

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

The Johnson County Extension office and 4-H Youth Development Program is excited to share with you that Jessie Furgins has joined the team as our second 4-H Agent. Jessie grew up in Paola, KS where she was an active member in the Miami County 4-H Program. During her time as a 4-H'er her projects were a little bit of everything (photography, cooking, sewing, plants, woodworking, etc.). Jessie earned her bachelors from Kansas State University in Family Studies and Human Services with a minor in Animal Sciences, and a Masters from the University of Missouri in Agricultural Education, Leadership, and Communication. Jessie did several internships in Kansas 4-H working in Ellis County, Riley County, and the Kansas 4-H office. She then worked as a 4-H agent in Oklahoma for four years, and then Missouri for six years. Jessie is looking forward to meeting our 4-H families and continuing to grow an already awesome 4-H program. She can be reached at jessie.furgins@jocogov.org or 913-715-7021.

2022 Enrollment

4-H Online will open 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 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 office.

Officer Training and Project Fair

Officer Training and Project Fair will be held on the evening of Monday, October 4, at the Extension office. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about an officer position is invited to attend Officer Training sessions. (Click on the Officer Training presenter sign-up link on page 3 to view what time each officer session will held that evening.) The Project Fair will be held during Officer Training and continue until 7:45 p.m. This event is for everyone 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.

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Important End of Year Tasks

Prepare for End of Year Awards

- 1. All 4-H'ers should complete their Record Book (this includes the personal page, 4-H story, and permanent record) so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books to them.
- MEMBER'S RECORD
- 2. If you would like to apply for a membership pin, complete and submit a membership pin application to your club leader.
- 3. Officers should complete their books if it is required. Make sure to review the scoring sheet to meet all requirements.
- 4. Finish your Project Reports for submission to the Extension office for judging. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html. Informational slides from our local training are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

You will submit ALL record books, applications and officer books to your club leaders. Find all the resources for these awards at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

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 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.

Advice from Ms. 4-H

Question: What 4-H project has been the most meaningful to you during your 4-H career?



In all of 4-H, my favorite project is Shooting Sports. Within the countywide program, I compete in air rifle, air pistol, small bore pistol, small bore rifle, and archery. I've been a part of the team for four years now and have learned an incredible amount from the coaches and my fellow competitors. From the joy of shooting my bow and arrows or guns to spending time with friends, the Shooting Sports project is a unique and irreplaceable part of my life. - *Becca Adair, Ms. 4-H*

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be <u>November 20-21</u> at Rock Springs 4-H Center. **Johnson County Fair** will be <u>July 31-August 6, 2022</u> in Gardner.

Local Opportunities

4-H'ers Needed for Officer Training & Project Fair (continued from front page)

**If you would like to lead an officer training session, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAFB6-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 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/10C0D4EAAA82BAAFB6-project6.

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 3-9 and this year's theme is *Find Your Spark!* Resources are available to help clubs and individuals promote National 4-H Week at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.html.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraising Event

The fall Paper Clover fundraising event will be held October 6-17. Of the funds raised during the event, 80% will be given directly to the Johnson County 4-H program! Donations can be made at the Tractor Supply Company in Olathe or online.

48 Hours of 4-H



Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums to give back to our community during 48 Hours of 4-H. Make plans to participate on October 9-10, 2021. Check out the 484H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/ for more information and to register your project.

New Family Orientation

We will be offering a virtual New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, for parents of 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/MRYsCuHM6McZ3kNv5 by Friday, October 22. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to families that have registered closer to the date of the orientation.

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

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.

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/wXmo9u8HnGxyzxqo7 by Friday, November 5.

County Project Opportunities

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. It combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with fun and exciting 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 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. For details on sessions, competition, and fun... contact David Birk by email at dvdbirk@yahoo.com or by telephone at 913-269-2176. Also plan to come and bring your friends to our October Kickoff session at the Cowboy Action area of Powder Creek Shooting Park at 8601 Monticello Road, Lenexa, Kansas 66227 on October 17, from 2-4 p.m. Have fun and step into the past!

Countywide Knitting Project

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.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

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

• <u>Trip to the Powell Observatory</u> – Educational presentation "Phases of the Moon" along with a tour of the night sky and viewing through telescopes, including images from the Ruisinger Telescope, the largest telescope open to the public in a five-state area (https://askc.org/observatories/powell-observatory).

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021 **Time:** Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts around 20 minutes. Afterwards the 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 **Requested Donation:** 12 & over - \$8, 5-11 - \$5, Under 5 - Free (Because the observatory is staffed by volunteers, a donation is requested upon entry to help maintain and operate the observatory.)

Etiquette: No white lights (headlights, flashlights, mobile phones, etc.) are allowed at the observatory. Red flashlights are allowed. Please dim your headlights when approaching and leaving the observatory.

Attire: It can get pretty chilly when the sun goes down, so it is recommended to dress warm and bring coats, hats, gloves, and blankets to keep you warm.

• <u>Telescope-Building Workshop</u> – 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.

• <u>Another trip to the Powell Observatory</u> – 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.

Join the Johnson County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

As we find ourselves wrapping up one 4-H year and getting excited about the next, we would like to invite anyone that may be interested in the Livestock Judging Team to join. We had a great time with the 8 individuals we were able to take to State this year and look forward to another fun year!! This was the first team Johnson County had taken to the state competition in many years. As a team they placed 31st out of 105!

All levels and ages are welcome across the county. If you are not looking to be competitive but want to simply gain additional knowledge while having a little fun with friends that is AWESOME, if you are looking to be competitive that is equally AWESOME!!! We are looking to start with some online practice in October for livestock judging as well as some quiz bowl type questions. Nothing crazy but something you can do at home when it works into your fall schedule. If you are interested please email Olivia at olivia.barber@jocogov.org.

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.

County Project Opportunities

4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun and Air Rifle Projects Return in October!

Johnson County 4-H's popular BB Gun and Air Rifle programs return for the season starting in October. The program's objectives are to introduce youth and their parents to safe and responsible use of firearms; to promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior; to acquaint youth and their parents with fundamentals of competitive air-gun shooting; and to foster shooting as a fun, family recreation. You do not have to own your own equipment to participate. The 4-H Rifle Club has sufficient safe and proper equipment to outfit most youth who are interested in participating. Start planning now to join us for the October-to-April season. Here's how—If you have **not** participated as part of the competitive squad in years past:

- 1. Be aware of the following requirements particular to the Shooting Sports program:
 - a. BB Gun is open to youth between age 9 and 15 (age before January 1, 2022).
 - b. Air Rifle is open to youth aged 12 to 18 (before January 1, 2022), who have successfully completed at least one season of the BB gun program.
 - c. Successful completion of at least one season of the Air Rifle program is a required prerequisite for participation in the advanced shooting disciplines of smallbore rifle (.22 caliber) and muzzloading rifle, which will begin in summer 2022.
- 2. Enroll in 4-H as soon as the new enrollment opens in October, at https://v2.4honline.com. Be sure to enroll in the BB Gun and Air Rifle projects as appropriate to your participation plans. You must be enrolled in 4-H to attend any meeting at which live shooting takes place.
- 3. Send an email to <u>RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com</u> to introduce yourself and let us know you plan to participate.
- 4. Plan to attend the initial 2-hour introduction to 4-H BB-Gun safety class in early October (date to be announced). This introductory class is <u>required</u> in order to participate in the live-shooting portion of 4-H Shooting Sports. Successfully completing the introduction to 4-H BB-Gun safety class is a prerequisite to be considered for invitation to participate in competitive match season shooting with the Johnson County 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle squads. Participation in 4-H Shooting Sports with the competitive squad is by invitation only. Invitations will be extended by the 4-H instructors based on student performance in the introductory class and available resources.
- 5. Watch the Shooting Sports website calendar, at www.4-HShootingSports.com for updates on scheduled dates, times, and locations for the introductory safety class and regular practices as we approach October.

If you <u>have participated</u> as part of the competitive squad in years past:

- 1. Re-enroll in 4-H as soon as the new enrollment opens in October, at https://v2.4honline.com. Remember, you must be enrolled in 4-H before you may attend any live-shooting meeting.
- 2. Send an email to <u>RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com</u> and let us know you plan to return this year and which discipline(s) you plan to participate in.
- 3. Watch the Shooting Sports website calendar, at www.4-HShootingSports.com for updates on scheduled practice dates and times as we approach October.

Questions? E-mail rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com.

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.

State Opportunities

Apply for Two Leadership Roles

There are two ways young people become members of the Kansas Youth Leadership Council, as a Youth Leadership Council Representative or a National 4-H Council Delegate. The same application process is used for both opportunities with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both roles. Applications are due October 1, 2021.

National 4-H Conference

The 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 Providences. Those who are selected as National Conference delegates will serve a two-year term on the council. Applicants must be 15-18 before January 1, 2022. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Youth may also run for a one year term as a representative on the council. Youth Council Applicants must be ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. 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. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/.

4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training Series

The Kansas 4-H Fall 2021 Volunteer Project Leader Training Series is designed to provide 4-H volunteer project leaders with tangible ideas and resources they can use to engage 4-H youth. All sessions are free and will be recorded. The sessions are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. The general outline for sessions is as follows:

Oct. 5 – Service Learning

Oct. 7 – Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts

Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy

Oct. 14 – Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife

To register for the series complete the information at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2h 9P3ROvNs8jI2.

Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

Did you know... Cloverbuds programs should focus on emphasizing fun and success, building self-esteem through positive feedback, be activity focus, and recognize individuals for participation. Also note that Cloverbuds are not permitted to show livestock. For more information, see section 14.1: Animal Exhibits for Cloverbuds in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook (www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/).

REPORTER'S CORNER

Happy Helpers Volunteer at Turnstyles

By George P. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

On Saturday, August 21, 2021, the Happy Helpers 4H Club volunteered at Turnstyles in Overland Park, Kansas. Turnstyles is a thrift store that is primarily run by volunteers. All items are donations that benefit Catholic Charities which serves underprivileged people in the greater Kansas City area. The Happy Helpers 4H club worked on tagging, hanging, and shelving clothing, shoes, and household items. Members also worked to straighten the items for sale on the floor. Even the youngest members of our club were able to contribute in meaningful ways. The club is happy to be able to support an organization that provides so many services to our community.



Johnson County Dog Club

By Amelia Ramsey, Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Reporter

This year has been a great year of recovery. We are a club that also has a period at which we have classes to train our dogs. Last year, with covid-19 we were unable to finish our training nor have any competitions with our dogs. This year with the Covid-19 restrictions on board for the beginning of our training we divided our training up. We divided up by knowledge and age so that we had smaller numbers during training but allowed for more individualized training. We performed our first competition for our club as a graduation competition. Everyone who had enrolled for the class and training competed with their dogs. This gives the new trainers and dogs an opportunity to see what competition is like before they compete with a larger group of people and dogs. This year as with years in the past we host 2 shows. The first show was for all 4 events (leadership, obedience, agility, and rally-obedience). These are all learned and practiced during class/training. The 2nd show is just Agility and rally-obedience. This year we were able to participate in the Pawtriatic paw parade. We also, in the past, helped at a dog rescue to walk the dogs and donate food and toys. We are currently developing a plan to set up training equipment somewhere in the Olathe area where others can see and enjoy the experience that we all love to do with our dogs, in hopes to get others interested in the sport of dog training.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Oxford Hustlers Elect New Officers

By Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Thank you to the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club's 2020-2021 officers! We appreciate your leadership in our club!

President - Brie

1st Vice President - Jake

2nd Vice President - Fern

Secretary - Maddie

Treasurer - Eva

Parliamentarian - Adriana

Reporter - Victoria

Historians - Iris and Mason

Song Leaders - Daniel and Katherine

Recreation Leaders - Colleen and Katie

Council Members - Brie and Fern

Alt. Council Members – Maddie and Victoria

Food Drive Coordinators - Alice, Colleen, and Daniel

Cloverbud Mentor - Hannah

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club for the 2021-2022 4-H year!

President - Iris

1st Vice President - Maddie

2nd Vice President - Victoria

Secretary - Mason

Treasurer - Eva

Parliamentarian - Brie

Reporter - Emerson

Historians - Adriana and Katherine

Song Leaders - Alice and Daniel

Recreation Leaders - Katie and Summer

Council Members - Brie and Fern

Alt. Council Members – Iris and Maddie

Food Drive Coordinators – Alice and Elliot

Cloverbud Mentor - Fern

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.

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October

- 1 4-H Online open for Enrollment/Re-enrollment
 - Club Organization Report due
 - National 4-H Conference applications due
 - Kansas 4-H Youth Council applications due
- 2 Countywide Astronomy Project Activity at Powell Observatory (RSVP required)
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
 - 4 Officer Training and Project Fair
 - 5 Virtual Project Leader Training Science Learning (pre-registration required)
- 6-17 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
 - 7 Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Virtual Project Leader Training Barn Quilts (pre-registration required)
- 9-10 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- 12 Virtual Project Leader Training Financial Literacy (pre-registration required)
- 13 Record Book Judging
- 14 Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Virtual Project Leader Training Wildlife (pre-registration required)
- 17 Western Heritage Proj. Kickoff, Powder Creek
- 22 Registration due for New Family Orientation
- 21 Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
- 26 New Family Orientation, virtual
- 28 Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)

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
- 5 Achievement Celebration RSVPs due
- 11 Veterans' Day, office closed
- 13 Achievement Celebration, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 18 Club Leader Meeting, Zoom
- 20-21 KYLF (pre-registration required)
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

Check out <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources</u> 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

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

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

Club Leader Resource Page

Please take time to review the links to the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Resources include:

Club Seal Requirements - As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2020-2021 year, remember that the goal of the club seal and pins is to encourage involvement, challenge 4-H'ers to try something new, and provide a well-rounded experience.

Club Organization Report - The Organization Report is due in the office by October 1, 2021. This form is to be completed using information for the upcoming 2021-2022 4-H year.

Annual Financial Report - This report and a complete Treasurer's Book must be submitted to the Extension office by November 1. Please remind your Treasurer to include all required documents such as monthly statements and all receipts. Documents and information regarding the Annual Financial Review can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

There are also new 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. 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.