



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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2024 Enrollment

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2024 4-H year. We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2023. 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 2024 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H, meeting new people, and want to gain more leadership experience, 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. Applicants must be between the ages of 14-18 (before January 1, 2024). For more information and the application, please visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Applications are due to the Extension office by Wednesday, November 1 at 5 p.m.

Already a Johnson County 4-H Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form by November 1.

4-H Financial Audit

The 4-H Club Financial 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, 2023. 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 2023 Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 4, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (13145 S. Black Bob Rd., Olathe). This year's theme is "Truckload of 4-H Fun." Check-in will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by games and social time from 2-2:30 p.m. The program will start at 2:30 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be available. **RSVPs are due by Friday, October 27** at <https://forms.gle/WsjJ6sEihw7dpP5cA>.

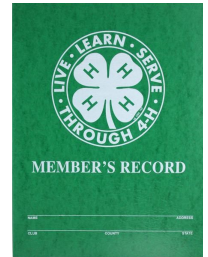
County Council Elections and Information

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 6. 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.

4-H Record Book Workshop

Set yourself up for success by keeping your 4-H record books current! Do you have questions about the Kansas 4-H Permanent Record? Do you know what information you need to be keeping track of? What about setting goals for the current 4-H year? George Delancy of the Happy Helpers 4-H Club will be leading a 4-H Record Book workshop at the Extension office on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. This workshop will answer all of your questions and set you up for success! The primary focus will be on the Kansas 4-H Permanent Record and other forms you need to turn in to your leaders at the end of every 4-H year. We will also touch briefly on goal setting and answer any questions you have about the Kansas Project Report Form and Officer Books that are kept throughout the year. Please RSVP by Monday, November 20 at <https://forms.gle/TY3ACUMNEzZb7i4P9>.



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 Sewing Project

Meetings are held at the Extension office each Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. until November 9, and starting again on January 4, 2024. Meetings through November will be primarily for beginners to 2nd or 3rd year sewing levels as we learn the basics of sewing. However, if you are experienced and just want to have a dedicated time to sew you are more than welcome to come. Four or five projects will be completed. At the start of meetings in January, a couple more projects will be done, then work will start on outfits to enter for the fair. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing project leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

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. 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.

Makerspace Labs at Local Libraries

The Olathe Public Library Indian Creek branch and Johnson County Library Central Resource branch both offer Makerspace Labs! These labs provide a space to explore, create, invent, build, and collaborate with others. Equipment and tools are for every skill level. Equipment includes: 3-D printing, embroidery, crafting, large format printing, laser cutting and engraving, sewing, music/sound/recording studios, and more. These labs are the perfect place to design and create new projects for fair! Costs, fees, and reservations vary between locations so please visit their website for specific information. Olathe Public Library—www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace. Johnson County Library—www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace.

State Opportunities

Order Kansas 4-H T-Shirts

Kansas 4-H t-shirts are available to order online at <https://tinyurl.com/2023KS4HTSHIRT>. There are two designs this year! Orders can be placed through December 1, 2023, and will be shipped before December 25, 2023. Group or club orders are a good idea to minimize shipping fees. The 4-H Youth Leadership Council thanks everyone for supporting them through this fundraiser and showing Kansas 4-H pride!



International Exchange Opportunities for 4-H'ers and Adults

Kansas 4-H'ers between 12 and 18 have options for travel to one of six different countries on 4-H exchanges in summer 2024 beginning in either June or July. Those 12 and older may choose among four-week exchanges in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. Four-week programs in Norway, Costa Rica, Argentina, and eight weeks in Japan are open to 4-H'ers age 15 and over.

These cultural immersion programs are based on month-long home stays with families of partner youth organizations, including 4-H, in all countries except Argentina, where the Americans will be housed as a group with their U.S. chaperones and have daily programs arranged by Argentina 4-H in Cordoba.

Details for each program can be found on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/states-4h-international-exchange-program/. Click on the 2024 application link. **Applications are due November 1.** Required Interviews and First Orientation will be November 19 in Junction City. Details will be sent to applicants after due date.

This year States' 4-H is offering opportunities for Lead Chaperones who are 26 and older, as well as Junior Chaperones who are 19-25 to support the larger delegations traveling to some countries. Chaperones are expected to have experience working with youth. Past support of 4-H programs, international travel experience, and host country language skills in some countries, are preferred.

Online Chaperone Applications with information about the positions can be found on the Kansas 4-H website listed above. Selection of chaperones is made by States' 4-H. Chaperone applicants are encouraged to attend the Kansas delegate Interviews and First Orientation on November 19 in Junction City.

For more information about any of these opportunities, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, at 785-375-3189, mkm2@ksu.edu.

SAVE THE DATE!

Horse Panorama will be January 27 on the K-State Salina campus.

Citizenship in Action will be February 18-19 in Topeka.

Junior Beef Producer Day will be March 2 in Manhattan.

Junior Sheep Producer Day will be March 16 in Manhattan.

Unofficial Johnson County 4-H Camp Session will be June 2-5 at Rock Springs.

Discovery Days will be June 5-7 on the KSU campus in Manhattan.

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

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

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

REPORTER'S CORNER

Johnson County Scores Big at the 2023 KJLS!

By Corissa Rietcheck, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

Twelve Johnson County families competed at the Kansas Junior Livestock show held in Hutchinson, KS on September 28 through October 1. Numerous awards were achieved in the market and breeding livestock species shows, showmanship, the LEAD challenge, and scholarship recipients. The families representing included LaPean, Rogers, Pattimore, Murphy, Kohn, Allen, Bragg, Heikes, Ames, King, Rieke and Rietcheck. Here are a few mentions of the accomplishments at the state show, numerous others.



Kinley – Champion Jr. Swine Showman



Kate – Champion Int. Swine Showman



Kylie – KJLS Scholarship Recipient



Dalton – 5th Overall Intermediate Showman
Torbin – 3rd Overall Intermediate Showman
Morgan – 3rd in AOB Breeding Heifer Class

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Jo Co Parade

By Corissa Rietcheck, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

The Jo Co Parade was held on August 5. Morning Glory won first place with their float. The theme of the Jo Co fair was “A truck load of Kansas fun!”



Learning how to do certain jobs does not come naturally. In fact, to be the best of the best, it could take years. Some of the jobs—called officers—of a 4H club are: Historian, Reporter, Secretary, Treasurer, and Words of Wisdom. The easiest job out of the four listed is probably Words of Wisdom. Words of Wisdom typically happens at every 4-H club meeting, and involves sharing a meaningful or insightful quote. Both Historian and Reporter can be done on the computer. A Historian is basically a person that makes a scrap book for the entire club for the 4-H year. This can be done on either a computer or by hand. A Reporter’s report is what you are reading right now! A Reporter makes an article about something that has to do with 4-H, and can submit it to Clover Clips, or to any desired publication. Secretary is probably the busiest job on the list. They write the minutes, read the minutes, and do the correspondence. How to do these jobs can be learned at an event called “Officer Training.” This year it was held at the extension office, on October 2nd. The Happy Helpers club had multiple members present, both to *learn* about different

officers, and also to *teach* about different officers. This event happens every single year, so everyone can know what to do.

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers Club Reporter



Zamyra Stary teaches members of two different clubs how to be a Historian

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Hello, New 4-H Year!

By Olivia Yeung, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

The Great Plains 4-H Club kicked off the 2023-2024 4-H year with a fun fall meeting! The October meeting was held at Black Hoof Park in Lenexa at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner, followed by a business meeting led by our new slate of officers following their installment. We ended the evening roasting s'mores over the bonfire, perfect for the crisp, fall night.

We are excited for the new year! When asked what they were most looking forward to in the new year, club members Natalia C., said, "Making new friends." Joshua E. replied, "Sewing." And Rose K. answered, "Getting my achievement pin!"



Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

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

Wednesday, October 4, the Johnson County 4-H Horse club kicked off their 2023-2024 year! At the September meeting, the Horse Club members voted for Emma K. to be the club president, Vivvy Jo S. as the vice president, Emma G. as secretary, Gabby B. as treasurer, Maesie C. as corresponding secretary, Scarlett S. as historian, Kayla B. as recreational leader, and Izzy M. as reporter. Everyone is excited and ready for this upcoming year! The JoCo 4-H Horse Club is a great place for anyone to join who is interested in anything horses and owning a horse isn't required. Both western and english riding are also welcomed! Sign up for JoCo 4-H Horse Club and join us at our November meeting on November 1st!

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The Johnson County 4-H Dog Club had our first meeting of the new 4-H year Tuesday, October 3rd at The Barn in De Soto. We celebrated our new officers by making trail mix and having a pizza party. We also welcomed new members.

We can't wait to start a new year of training our dogs and making friends.

By Brooklyn Walters, Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Reporter

2023-2024 Officers:

President: Anna

Vice President: Lorelei

Secretary: Ella

Treasurer: Sammie

Reporter: Brooklyn

Corresponding Secretary:
Madelyn

Parliamentarian: Chloe

Historian: Penelope



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
- Volunteer Renewal Applications due online
- International Exchange program Applications due
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 4 - Achievement Celebration, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Veterans' Day observed, office closed
- 11 - Kids in the Kitchen cooking class (pre-registration required)
- 14 - Club Leader Meeting, office
- 18-19 - Ks Leadership Weekend, Rock Springs, (pre-registration required)
- 20 - 4-H Record Book Workshop RSVPs due
- 23-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed
- 28 - 4-H Record Book Workshop, office

December

- 1 - Kansas 4-H T-shirt orders due, online
- 25-Jan. 1 - Christmas Holiday, office closed

Check out 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 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2024 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

Please join us Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 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. If a club leader is not able to attend, please send another adult from your club. Contact Lexi at lexi.ray@jocogov.org with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

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 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.

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/.

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.