

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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2022 Enrollment

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2022 4-H year. We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2021. The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. As a reminder, the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.) Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

A note to families re-enrolling 4-H'ers... You will need to select the club and all desired projects during re-enrollment as Projects and Clubs will not pre-populate from last year. If a project is selected that the 4-H'er was enrolled in last year, the years in project will increment correctly based on what number was entered the previous year.

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

4-H'ers 14-18, Ambassador Applications Due Soon

Join the 2022 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H and meeting new people, this is the perfect program for you! The Ambassador program is a leadership role where 4-H'ers share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer. The application and more information can be found on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Monday, November 1. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

4-H Financial Audit Due November 1

The annual 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 on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/. Every club/group who has an EIN 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 Extension office by November 1, 2021. A reminder that the Treasurer's Book MUST be submitted from every group with an EIN. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

Local Opportunities

County Council Elections and Information

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives at 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the first Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. starting on November 1. The November meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Council officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a County Council officer position be present for the meeting.

Actively participating in two Council Committees is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin. Descriptions of each of the Council Committees is posted on the 4-H Council website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above. As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee. If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

4-H Achievement Celebration

Johnson County 4-H will be celebrating the achievements of members and volunteers at the 2021 Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 13 in the 4-H Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds (136 E Washington St, Gardner). Check-in will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the program starting at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available following the program. If your family will be attending please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/wXmo9u8HnGxyzqo7> by Friday, November 5.

Family Movie Night

Hello, Johnson County 4-H families! The Ambassadors would like to invite you to a double feature movie night on November 12, in the 4-H building on the fairgrounds. Starting at 6 p.m., the first movie is Wall-E—perfect for parents and kids alike! Next, Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13 due to language) will start around 8:15 p.m. Regular chairs will be available, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. An entrance fee of \$5 per person will be collected and concessions will also be for sale. Bring your kids, parents, neighbors, neighbors' kids, and friends for a night full of fun!

Attend the General Fair Board Meeting

Are you interested in learning more about the Johnson County Fair and/or helping out? Then plan to attend the Johnson County General Fair Board Meeting at 7 p.m. on November 3, in the Open Building on the fairgrounds in Gardner. Also, election of members to the Executive Fair Board take place at this meeting and you must be present to vote. You must be in attendance at the General Fair Board Meeting as well, to become a General Fair Board Member.

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 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 for you to watch when you choose.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Knitting Project

Looking for a relaxing, indoor 4-H project for the winter months? Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com to be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements.

Update on Countywide Sewing Project Meetings

Due to the building that the Extension office is housed in being used as a vaccination clinic site, meetings for the Johnson County 4-H sewing project are postponed until further notice. We hope to have more details about how long the building will be used as a vaccination site in the new year and will update families when we have that information. Please contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

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

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

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

- *Another trip to the Powell Observatory* – Be sure to bring your telescope!

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

If you plan on coming to any of these events, please RSVP to Nathan and Heather Anderson, Countywide Astronomy Project leaders, at handerson3@gmail.com.

Kit Check Out for Registered Volunteers

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Johnson County Fair will be July 31-August 6, 2022 in Gardner.

County Project Opportunities

YQCA Requirements

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

Who needs to be certified?

Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: All youth age 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2022 in order to exhibit at the fair.

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

How do I get certified? Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to www.YQCA.org and logging into the system through 4-H Online using your current login information. All registration and payment is handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. (If a family needs financial support, contact the Extension office.) Dates for in-person trainings in Johnson County will be announced later. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

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

Advice from Mr. and Ms. 4-H

Question: *What is your favorite officer position and why? Also, what did you learn from that officer position?*



Mr. 4-H, Ben Burling: My favorite office in 4-H has been Vice President. I was the VP for the 20-21 4-H year. The role of Vice President helped prepare me to be President. I had a great time working with my officer team to prepare for the meetings and our activities. I enjoyed leading the monthly programs and listening to project talks, demonstrations, and other programs the club members share with the club. My absolute favorite contest is our annual pumpkin carving/decoration contest! We have a great time with this activity as a club.

I learned how I want to run a meeting from this office. I was able to observe and prepare myself for my role as the next President of our club. As you experience the 21-22 4-H year, consider running for any officer in your club, you will not regret it!

"Leadership is an action, not a position" -Donald McGannon



Ms. 4-H, Becca Adair: You might expect me to say my favorite officer position would be president or vice president, but mine actually isn't. As a person who enjoys note taking, the secretary has been my favorite position. The process of not only taking notes, but also writing them up and posting them on a timely basis makes for an efficient leader in a club. You don't need to be the ringleader to have an influence!

State Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

Registration for the Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend is open. The theme this year is *Leadership is Timeless*. Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022, and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum (KVF) is for all Kansas 4-H volunteers. Both forums will be held November 20-21, 2021, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

KYLF will feature leadership workshops, small groups, a speaker and opportunities to learn and have fun. More information is on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/. The KVF will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. More information is on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/. Participants for both forums will register through the same system at <https://web.cvent.com/event/e673acef-8f76-4536-8f4f-1765b2afbf5a/>. Registration deadline for both events is November 4, 2021. There is a registration option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

48 Hours of 4-H Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone that took part in 48 Hours of 4-H this year! Please take a few minutes to report your 48 Hours of 4-H activities by filling out the online report at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/. Even if you did not pre-register your activity the Kansas 4-H office would still like groups to report what they did! If you have thoughts about the event there is a place to add those in the online report.



Purchase Kansas 4-H T-shirts

The "Find Your Spark" t-shirts sold at the Kansas State Fair are available for order online. They need to be ordered by November 24, 2021 and will be delivered in mid-December. Take the order form to your club meeting and save on shipping with a group order! The shirts could also be purchased for holiday gifts or to have matching shirts for events. The proceeds from these t-shirt sales benefit the Kansas Youth Leadership Council. The website to order is www.companycasuals.com/4h2021/.



Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

- Did you know...** The 4-H Emblem should always appear as a whole and complete image.
- Do not remove any leaves. Do not superimpose another image over the top of one of the leaves. Other images should be moved and appear completely separate from the 4-H Emblem.
 - Don't "cut off" a leaf by running it off the edge of the paper in print media or other designs.
 - Don't place text or other images over or on top of the 4-H Emblem.
 - The 4-H Emblem should not appear screened under words or graphics. No photo, drawing, symbol, word, or other figure or object may be placed on or obscure the 4-H Emblem. This includes on web pages, where it should not appear as a "watermark" behind other information.
- For more information, see section 3.5.3 under 4-H Name and Emblem in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook (www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/).

REPORTER'S CORNER

Entomology Lessons for the Great Plains Club

By Leah Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

On September 24, Ryan B. hosted the members of the Great Plains Club for an introduction to the entomology project and taught them about insects. He displayed his collection and instructed club members about beginning their own entomology collection. Specifically, he taught about pinning and labeling insects. The club members also learned how to catch insects and had a hunt in the backyard.



A Great Start to the New 4-H Year

By Emerson Eickholt, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The new 4-H year is underway for the Oxford Hustlers! On September 27, club members logged in to watch the Shawnee City Council meeting to hear the 2021 4-H proclamation. As part of 4-H week, several club members were greeters and read scripture for 4-H Sunday at Lenexa United Methodist Church. The Oxford Hustlers also participated in the 48 Hours of 4-H Service by organizing items for the COR food pantry. From diapers to dog food to eggs to breakfast cereals, club members repackaged and restocked items for over 150 local families.

Here's a joke for this month:

Q. What did the egg say to the pickle?

A. We're eggstra dill-icious!



REPORTER'S CORNER

Parade Preparations for Great Plains Club

By Leah Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

On July 24, the Great Plains 4H Club met to build their parade float. Younger members of the club also had the opportunity to learn how to prepare items for fair.

“Heroes Grown Here” was the parade float theme and club members enjoyed painting, designing, and donuts.



Happy Helpers Celebrate National 4-H Week

By Nate Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

National 4-H Week was October 3-9, 2021. The Happy Helpers 4H Club celebrated with a 4H window display in the shopping center at the corner of 151st Street and Blackbob Road in Olathe. The club partnered with Merrill Companies as a host for a week-long display. The club window display featured past projects from 4Hers in 11 different project areas and showed many aspects of the 4H program.

The Happy Helpers also participated in the National 48 Hours of 4H Service on Saturday, October 9, 2021. The club always plans a volunteer event to give back to the location hosting our club meetings. This year, the club chose to help prepare and paint a new part of the building where the club meetings will be held when work is completed. The club is proud of what the members were able to accomplish working together.



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.

November

- 1 - Current 4-H members re-enroll by today
 - Club Financial Audit due
 - Ambassador Applications & Renewals due
 - County Council meeting
 - Volunteer Renewal Applications due online
- 3 - General Fair Board Meeting, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 4 - Ks 4-H Leadership Weekend Registration due
- 5 - Achievement Celebration RSVPs due
- 11 - Veterans' Day, office closed
- 12 - Family Movie Night, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 13 - Achievement Celebration, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 18 - Club Leader Meeting, Zoom
- 20-21 - Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend (pre-registration required)
- 24 - Kansas 4-H t-shirt orders due online
- 25-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

December

- 3 - Extension Staff Retreat, office closed
- 24-31 - Christmas Holiday, office closed

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2022 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2022 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources 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.

Leader Update

Community Club Leader Meeting

The Club Leader meeting has been moved to Zoom on Thursday, November 18 and will still be from 6:30-8 p.m. Please join us for an opportunity to share updates, best practices and discuss how to enhance 4-H programming in Johnson County. Please have at least one club leader in attendance at the meeting. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

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/. 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 at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/.

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 ask that all current volunteers complete their renewal by November 1, 2021. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2021-2022 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile has been approved they may resume their volunteer duties.

If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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.