on page 14 for details on how to place your club's order.\*\*\***

## Livestock and Project Auctions

**Livestock Auction:** Exhibitors must turn in auction forms to sell their livestock to the Fair Office by 12 p.m. Friday, or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the beef show, along with a W-9 IRS form.

**Project Auction:** Project auction forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Wednesday along with a W-9 IRS form, no exceptions.

It is against policy of the Johnson County Fair for any livestock or projects sold at the 4-H/FFA auction to be shown at any other county, state or national competition. See the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction section or the 4-H/FFA Project Auction section in the 4-H Fair Book for more details about the Livestock Auction or Project Auction.

## State Fair Entries

All 4-H exhibits that receive a purple ribbon are eligible to enter at the Kansas State Fair as long as there is a comparable department at the State Fair. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the State Fair may sign up in the Fair Office from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, August 2 and Friday, August 3. 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2018 to enter in the State Fair. All entries for the Kansas State Fair must be made with the Extension office by 5 p.m. Friday, August 10.

**Please note:** beef, sheep, swine and meat goat entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15 and Horse Show entries are due by August 1.

## Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. Sunday, August 5. All remaining exhibits will be released at 9 a.m. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make arrangements with another 4-H'er to pick up their entries by Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.** If a 4-H'er does not pick up their entries it is the responsibility of the Club Leader to collect the rest of the club's entries. All 4-H entries and premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that 4-H exhibitors help with fair clean-up.

# County Project Opportunities

## Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

The Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project is gearing up for spring, and would love to have anyone interested in astronomy participate in any or all of the following activities!

**1. StarLab Planetarium Program** – With this neat planetarium program, we will have an opportunity to learn about and observe the moon, stars, and constellations no matter the weather! Staff will guide us through the night sky while we learn about Greek and Roman mythology stories behind the constellations.

**Date:** Sunday, May 6                      **Time:** 1-2:30 p.m.                      **Location:** Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library at Wyandotte County Lake, 4051 West Dr., Kansas City, KS 66109

Please RSVP to Heather Anderson at [handerson3@gmail.com](mailto:handerson3@gmail.com) if you are planning on coming to the program.

**2. Astronomy Meeting to Make County Fair Entries** – Wouldn't it be great to have a county fair entry completed sooner the week before the fair? At this work-session, we will be making a poster, educational display, or notebook to share with others what you learned in this project.

**Date:** Sunday, June 3                      **Time:** 1-2 p.m.                      **Location:** Extension Office

**Supplies:** Please bring the following to the meeting:

- Brainstorm in advance about your favorite astronomy topic you have or want to learn about this year (examples: planets, stars, comets, galaxies, space phenomena, etc.).
- Poster (20" x 30"), educational display (3' x 4' tri-fold display board), or notebook (any size 3-ring binder)
- Print out and bring to the meeting any pictures, facts, etc. you would like to include in your display.
- Scissors, glue/glue sticks, construction paper will be available at the meeting, however if there is a particular color of construction paper you will be needing, please bring it with you to the meeting.

Please RSVP to Heather Anderson at [handerson3@gmail.com](mailto:handerson3@gmail.com) if you are planning on coming to ensure that enough supplies are available for the meeting.

**3. Trip to the Powell Observatory** – Educational presentation on "Infrared Astronomy: Light You Cannot See" along with a tour of the night sky and viewing through telescopes, including the Ruisinger Telescope, the largest telescope open to the public in a five-state area ([askc.org/observatories/powell-observatory](http://askc.org/observatories/powell-observatory)).

**Date:** Saturday, June 9                      **Time:** Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts about 20 minutes. Then telescopes are available to view the moon, planets, stars, nebula, etc. Telescopes are available well into the night, so interested participants can stay as late as they would like.                      **Location:** Powell Observatory, 26500 Melrose Street, Louisburg, KS 66053.

**Requested Donation:** 12 & over: \$6; 5-11: \$4; Under 5: Free. \*\*Because the observatory is staffed by volunteers, a donation is requested upon entry to help maintain and operate the observatory\*\*                      **Etiquette:** No white lights (headlights, flashlights, mobile phones, etc.)

are allowed at the observatory. Red flashlights are allowed. Please dim your headlights when approaching and leaving the observatory.                      **Attire:** It can get pretty chilly when the sun goes down, so it is recommended to dress warm. Bring coats, hats, gloves, and blankets to keep you warm.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Citizenship Washington Focus** will be June 14-25. A road trip across the USA.

**Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular** will be June 22 & 23 in Wichita.

**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be August 18-19 in Manhattan.

**48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge** will be October 13-14.

# County Project Opportunities

## **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 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 4HOnline and you must enter in the appropriate class(es) in the 4-H Fashion Revue department by July 1. You can find more information in the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book.

Judging for the Fashion Revue is Saturday, July 21, 2018. The Public Fashion Revue is the evening of Thursday, July 26. All 4-H'ers, gals and guys, are invited to come join the fun!

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## **Johnson County 4-H Spring Rabbit Show**

The Spring 4-H Rabbit Show will be held June 2, 2018 in Gardner. Entries will be accepted the day of the show and are due by 8 a.m.

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## **Chad Charmasson Lamb Camp**

Learn showmanship, clipping, nutrition and more. Camp is held June 14 and 15 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. (Spring Sheep Show is June 16.) Camp cost is \$250. Camping will be available for \$20 a day. For more information email [kingflock@aol.com](mailto:kingflock@aol.com).

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## **Johnson County 4-H Dog Shows**

The Johnson County 4-H Dog Club will be hosting two invitational dog shows this year. The first invitational show will be on June 23, starting at 8:30 a.m. Entries need to be sent in by June 16. There will be an invitational Rally-O and Agility only dog show on July 14 at 8:30 a.m. Entries for this show need to be sent in by July 7. Informational flyers are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). If you have questions, please contact Tammy Locke at 913-206-7079.

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## **Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show**

An informational flyer and entry form for the Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html). The event will be held on Saturday, June 30 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Pre-registration is due by June 22. Also, walk in entries are welcomed.

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## **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! Blue and purple ribbons on Illustrated Talks and Demonstrations will be eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair.

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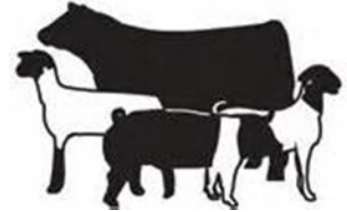
## **Countywide Sewing Project**

Sewing is considered part of the STEM programs in 4-H and it is a lifelong skill! Are you interested in learning how to create something from a piece of material? Attend classes to learn how to sew many fun projects as a beginner or as an experienced sewer who wants to have a set time to sew and to have questions answered. All levels of experience are welcomed. Classes are held at the Extension office every Thursday. For more information contact Martha Powell at [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com) or at 913-302-5812.

# County Project Opportunities

## 2018 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Registration details and more information about each show 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).



### Spring Goat Show - June 2

The Spring Goat Show will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 20. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 20. Weigh-in will be 7-8 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Goat project members not showing in the Spring Goat Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

### Spring Sheep Show - June 2

The Spring Sheep Show will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show. Pre-registration is due by May 20. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 20. Weigh-in will be 8-9 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Sheep project members not showing in the Spring Sheep Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

### Spring Swine Show - June 3

The Spring Swine Show will be held Sunday, June 3, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 20. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 20. Weigh-in will be 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Swine project members not showing in the Spring Swine Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

### Spring Bucket Calf Show - June 3

The Spring Bucket Calf Show will be held Sunday, June 3, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swine show. Pre-registration is due by May 20. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 20. Weigh-in will be 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Bucket Calf project members not showing in the Spring Bucket Calf Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

## Livestock Ear Tag Information

Below are pictures of each specie's ear tag. This is the number you will use when registering for the county fair, Kansas State Fair and KJLS. Tip from a pro: Take a picture with your phone and you'll have it with you whenever you need it! **REMINDER:** Animals must be tagged on or before the date of their corresponding spring show to be able to show in the county fair.



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GOAT



SHEEP



SWINE

**The Johnson County Fair Board is still in need of volunteers in the following areas:**

- Ticket takers arena
  - Ticket booth arena
  - PA system (shadow Wayne McGuire to learn what he does)
  - Open Class Chairs for: Art, Baked Goods, Crafts, Structured Living, and Photography
- Please contact Denise at [kingflock@aol.com](mailto:kingflock@aol.com) if you are interested.

# Local Opportunities

## **Join Comet Tech 4-H Club to Learn About Electricity**

Comet Tech 4-H Club invites fellow Johnson County 4-H club members to their next monthly meeting to learn “All about Basic Electricity.” The club’s junior leaders have learned about basic electricity, stored electrons, basic series, parallel and series/parallel circuits, how to read schematics, different switches, resistors and reading color bands and the math behind calculating Ohms law, the math determining voltage and measuring current. The junior leaders will host the meeting and demonstrate and share All about Electricity and finish teaching fellow 4-H members how to make a simple circuit. Our special speaker for the evening is Chris Johnson who works for KCPL and will give an Electricity safety talk and demonstration of how dangerous it can be around powerlines.

To sign up and participate, contact Comet Tech Community Leader, Vicky Gunkel at [vjgunkel@aol.com](mailto:vjgunkel@aol.com). The meeting is held May 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, 11811 S. Sunset Dr., Olathe.

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## **Wild Clover Camp**

This camp is a two day one overnight adventure for youth ages 7-9 wanting to get a mini camp experience. There will be swimming, fishing, creating arts and crafts, hiking, and singing around a campfire. Wild Clover Camp is June 7-8, located in La Cygne, KS, and is open to both 4-H'ers and non 4-H'ers. A link to register is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html). Registration closes May 15, or when all spots have been filled.

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## **SPIN Clubs for Teenagers**

**4-H Gardening SPIN Club** - Help grow vegetables and herbs and learn about all aspects of gardening, including how to select plants, harvest and use your crops. Youth must be in grades 6 to 12. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Class is held on five consecutive Mondays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. starting June 4, at the Downtown Olathe Library. Registration opens May 18 and a link is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html).

**4-H Geology SPIN Club** - Learn more about rocks, minerals, and fossils and discover the types that can be found where we live. By the end of the week participants will be able to create their own geology box. Youth must be in grades 6 to 12. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Class is held July 16-20, from 1-3 p.m. Registration opens June 18 and a link is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html).

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## **Summer Cooking Day Camps**

There will be two dates available this year for the Cooking Day Camp: June 26-28 or July 24-26. Both sessions will feature the same recipes and activities, so please only sign up for one session so that all youth have a chance to participate. The Cooking Day Camps are open to youth ages 7-12 and are held at the Extension office from 9 a.m.-noon. Registration is \$50 per session. A link to register is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html).

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## **County Council 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. County Council officers have meetings which occur on the first Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.



# Local Opportunities

## **Volunteer Needed for 4-H Foods Co-Superintendent**

The 4-H Foods Department is in need of a new co-superintendent. The position duties include securing the facility for foods conference judging, helping to secure fair prizes for the 4-H Foods Department, setting up for judging, working with judges and participants, setting up exhibits in the 4-H building, packaging food for the 4-H Food Auction and working at the auction, as well as clean-up after judging and the fair. The position requires working Monday and Tuesday of fair week. Current foods co-superintendent Cathy O'Rourke will work with the new superintendent during this year's fair. If you are interested or need more information please call or email Crystal Futrell, Health and Food Safety Agent, at 913-715-7000 or [crystal.futrell@jocogov.org](mailto:crystal.futrell@jocogov.org).

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## **STEM Summer Camps for Middle School Students**

This summer, Kansas State University's Olathe campus and the KU Edwards Campus are teaming up to offer multiple STEM-based summer camps for middle school students. Camps support math and science in a fun and safe environment, and are geared for students entering sixth grade through completing eighth grade. All camps are one week in length. A flyer with more details is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/). Or visit [www.olathe.k-state.edu/summercamps](http://www.olathe.k-state.edu/summercamps) to register.

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## **Project and Livestock Auctions 101 Class**

The Johnson County 4-H Livestock and Project Auctions are the final step in the "Learning by Doing" 4-H experience. The projects for sale at the auction represent the learning, time, money and effort invested by the individual 4-H club member in the current 4-H year. The auction serves to educate club members about the process of showmanship and marketing of their project to the public through the auction.

The county will be offering an Auction 101 instructional class for those 4-H club members who are interested in bringing their projects to auction at the Johnson County Fair. This class will provide participants instruction in the final step of their project, showmanship and marketing, and how to obtain the best price for the project. It will also serve to inform participants how to enroll your project and the rules guiding the auction. The class will be held June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office and is open to all 4-H club members and parents. The Project Auction is held at the Livestock Pavilion at the Johnson County Fair on Friday, August 3 at approximately 8 p.m.

## **Local 4-H'er Wins Reporter Notebook Award**

Congratulations to Maddie for being one of four 4-H Club Reporters to win the State Reporter Notebook Award. Maddie was the reporter for Lucky Clover 4-H Club and her Reporter's Notebook was selected during County Record Book Judging to go on to judging at the state level. All four state winners received an Amazon Gift Card. Way to go, Maddie!

# State Opportunities

## **2018 Centennial Delegate Information - National 4-H Congress**

The Kansas 4-H Centennial Delegates were added in 2002 when National 4-H celebrated 4-H's centennial year. Kansas 4-H has permitted each Extension Unit to send one at-large delegate to National 4-H Congress. These at-large positions are called Centennial Delegates. Cost for the Centennial Delegate will be the full amount of approximately \$1,150.

To be eligible, delegates MUST:

- \* Have never before attended National 4-H Congress.
- \* Be enrolled in Kansas 4-H.
- \* Have a genuine desire to attend National 4-H Congress.
- \* Be available to attend 2018 National 4-H Congress in its entirety from November 23-27, 2018.
- \* Be at least 14 years old but not yet 19 years old before January 1, 2018.
- \* Remain committed to attending 2018 National 4-H Congress once they accept the trip.
- \* Agree to follow the prescribed code of conduct, realizing failure to do so may result in the loss of privileges during the event and/or in the future.

If you meet these qualifications and this opportunity sounds exciting to you, please let Christin know of your interest by May 8. One name will be randomly drawn and the winner will need to provide a non-refundable \$100 deposit for the trip by May 11, 2018.

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## **Campference 2018 - Leadership Through the Ages**

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2018), and will be held June 26-29 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others.

Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference has been full the last four years! Register at [www.kansas4-h.org/events/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/). Payment is due and registration will close on May 15 (or when all spots are filled).

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## **Employment Opportunity at Rock Springs**

Summer is just around the corner and Rock Springs Ranch is in the process of recruiting motivated individuals to join this year's leadership camp staff! Our staff work an average of 10 hours a day with kids mostly 8-12 years old. We provide staff training on leadership skills and instructing the educational area of their specific position. These areas include STEM, conservation education, leadership adventure course, the horse barn, traditional camp activities, and more! Interested applicants can apply at [www.rocksprings.net/summerjobs](http://www.rocksprings.net/summerjobs).

Employment includes: Salary, meals, lodging, laundry facilities and 55 new best friends! Contact [wramsey@rocksprings.net](mailto:wramsey@rocksprings.net) with any questions. Staff must be 18 and older and have completed high school.

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## **New Bread Sculpture Contest**

The Kansas Wheat Commission has created a new contest for the 2018 fair season. So get creative and enter the Bread Sculpture contest! Individual entries can be made through the State Fair. An informational flyer can be found at [www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/](http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/) under the "Foods & Nutrition" section.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

The county Electricity class concludes with 4-H club members learning all about resistors, how to read bands, the resistor symbol and how to determine its rating in ohms by the color bands. The class had learned in previous lessons how to make series and parallel circuits following symbols for various components on a schematic. They finished the class by making a series/parallel circuit with a switch, resistors, and light emitting diodes as the components. The class spent a lot of time learning to solder and unsolder correctly and finished this circuit with success due to their skills on soldering guns.



On Monday, March 19, the De Soto Pioneer 4-H Club volunteered at Heart to Heart International, a provider for health and hygiene kits for crisis relief worldwide. Heart to Heart is a warehouse located in Lenexa, Kansas. The organization helps in hurricanes/typhoons, earthquakes, refugee crisis, tornadoes, and floods, supporting 130 countries with \$1,400,000 products shipped. The club packaged 3,888 soap bags to complete the kits. The club was represented by 20 members and their parents. The Pioneer Club looks forward to helping out each year!

By Ingrid McGinnis, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter



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Congratulations to Julia for representing the Oxford Hustlers at Regionals! Julia presented a video on gun safety that was well received by the judges. Great job Julia!

By Victoria Haney, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Comet Tech 4-H club members took part in an Engineering activity last month. The design and building activities were geared toward five graduating age levels using simple supplies of blocks, cups, craft sticks and a card with a challenge on it. The older club members, using these supplies, were challenged to build a chain reaction.

The club members initially started building an exploding chain reaction by weaving the craft sticks into a cobra weave while holding on to one end. As they let go, the sticks would explode in a chain reaction. Building this together proved difficult as the boys couldn't connect their ends without setting it off. The next chain reaction the boys built proved easier. Using the cups as a sturdy base, they built their craft sticks into a herringbone weave which was much easier and more successful as they set off their chain reaction.



## **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.

## May

- 1 - Deadline to Add or Drop projects and have an Active status in 4HOnline
- Market Beef Nominations due to Youth Livestock office
- Horse ID Certificates, Horseless Horse Certificates, and Snaffle Bit Project forms due in the office
- 3 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 7 - County Council meeting
- 15 - Wild Clover Camp registration closes
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20 - Spring Goat, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calf pre-registrations due
- 24 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 28 - Memorial Day, office closed
- 31 - Countywide Sewing Group

## June

- 1 - Evening weigh-in for Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Bucket Calf project members **not** Showing in the Spring Shows
- 2 - Spring Goat and Sheep Shows
  - Spring Rabbit Show
- 3 - Spring Swine and Bucket Calf Shows
- 4 - County Council Officers meeting
- 7 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat Nominations due to Youth Livestock office
  - Club orders for Livestock T-shirts due
- 21 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 - Jo. Co. Dog Club Invitational Dog Show
- 26-28 - Summer Cooking Day Camp
- 28 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 30 - Tail Waggers Invitational Dog Show

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2018 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 please check the 2018 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 Enroll/Re-enroll before the May 1 Deadline**

Please double check with all your families to make sure they are enrolled or re-enrolled by the May 1 deadline. 4-H'ers must have an Active status in 4HOnline if they plan to participate in fair. If you need help running a report to check which families have a 4-H member that does not have an Active status in 4HOnline, please contact Christin. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com> and enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/). Also, if families are not Active in 4HOnline they are missing out on all correspondences from the Extension office.

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## **Livestock T-shirt Orders**

The Johnson County Fair Association requires all livestock exhibitors to wear Johnson County Fair t-shirts when exhibiting livestock at the fair. The fair association is using the same yellow shirt as last year, so only those needing a new size or those that don't have a shirt from last year will need to order. The cost is \$7.50 per shirt. If members from your club need a t-shirt please complete the order form posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html) and mail it to Matt Meek with proper payment by **June 15**. Please send only one order form per club. Orders will be available for pick-up by club leaders at the Johnson County Fair office on the July 21 and July 28 workdays.

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## **Club Leader Resource Page**

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html).

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## **Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers**

This is a reminder that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club. Please help us to make sure everyone volunteering in your club has completed the necessary steps. We are also asking that all volunteers create profiles in 4HOnline so that you as a club leader can see the status of each of your volunteers. For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/).