

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

The 2018 4-H year is upon us! Congratulations to everyone for all the hard work and dedication they put into their projects the past year. As I look back at everything accomplished by Johnson County 4-H youth this past 4-H year, I can't help but be excited about the future of this program. I have no doubt that the upcoming year will be a fantastic one. And good luck to all those youth completing their KAPs and record books! -Lee

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If you have any questions about enrollment or the program fee please contact Lee, Amanda or Christin.

Officer Training and Project Fair

Officer Training and Project Fair will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Extension office from 6:15-8:30 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about officer roles is invited to attend Officer Training. Check-in begins at 6:15 p.m., then as follows:
6:40-7 p.m. - President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Reporter, Song Leader

7-7:20 p.m. - Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Information Officer, Recreation Leader

7:20-7:45 p.m. - Record Books/KAPs & County Council Ambassadors

The 4-H Project Fair is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for anyone to see first-hand the large variety of projects you can do in 4-H and talk to 4-H'ers who are active in those projects!

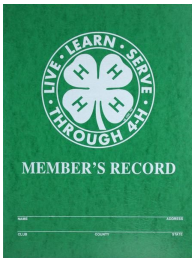
****Officer Training presenters are needed to lead sessions.** Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-officer>.

****Project Fair presenters are needed** to provide a display, give information and answer questions about specific projects. Sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-project>.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Rogers at 913-226-6167 or srgateway2000@gmail.com. Or Diane Eflin at diane.eflin@gmail.com or 913- 302-8346.

County Project Opportunities

Record Books



As you fill out your Record Books so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work any forms and information can be found on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books to them. You will submit ALL record books and applications to your club leaders. This includes but is not limited to your personal page, permanent records, KAPs, officer books, and pin applications.

Countywide Sewing Project

Sewing is considered part of the STEM programs in 4-H and it is a lifelong skill! Are you interested in learning how to create something from a piece of material? Attend classes to learn how to sew many fun projects as a beginner or as an experienced sewer who wants to have a set time to sew and to have questions answered. All levels of experience are welcomed. Classes are held at the Extension office every Thursday starting October 5 until November 16 and then will start up again in January. For more information contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

NEW Countywide Astronomy Project Meetings

Are you interested in space? Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered who, what, and where we are in the universe? If so, welcome to the new Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project! There are a number of fun and educational activities planned this year:

1. Introductory Astronomy Meeting – At this meeting we will be making a star chart, discussing constellations, and viewing the night sky.

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 **Time:** 6:45-7:30 p.m. **Location:** Extension Office
Please RSVP to Heather Anderson at handerson3@gmail.com if you are planning on coming to the meeting so that enough supplies will be available at the meeting.

2. Trip to the Powell Observatory – Educational presentation entitled “Falling Rocks!” along with a tour of the night sky and viewing through telescopes, including the Ruisinger Telescope, the largest telescope open to the public in a five-state area (<http://askc.org/observatories/powell-observatory>).

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2017

Time: Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. – The presentation lasts about 20 minutes, and then telescopes are available to view the moon, planets, stars, nebula, etc. Telescopes are available well into the night, so interested participants can stay as late as they would like.

Location: Powell Observatory, 26500 Melrose Street, Louisburg, KS 66053

Please contact Heather Anderson at handerson3@gmail.com for more information including attire, etiquette, and cost.

3. May 12, 2018 or June 16, 2018 – Another trip to the Powell Observatory. (The schedule for Spring 2018 programs has not yet been released.)

4. Late June, 2018 – Interested members will meet to create an Astronomy educational display or poster to showcase what they have learned.

Please contact Heather, Astronomy Project Leader, at handerson3@gmail.com if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project.



County Project Opportunities

Countywide Horse Project Meetings

The Foundation Horse Project Team serves all 4-H clubs and members in Johnson County. This is a countywide opportunity for those interested in learning more about the horse project. Any 4-H member interested in the horse project or becoming educated about horses is welcome to participate. This team does not take the place of your 4-H club and members still need to be active in a local 4-H club of their choice. The purpose of this team is to establish a solid foundation for horse education. The focus will be on educational activities including horse husbandry, safety, feeding, industry topics, and veterinary medicine. **The remaining meeting for 2017 is October 11.** All meetings are held at the Johnson County Extension office and start at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to contact Valentine Williams at horsedoc96@gmail.com with any questions or if you are interested in joining or attending.

Local Opportunities

National 4-H Week

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. National 4-H Week is October 1-7, and clubs may want to create window displays or set up a booth at a community event. If you are interested in tools such as flyers or social media posts to help celebrate this event, please let Christin know and she can help you with these.



Join the Ambassadors for 4-H Fun Day!

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors invite you to bring your family to enjoy an afternoon of games, friendship, and 4-H! The purpose of this event is not only to have a fun afternoon as a family but to meet other families from all over the county. Activities will include: scavenger hunt, field games, crafts and STEM activities! 4-H Fun Day is on Saturday, October 7, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Shawnee Mission Park Shelter #4. The cost for the event is \$2 per person and is open to all ages, both 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers. The Ambassadors also ask you to bring canned goods to be donated as a part of 48 Hours of 4-H. **Register by Wednesday, October 4** using the link on the Johnson County Ambassadors' webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraising Event



The fall Paper Clover event will be held at Tractor Supply Company in Olathe October 4-15. A portion of the funds raised will be given directly to the Johnson County 4-H program! 4-H groups can set up a booth, help bag customers' purchases, display animals, or demonstrate projects. If your group is interested in helping out with a booth to promote Johnson County 4-H please contact Lee.

Local Opportunities

Your Pictures are Needed!

The County Council Historians would love to have pictures of your recent 4-H events, especially from spring livestock shows, shooting sports matches, club service projects, and fair preparations. Please email photos to joco4-h@jocogov.org. Please label the photos with club name and event. Other ideas of events to submit photos from would be: Officer Training and Project Fair, the Achievement Celebration, Food Fare, Club Days, club meetings, and Christmas parties.

Thanks, Alexandria and Kairi (County Council Historians)

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Then apply to be a 2018 Johnson County 4-H Ambassador! Ambassadors 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 Ambassadors' website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 1.

Achievement Celebration

Johnson County 4-H will be celebrating the 2017 4-H year's achievements of 4-H'ers and volunteers on Saturday, November 4 at the Center of Grace in Olathe. The program will start at 2 p.m., please check in early. Refreshments will be available following the program. If your family will be attending, please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/TzaHSvtP4j3Fgbbb2> by Monday, October 16. The Center of Grace address is 520 S. Harrison, Olathe, KS 66061.

A Note From the Johnson County Fair Board

Johnson County Fair Board needs your help!! We have several volunteer positions that we would love your help with! Below are listed the positions available. Please contact a fair board member or email us at info@jocokansasfair.com if you would be willing to volunteer and would like more information on what each involves. THANK YOU!!

Volunteer positions available:

- Parking Supervisor
- Livestock Data Entry Chairperson
- Ticket Booth Coordinator
- Ticket Taker Supervisor
- Grandpa's Barn-Bring animals and supervise barn
- Vendor Chairperson
- Open Entries Superintendent
- PA and Sound System Technician

SAVE THE DATE!

2018 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 23-24 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.
2018 Citizenship Washington Focus will be June 14-25. A road trip across the USA.

Local Opportunities

New 4-H Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office for parents of all first and second year 4-H members. To register please complete the information at <https://goo.gl/forms/oGivw6dPqXQmbLIF2>. Registration is required by Sunday, October 22. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

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 1. If you have questions please contact Lee.

Family Board Games Night

Bring your family to play games and have fun together on Friday, November 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the Extension office. Family bonding time is important to maintain close relationships among family members. One way to increase this time is through the use of Euro Board Games. A *Eurogame* or Euro-style game, is a class of *tabletop games* that generally have indirect *player* interaction and abstract physical components. Euro-style games emphasize strategy while downplaying luck and conflict. This activity creates a positive environment for relationships to grow. This is a **free** program to improve and foster communication among family members through board games.



County Council Elections and Information

Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 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. The newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 4. If you have any questions please contact Lee.

State Opportunities



Join the Discovery Days Task Force

Do you love to attend 4-H Discovery Days?? Then you should apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force for 2018! Discovery Days Task Force applications are now available at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>. Applications are due October 1 and applicants should expect to be notified by November 1 as to their selection as a Task Force member. This year the Discovery Days Retreat will be held in December.

Apply to be a Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Member

Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2018 may apply.

The Youth Council Application links are available on the KYLF webpage on the State 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on October 2. This year the elections will include the application process and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel at the beginning of KYLF. From those that interview, up to 6 candidates will be selected to be in the election.

National 4-H Conference

The 2018 National 4-H Conference is April 7-12 in Washington, D.C. and is for youth ages 15-18 years old by January 1, 2018. National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension Staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

A panel will screen the written applications and top applicants will be invited to interview at Rock Springs during Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. Nominees must register and attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the written application and interviews. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected to attend the conference.

Applications and letters of reference are due in the State 4-H Office no later than 5 p.m. October 2, 2017. The participant's cost to attend is approximately \$1300. Additional conference fees are sponsored by the Kansas Bankers Association and the Kansas 4-H Foundation.



State Opportunities

48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge

The weekend after National 4-H Week on October 7-8, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information on the state 4-H website and start planning projects. Just do a project sometime during that weekend! If you already have a project planned, register it at www.Kansas4H.org/484H. This webpage also has other information available including a planning guide.



Free Leadership Trainings Available

The Kansas 4-H Foundation is offering free Kansas Leadership Center trainings. This is year two in the Foundation's commitment to invest \$100,000 over three years in Kansas Leadership Center training to support Kansas alumni and volunteers. This training is a \$300 per person value that Kansas companies hold in high regard. It is open to alumni, Extension staff, 4-H volunteers or perspective volunteers. You may attend one or more of the trainings. Register at <https://kansas4hfoundation.org/klc/>. A flyer with descriptions of the workshops being offered and dates and locations is posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/ under the "Miscellaneous" heading.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) will be held November 17-19, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2018 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective. This year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration is scheduled to open late summer at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. The early bird rate deadline is October 15, 2017 for both events, or before November 1, 2017 at the regular rate. *****Johnson County Ambassadors are offering a scholarship to a 4-H member that would like to attend this event.** The scholarship application is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. Applications are due October 17.***

4-H License Plates Now in Production

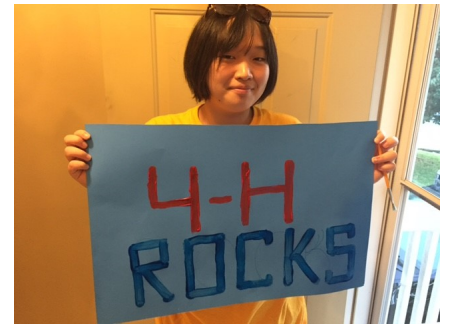


The first official 4-H distinctive license plate is now in the production process. Once available, \$10 of every plate purchased will go to the county 4-H program where the plate was purchased. Visit www.kansas4hfoundation.org/clovertag to show your support and ensure that you're the first to know when plates are available in your county treasurer's office.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Japan to Kansas: 40 years! by Gabrielle Shepherd, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The Shepherd family of the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club hosted a Japanese exchange student named Kyoko Takahashi from July 23 to August 17. The exchange was through LABO. This was the 40th anniversary of LABO exchanges between Japan and Kansas. Kyoko said the 4-H pledge in Japanese at the Oxford Hustlers club meeting. Kyoko also helped clean the main food stand before and after the fair. She also worked at the arena food stand. The Shepherds also took her to places that were non-4-H related like Deanna Rose Farmstead and Crown Center. She learned to kayak and caught a fish. She loved it when they went to Theater in the Park and saw *Beauty and the Beast*. She experienced everyday American lifestyle and she really liked trying American food! Kyoko went to high school with the Shepherd girls one day and said that it was a lot easier than her school back in Japan.



This summer, the Great Plains and Frontier Family 4-H clubs held an exchange meeting at Quivira Park! There was a potluck meal provided by club members, followed by the business meeting for both clubs, and sand volleyball for recreation. What a fun opportunity to get to meet another club in the area and find new 4-H friends!



Stanley Buccaneers Host 4-H Booth

by Haley Dalaba, Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club Reporter



On August 14th 2017 The Stanley Buccaneers had a booth at Sunset Ridge Elementary (SRE) to inform kids about 4-H. There were a lot of parents and kids interested to hear what it was all about and a lot of parents who were former 4-Hers that were interested in finding a club. We talked to them about the meetings, the fair, and things like that. Elizabeth brought a drawing she drew for the fair to show the other kids things you could do in the fair. We passed out brochures with our club information and hope to gain some new members.

October

- 1 - Club Organization Report due
- Volunteer Renewal Forms due for all Registered Volunteers
- 1-7 - National 4-H Week
- 2 - 4HOnline open for Enrollment/Reenrollment
- Officer Training and Project Fair
- County Council Officers meeting
- 4 - Deadline to register for 4-H Fun Day
- 4-15 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 5 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 7 - 4-H Fun Day at Shawnee Mission Park
- 7-8 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 10 - Jo. Co. Extension Council Elections
- 11 - Record Book Judging
- Countywide Horse Project Meeting
- 12 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 16 - Achievement Celebration RSVPs due
- 17 - KYLF Scholarship Applications due
- 19 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 - Astronomy Project Group Trip
- 24 - New Family Orientation
- 26 - Countywide Sewing Group
- Countywide Astronomy Project Meeting
- 30 - Jo. Co. Extension Council Annual Meeting

November

- 1 - Ambassador Applications due
- Club Financial Audits due
- Current 4-H members reenroll by today
- 3 - Family Board Games Night
- 4 - Achievement Celebration
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 10 - Veterans' Day (observed), office closed
- 23-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2017 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 please check the 2017 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.

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End of Year Forms on the Club Leader Resources Page

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html. There are links to all the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year and turned in to the Extension office; including a Club Leader Checklist.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on October 11 in room 1070/1075 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. If you questions about county record book judging please contact Lee.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

This is a reminder that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club. Please help us to make sure everyone volunteering in your club has completed the necessary steps. We are also asking that all volunteers create profiles in 4HOnline so that you as a club leader can see the status of each of your volunteers. For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.