



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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2023 Enrollment

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2023 4-H year. We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2022. 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 prepopulate 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 2023 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. Tuesday, November 1. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

4-H Financial Audit

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/club-leader-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, 2022. 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

4-H Achievement Celebration

Johnson County 4-H will be celebrating the achievements of members and volunteers at the 2022 Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 5, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (13145 S. Black Bob Rd., Olathe). This year's theme is "Luxury Luau—Seas the Day the 4-H Way." Dress is semi-formal and please wear your favorite Hawaiian or Luau apparel. 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/4C5NTPVgSbt8Z3U19> by Friday, October 28.

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 7. 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 JoCo 4-H office.

Johnson County 4-H Bacon School

Learn the craft of home-curing popular meat products like bacon, ham and corned beef by attending this follow-up to our Johnson County Meat School. Participants will learn-by-doing and along the way come to understand how food science and time-tested techniques assure food safety while creating value-added items consumers love. Sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gYAC6HVMmFOPZDv9vgVQGNDjvoPDsnAXg8NMQfEHl8c/> to join us November 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office.

Johnson County Ambassador Advisor Position Opening

Johnson County 4-H is seeking an adult volunteer for the Ambassador Advisor position. The Ambassador Advisor facilitates the selection, training and leadership of 4-H Ambassadors and helps to promote 4-H and Extension youth programs in the county. This volunteer role should be a two-year term, might require 4-10 hours of work per month, and requires enthusiasm for 4-H youth, specifically teens. This person must also complete the Johnson County 4-H volunteer screening process. If you, or someone you know is interested (does not need to currently be involved in 4-H), please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at 913-715-7000 or joco4-h@jocogov.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Ambassador Training will be February 24-25 at Rock Springs.
Unofficial Johnson County 4-H Camp Session will be June 4-7 at Rock Springs.

Local Opportunities

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.

Wanted! 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.

State Opportunities

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!

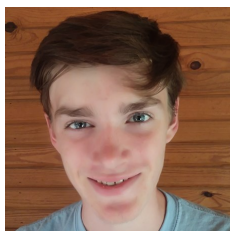
Kansas 4-H T-shirts

Anyone can order the Kansas 4-H t-shirts that were sold at the Kansas State Fair. The order form is available at www.kansas4-h.org/docs/2022%20Fair%20T%20Shirt.pdf and also on the Kansas 4-H website in the *News & Updates* box. Orders are due November 23 and will be shipped out to arrive before December 25.



Advice from Mr. 4-H, Ryan Brethour

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 is the Entomology Project. In that project, I have learned so many new things that have changed how I view the world in my daily life. I have also gotten to share the things I have learned with my club, other 4-H'ers, and people outside of 4-H. Since I am our club's Entomology project leader, I have had the opportunity to teach the younger members of our club about insects. If you're interested in the Entomology project but need some help getting started, I'd be happy to help you!

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Sewing Project

All interested 4-H'ers are welcome at the countywide sewing classes! No experience is required. Classes will run every Thursday through November 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Then classes will start again January 5 until fair. If you have questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

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 are held at the Extension office. Upcoming meeting dates are November 4, 18, December 2, 16, January 6 and 20. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com.

Countywide Livestock Program

The Johnson County Livestock Program will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. ALL 4-H members interested in livestock are encouraged to attend, including the poultry and rabbits projects.

The purpose of the Johnson County Livestock Program is to provide something for EVERYONE, especially in the areas of education, careers, and judging. Since our county is so large and members are spread across 17 clubs, this meeting is a great opportunity to connect with other 4-H'ers and families in the county.

The countywide livestock program branches into three committees to provide well-rounded opportunities for all 4-H'ers in:

Education - provides youth with educational experiences pertaining to the topics surrounding owning and caring for livestock, showing livestock, selling livestock, etc. Former activities have included clinics hosted by and for 4-H'ers and meats judging classes.

Careers - provides youth the opportunity to learn about potential careers in agriculture from people currently in those fields. Last summer the program provided job shadowing opportunities for six 4-H'ers. **Note: ANY 4-H'er can participate in job shadowing; you do not need to be enrolled a livestock project!**

Judging - provides teens the opportunity to grow and test their knowledge in livestock through livestock judging contests. This summer a team of JoCo 4-H'ers attended the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes judging event in Manhattan and one 4-H'er in attendance was signed to a college specifically due to this opportunity!

Entomology Project Class

Whether you are a novice or a seasoned veteran, you are welcome to join an entomology project meeting on Saturday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the Allen County Extension office in Iola. Bring three or four insects to pin and/or identify and pinning equipment. If you are enrolled in a Photo Notebook class, bring your camera (will be new to JoCo in 2023). If you are new to the project, come join the fun. Pinning boards will be available for new families. Packets of insect pins are \$6.50. Also, bring an insect quiz for a fun icebreaker activity. Pick an insect, research it, and write down four-to-five clues to share with the group. If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com or 620-804-9170.

County Project Opportunities

Leather Craft Class

Do you have an interest in Leather Craft (part of the Visual Arts Project) but don't have the know-how to get started? Our Leather Craft judge from the county fair, Randy Cornelius owner of Cornelius Saddlery, will be offering a four-part class this December to help you get started and create some projects ready for use as well as to take to Fair. Randy has been working with leather most of his life and shows his work on an international level and competes against other leather-workers from across the globe.

This intro-level class is for 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers. Participants will be working on carving and tooling a design on a leather coaster, then learning to dye and finish it with different techniques. There will also be a session on basket-weave tooling and a small project will be included. If extra time remains, participants may even make a belt from a side of leather.

The four-part class will be held every Thursday evening in December at his home in LaCygne, starting at 6 p.m.; December 1, 8, 15, and 22. The cost of the class is \$125 and he will supply all the tools, leather and other supplies. He asks that each student bring the following items: 1 small jar of rubber cement, (can find at stores like Walmart), 2-#2 pencils or a mechanical pencil, 1 roll of ¾" wide blue painters tape, a 12" ruler, and a pair of scissors.

The class fee is due in advance. Check payments can be mailed Randy or contact him about payment through PayPal. The class size is small and fills up fast so please RSVP. For questions or to sign-up, please contact Randy directly at 913-731-8301 or randycornelius512@gmail.com.

Register for Training with the Tail Waggers 4-H Dog Project

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is now accepting registrations for the 2023 training season. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 2, 2023. Further details can be found at the link posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html under the Tail Waggers Dog Project heading.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Green building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Training sessions will be held weekly from January to June on Wednesdays for Showmanship and Obedience; and on Sundays for Agility. New Tail Waggers members must commit to attending Obedience training sessions from January 11 to April 5; as each week's lesson builds on prior training activities and are not conducive for part time attendance. If you have questions, contact Donna Holloway at DonnaL.Holloway@yahoo.com or 913-433-6752.

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training Registration

Registration for training with the Johnson County 4-H Dog Club is now open for the 2023 4-H year. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 2, 2023. Training will be held on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. The first meeting on January 9 is a mandatory orientation meeting for everyone and will be held on Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. A schedule and the registration form are posted on the Johnson County 4-H Livestock webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. If you have questions you may reach out to Shelley Goebel at 913-634-8688 (call/text) or shelley.goebel@gmail.com OR Holly Nitz at 913-568-6266 (call/text) or hollynitz@comcast.net.

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?

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, 2023 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. 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 be holding several in-person trainings beginning in winter and those dates will be announced soon. 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.

What is the 4-H Western Heritage Project?

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a living history of the frontier west from 1860 to 1900. The project combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with the fastest growing shooting sports discipline in the world – western action shooting. The purpose of this project is to provide an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the Old West from the period of around 1860-1900 through a living history approach to learning while instilling the concepts of gun safety and personal responsibility. Members dress in Old West clothing, shoot replica firearms of the frontier period, and expand their knowledge of U.S. history. To find out more or visit a session, contact David Birk at 913-269-2176 or Burdon Reinke at 913-660-5618.



REPORTER'S CORNER

Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured in Clover Clips!

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 ask you to limit articles to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin Bartels 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
- Volunteer Renewal Applications due online
- IFYE Exchange Program & States' 4-H Outbound Program Applications due
- 3 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 4 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 5 - Achievement Celebration, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe
- 7 - County Council meeting & elections
- 8 - JoCo 4-H Bacon School, Extension office
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 11 - Veterans' Day, office closed
- 15 - Countywide Livestock Program meeting
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 19-20 - Ks Leadership Weekend, Rock Springs (pre-registration required)
- 23 - Kansas 4-H T-shirt orders due
- 24-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed
- 29 - Club Leader Meeting, Extension office

December

- 1 - Leather Craft class (pre-registration required)
- 2 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 3 - Entomology Class, Allen Co. Extension office
- 8 - Leather Craft class (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Leather Craft class (pre-registration required)
- 16 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 22 - Leather Craft class (pre-registration required)
- 26-30 - Christmas Holiday, office closed

Check out 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 15th 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 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

****NEW DATE** Community Club Leader Meeting**

Please join us **Tuesday, November 29** from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office 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 attend the meeting. Contact Jessica Lawrenz 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 on the Kansas 4-H website 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, 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.

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.