



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

As the leaves fall and the crops are being harvested it always triggers time for reflection upon the year's programs. Please join us on November 14 to help celebrate the efforts of our club leaders and successes of our youth over this past 4-H year. We say goodbye to one 4-H year as the New Year is off to a great start. The first 4-H Council meeting will be November 2 at the Extension office. We look forward to seeing all 19 clubs represented at the meeting. - Tara

Achievement Celebration - New Program This Year!

The 2015 Johnson County Achievement Celebration, "A Picture Perfect 4-H Year," will be held on Saturday evening, November 14, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Check-in will begin at 5:15 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the program will follow dinner. Dinner includes pasta with chunky tomato sauce, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. The cost for the evening is \$7 per person. Please RSVP online at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=e6rb9sqab&oeidk=a07ebmpq92j9c56558a> by Thursday, November 5. When submitting your family's RSVP online you will be able to pay with a credit card or you will also have the option of sending your payment to the Extension office by the November 5 deadline. If you have any questions please contact Christin.

New 4-H Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation, November 7, 2015, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Extension office for parents of all 1st and 2nd year 4-H members. To register please complete the information at <http://goo.gl/forms/mSJlePynuv>. As new families join our 4-H program, welcome them with open arms AND information. If they, or anyone else you know of, are not receiving the monthly newsletter, please direct them to the Johnson County website or our office. Thank you for your help in this area as we begin our new 4-H year.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Renewal for Registered Volunteers

In the past Registered Volunteers have had to submit their renewal by October 1. We were hoping the online renewal form would be available by this time but it looks like it will not be available this year. Therefore, a hard copy renewal form will need to be filled out again this year by all Registered Volunteers. The form can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/renewal.html. Please submit your renewal to Amanda no later than November 17, 2015. If you have any questions please contact Amanda.

2016 Enrollment

4HOnline is now open for families to reenroll current 4-H members for the 2016 4-H year. New families may also enroll for the 2016 4-H year. **The deadline to reenroll current 4-H members is November 2, 2015.**

The State 4-H office has made a step by step brochure for reenrolling which we have posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. We have also posted the State's brochure for enrolling for new families. Please read the brochure to assist your family in reenrolling, and here are a few tips to point out:

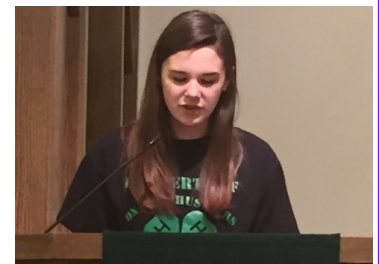
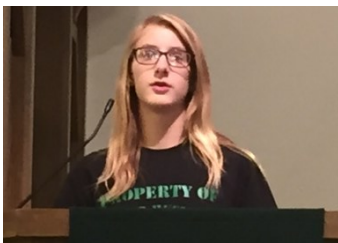
- Log in to your family's existing profile. **DO NOT** create a new family account!
- Most data will pre-populate from the 2015 year's data, but make sure you double check and edit items that may have changed from last year. Items like: Volunteer Status (Yes or No), Volunteer Type (i.e. Project Leader, Secretary, etc.), Club, Projects, etc.
- If you are a Club Leader or Project Leader you will not be able to log in to your club/project until you have reenrolled and your enrollment has been accepted by our office and the Organizational Report for your club has been turned into the Extension office.
- The Participation Form will be filled out online this year as part of the enrollment/reenrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.

As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.



National 4-H Week Activities

Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club worshipped together at Lenexa United Methodist Church for National 4-H Week 4-H Sunday. Club members led the opening song, handed out bulletins, led the Call to Worship and read scripture.



County Project Opportunities

Tailwaggers Registration

Johnson County 4-H Tailwaggers Dog Project will be opening registration for the 2016 training season on December 1, 2015. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 5, 2016. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 20; and Agility training sessions will be held on Sundays (2-4 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 31. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html; or you may contact Denise McKenny at 913-515-8574.

Entomology Basics Class

There will be an Entomology Basics class on **December 5, 2015** from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Extension office. Topics that will be discussed include: What is entomology?, Tools for collecting, Storing, Thawing, Pinning, Labeling... navigating www.bugguide.net, and the new state rules (see paragraph below).

Please use the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/2wZKZ5OqKo> to RSVP by November 30.

4-H Entomology Rule Changes for Kansas State Fair

There are new rules for 4-H Entomology at the State Fair. These new rules will be required for the 2016 State Fair. State Fair division rules and a tip sheet explaining the changes can be found at <http://entomology.k-state.edu/extension/4-h-and-youth/>. Start working on these changes now so you will be all ready for the 2016 fair season.

4-H Beekeeping SPIN Club Honey For Sale

The Johnson County 4-H Beekeeping SPIN club has completed its first session and there is honey from their hives available for purchase. The funds raised from the sale of their honey will go towards the next session of the Johnson County 4-H Beekeeping SPIN Club. If you are interested in purchasing some honey please contact Christy Milroy at 913-707-2003.



Project Resources Available

There are a variety of project resource books in the office available to purchase. They typically cost less than \$5 and have a lot of activities and lessons about each specific project. They are also usually broken down to match the skill or age level of the 4-H'er. Stop by the office to take a look at the materials or call Christin for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Superintendents' Fair Book changes due January 1 to Amanda or Shelly Harrison.

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification training will be held January 29-31, in Seneca, Ks.

NE Area Leadership Event will be January 30 at Riley County High School. (Event for ages 12-18.)

Citizenship Washington Focus will be June 16-27, and is a road trip across the USA. (Event for ages 15-18.)

Local Opportunities

Become a Johnson County 4-H Ambassador!

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Do you love to tell your 4-H story? Then apply to be a 2016 Johnson County 4-H Ambassador! The application and more information can be found on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to fill out and turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form. Applications are due to the Extension office on November 2.

County Council Elections and Information

Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. starting on November 2. This meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a position be present for the meeting. This meeting is also where 4-H'ers and parents have the opportunity to sign up to be on a Council Committee. Please review the details of each committee at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html and come to the meeting prepared to choose the committee(s) you are willing to help out with.

On the off-month of Council meetings the newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the 1st Monday at 7 p.m. starting on December 7. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Audit Committee members: start planning now for the annual 4-H Club Financial Audit! The audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. The Annual Financial Report document can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html. Every Club/Group who has an EIN number issued by the IRS is asked to have a Financial Review Committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS. This information is due to the local Extension office November 2. If you have questions please contact Tara.

Countywide Junior Leaders

Next meeting: Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Who is eligible? Any 4-H'er between the ages of 12-18 who is interested in expanding their leadership opportunities and further developing their leadership skills in a fun environment with other 4-H'ers from across the county!

Meeting date and time: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

New Publish Date for Clover Clips!

In an effort to get information out at a more beneficial time, Clover Clips will now be published on the 25th of each month for the upcoming month. For example, the February issue of Clover Clips will be published on January 25. (Remember there is no August issue due to county fair.) Submissions for Clover Clips will now be due to Christin on the 15th of each month. Please check the Johnson County 4-H Calendar for exact dates as the 15th or 25th may fall on a weekend or holiday. If you have any questions please contact Christin.

State Opportunities

2016 Scholarship Applications Available

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Form can be found by visiting <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479>, this is the only form that will be used for the 2016 4-H scholarships. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 19-20 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all county/district 4-H Ambassadors, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is “Rockin’ and Rollin’ with 4-H Ambassadors.” There will be workshops, speakers, fun and fellowship. Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H website by December 15. The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team accepts members (teens, volunteers and Extension staff) year-round.

National/International Opportunities

2016 Outbound Exchange Due Date Extended to November 10

2016 exchanges for 4-H’ers aged 12-18 are available to Japan (4 and 8-week), South Korea, Costa Rica and Norway. 4-H alumni between 19 and 25 are offered exchanges to various partner countries throughout the world through Kansas 4-H International Exchanges (IFYE). Information is available about these options and application requirements can be found at www.kansas4-H.org. Follow the “What’s Hot” link to Outbound Exchange Information and Applications.

Applicants need to complete the full application package and solicit references by **November 10**. These materials are to be sent to Mary Kay Munson at 1114 N. Spring Valley Road, Junction City, KS 66441. Mary Kay may be reached at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net for information on programs and application process. All applicants must attend interviews and the first orientation **December 4-5, 2015, in Manhattan**. (The original application date has been extended due to delay in access to materials on the website.)

Anyone over 25 wishing to apply to chaperone one of the groups through States’ 4-H Exchanges needs to complete a chaperone application and secure references available on the website and participate in the December interviews.

The 2016 Youth in Action Awards Are Open for Submissions

National 4-H Council’s Youth in Action Awards recognize outstanding 4-H’ers who epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership. This prestigious award will honor four confident, accomplished 4-H’ers who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have utilized those skills to overcome a challenge, or challenges, they have faced. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, be featured as the 4-H Youth Spokesperson, and receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at National 4-H Council’s Legacy Awards and have the chance to win an additional \$5,000 and named the national youth spokesperson of 4-H for the year. The winners’ county 4-H program will receive a \$5,000 grant to support the growth and impact of programs and activities related to the winner’s pillar area.

The call for application submissions is open now through November 30 at www.4-h.org/youthinaction where you can find full guidelines and learn more about Youth in Action. For questions e-mail 4hlegacyawards@4-h.org.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Great Plains member, Samantha B., collected school supplies with the help of her club for an Ugandan orphanage. Samantha recently visited Uganda and wanted to send the supplies to all the kids she met during her trip.

Submitted by Zach Nason, Great Plains Reporter



Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Participates in 48 Hours of 4-H by Lillian Haney, Reporter

The Oxford Hustlers took part in the *48 Hours of 4-H*, in October, by helping a local food pantry. The club joined the New Hope Food Pantry on Saturday, October 10th from 9-12 p.m. for their monthly mobile food donations to help local citizens in need. The food provided was donated by area grocers and Harvesters. Over 166 cars (with 1-4 families in each car) benefited from these donations and were provided nutritious foods like: bread, milk, oranges, onions, strawberries, tomatoes, sweet potatoes and sweet peppers. Director Jim Linker said, "The New Hope Mobile Food pantry services thousands of Olathe and Overland Park citizens each year. Come out the second Saturday of any month and donate your time separating pallets of food for individual families." Food not distributed at the mobile food drive is offered in the pantry which is open Monday-Friday, 1- 6 p.m.



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 a new opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a new 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.

November

- 2 - Reenrollment due for returning 4-H'ers
 - County Council meeting
 - Ambassador Applications/Renewals due
 - Clubs' Annual Financial Reports and Organization Reports due
- 5 - Payment and RSVPs due for Achievement Celebration
- 7 - New Family Orientation
- 11 - Veterans Day, office closed
- 14 - Achievement Celebration
- 19 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 26-27 - Thanksgiving, office closed
- 30 - RSVPs due for Entomology Basics Class

December

- 5 - Entomology Basics Class
- 7 - County Council Officers meeting
- 9 - Community Club Leader meeting
- 17 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 25 - Christmas Day, office closed

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2016 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

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Johnson County 4-H is now on Twitter!

Follow [@jocoks4h](https://twitter.com/jocoks4h).



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'Like' our Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information and news about the happenings of Johnson County 4-H! Visit www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H to like our page.

Leader Update

Club Reports Due Soon!

If your club has not already turned in the *Club Organization Report* and *Annual Financial Report* remember these reports are due to the Extension office on November 2, 2015.

Club Organization Report - As your club kicks off the 2016 4-H year with electing new officers and forming new committees, you will also need to take a few moments to complete your club's 2015-2016 Club Organization Report.

Annual Financial Report - Clubs are required by Extension law to submit an Annual Financial Report. This is a report that your club treasurer should be able to complete with the help of an adult volunteer.

Links to all these documents are posted on the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html; including a Club Leader Checklist. While on this page you will also notice that many of the documents have a new option where they can be filled out online through Google Docs and will be automatically submitted to the Extension office.

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As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

Note to Leaders: We are working with the State 4-H office to find the best way to get you a hard copy form of the information that families input online for the Participation Form portion of enrollment. We will keep you updated on the progress. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for understanding.

Community Club Leader Meetings

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings.

Next meeting: December 9

*All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

If you have a conflict on this date please contact Tara.

Leader Update

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

Direct Volunteer: A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, countywide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.) **Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.**

Episodic Volunteer: A volunteer helping with a single “episode” or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

Indirect Volunteer: A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.

To: 4-H Community Club Leaders

From: Dan Lekie
Director
K-State Research & Extension Johnson County

Re: Extension Foundation Dinner and Auction

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation will hold their annual dinner and silent auction on Saturday, November 14. The Foundation Board is asking all 4-H clubs to participate in the creation of theme baskets to be used as auction items. All proceeds from the event will help support the Foundation's grant funding program which benefits special projects in the Extension program areas of 4-H, FACS, Horticulture, Agriculture and Community Development.

Baskets can be developed around a 4-H project theme like gardening, clothing, foods, art and crafts, etc. As an incentive, baskets will be judged and the top three clubs awarded prize money of \$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. If your club is interested in creating and donating a basket, please contact the Extension office. Baskets are due to the Extension office by November 9.

I also want to ask you to consider soliciting donations to the silent auction. As an incentive, all items solicited by 4-H will receive half the proceeds for program support. Items such as restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia, clothing, tickets to the many Kansas City venues, and personal and business services are popular auction items. Please use the enclosed auction donation forms to help with your efforts. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Extension office.

Sincerely,

Gayla Speer
President, Johnson County Extension Education Foundation

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