



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy New 4-H Year! This is a great time to sit down with your 4-H'er and review their membership pin requirements for this year, set goals, and establish a plan for the year. These habits help develop life long learners and provide them direction and focus moving forward. Let's have another great year! **-Ami**

2020 Enrollment

4HOnline will open October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2020 4-H year. **We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2019.** The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>. As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.)

Enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H staff.

Officer Training and Project Fair

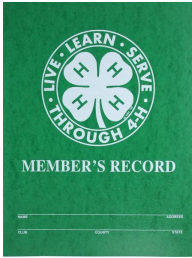
Officer Training and Project Fair will be held from 6:15-7:45 p.m. on Monday, October 7, at the Extension office. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about an officer position are invited to attend Officer Training sessions. There will also be a session on Record Books and KAPs. The Project Fair held during the same time 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!

4-H'ers are needed to help with Officer Training and the Project Fair. ****If you would like to lead an officer training session,** please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-officer. (Most officer positions have handouts that the Extension office will provide for the training session. The Extension office can also make copies if you have a particular handout that you would like to share during your session.)

****If you would like to display a project and share with others about your project,** please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafa2da0fa7-project.

Local 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.

48 Hours of 4-H Service Projects

National 4-H week is October 6-12 with the 48 Hours of 4-H service challenge October 12-13. It is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project and step up your club's volunteer efforts! Please register your projects and follow up with a report so that all the great things happening across the state can be shared. Register your event at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/ and don't forget to wear a 4-H shirt during the project to promote 4-H!

4-H Achievement Celebration

Johnson County 4-H will be celebrating the achievements of members and volunteers at the 2019 Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 9 at Hope Lutheran School (6308 Quivira Road, Shawnee, KS 66216). The committee has been working hard to put together a very special event. The celebration this year will include a dinner before the awards and a dance afterwards. Check-in will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. So that the committee can have an accurate count for food, please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/YGQhYRTwr3ccdPcS8> by October 31, 2019.

4-H'ers Age 14-18, Apply to be a 4-H Ambassador

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Then you should apply to be a 2020 Johnson County 4-H Ambassador! 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. Friday, November 1. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Food Fare will be January 25 at the Extension office.
Fantastic 4-H Camp will be June 19-22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.
Johnson County Fair will be July 26-August 1 in Gardner.

Local Opportunities

4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Review 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 on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/. 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 Extension office by November 1, 2019. NEW REQUIREMENT: The Treasurer's Book MUST be submitted from every group with an EIN. Please review Ami's email regarding the requirement or contact Ami with any questions.

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 4. 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 even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 2. At the November meeting there will also be the opportunity to sign up for Council Committees. Actively participating in a Council Committee 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 webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. If you have any questions please contact Ami.

New Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at the Extension office for parents of all first and second year 4-H members. We will cover topics such as enrollment, project selection, record books, 4-H events, county activities, and allow time to answer questions. To register please complete the information at <https://forms.gle/NYzuMhZmSU8SyeH87>. Registration is due by Friday, October 25. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

Kansas 4-H T-Shirts for Sale



The new t-shirt sold during the Kansas State Fair is available to order through November 25 and will be shipped December 16. Perfect for 4-H clubs and anyone who wants to spread the 4-H message! T-shirts could be worn for a 4-H Day skit, song, or act, or given as holiday gifts! Orders are placed directly through NZone, but proceeds will benefit the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The order form is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/docs/4-H%20yrd%20Flyer%202019.pdf.

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#InspireKidstoDo

County Project Opportunities

Join the Countywide 4-H Rabbit Project

If you are interested in being part of the Countywide Rabbit Project please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/sDKM2gp6s67TeVwF9> and more information will be sent to you at the start of the new 4-H year. The group is also seeking knowledgeable speakers and volunteers that are interested in helping. Please contact Jenny at jwassom@msn.com with questions.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Sewing Project members - If you have ever wanted to learn to sew or are currently sewing and want a place to sew, then come join the countywide sewing group starting October 3. As this is the start of a new year, basic sewing techniques, machine information and other educational information will be covered. The group will meet to sew 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, October 3 through November 21 (no meeting on Halloween). Then there will be a break for the holidays and the group will start up again on January 9 until July 16 or 23 (depending on the fair schedule). For more information please contact Martha Powell, county sewing leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

Be a Part of the Countywide Knitting Project

Learn how to create your own pieces of art by participating in the Countywide Knitting Project. If you are interested in joining the Countywide Knitting Project please fill out the information at <https://forms.gle/yjPeDsyELHVUp2w39> and someone will be in contact with your family soon.

National Opportunities

National 4-H Conference Applications

The National 4-H Conference Application and the Kansas 4-H Youth Council Application are combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Information is available at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/national-4-h-conference. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 15-18 before January 1, 2020 may apply to be a National 4-H Conference delegate.

Applications and reference forms are due on an online form on October 1, 2019 before 11:59 p.m. CST. Applicants will also be asked to prepare a short video and email that link by the above deadline. The signature page and agreement page must be postmarked by October 1, 2019, or emailed on or before October 1.

4-H Youth in Action Awards

Every 4-H'er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Sharing your 4-H story could earn you a scholarship and trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards! The 4-H Youth in Action Program will recognize four confident youth leaders (ages 15-19) in agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM. Winners receive a \$5,000 higher education scholarship, all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and more. For more information and to access the application process visit <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Applications are due October 21, 2019.

State Opportunities

Join the Kansas 4-H Discovery Days Task Force

The Discovery Days Task Force meets face-to-face in December and then several times via conference call throughout the spring to plan one of the largest Kansas 4-H events! The application is posted at <https://www.kansas4-h.org> under the heading “What’s Hot” and is due by October 1, 2019.

Become a Kansas 4-H Youth Council Representative

The Kansas 4-H Youth Council Application and the National 4-H Conference Application are combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Information is available at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2020 may apply as a Youth Council Rep.

This year's Youth Council delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. 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 (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events.

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This year the Council Elections will include the application process detailed above and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview via Zoom prior to KYLF. From those that interview, up to 6 candidates will be selected to be in the election.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

The Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend will be held November 23-24, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is for youth ages 14-18 by December 31, 2019 and Kansas Volunteer Forum 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 and learn from each other. Registration deadline is October 15, 2019 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. The link to register is posted at www.kansas4-h.org/events.



REPORTER'S CORNER

The dads of the Great Plains 4-H Club continued their traditional competition this year at the Johnson County Fair. For the second time, the fathers have battled in the Open Class to conquer the men's category in a specific area. This year, they took over Men's Crafts. Kevin Kwasiborski received third place, with a beautiful bookmark decorated with the other competitors' faces. Mike Adair was awarded second place for a painted, homemade "longhorn" longboard. In first place, Clay Brethour created a wood framed family heirloom that contained two old license plates and a gas pump handle from his family's property, fitting perfectly with the theme "Back to Our Roots." Next year, more dads are excited to carry on the Open Class tradition, battling to win first place.

By Becca Adair, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter



The Oxford Hustlers participated in the Johnson County Fair Parade on Saturday, August 3rd. The club celebrated the, "Back to Our Roots," theme of Fair with recognizing familiar celebrities that are 4-H alum.

The Oxford Hustlers were founded in 1931 and are celebrating their 88th anniversary this year. We are the oldest 4-H club in Johnson County and proud of our roots!

By Miriam Haney, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



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As the year is quickly coming to a wrap we look back at all the amazing things we have done as a group and accomplished as individuals. At the beginning of last year our 4-H Pioneer group went to a crime scene investigation tour. We learned about all the different professions within the facility and how they all have to work together to accomplish all of their tasks. We have also gone to the Johnson County Public Health Office and learned about the wide variety of jobs available in that system. Our group has done so many cool things and have not only grown as a group but we have each grown personally as well.



By Lilly Champlain, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter

Celebrating Success

By Rebecca Sedgwick, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

During the Johnson County fair this year, the Lucky Clover 4-H Club participated in a project fair to celebrate each other's achievements. Members walked around the different exhibits to share what they did for the fair. Then, after the fair was over, for their August meeting, they had a pizza and pool party at the Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center after a short business meeting. Both events were a fun way to wrap up all of the hard work the club members had put into their projects, and a great way to wrap up the summer.



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The Oxford Hustler summer activity was a swim party at Black Swan Lake on Saturday, August 17th. We celebrated a successful completion of fair for the Oxford Hustlers and said goodbye to Tammy Shepherd, a longtime leader of our club. Thank you, Tammy for your hard work and dedication to our future leaders!
By Miriam Haney, Oxford Hustlers
4-H Club Reporter



4-H Club Gathers to Share County Fair Success Stories

By Hope Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter
Members of the Frontier Family 4-H Club shared their projects and ribbons with each other at their August club meeting. Baking, drawing, photography, swine and table setting projects were presented. "I loved seeing everyone's project," said first-year member Lily. Four members sold projects in one of the Johnson County Fair auctions.

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.

October

- 1 - Club Organization Report due
 - 4HOnline open for Enrollment/Re-enrollment
 - National 4-H Conference Applications due
 - Discovery Days Task Force Applications due
 - Kansas 4-H Youth Council Applications due
- 3 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 6-12 - National 4-H Week
- 7 - Officer Training and Project Fair
- 9 - Record Book Judging
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 12-13 - 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- 14 - Johnson County Extension Council Elections
- 15 - Kansas Youth Leadership Weekend early bird registration deadline
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 - Youth in Action Awards Applications due
- 24 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 25 - Registration due for New Family Orientation
- 29 - New Family Orientation
- 31 - Achievement Celebration RSVPs due

November

- 1 - Current 4-H members re-enroll by today
 - Ambassador Applications & Renewals due
 - Club Financial Audits due
 - Ks. Youth Leadership Weekend registration deadline
- 4 - County Council meeting
- 6 - Jo. Co. Extension Council Annual Meeting
- 7 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 11 - Veterans' Day, office closed
- 9 - Achievement Celebration
- 14 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2020 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 2020 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

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Club Leader Resources Page

The Club Leader Resources page on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/locked-club-leader-resources/ is now password protected. Please email Amanda if you have lost the username and password that was emailed out. Please take time to review the links to the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year, including the Club Leader Checklist.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9 in room 1070/1075 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Reminder: 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 will now be completed through 4HOnline. Volunteers can start completing their enrollment on October 1. We ask that all current volunteers complete their renewal by November 1.

Youth under the age of 18 no longer need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

We will send an email around October 1 informing all current volunteers how to complete the renewal process. If you have any questions please contact Amanda.