



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## Please Welcome Lexi, 4-H Youth Development Agent!

Lexi Ray joined the 4-H Youth Development Team as the second agent on April 17. Lexi was raised in Olathe before going to school to study History and Ethnic and Gender Studies at Emporia State University. After completing her bachelor's degree, she obtained a Master's in Museum Studies with an emphasis in Public Education from the University of Kansas. Lexi has developed, facilitated and evaluated numerous educational programs for youth, adults and large groups throughout her career with National Park Service Affiliate; Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site, Great Overland Station Museum, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka. In addition, Lexi thoroughly enjoys being a connector of community resources, professionals and organizations. Lexi is eager to get started learning all she can about the 4-H world and applying new ideas and perspectives to how we can make the best better in Johnson County!

In her spare time Lexi enjoys photography, exploring back roads, archery, wood burning, kayaking, painting and hanging out with her Chi-weenie, Juno.

## May 1 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.

### KS Jr Livestock Show & KS State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their Market Beef 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. Information pertaining to Kansas Livestock Nominations and the process can be found at [www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/](http://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 10 for more information about YQCA Certification.

# June Deadlines

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

**Johnson County Fair** — One requirement for 4-H'ers to participate in the 4-H Horse Shows is they 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) submitting a completed 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](http://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](http://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.

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## **Kansas Junior Livestock Show & Kansas State Fair Livestock Nominations**

4-H members planning on showing Commercial Heifers, Swine, Sheep, or Meat Goats at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the KSU Youth Livestock office. 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/](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/).

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

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

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

**Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest** will be August 12 in Manhattan

**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be August 19-20 in Manhattan.

**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.

# Announcements

## **Food Fare Winners**

First, a round of applause for all the clubs and the Master Food Volunteers who hosted a booth at our annual Food Fare event on March 31! All the food was delicious, the decorations were top notch and the activities were so creative. Thanks also to everyone that attended, it was another year of record attendance.

The theme for this year was Decades of Time and attendees voted on their top booth and recipe. Congratulations to our winners — The award for Favorite Booth goes to Spring Hill Rustlers 4-H Club with their 1910s booth. The honor of Favorite Recipe goes to Sharon 4-H Club for their Sundae Cupcakes! This year's recipe book is posted on the 4-H Food Fare page 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).

## **Introducing Our 2023 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors!**

The Ambassadors are 4-H'ers who are passionate about Johnson County 4-H. They attend local events to promote the program to other youth in the community. The Ambassadors also plan and run fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds to support sending our 4-H'ers to various summer camps.



Front row, left to right: Lydia L. (Great Plains), Abby L. (Lucky Clover), Fern S. (Oxford Hustlers), Charli M. (Prairie Star), Lexi F. (Prairie Moon), and Ambassador Advisors Audrey Small and Luke Garrison. Back row, left to right: Truman G. (Prairie Moon) and Tyler S. (Prairie Moon). Not pictured: Maddison C. (Oxford Hustlers), Elly V. (Prairie Star) and Kennedy G. (Prairie Moon)

## **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](mailto:joco4-h@jocogov.org).

# Fair Edition

## Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for Poultry Fair Exhibitors

The 2023 recommended requirements for Kansas County Fairs has recently been released by the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). Kansas continues its designation as a Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) Clean State. All poultry (except waterfowl) are required to show proof of being P-T clean by originating from a certified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock or proof of a negative test within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition. Testing is generally completed at least 2 weeks prior to exhibition start date. The exception is birds that are less than 90 days old. The Johnson County 4-H Fair Book states that all poultry (chickens, turkeys, and guineas) must show proof of negative Pullorum-Typhoid testing at check-in.

**Available Testing:** Johnson County 4-H will be hosting a testing site on June 15, 2023 from 5-8 p.m. Location is TBD. If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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## Fairgrounds Clean Up/Set Up

The Johnson County Fair relies on volunteers for a successful fair and clubs are expected to support the event by helping with the clean-up before and after fair. The schedule with each club's work day will be posted soon 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). If you as a club member cannot make your club's assigned time, please come on an alternate date and help another club. Also, please bring the appropriate cleaning supplies necessary for your club to clean your area. Each club should bring brooms as every building will need swept. Teen 4-H'ers and parents are welcome to bring a Weed Eater if they would like to assist with trimming around buildings and fences during clean up days.

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## 2023 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

An electronic version of the 2023 Johnson County Fair Book will be available to view soon 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).

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## Johnson County 4-H Fair Book Updates

Following are updates to the 2023 Johnson County Fair 4-H Book:

**Public Presentations** has been moved to Wednesday (8/2).

**Flowers and Plant Science** will be in the 4-H building.

**Fiber Arts** check-in will be on Monday evening (7/31) and Tuesday morning (8/1), with conference judging happening Tuesday after check-in.

**Foods and Nutrition** exhibits will only be kept in the 4-H building until Thursday morning (8/3) to prevent exhibits from molding and rotting throughout the week. If 4-H'ers want to keep their exhibits, they may remove them from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. on Thursday. If not removed by the 4-H'er on Thursday, exhibits will be disposed of.

**Home Environment** entry check-in and judging will be on Tuesday (8/1) in the 4-H building. Home visits for judging will also take place on Tuesday after scheduling a time with the superintendent.

**STEM-Architectural Block Design** rules have been updated to match the rules that were modified at the Kansas State Fair level.

**New Department!** Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), or drones, has been added to the fair book under STEM. Drones will be for exhibit and educational purposes only; no flying. Drones may be built from a kit or from scratch. Judging will be based on design and construction of the drone and/or the educational components of a poster, notebook, or display/poster.



# Fair Edition

## **County Fair Entries**

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due July 26. All entries for clothing construction, dog show, and fashion revue 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 26. 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 26 deadline. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.

Only online entries are accepted. The entry system typically opens in early June and 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 an entry is not an option.

**All entries including livestock must be accompanied at check-in with a printed entry tag.**

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## **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. Mr. and Miss 4-H support and participate in county events and activities throughout the year including Fair and promote Johnson County 4-H in the community. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (before January 1, 2023) 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). The application is due June 30. Interviews will be held on a week-day evening in mid-July.

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## **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 printing in ink on a 3" x 2½" piece of cloth: Class Number, County, Name, Age and Level.

Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

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## **Departmental Forms**

Some departments such as Energy Management, Fashion Revue, and STEM require additional forms along with the entry. These forms are posted 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). Please refer to each department's rules in the fair book regarding what forms are required.

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## **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.

# Fair Edition

## **Photo Mats and Photo Sleeves**

The Extension office has photo mats and protective photo sleeves available for purchase. The cost for the pair is \$1.50. You will not receive the photo sleeve at the time of purchase as photos will be placed in the photo sleeve by the superintendents during judging. Use a large zip top bag to transport your photos to the fairgrounds for judging. Photos exhibited in the 4-H Photography division at the county fair are required to be mounted on a photo mat. Photo mounting directions and labels can be picked up 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) to print at home.

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## **4-H Foods Judging**

The judging for 4-H Foods and Nutrition will take place at Gardner Elementary School from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, July 31. (Participants in the Dog or Horse Shows may come for judging from 12:30-1:30 p.m.) As you research and test recipes for your food entries, make sure to check out the “4-H Foods Entry Tips for Fair” and the “Frosting & Filling Guidelines for the Johnson County Fair” documents posted 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).

For food preservation entries, remember to 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 due to food safety issues.

If you have any questions about your food entry, please contact the Extension office at 913-715-7000 or [foodhelp@jocogov.org](mailto:foodhelp@jocogov.org).

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## **Cloverbuds Show and Share**

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday, August 1. 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 are encouraged to show and share 1-2 projects. Sign-ups for time slots will be available at a later date. For more information about activities for Cloverbuds, visit [www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/cloverbuds/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/cloverbuds/).

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## **Project Check-in and Judging**

Project check-in will be Monday evening (July 31) from 6:30-9 p.m. and Tuesday morning (August 1) from 8-10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Plan on arriving before 10 a.m. on Tuesday to have ample time to check in all of your projects. Livestock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check-in time.

We will again be using SignUpGenius for families to select a conference judging time slot for 4-H'ers. The link to the sign-ups will be posted at a later date 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).

Projects for departments judged before fair have their own judging schedule. Families enrolled in the corresponding projects in 4-H Online will receive information detailing judging for these departments.

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## **4-H Food Stand**

The 4-H Food Stand is a great way for youth to help raise funds for Johnson County 4-H Council while practicing safe food handling, interacting with the community and working collaboratively with their club members! Be prepared to work a short shift at the 4-H Food Stand during fair on your club's assigned day. The funds raised help sponsor county events such as Club Day and Achievement Celebration.

# Fair Edition

## Livestock and Project Auctions

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 and Project Auction.

**Livestock Auction:** In order to sell their livestock, exhibitors must turn in auction forms and fill out and sign a W-9 IRS Form by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2.

**Project Auction:** Project auction entry forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Thursday in the Green Building. No late entries will be accepted. An exhibitor selling a project for \$600 or more must complete a W-9 Tax ID (social security) form to the Extension office within 5 days of the auction.

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## State Fair Entries

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. To enter in the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2023. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the State Fair may sign up in the 4-H Building from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, August 3 and Friday, August 4. You may also call or email Christin with your entries. All entries must be into the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 7. **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. These projects have a separate entry process.

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## Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. on Sunday, August 6. All remaining exhibits will be released after the church service which usually concludes around 8:45 a.m. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make prior arrangements with another 4-H family to pick up their entries on Sunday morning.** 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.

Premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that all 4-H exhibitors and their families help with fair clean-up. Requested corrections to premium checks must be submitted to the Fair Office by 12 p.m. on Sunday.

### Advice from Mr. 4-H, Ryan Brethour

**Question:** *What does the 4-H Motto mean to you and how do you try to apply it to your life?*

4-H's motto is "To Make the Best Better." It can be easy to simply say without actually thinking about. In today's world, it is normal to try to go through life with putting in the least amount of effort possible. To just do enough to get by. 4-H, however, is about giving it your all and going above and beyond in everything you do. Having this mindset will help you so much later in life by setting you apart from others in the work environment and elsewhere. 4-H does a great job at teaching people to try their best. No matter what project you may be in, the key to success is to try your best and to not be afraid to ask for help. If we all work together, we can make the best better.



# Local Opportunities

## **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](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html). Applications are due to the office by 5 p.m. on May 1.

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## **Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser**

The spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover fundraising campaign is going on now through May 7. 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.

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## **Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class**

Are you ready to have some fun in the kitchen? Kids in the Kitchen - Super Salads is a cooking class for youth ages 7-12 that will explore how to make vegetables and fruit the star of a dish. Participants will also learn food safety, basic cooking skills and nutrition. The class will be held at the Extension office on Saturday, May 20. Check-in starts at 9:45 a.m. with the class beginning promptly at 10 a.m. and concluding around 12 p.m. The cost to attend is \$20 per youth and you must register at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/).

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## **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/](http://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/](http://www.rockspringsranch.org/employment/).

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## **Ambassadors' Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser**

On Sunday, June 11 during the lunch hour, the Johnson County Ambassadors will be holding a fundraiser at Price Chopper in Gardner (600 E. Main Street). You may purchase a meal of a hot dog, drink, and bag of chips for \$2. Proceeds will go towards summer camp scholarships for our Johnson County 4-H'ers. Bring the whole family for lunch and to support a good cause!

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## **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](http://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](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html).



# 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/](http://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.

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## **Leadership Day Camp – SAVE THE DATE!**

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors are hosting a Leadership Day Camp for all youth, ages 8-12 (including non-4-H'ers) on Monday, July 10, from 1-5 p.m. Location is still to be determined. During this camp, participants will engage in fun activities and games that will build leadership and teamwork skills. A \$15 registration fee will cover material costs and snacks. Registration is coming soon!

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## **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](mailto:jessica.lawrenz@jocogov.org) or 913-715-7020 if you would like to help.

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## **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](http://www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace). Johnson County Library—[www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace](http://www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace).

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

# 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 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!

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## **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](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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## **Entomology Project Class**

The next Allen County Entomology project meeting will be on Saturday, May 20 beginning at 1:30 p.m. We are going insect collecting! Please note the location has changed to 2447 40th Road, Humboldt, Kansas for this meeting. Bring your nets and kill jars. If the weather does not cooperate, the meeting will be moved indoors to the Allen County Extension Office. If you have any questions, please call Vicky Wallace at 620-804-9170. Be sure to bring tick repellent and wear long pants and tennis shoes.

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## 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 27 or May 25.) If you have questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Please see the chart below for specific tagging dates/times and deadlines.

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

If a 4-H livestock family needs an animal tagged 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). 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](mailto:McKenna.Holtgraver@jocogov.org) or 913-715-7000 if you have any questions.

## 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](http://www.Kansas4-H.org) under the Resources tab.

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## **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/](http://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](http://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/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/) for all the details. For questions, email Sara Eccles at [sseccles@gmail.com](mailto:sseccles@gmail.com). Happy collecting!

## **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, Illustrated or Project Talk are eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair.

# State Opportunities

## **Discovery Days – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

This year is the 100th year for the Discovery Days event! (Formerly known as Round-Up). Kansas 4-H will host Discovery Days June 7-9, on the Manhattan campus of Kansas State University. Come be a part of the fun and educational opportunities. Develop college or career readiness skills that prepare youth for life after High School. Participants will be given opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time-management skills. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends from all over the state.

This event is for youth ranging in age from 13-18 years old. The cost to attend is \$210 and certain class sessions may have additional fees. There will be almost 40 amazing sessions to choose from but some are limited in size, so get registered as soon as possible. Visit the Kansas 4-H Discovery Days website at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/) for all the information and registration.

*Emerald Circle* - Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 8, and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow.

## **Discovery Days Scholarships**

The 4-H Ambassadors are excited to offer scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend Discovery Days. The application is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html). Applications must be in the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday May 19, 2023.



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Morning Glory 4-H Takes On Club Days

By Corissa Rietcheck, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

The Morning Glory 4-H club based out of Gardner won top purple at the Jo Co club days held on February 11, 2023. Members of the club demonstrated how to run an organized meeting using parliamentary procedure. The club then competed at Regional Club days, held on March 25, 2023.



The competition included 4-H clubs representing many counties in Kansas. Morning Glory members included, Eli B., Cooper B., Ben B., Cheyenne B., Callen B., Sophie E., Savannah E., Jack H., Jefferson H., Sammy H., Blake L., Torbin L., Parker P., Ally R., Brennan R., Corissa R., Gabbie S., Jack W. and Liddy W.

## Lucky Clover 4-H Club has a Busy Spring!

By Kyndal Romero, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club has been very busy this Spring! On March 12, the club participated in the Shawnee St. Patrick's Day parade. Club members decorated a 4-Her's Jeep and walked behind it wearing green, passing out candy, jump roping, and promoting our club to thousands of Shawnee residents. The parade is one of our biggest community outreach events each year.

Fifteen club members showcased their skills at County Club Days. They participated in instrumental and vocal solos, monologues, oral interpretations, speeches/talks, acting, and skits. Overall, the club did fantastic receiving many Purples and Top Purple ribbons! The individuals that received Top Purple ribbons attended Regional Club Days, which included Barron, Elizabeth, Josiah, Kyndal, and



Nathan with solo performances and our club skit with Mary, Stella, Josiah, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Marie, Grace, and Barron. We are very proud of our club!



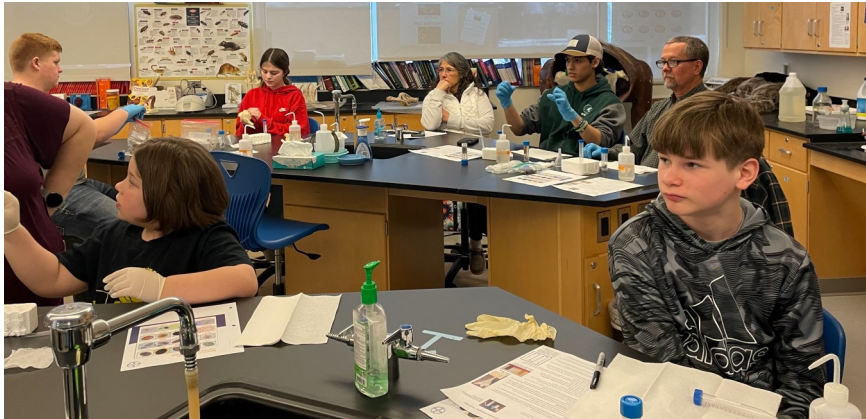


# REPORTER'S CORNER

## **Johnson County 4-H Livestock Club**

By Kaylee King, Johnson County 4-H Livestock Club Reporter

The Johnson County 4-H Livestock club traveled to the Blue Valley CAPS facility to learn how to read fecal specimens. 4-H parent and instructor Kelly Tuel taught a fun filled, educational class in her laboratory. 4-H members brought samples of their 4-H livestock projects to be tested for parasites. Among those tested were goats, sheep, horse, chickens and steers. Members made a slurry, put it in a centrifuge machine, learned to apply the slurry to a glass slide and read on a microscope. Very few parasite eggs were found, which goes to prove the quality care our projects receive.



## **Lots of Food at Food Fare**

By Joshua Eflin, County Council Reporter

The annual Johnson County 4-H Food Fare was held on Friday, March 31 at the Johnson County Extension Office. The theme of Food Fare was decades, so each club had to make food, decorations, and plan an activity related to the decade they chose. The decades span was from 1890-2010, represented by fifteen clubs and the Master Food Volunteers. The favorite booth was the “1910s” decade by the Spring Hill Rustlers. The favorite recipe was Cupcake “Sundaes” from the “1950s” by the Sharon 4-H Club. There were over 300 in attendance with 119 pounds of food donated to the New Hope Food Pantry. Towards the end of the event the Master Food Volunteers entertainingly shared how to prepare food for the County Fair. They also gave away some cooking tools. Thank you to the County Council Food Fare Committee for their hard work planning a successful Food Fare.



## **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.



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Prairie Star Food Fare

By Kinslee Stambaugh, Prairie Star 4-H Club Reporter

We had a great turn out at the 4-H food fare. There were over 300 people that attended to sample the food that all the clubs had created. Our club had the 1990s for our decade and we had a blast making corn dogs, waffles, tater tots, and root beer floats at the "Prairie Star Dinner." If you haven't attended or participated in a Johnson County 4-H Food Fare, you are missing out! While serving food, we also tried to provide some education into the history of that item and what made it popular in the 90s. Our club also had a lot of fun voting for our favorites. Although our club didn't win, we really enjoyed the time together preparing and serving our fellow 4-Hers.



## Entertaining With Food

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

Have you ever heard of the Food Fare? The Food Fare is an excitingly fun event. It stars at least 10 clubs every year. There is a theme for each year, and a theme for each booth. The theme for this year was "Decades of Time," where each booth had a certain period of time in history. The Food Fare this year was on Friday, March 31st, 2023 at the Extension Office, from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Each booth held a 4-H club or master food volunteers. The times that were chosen this year were: 1850's, 1860's, 1890's, 1900's, 1910's, 1920's, 1930's, 1940's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's and 2010's. The Happy Helpers 4-H club was the 1860's. Here's how the Fare worked this year: first at least 300 attendees got plates at the front lobby, then they walked around the building



getting free food at each booth. After they have visited all the booths, they voted. They voted for best overall booth and best recipe. The winners this year were: Sharon, for best recipe, and Spring Hill Rustlers, for best overall booth. After the Food Fare, there was a talk about how to prepare your food for the County Fair. There is a digital cookbook with all the recipes from the Food Fare. It is available to anyone who e-mails the Extension Office. Visiting the food fare is an entertaining event for anyone who is hungry for new or unique foods!



# REPORTER'S CORNER

Pioneer's community service committee teamed up with the Friends of the Johnson County Library this spring. They collected gently-used book donations from members during their monthly meetings - and also received book donations from the De Soto community by arranging porch pick-ups and drop-offs. In all, they collected 370 books and over 100 DVD's and cd's. The club then took the items to the distribution center where they received a tour. The books will be recirculated if needed in the general library. If not, they will be resold in their Friends of the Johnson County Library store, online, or at the annual library book sales. The money is used to buy new books for the library.

By Rebekah Wheeler, Pioneer 4-H Club Leader



In March, the Country Hearts 4-H club had several members who participated in regional 4-H Day. At the county wide Food Fare, we represented the 1940's. We served mock turkey, punch, cookies and cake that were popular in that decade. Our club all agreed that it was fun and we ate great foods and saw cool booths. Our junior leaders are hosting a parent's night out for the Country Hearts 4-H club families later this month. They hope to host a county wide night later this year. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we are holding a club fundraiser at Panera on 119<sup>th</sup> St. in Olathe from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. We appreciate your support of 4-H and our club. If you are wanting to order, please use code FUND4U at check-out or reference Country Hearts 4-H when you order in store.

By Ramsey Denner, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter





## 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 - Club Leader Meeting, office
- 13 - YQCA Training, office (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
  - Discovery Days Registration deadline
- 19 - Discovery Days Scholarship Applications due
- 20 - Super Salads Cooking Class, office (pre-registration required)
  - Entomology Class, Humboldt
- 29 - Memorial Day, office closed

## June

- 1 - Horse ID Certificates/Horse registration papers, Horseless Horse Certificates & Snaffle Bit Project Forms due to Extension office
- 2 - Evening tagging for Goats, Sheep, Swine, and Bucket Calves, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 3 - Morning tagging for Spring Goat & Sheep Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
  - Last day Goat & Sheep Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
- 4 - Morning tagging for Spring Swine & Bucket Calf Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
  - Last day Swine & Bucket Calf Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
- 4-7 - JoCo unofficial camp session (pre-registration required)
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 7-9 - Discovery Days (pre-registration required)
- 11 - Ambassador Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser, Price Chopper in Gardner
- 15 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat Nominations due, online
  - Poultry P/T Testing, location TBD
  - YQCA Certification deadline for JoCo Fair
  - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 16-17 - Insect Spectacular, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 19 - Juneteenth, office closed
- 28 - JoCo 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 30 - Mr./Ms. 4-H applications due

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](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 of the club's families to make sure they are enrolled or re-enrolled by the May 1 deadline. 4-H'ers must be approved in 4-H Online if they plan to participate in the fair. Feel free to contact the Johnson County 4-H office for the most recent list of the club's members. If you are an approved registered volunteer and would like to be granted access to the leader portion of 4-H Online, contact Christin.

## **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.

## **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/](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/).

## **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.