



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

A big THANK YOU goes out to the many volunteers who made the County Fair a huge success this year!

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."— Unknown

All the best! - Tara

State Fair Entry Drop-off

Those projects that were registered for entry into the Kansas State Fair can be dropped off at the Extension office Tuesday, September 6 through Thursday, September 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be drop-off time available before the Council meeting on Tuesday evening and for 30 minutes after the meeting. Keep in mind that we have limited room in the van, so if you have any large items you may need to transport them yourself. Feel free to call the office if you have questions about your project's size. Fresh food and flower entries can be brought in at the same time as all other entries, however (to help with freshness) we will accept them from 8-9 a.m. on Friday, September 9. Please note that this drop-off time is only available for food or flower entries, as the van will already be loaded with all other entries.

IMPORTANT: Please read the rules in the State Fair 4-H Handbook as well as check the Exhibit Area Downloads links for any class you entered in. A link to the handbook and the additional downloads links are posted at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46>.

To find the Exhibit Area Downloads link for your class:

- 1) Scroll down the page to find your Department.
- 2) Review all necessary forms and information for your entry.
- 3) We have all entry tags at the Extension office, but if there are other documents required you will need to print them off and bring them in with your exhibit.

We know this is a lot of information, please call the office if you have any questions.

Remember to Write Your Thank You Notes!

A thank you note should be sent if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, and/or sold a project in the auction. Don't forget to send a thank you note to your department chairs as well. This year's County Fair could not have been such a success without all the amazing donors and volunteers. Please take this opportunity to let these gracious donors of awards and their time know how much we appreciate all that they do.

Johnson County 4-H'er Wins State Scholarship

Jessica Gunkel was one of 67 students selected by the Kansas 4-H Foundation to receive more than \$70,000 in college scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year, based on their involvement, leadership and citizenship as a member of Kansas 4-H. Jessica, 18, is the daughter of James and Vicky Gunkel of Shawnee, and is a member of the Comet Tech 4-H Club. Jessica was awarded the Extension Step Ahead Scholarship and received \$500. Recipients were recognized at the Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan on June 2. Congratulations Jessica!

2016 Rodeo Royalty Contest

On June 21, 2016, the Johnson County 4-H Rodeo Royalty contest commenced with the speech and interview event. The 2015 Rodeo Queen, Brynn McCracken, welcomed the contestants and their loved ones to the official kickoff held at the Extension office. Each candidate delivered a speech and completed an interview with a panel of three judges consisting of a United States attorney, a Johnson County prosecutor, and a world champion horse breeder. The contestants next competed in a riding contest on June 25, 2016. The final prong of the event involved judging their resume and 4-H experience with an emphasis on service and leadership within the horse project. Good luck to all of the impressive candidates!

Front Row left to right: Addison, Faith, and Payton.
Back Row left to right: Natalie, Brynn, Faith, Avery.



County Project Opportunities

Don't Miss This Introduction to 4-H Shooting Sports!

Enroll in the annual fall BB-Gun Special Interest (SPIN) Club and you will experience:

- A fun opportunity to shoot BB guns in a safe environment monitored by state-trained and certified 4-H adult volunteers.
- An intensive 6-session introduction to the exciting sport of 5-meter competitive BB shooting.
- Comprehensive gun-safety and gun-handling instruction.
- Introductory training in the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions.
- Test knowledge of NRA and Daisy BB Gun curriculums.

Don't have a BB gun? That is not a problem. Everyone shoots the same model gun - the Daisy Avanti Champion Model 499B - and the club has a sufficient supply of guns that you do not have to own one in order to participate.

BB SPIN Club is open to youth who are at least 9 years old as of January 1. It will meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. from October 11 through November 15 in the Green Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. After the BB SPIN Club 6-week course is complete, participants who show interest and affinity may be invited to join the competitive squad for the regular 4-H BB-Gun season, which lasts from November until the state 4-H championship in early April.

Parents, please note: BB SPIN Club not only gives youth a full competitive experience in BB, it also is a required prerequisite for some of the other 4-H shooting sports disciplines, including 10-meter air rifle, 50-meter smallbore rifle, and muzzle-loader. If you are new to 4-H BB gun, **you must enroll in the program** through the SPIN program. Simply enrolling in the 4-H Shooting Sports project **does not guarantee the opportunity to shoot.** (continued on next page)

County Project Opportunities

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The BB SPIN Club ensures inexperienced shooters have a safe and manageable introduction to the sport and puts potential competitive participants on a solid track toward long-term success in the more advanced disciplines.

SPIN enrollment for fall 2016 will be capped and the course **will fill up quickly**. So, if you want to shoot, **do not delay in enrolling**. Registration opens September 12 and only online registrations will be accepted at www.4-HShootingSports.com. If you have any questions about these requirements, or any other aspects of the Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports program, go to www.4-HShootingSports.com, email rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com, or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JoCo4HShootingSports.

Countywide Horse Project Meetings

The next meeting for the Foundation Horse Project Team will be Tuesday, September 6. Starting in October, and going forward, the meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month. All meetings are held at the Johnson County Extension office starting at 6:30 p.m.

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. Please feel free to contact Valentine Williams at horsedoc96@gmail.com with any questions or if you are interested in joining or attending.

Bee Education Event

Attention all “wannaBEE” beekeepers and “newBEE” beekeepers! The Johnson County 4-H Beekeeping SPIN Club will be hosting an informative Bee Education Event on Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Topics include: Why beekeeping is important, What is happening to the bees, What does it cost to get into beekeeping, and Equipment needed. There will also be talks from 4-H beekeepers and their mentors, a live observation hive and door prizes! The cost to attend is \$5 per person or \$10 per family and you can preregister at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/index.html. Those that preregister by September 28 will be eligible for a special door prize, otherwise you can pay at the door. If you have questions email joco4hbeeclub@gmail.com.

Project Resource Pages

Do you have trouble knowing where to start with a project or want to know more about what a project entails? We have created, with the help of some Johnson County 4-H'ers, new Project Guides. Each guide has advice from a 4-H'er stating what they enjoy about the project as well as some things they have accomplished. It also includes a list of possible activities to do in the project, events, curriculum available, project opportunities and online resources. We currently have ten Project Guides on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html with plans to have one for each project. Please look them over for ideas or to learn more about a project.

If you are an older 4-H'er (12+) we would love for you to share your advice for the guides we don't have completed yet. You would not be responsible for the other content on the guide just a couple paragraphs under “Advice from a 4-H'er”. If you are interested please email Amanda and she can send you the guidelines.

Local Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Photos Needed

The County Historians need your photos! Please email photos of club meetings, project meetings, and 4-H events to joco4h@gmail.com. Please include names of clubs, individuals, and/or name of the event. Thank you, Elizabeth Eflin and Ben Beckwith, County Historians.

4-H Wildwood Day with the Junior Leaders

Are you interested in spending a FUN, FULL day at camp this fall?! The Junior Leaders would like to invite you to attend 4-H Wildwood Day on Saturday, September 24 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The camp the Junior Leaders will be hosting at Wildwood Education Center will be a day for outdoor adventures like canoeing, high ropes course, fishing, and an evening meal over the campfire. The cost is \$30 per person, but scholarships are available through the Extension office if your family needs assistance. The link to register is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/junior-leaders.html. If you have any question please call or email Tara.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum: A Great Opportunity for Everyone 14-18!

Blast Off Into Leadership! Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, delegate groups, inspirational speakers and more at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. In addition, the 2017 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF. Entrepreneur and speaker Kelly Barns will be with us all weekend. Kelly's goal and mission in life is simple: Helping people create great moments more often. For the past decade Kelly has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people all across the U.S. His message is entertaining, inspiring and will make you want to get up and get better. An awesome set of skill building workshops are planned as well. Come to KYLF to learn more!



KYLF will be held at Rock Springs in Junction City, November 18-20. Event registration is now open at www.kansas4-h.org. Register early for best workshop selection. KYLF registration fee is \$215 for Early Bird registration (now through October 15) and Regular Registration is \$245 (October 16-November 1).

*****Johnson County Ambassadors are providing a scholarship for \$125 to a 4-H member that would like to step out and try a new state event.** The scholarship application is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

Now Accepting Applications for 2017 4-H Ambassadors

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Then apply to be a 2017 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 4-H 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. Friday, October 21.**

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.

Online Volunteer Orientation and Renewal

The 4-H Volunteer Online Orientation has been re-launched through the 4HOnline system. Individuals will have to set up an account in 4HOnline, if they have not done so already, before the online orientation can be completed. The Volunteer Application and Volunteer Renewal can also be completed online. Visit the Johnson County 4-H Volunteer webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/ and click on "Application", "Orientation", or "Renewal" for more details about each step in the process. Please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff if you have any questions.

State Opportunities

Space Exploration and the Mars Habitat Experience

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are again teaming up to provide fun, hands-on and science-based programming for Kansas 4-H youth. This inaugural program will feature "Space Exploration and the Mars Habitat". The experience begins Friday, September 30, at 6 p.m., and will end on Saturday, October 1, 4 p.m. Cost will be \$100 for youth between 9-18-years old and adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend.

Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and an overnight stay. Program topics include: a tour of the Cosmosphere, "Journey to Space" movie, creating a Martian habitat, geocaching, robotics design challenge, a star observation experience outside, and much more.

This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff. For full details about the Mars Habitat Experience visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/spacetech/>. Registration will close Friday, September 16.

Applications Now Being Accepted for National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth (ages 15-18) 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.

National 4-H Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. March 24-27, 2017. For more information and the application process visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/national-4-h-conference/index.html>. Applications must be turned in to the Johnson County Extension office by September 28, 2016.

State Opportunities

Inaugural Kansas Junior Livestock Show LEAD Challenge

The Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) is proud to introduce a new competition this year to the state's largest junior event. The KJLS LEAD Challenge will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the show and give exhibitors an opportunity to compete in a contest that combines scores from showmanship, an interview and a written exam. More information can be found on the KJLS website at www.kjls.org.

Discovery Days Task Force Applications

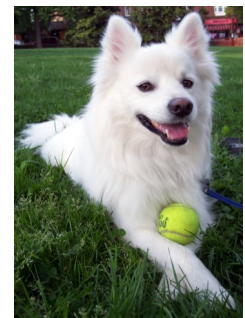
Do you love Discovery Days and are at least 16 years old?! Then you should take this opportunity to apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force. This committee does all of the planning for this great event! From setting the theme, to putting together the budget. Applications are due by October 1. You can find the application and the position description by visiting <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>. Decisions will be made by November 1 as to who will be accepted.

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

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council (K4-HYLC) is looking for committed, enthusiastic members to serve on the 2017 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, Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events. There will be 12 council members (3 from each Extension area) elected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 18-20, 2016, at Rock Springs 4-H Center to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2017 year. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2017 may apply. Applications will include putting information online, uploading references and sending in a signature page. Application deadline is October 1, 2016. The Youth Council Application information link is available on the KYLF webpage at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>.

Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl News

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme is "May the 4-H Dog Be with You". The cost is \$105 for full-time participants, \$65 for Saturday only and \$45 for Sunday only. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered online for an additional cost. Full registration information is posted on the Kansas 4-H Dog webpage at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html>. Registration will close October 1. There is a \$25 cancellation fee once participants have registered. Educational sessions will include: Showmanship Dog Issues and Obedience Dog Issues, Keeping Your Dogs Safe All Year Long, Parachute Cord Lead-making, Dog Sled Race Information, and Puppy Raisers Program. Keynote speaker will be "What Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show Judges Look For," by Rachel Wedel and Andy Conser. The conference will have a costume and dog talent contest, a dog job, dog skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, plus s'mores and much more. All youth must be chaperoned by parent or 4-H leader.



State Opportunities

48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge

48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project to give back to our community. Invite your friends, club, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information at www.Kansas4H.org/484H and start planning your projects.

When: October 8-9, 2016

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

Photography Competition Opportunity

The Kansas Water Office invites Kansas 4-H members to enter a photography contest sponsored by their office. Photos must be water-related and taken in the state of Kansas. All entrants give the Kansas Water Office permission to freely share and publish their photo(s) through social media, the agency's website or other channels. First, second and third place photos will be displayed in the Kansas Water Office during the year. Types of photos to consider include bodies of water, recreation and fun, irrigation and agriculture, and water infrastructure. Deadline for entries is October 15, 2016. For more information on contest criteria and how to enter see the details on the flyer at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/creative-arts/docs/photography/Water%20Office%20Photo%20Contest%20flier.pdf>.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

Registration for the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) is now open. The Forums will be held November 18-20, 2016 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2017 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 Volunteer Forum will feature training from the Kansas Leadership Center, workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective. This year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2016 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. Visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> to register.

2017 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The 2017 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Form can be found by visiting <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479>, this is the only form that will be used for the 2017 4-H Scholarships. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification and Training will be January 20-22 in Salina.

2017 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 24-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech & Cosmosphere Overnight Experience #2 will be Mar. 31-Apr. 1 in Hutchinson.

2017 Citizenship Washington Focus will be June 15-26. A road trip across the USA.

REPORTER'S CORNER

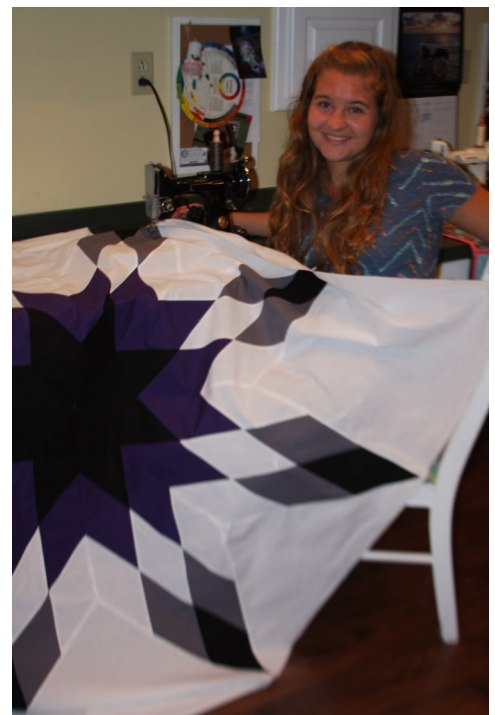
Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club Has Successful Bake Sale at Tractor Supply in Olathe

The Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club partnered with the Olathe Tractor Supply store on June 18 to hold a bake sale. A steady stream of Tractor Supply customers bought hot dogs and treats made by our 4-H members. We had a great time and raised money for our community service and recreation events. A big thanks to Tractor Supply and Olathe Store Manager Mike Lynn for helping make our fundraiser a success!

By Samuel Dew, Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club Reporter



The conclusion for many 4-H Club Members following the Johnson County Fair is the 4-H Project Auction. For those members who have worked hard on their projects by learning new degrees of difficulty, applying them, having their project judged and awarded, there is a last step in which marketing and selling at auction happens during fair week. Jesse is one of the 4-H Club Members who has taken her Quilting project to auction for the last three years. Jesse, an eight year member of 4-H, says she spends an average of 300 hours on each quilt she has made for the auction. She selects her fabrics from quilt shops in November and puts together her design. Each year Jesse learns more challenging and difficult techniques in her quilting project and adds that difficulty to her auction quilt. This year will be her hardest pattern yet because she is working with diamond shapes. The name of this year's quilt pattern is called "Lone Star". Jesse sticks with a design that gives honor to K-State because it's the land grant university that the federal government chose to work with to oversee the 4-H Program. (continued on next page)



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She always includes the K-State colors and a Powercat emblem in her quilt. This year is Jesse's final year in 4-H as she is a senior and it will be her last K-State quilt she'll take to auction. In the past, Jesse took her auction earnings and invested in materials for her next quilt and paid for her National's trip. This year, all the money goes to her college tuition this fall.

For anyone interested in attending the Project Auction, there are a variety of projects such as electrical, woodworking, baked goods, baskets of garden produce, artwork to name a few. The auction is held in the Livestock Pavilion following the Livestock Auction on Saturday, August 6, at 3 p.m.

By Seth Gunkel, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



The Oxford Hustlers enjoyed a tour of the Strawberry Hill Povitica Bread Company for the club's 2016 project tour. "Povitica," is pronounced "Poh-va-teet-sa." It is a traditional Eastern European swirled bread that is still handmade at the company headquarters in Merriam, KS. Some other names for this bread are: Kalachi, Strudel, Potica, Nutroll and Poppyroll. The club had a great time sampling the different flavors of bread and finding out how a company has grown from a 700 square foot kitchen thirty-two years ago to the 7800 square foot building it is in today.

By Lillian Haney, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



REPORTER'S CORNER

This past year, the Happy Helpers have collected pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald Houses. The Happy Helpers' community service project for this month was preparing snack bags for families staying at the Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City, Missouri. After donating the snack bags and pop tabs, they toured all 3 of the Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City. They got to see the rooms in which families who came to the Ronald McDonald house would stay, living spaces, and much more. The Happy Helpers learned a lot about what the purpose of the Ronald McDonald Houses is, and how their donations made a difference. Ronald McDonald Houses exist to provide lodging, services, and as much care and assistance as possible to families whose children are receiving treatment at Children's Mercy Hospital. The pop tabs are sold to recycling companies, which allows the Houses to raise money for the services they provide families. The snack bags are provided to those staying in the Houses for free. The Happy Helpers were grateful for this experience and have many new ideas of how to volunteer their services to the Ronald McDonald House in the future.

By Kristin Gaddis, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter



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.

September

- 5 - Labor Day, office closed
- 6 - County Council meeting
 - Countywide Horse Project meeting
- 6-8 - State Fair Entry Drop-off at office
- 9-18 - Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson
- 12 - BB Gun 4-H SPIN Club registration opens
- 24 - 4-H Wildwood Day
- 28 - Nat'l 4-H Conf. applications due to office

October

- 1 - 4HOnline open for Enrollment/Reenrollment
 - Club Organization Report due
 - Volunteer Renewal Forms due for all Registered Volunteers
- 2 - Bee Education Event
- 2-8 - National 4-H Week
- 3 - County Council Officers meeting
 - Countywide Horse Project meeting
- 5-16 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 8-9 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 11 - Record Book Judging
- 17 - KYLF Ambassador Scholarship App. due
- 21 - 2017 Ambassador Applications due

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2016 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 2016 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.

Johnson County 4-H is now on Twitter!

Follow [@jocoks4h](https://twitter.com/jocoks4h).



Johnson County 4-H on Facebook

'Like' our Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information and news about the happenings of Johnson County 4-H! Visit www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H to like our page.

Leader Update

End of Year Forms on the Club Leader Resource 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. Please note that the Club Organization Report is now due October 1 and there is a form-fillable option available on the webpage.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on October 11 in room 1060 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging.

4HOnline Enrollment for New Families

The 4HOnline system has been set up to not allow any changes to 4-H members' projects after May 1. New families can still enroll in 4HOnline, but they will be stopped at the last section which is where they would choose their projects. If you have a new family in your club enrolling, please tell them to fill out all the sections completely and then contact Christin when they get to the Projects section. The State 4-H office has made a step by step brochure to help new families enroll. We have posted the brochure on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

Direct Volunteer: A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, countywide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.)

Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.

Episodic Volunteer: A volunteer helping with a single "episode" or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

Indirect Volunteer: A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.