

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## Please Welcome Cyla Gardner!

Cyla will be joining the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension team on June 10, as our second 4-H agent. She plans to be at some 4-H events before then to start to get to know 4-H families and the program. So make sure to introduce yourself if you see her!

Cyla is originally from Richmond, KS. She grew up being pretty involved within her school and community and was a member of the Golden Achievers 4-H Club for 12 years. After graduating from Central Heights High School, she attended K-State where she majored in Agricultural Education and minored in Leadership Studies. Her favorite thing is spending quality time with friends and family. When she's not at work she loves going to concerts, going out dancing, and going on walks with her dog, Dolly.

## 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.

## 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 Junior Livestock Show & Ks State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the KSU Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. Information pertaining to 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 9 for more information about YQCA Certification.

# May 31 & June Deadlines

## **Johnson Co. Fair 4-H Horse Show & Ks State Fair 4-H Horse Show**

**Johnson County Fair**— 4-H members must properly identify their horse either by (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) identifying the horse with a Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. *\*\*Whichever identification method is chosen, the 4-H member must either have 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 May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).\*\**

**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 May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).

**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. *\*\*Whichever identification method is chosen, the 4-H member must either have 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 May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).\*\**

**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 a \$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.

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

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/).

**YQCA Certification Requirement** - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 9 for more information about YQCA Certification.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**K-State Horse Judging Camp** will be June 13 in Manhattan.

**Kansas 4-H Geology Trip** will be June 14-16 in northwest Kansas.

**Johnson County Fair** will be July 28-August 3 in Gardner.

**Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest** will be August 10 in Manhattan.

**Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo** will be August 12 in Manhattan.

**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be August 17-18 in Manhattan.

**Kansas State Fair** will be September 6-15 in Hutchinson.

**Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser** will be October 2-13.

**48 Hours of 4-H** will be October 12-13.

# Fair Edition

## **Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for Poultry Fair Exhibitors**

Kansas continues its designation as a Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) Clean state. 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. Testing is generally completed at least 2 weeks prior to exhibition start date. The exception is birds that are less than 90 days old.

**Available Testing:** Johnson County 4-H is working on securing a date and location for testing. Please watch your email and Clover Clips for details. 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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## **2024 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book**

An electronic version of the 2024 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 2024 Johnson County Fair 4-H Book:

- The following departments' name has changed to match Kansas 4-H projects and the Kansas State Fair
  - **Clothing Construction** is now **Sewing & Textile Design**
  - **Energy Management** is now **Electric and Small Engines**
  - **Fashion Revue** is now **Shopping in Style**
  - **Home Environment** is now **Interior Design & Architecture**
  - **Plant Science** is now **Agronomy, Forestry, and Horticulture**
  - **Public Presentations** is now **Communications**
  - **STEM** has been broken down into these individual departments: **Ag Mechanics Welding, Building Block Engineering, Astronomy / Uncrewed Aircraft Systems, and Aerospace / Rocketry**
  - **Technology & Computers** is now **Computer Science and Robotics**
- **Art** entries are limited to a maximum of 3 exhibits total.
- **Foods and Nutrition** judging will end at 7 p.m. on Monday.
- **Interior Design & Architecture** entries will be due July 1 and entry check-in and judging will happen before fair week. (Please watch your email and Clover Clips for more details.)

# Fair Edition

## **County Fair Entries**

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due the Wednesday before fair week (July 24). All entries for Dog, Interior Design & Architecture, Sewing & Textile Design, and Shopping in Style 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 the Wednesday before fair (July 24). 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 24 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, 2024) 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 also posted at the above website and is due June 28. Interviews will be held at the Extension office on the evening of July 17.

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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 Electric, Shopping in Style, and Aerospace/Rocketry 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 2-7 p.m. on Monday, July 29. (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, July 30. 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 29) from 6:30-9 p.m. and Tuesday morning (July 30) 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 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.

**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, 2024. 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 1. You may also call or email Christin with your entries. All entries must be into the Extension office by 5 p.m. on August 8. **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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## **Barnyard Olympics Competition**

Please join the Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors on Friday, August 2 at 9 p.m. or immediately following the 4-H Project Auction in the Livestock Pavilion for the annual Barnyard Olympics competition. This event is a timed, barnyard-themed obstacle course and is open to everyone! Teams must have four members and 4-H membership is not a requirement. Team sign-ups and a \$10 team entry fee will be collected at the 4-H Ambassador Booth before the event. 100% of the entry fee goes towards scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend state events and camps and for the promotion of the 4-H program throughout the county. Please join us for a barnyard load of fun on August 2!

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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 4. 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.

# Local Opportunities

## **Livestock Animal Project Tagging Information**

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. Any female animal being shown in a market class is REQUIRED to have an EID tag. 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>Remaining 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>
May 31 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only	Goats and Sheep – Saturday, June 1
June 1 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only	Bucket Calves and Swine – Sunday, June 2
June 2 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only	<i>**The tagging deadline for Beef has passed.**</i>

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.

If a 4-H livestock family needs an animal tagged on a date other than listed above and prior to the specie's tagging deadline, they will need to contact the Extension office. **Special tagging requests will be handled situation by situation.** If a family does not have a way to transport their animal(s) to tagging events, it will be their responsibility to find transport options for that animal. Please contact Lexi at [Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org](mailto:Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org) or 913-715-7000 if you have any further questions.

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## **Rock Springs Camps**

Registration for 2024 summer camps is open! For details on camps, session dates and fees, visit [www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org](http://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org). Johnson County 4-H's unofficial camp session is the Overnight Camp, Session 1, June 2-5, 2024.

There are a couple of new camps being offered this year.

- Mini-Camp—This is a shorter 3 day/2 night camp experience for 1st-3rd graders.
- Ranch Camp & Shooting Sports Camp—These week-long specialty camps are designed to build further skill development in campers' desired areas of growth.

Registration is also open for the Counselors in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT) sessions. Both programs are free to current 9th-11th graders thanks to a generous donation to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Youth interested in attending either program at no cost can complete the Letter of Interest at [bit.ly/CIT-Interest](http://bit.ly/CIT-Interest).

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## **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 2024 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 14, 2024. 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.

# Local Opportunities

## **Girl Scout Merit Badge Workshop**

The Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners will host a gardening workshop on June 8 for 4th- and 5th-grade students, as well as Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts working on their Gardening Merit Badges. Learn gardening basics, visit a demonstration garden, design a butterfly garden, and more. Class fee is \$8 and registration is required. Register at [tinyurl.com/2uf72ew3](https://tinyurl.com/2uf72ew3).

## **Junior Extension Master Naturalist Wild Kids! Summer Programs**

Kids ages 8-11 can explore and discover the natural environment of Johnson County with fun, hands-on experiences! Field trips take place from 9 am to noon on select Saturdays, starting June 8, on topics like how to read nature, wildlife & habitats, rocks & fossils, and more. Learn more and sign up at [tinyurl.com/JoCoJEMN](https://tinyurl.com/JoCoJEMN).

## **Nature Camp**

Get out into the wild and explore with 4-H June 24-27. Campers will explore Wilder Bluff Park and have fun learning about Entomology and Forestry from nature experts. Snacks will be provided each day. Cost is \$25 and registration is required. Registration is through the City of Shawnee at <https://web2.myvscloud.com/wbWSC/ksshawneewt.wsc/search.html?module=ar&primarycode=386123>.

## **Leadership Day Camp**

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 8, from 1-5 p.m. at the Extension office. 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 required at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events) and space is limited.

## **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).

### **Advice from Miss 4-H, Kennedy Graham**

**Question:** *What is your favorite 4-H project and what are some things you have learned from your involvement in that project?*

My favorite 4-H project of all time has to be table-setting. I have learned many valuable lessons from this project. To me, it exemplifies "making the best better," because the measurements have to be very precise, and the presentation to the judges has to include all of the "My Plate" knowledge from your menu. There are a lot of elements that go into making a worthwhile table-setting project: the theme, the centerpiece, the menu, the "My Plate," the attire I wear matching the theme, the silverware and place settings matching the theme, the tablecloth and/or placemats coordinating with the theme, but most importantly my confidence and pride when presenting my project to the judges. I would strongly encourage all 4-H members to participate in this fantastic project at the upcoming Johnson County Fair.





# County Project Opportunities

## **Countywide Knitting Project**

Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Classes start at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Open Class Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Upcoming meeting dates are May 10, June 7 and July 5. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah, countywide knitting project leader at [kallansrudsarah@gmail.com](mailto:kallansrudsarah@gmail.com). Sarah can also be reached by phone/text at 913-418-6030.

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## **Countywide Sewing Project**

Meetings are held at the Extension office every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through July. Less experienced sewers will begin working on projects to enter for the fair. If you are an experienced sewer and just want to have a dedicated time to sew you are more than welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing project leader, at 913-302-5812 or [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!

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## **YQCA Requirements**

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

### **Who needs to be certified?**

**ALL Johnson County Fair Exhibitors:** Youth ages 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2024 in order to exhibit at the fair.

**ALL Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows:** Youth ages 7 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification.

**How do I get certified?** Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to [www.YQCAprogram.org](http://www.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.) Johnson County 4-H will hold two in-person trainings at the Extension office; one on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. and the other on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. Registration is required to attend a training. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

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

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## **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 Shopping in Style and Everything Under \$15. To enter the Fashion Revue, enroll in the Shopping in Style project in 4-H Online by May 1. You do not have to sew what you wear in Shopping in Style or Everything Under \$15! However, you must be enrolled in the Shopping in Style project by May 1 in 4-H Online, and enter in the appropriate class(es) in the 4-H Shopping in Style 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 20, 2024. The Public Fashion Revue is the evening of Wednesday, July 24. All 4-H'ers are invited to come join the fun!

# County Project Opportunities

## **Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training and Shows**

Dog Club training has begun with youth working on obedience, agility, showmanship, and rally-O. Training meetings are held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner on Monday nights from 6:30-8 p.m.

The remaining 2024 Johnson County 4-H Dog Club dog shows are as follows: Invitational Show - June 22, and Rally-O & Agility Show - July 13. All shows are held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner.

For more information about training or the dog shows, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/jocoks4hdogclub/home>.

## **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 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Preregistration is due by June 24. Also, walk in entries are welcomed.



## **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'ers who are 4-H age 9 and older that receive a purple ribbon for a Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Project Talk, or Poetry/Prose are eligible to enter in the Kansas State Fair.

# State Opportunities

## **Register for Discovery Days**

Registration for the 2024 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is now open. The event will be held June 5-7 on the K-State Manhattan campus, for youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2024. Over 60 class sessions are being offered that will provide a wonderful balance of both exploration and fun to youth delegates. Some of those sessions are limited on how many delegates they can accept, so register early! For more information, including class session descriptions and the registration link, visit the 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/). The deadline to register is May 5, 2024.

## **Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic**

The 2024 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic will be July 12-13 at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park in Manhattan. This two-day event is comprised of educational opportunities, including a swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship, and a prospect and market hog show. All Kansas youth ages 7 and older are invited to exhibit. Entries must be submitted online by 5 p.m. on June 24. Payment needs to be postmarked by June 24 as well. Show details and the entry link may be found at [www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/swineclassic.html](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/swineclassic.html).

# REPORTER'S CORNER

On October 17, 2023, the Comet Tech club talked about how 4-H is a gift. In September we voted on new assignments. Those who were voted in got a position in Comet Tech. There was a banana split and each part of the banana split described a different role. In the end we got to eat the ice cream treat, it was so sweet, much like our club!

The activity tonight was water rockets. Each member got to design and attach parts to make the rockets more aerodynamic. The base rocket is PVC pipe that could withstand water pressure. Each member got to test their rocket about 3 times, some would get as high as 2 or 3 stories.

By Joshua Watts, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter

## **Country Hearts Have Fun Fundraising**

By Clara Palmer, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

In March, the Country Hearts Club participated in an Egg My Yard fundraiser. Club members offered Easter eggs pre-filled with candy to be delivered directly to yards the night before Easter ready for hunting on Easter morning. Members met at the library to fill and sort the eggs, then the fundraising committee delivered the eggs to yards across Johnson County. Included with each order was a special egg containing 4-H stickers! This was a huge success and a fun project for club members.



On November 21, 2023, the Comet Tech 4-H club talked about the 4-H jobs in more detail. Also, as a club, we decided to make gingerbread houses for next month. Everyone came together to think of items that can be in a gingerbread house. Then we formed a committee to create a signup so the club would bring supplies next month.

A fall back lesson we all enjoy is Scratch. A member did a talk this time on Scratch. With this demo the Comet Tech club needed to follow your finger or mouse and when it gets you it says, "I got you." Some people had fun and made their cat grow, spin, color change, and even audibly talk.

By Joshua Watts, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter

## **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

December 22, 2023, the Comet Tech 4-H club made gingerbread houses. This was a club favorite from a few years ago so we decided to bring it back. In a previous meeting we made a list of items to use and assigned everyone an ingredient to bring.

As a special there were three groups of members that played Christmas music solos before we got started. There was a trumpet player, two guitars, and even a cello!

By Joshua Watts, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter

## **Going Once, Going Twice – SOLD!!**

By Olivia Yeung, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

Even though we all love those live auctions full of excitement, sometimes silent auctions with the splash of talent by 4-H'ers can equal success. The Great Plains 4-H club hosted a Talent Show & Silent Auction on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. The silent auction consisted of club members' homemade goods and projects and gifts and certificates from generous donors! Thank you to Valley Feed & Supply, McLain's Market, Moon Marble Company, Strauss Peyton Photography, Soul on Fire, and Westlake ACE Hardware for your generous gifts of support! It means the world to our club!

Also, a hearty shout out to all who participated in making this happen. Mrs. Linda C., for leading and designing a wonderful afternoon, Mrs. Krystal L., Mrs. Emily D., and Mrs. Erin Y., along with the fundraiser committee junior leaders, for assisting in all the coordination. And how could we forget our fearless performers? You made the afternoon entertaining from cheer stunts, to tap dances, to singing, to reciting poems (and yes there may have been a kung fu fighting scene). How proud we are to be the Great Plains!



January 24, 2024, the Comet Tech 4-H club made marshmallow guns. These were made from half inch PVC pipe. The pieces were cut ahead of time and we put the fittings and pipes together. Then we decorated the guns. For them to work a marshmallow is placed on one end while we blow the marshmallow out. We took aim at colorful bricks, basketballs, soccer balls, and footballs.

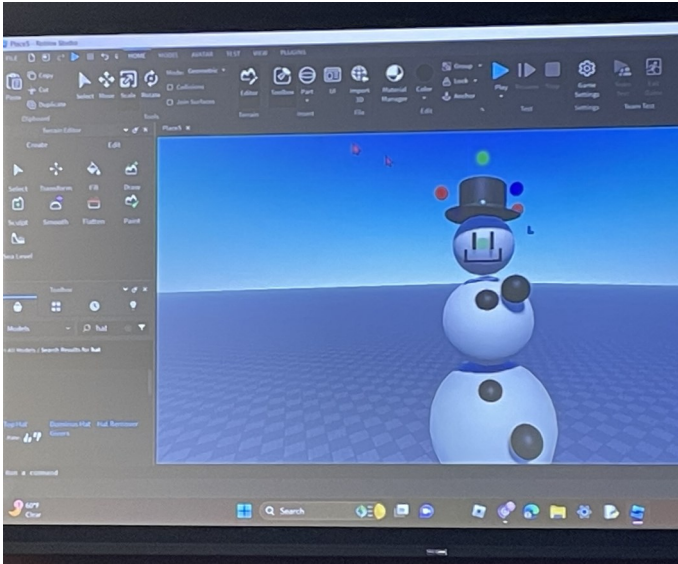
By Joshua Watts, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



# REPORTER'S CORNER

March 19, 2024, the Comet Tech 4-H club had a talk on the importance of the Artemis 1 launch. Which included the measure of radiation in the ship using new technology. A goal is to learn more complex logic systems in our club so older students can be challenged with this subject. For this meeting there was a project talk on building Roblox games. There is a member that made a snowman all on their own!

By Joshua Watts, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



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

By Izzy Martinez, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

The JoCo Horse Club had a very great April! We hosted our first race of our Turn & Burn Buckle Series! It was a great day, with a great turnout! We are so excited for our next two races on May 5th and June 8th! Come out to the Johnson County Fairgrounds to ride or support our club! On top of all that, the Johnson County Horse Club has the amazing opportunity to help at the Frugal Horseman Sale at Tricolor Tack. It's a great opportunity for you to buy and sell horse things, as well as a great fundraiser for us. As Summer is around the corner, we are all excited and ready to start planning for the Johnson County Fair!





## May

- 1 - Deadline to Add/Drop projects in 4-H Online
  - Market Beef Nominations due, online
  - 4-H Camp Scholarship applications due
- 2 - Club Leader Meeting, office
- 5 - Discovery Days Registration deadline
- 6 - County Council meeting
  - YQCA Training, office (preregistration required)
- 10 - Countywide Knitting Group meeting
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 27 - Memorial Day, office closed
- 31 - Horse ID Certificates/Horse registration papers, Horseless Horse Certificates & Snaffle Bit Project Forms due to Extension office
  - Evening tagging for Goats, Sheep, Swine, and Bucket Claves, JoCo Fairgrounds

## June

- 1 - 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
- 2 - 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
- 2-5 - JoCo unofficial camp session (preregistration required)
- 3 - County Council Officers meeting
- 5-7 - Discovery Days (preregistration required)
- 7 - Countywide Knitting Group meeting
- 8 - YQCA Training, office (preregistration required)
- 14 - JoCo 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
  - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep and Meat Goat Nominations due, online
  - YQCA Certification deadline for JoCo Fair
- 19 - Juneteenth, office closed
- 22 - JoCo 4-H Dog Club Invitational Dog Show, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 24-27 - Nature Camp, Wilder Bluff Park (pre-registration required)
- 28 - Mr. & Miss 4-H Applications due
- 29 - Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show, JoCo Fairgrounds

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2024 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 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 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Please try to have at least one leader or an adult representative from your club attend. If someone from your club will not be able to attend, please contact Lexi. Topics for discussion include fair overview, changes to pin applications, and succession planning.

## **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, 2023. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2023-2024 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.

## **Join Johnson County 4-H Club Leaders and Staff on BAND**

If you are not already on the Johnson County 4-H BAND Page, we would love to have you join us! BAND can be downloaded as an app or used on your web browser and functions similarly to Facebook, in a private, invite only platform. Find handy attachments, documents, updated events, share ideas with Club Leaders and Extension Staff easily and post photos! Go to <https://band.us/n/a6a195t1E1sbl> for the invite code to join. If you have any questions contact Lexi at [Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org](mailto:Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org).

## **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.