



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Remember to Write Your Thank You Notes!

A thank you note should be sent by you to the donor if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, banner or sold a project in one of the auctions. Don't forget to send a thank you note to your department chairs and the Johnson County Fair Board as well. The fair could not happen without all of these 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.

State Fair Entry Drop-off Information

Those projects that were registered for entry into the Kansas State Fair can be dropped off at the Extension office Tuesday, September 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, September 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fresh food and plant science entries can be brought in at the same time as all other entries, however (to help with freshness) we will accept them from 8-8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 7. Please note that this drop-off time is only available for food or plant science entries, as the van will already be loaded with all other entries.

Again this year, youth that exhibit in the 4-H division of the state fair will receive two complimentary admission tickets to the Kansas State Fair in place of premiums. Those tickets can be picked up at the Extension office from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

IMPORTANT: Please read the rules in the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor 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 www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/.

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.

If you have any questions, please call the Johnson County 4-H office.

New Family Orientation

We will be offering New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 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/4HxMnH4ZWWRWj4Qk7> by Sunday, October 15. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

Congratulations are in order!

Shooting Sports Nationals Champs!



Six Johnson County 4-H'ers and two volunteers/coaches had the amazing opportunity of attending 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship June 25-30 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Pictured from left to right are Coach Sara Eccles (air pistol), Evan K. (muzzleloader), Ian R. (muzzleloader), Landon P. (air pistol), Becca A. (air pistol), Abby L. (recurve archery), Josiah Y. (recurve archery), and Coach Arn Eccles (recurve archery). Our shooters had an AMAZING

week and came home with a lot of awards! Please visit the website <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/national> for results.

Also, Jacob S. was an individual participant at this year's Civilian Marksmanship Program National Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle Championship held June 22-24, in Camp Perry, Ohio. Jacob placed 34th overall out of 164 entries from across the nation. These huge accomplishments take a lot of time, hard work, and dedication and we'd like to commend our Johnson County 4-H'ers for their great achievements!



Announcing Mr. and Miss 4-H!

During Public Fashion Revue on July 26, our new 2024 Miss and Mr. 4-H were crowned. Miss 4-H is Kennedy Graham. Kennedy is 16 years old and is a seven-year member of the Prairie Moon 4-H Club. She will be a junior at Olathe North High School. Mr. 4-H is Noah Kwasiborski. Noah is 17 years old and is a nine-year member of the Great Plains 4-H Club. Noah will be a senior in Lively Hope Homeschool.



Johnson County 4-H Scholarship Winners



Evan S. (Country Hearts 4-H Club) and Abby L. (Lucky Clover 4-H Club) are the winners of our 2023 Johnson County 4-H Scholarships. This scholarship is awarded to two Johnson County 4-H'ers that recently graduated high school or are current post-high school students that have aged-out of 4-H within the last four years and will be pursuing a degree from a fully accredited, public or private college, university, trade or vocational school. Evan plans to attend Butler County Community College to earn a degree in Auto Mechanics and Business and Abby plans to attend Kansas State University to pursue a degree in Interior Design.

Local Opportunities

Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class

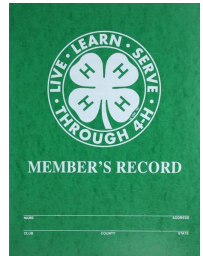
Are you ready to have some fun in the kitchen? Kids in the Kitchen – Breakfast of Champions is a cooking class for youth ages 7-12 that will explore how to make quick, easy, and nutritional breakfast dishes. Participants will also learn food safety, basic cooking skills and nutrition. The class will be held at the Extension office on Saturday, September 9. Check-in starts at 9:45 a.m. with the class beginning promptly at 10 a.m. and concluding around 12 p.m. The cost to attend is \$20 per youth and you must register at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/.

Hasta Luego Monarchs Event

Attend this free event on Saturday, September 30 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Pollinator Prairie in Olathe to say “see you later” to the magnificent Monarch butterfly! Extension Master Naturalists and Monarch Watch will host exhibits and demonstrations, plus there will be games and fun for the whole family! Learn more at tinyurl.com/hasta-monarchs.

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 book to them.
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/LocalRecordKeeping.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.

Ambassador Game Day and Ice Cream Social

On Sunday, October 1, from 2-5 p.m. at the Extension office, the Johnson County Ambassadors will be hosting a *Game Day and Ice Cream Social* event for youth. Games for all ages, interests, and skill levels, including board, card and outdoor games will be provided. This event is FREE and the whole family is invited. To sweeten the deal, ice cream will be provided for all. We encourage you to even bring a friend that is new to 4-H! Also, the Ambassadors are asking for donations of nonperishable food items to donate to a local food pantry. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/ZinuCTpZRtgCeCA88>.

Local Opportunities

Project Fair and Officer Training

Officer Training and Project Fair will be held on the evening of Monday, October 2, at the Extension office from 6-8 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about an officer position is invited to attend Officer Training sessions. Experienced 4-H'ers in Officer roles are needed to act as presenters; please sign up here www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAF6-20233. 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 4-H projects you may participate in and talk to 4-H'ers who are active in those projects! 4-H'ers are needed to bring projects to display during Project Fair; please sign up here www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAF6-20232.

National 4-H Week

In celebration of National 4-H Week, the Fall Paper Clover fundraising campaign sponsored by Tractor Supply Co. will run October 4-15, 2023. If your club would be interested in setting up a booth sometime at our local Tractor Supply store in Olathe, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAF6-paper. 4-H groups can help bag customers' purchases, display animals, demonstrate projects, sell baked goods, etc. Also, please spread the word to family and friends through social media platforms to help increase awareness about the fundraiser! A portion of the funds raised during the campaign comes back to Johnson County 4-H to be used as scholarships for 4-H'ers to attend events such as summer camps and leadership training.

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Join the 2024 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H, meeting new people, and want to gain more leadership experience, this is the perfect program for you! The Ambassador program is a leadership role where 4-H'ers share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer. Applicants must be between the ages of 14-18 (before January 1, 2024). For more information and the application, please visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Applications are due to the Extension office by Wednesday, November 1 at 5 p.m.

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

Makerspace Labs at Local Libraries

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

County Project Opportunities

Shooting Sports Project: Air Pistol SPIN Club

The Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports project will hold an introductory Air Pistol class. Join us to learn the basics of air pistol shooting in a fun, safe environment. This indoor class will focus on introducing the sport of target air pistol shooting with an emphasis on gun safety and handling. Pistols, targets, pellets and other equipment will be provided; however, participants are asked to bring their own safety glasses. The class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors. Participants do not have to be a 4-H member but must be between 12 and 18 years of age (before January 1, 2024).

This class is a pre-requisite for joining the air pistol competition squad and for participating in smallbore pistol next summer. Those who show an affinity and wish to compete further may be invited to join the air pistol competition squad for the regular season which will run from December to April.

Air Pistol SPIN will meet on the following evenings, October 5, 12, 19, 26 from 6:30-8 p.m. The class location is indoors on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, Kansas. A \$40 equipment fee will be required. The date to begin registration will be September 5, 2023. The link for enrollment will be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events. Participants will be required to turn in a Johnson County 4-H SPIN Club Participation Form.

For further questions contact Sara Eccles at sseccles@gmail.com or contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions about signing up.

Entomology Project Meetings

Come join the end of the year fun at the Entomology project meeting on September 23 starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Allen County Extension office. If you were enrolled in Entomology this year, bring a short talk on "Your Favorite Insect Memory this Year." If you are thinking about trying this project for 2024, come join us!

October 14 will be Family Day for the Entomology meeting at the Allen County Extension office at 1:30 p.m. Several 4-H'ers are working on games and challenges for youth and adults! If you are thinking about trying this project for 2024, come check it out. Pinning set-ups will be available for purchase for \$10. The whole family is welcome!

Countywide Sewing Project

All interested 4-H'ers are welcome at the countywide sewing classes! No experience is required. Classes are held at the Extension office on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The first class for the 2023-2024 4-H year will be held on October 5, 2023. If you have questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

Chicken Processing Workshop

Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm is doing a Chicken Processing Workshop on October 10 at 5 p.m. More information about the event can be found at <https://fb.me/e/4QhGjJZj8>. They are offering a discount on registration to 4-H members and volunteers. If interested, contact Kathleen Puls at mahaffie@olatheks.org.

Project Videos Available

Explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html for you to watch when you choose.

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 2, 2023.

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 Provinces. Those who are selected as National Conference delegates will serve a two-year term on the council. Applicants must be ages 15-18 before January 1, 2024. 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, 2024. 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, 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/.

48 Hours of 4-H



To round out National 4-H Week, you are encouraged to invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members, and 4-H alum to give back to our community during 48 Hours of 4-H. It's time to start making plans to participate on October 7-8, 2023. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas 4-H Dog Conference will be October 21-22 at Rock Springs Ranch.
Achievement Celebration will be November 4 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe.
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 18-19 at Rock Springs Ranch.
Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum will be November 18-19 at Rock Springs Ranch.

REPORTER'S CORNER

4-H Gives Back

By Joshua Eflin, County Council Reporter

“I pledge My head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service, and My health to better living, For my club, my community, my country, and my world.” This is the 4-H Pledge. The seventeen Johnson County 4-H clubs make it a point to give back to the community by using their hands for service. They provide a variety of services to the community.

Pawsabilities provides skills training and job placement for people with disabilities in Kansas City. The 4-H Dog Club volunteered there. They helped take inventory and bag up about 150 bags of dog bones that the organization made ahead of time. They also helped make metal dog beds and build dog runs for the Rhodesian Ridgeback rescue group.

The Country Hearts 4-H Club gives back to the community throughout the year. They write notes/cards to Veterans on the Honor Flight, draw cards/pictures for residents at nursing homes, collect items for food pantries, and each year they hold a book wrapping. For the book wrapping, they collect used books and wrap them for birthday gifts for needy children at John Fiske Elementary School in Kansas City, Kansas. Some of these families are so focused on living day to day that there are no books in their homes or apartment. Anna Schuster, Country Hearts community leader, said, “It gives us joy to share our books with them each year.”

“The Happy Helpers are very intentional about community service projects throughout the year,” said Luran Delancy, community leader. Their club sewed a quilt and tie fleece blankets for Project Linus. They collect food for local food pantries, make cards for cancer patients, and sort hygiene items for Ronald McDonald House.

Several clubs ring Salvation Army bells and help out at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. Many clubs also complete projects for the churches or organizations where their club hold their monthly meetings.



Happy Helpers 4-H Club bell ringing for the Salvation Army

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.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Fair Preparation Leads to Success

By Joshua Eflin, County Council Reporter

The 2023 Johnson County Fair was a success thanks to the hard work of all the club members. 4-H Dog Club has been working on training their dogs together for the county fair since January. Besides weekly training they also had a club show, and two other dog shows to practice for fair. In order to look good at the fair they spent time unifying their cage decorations. They spent one meeting using wood burning tools to make signs for the cages, like the dog's names. And they spent the other meeting making pom poms.

The Johnson County Horse Club's fair preparations included many meetings and events to get prepared. They held two obstacle practices to help competitors become ready for the trail class at fair. They decorated the stalls in the horse barn, so they looked nice and were ready to go.

The Happy Helpers have a tradition of working together on a club banner. "It is always fun to get to hang out and work together to assemble our banner as a club!" stated Lauran Delancy. While each member worked to complete their individual projects, the older kids would help the younger members with their projects.

The Great Plains Club enjoyed creating the fair parade float followed by a tradition of the club junior leaders teaching the younger members how to prepare their entries for fair.

All of the clubs helped clean and set up the fairgrounds before and after the fair. Many club members also assisted the department superintendents during project judging.



Johnson County Horse Club on a trail ride.

September

- 4 - Labor Day, office closed
- 5 - Kansas State Fair Entry Drop-off at office until 6:30 p.m.
 - Air Pistol SPIN Club registration opens
 - County Council meeting
- 6 - Kansas State Fair Entry Drop-off at office until 5 p.m.
- 7 - Kansas State Fair Food & Plant Science entry morning drop-off at office (8-8:30 a.m.)
- 8-17 - Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 9 - Kids in the Kitchen cooking class (pre-registration required)
- 23 - Entomology Project meeting, Allen Co. office
- 30 - Hasta Luego Monarchs event, Pollinator Prairie

October

- 1 - New 4-H Year begins!
 - Club Organization Report due to office (online)
 - Games & Ice Cream Social, office
 - National 4-H Conference applications due
- 1-7 - National 4-H Week
- 2 - Officer Training & Project Fair, office
 - Kansas 4-H Youth Council applications due
- 4-15 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 5 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 7-8 - 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- 10 - Record Book Judging, office
- 12 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - Entomology Project Family Fun Day meeting, Allen Co. office
- 15 - New Family Orientation registration due
- 18 - New Family Orientation (pre-registration required)
- 19 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2023 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 2023 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

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:

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. Links to the report form and Financial Review Committee Responsibilities document are posted on the Club Leader Resource page.

Club Seal Requirements - As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2022-2023 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, 2023. This form is to be completed using information for the upcoming 2023-2024 4-H year.

There are also more resources available to support 4-H clubs on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. Even more would be better! Contact Johnson County 4-H staff with any questions.

Community Club Leader Meeting

Please join us Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office for an opportunity to share updates, best practices and discuss how to enhance 4-H programming in Johnson County. If a club leader is not able to attend, please send another adult from your club. Contact Lexi at lexi.ray@jocogov.org with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

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.