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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy Spring! I love that children are finally able to get out and enjoy some sun and outdoor physical activity. Make sure to sign up for Fantastic 4-H camp either as an attendee or as a counselor and mark the dates for the Spring Livestock shows that gets the 4-H'ers up and moving. Don't forget to sign up to learn some fun recipes and cooking tips by attending a Summer Cooking Camp as well. **-Ami**

Science Matters Night

Save the date! On April 17, 2019, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Extension office, teen leaders from the Science Matters team will host a night of fun with many hands-on activities. Some fun tables to expect:

- Science Matters Groups: Food Waste, Animal Feeding Tips, Watch the Water Quality
- Extension Master Naturalists: Wildlife Pelts, Skulls, and More!
- Extension Master Gardeners: Fun with Metamorphosis
- MED-ACT: Oxygen in the Blood Stream
- K-State Olathe: Dancing Food Colors

If you or your club would like to host a table with hands-on, sciencerelated activities, please contact Ami.

New Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office for parents of all first and second year 4-H members. Topics to be discussed will focus on the upcoming fair and there will be time to answer questions. To register please complete the information at https://goo.gl/forms/Xu17y9iUPyfgM EMf2. Registration is required by Sunday, April 28. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

Ambassador Discovery Days Scholarship

The 4-H Ambassadors are excited to offer scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend Discovery Days. The application is posted at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html</u>. Please have applications turned into Christin by 5 p.m. on May 1.

Important Local Deadlines

Adding/Dropping Projects and Enrollment Status

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and have an Active status in 4HOnline to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4HOnline by simply editing the 4-H member's profile. This option will be available through May 1 and then after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Appropriate forms can be found at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/</u><u>events-programs/livestock.html</u>. Also posted on this webpage is an example of a correctly filled out Horse Identification Certificate.

4-H Horse Snaffle Bit Project Nominations - Horse snaffle bit project nominations are also due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Along with the nomination, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted. Three-year-old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year and do not have to have been shown to re-nominate.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at <u>www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu</u>.

New Requirement for 2019: **YQCA Certification** - Youth planning to exhibit in the 2019 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) must meet the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) requirement. Both state shows will require ALL exhibitors to be YQCA certified. This includes youth showing market animals, commercial females, and registered purebred breeding females. This certification is **not** required for the 2019 Johnson County Fair, but is recommended and will be required starting with the 2020 Johnson County Fair.

Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both trainings are registered and paid for by going to <u>www.YQCA.org</u> and logging into the system through 4HOnline. All registration and payment is handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth.

Johnson County Extension is offering an in-person training for YQCA on April 16, at 6 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1060.

Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2019

We asked that all current 4-H members re-enroll by November 1, 2018. **If you or your 4-H'er have not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** Your family is missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2019 enrollments in 4HOnline is being used now. The website for 4HOnline is <u>https://ks.4honline.com</u>. Enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/</u>. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Local Opportunities

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser

The spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover fundraising campaign will run March 27-April 7, 2019. If your club would be interested in setting up a booth sometime at our local Tractor Supply Co. located in Olathe, please contact Ami. 4-H groups can help bag customers' purchases, display animals, or demonstrate projects. 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.

Fantastic 4-H Camp Information

Fantastic 4-H Camp is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 7-12. 4-H membership is not required. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. As well as sing songs by the campfire, make crafts and meet new friends. Camp will be June 17-20, 2019 and is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, Ks. Registration is now open and a link is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html. Registration closes May 1.

Scholarship Information

There are a limited number of scholarships available for Johnson County 4-H members attending Fantastic 4-H Camp. The amount of the scholarship will not exceed 50% of the camp registration fee. The scholarship application is posted on the Camps webpage above. Applications are due to the office by 5 p.m. on April 15.

Camp Counselors Needed

If you are interested in being a counselor for Fantastic 4-H Camp the link to sign up is on the Johnson County 4-H website at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html</u>. Adults and youth are needed as camp counselors. To be a counselor youth must be at least 15 years old. Male counselors are always greatly needed. All counselors must be Registered Volunteers (or become one before camp) and have a participation form on file.

Summer Cooking Day Camps

There are two dates available this year for the Cooking Day Camp: June 11-13 or July 23–25. Both sessions will feature the same recipes and activities, so please only sign up for one session so that all youth have a chance to participate. The Cooking Day Camps are open to youth ages 7-12 and are held at the Extension office from 9 a.m.-noon. Registration is \$50 per session and is now open. A link to register is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html.

County Council 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. County Council officers have meetings which occur on the first Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Ami.

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring 4-H Rabbit Show will be June 1at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular will be June 21-22at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center.Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic will be June 28-29in Manhattan.Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 24-25in Manhattan.

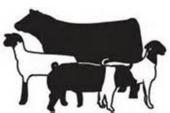
County Project Opportunities

2019 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Flyers for each show with registration details and more information are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

<u>Spring Beef Show</u> - April 20

The Spring Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 20, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by April 5. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head



after April 5. All market steers and heifers will be weighed from 7-9 a.m. on Saturday morning. 4-H Beef project members not showing in the Spring Beef Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 6-7 p.m. on Friday, April 19, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

<u> Spring Goat Show</u> - June 1

The Spring Goat Show will be held Saturday, June 1, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-8 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Goat project members not showing in the Spring Goat Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

<u> Spring Sheep Show</u> - June 1

The Spring Sheep Show will be held Saturday, June 1, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 8-9 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Sheep project members not showing in the Spring Sheep Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

<u>Spring Swine Show</u> - June 2

The Spring Swine Show will be held Sunday, June 2, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Swine project members not showing in the Spring Swine Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Bucket Calf Show - June 2

The Spring Bucket Calf Show will be held Sunday, June 2, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swine show. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Bucket Calf project members not showing in the Spring Bucket Calf Show will be allowed to weight their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Livestock Ear Tag Information

Below are pictures of each specie's ear tag. This is the number you will use when registering for the county fair, Kansas State Fair and KJLS. Tip from a pro: Take a picture with your phone and you'll have it with you whenever you need it! **REMINDER:** Animals must be tagged on or before the date of their corresponding spring show to be able to show in the county fair.



County Project Opportunities

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

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

Telescope Building Workshop - David Young from the Astronomical Society of Kansas City will be leading a workshop on how telescopes work with an opportunity to build your own telescope for entering in the fair. We are so lucky to be able to partner with ASKC for this event!! Please RSVP to Heather if you are planning on coming to the program to ensure that there are enough supplies available.

Date: Sunday, April 14 **Time:** 2-4 p.m. (probably will finish earlier) **Location:** Johnson County Extension Office

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project feel free to contact Heather at <u>handerson3@gmail.com</u>.

Don't Miss Out on the 4-H Fashion Revue

Do you have a great outfit you are proud of and would like to show off? You can strut your stuff at the 4-H Fashion Revue this summer! The categories are Buymanship and Everything Under \$15. To enter the Fashion Revue, enroll in the Clothing and Textiles project by May 1. You do not have to sew what you wear in Buymanship or Everything Under \$15! However, you must be enrolled in the Clothing and Textiles project by May 1 in 4HOnline, and enter in the appropriate class(es) in the 4-H Fashion Revue department by the 4-H fair entry deadline. You can find more information in the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book. Judging for the Fashion Revue is Saturday, July 20, 2019. The Public Fashion Revue is the evening of Wednesday, July 24. All 4-H'ers, gals and guys, are invited to come join the fun!

Calling all Project Talks, Demonstrations & Public Speaking!

Did you know that in addition to County 4-H Club Day and Regional 4-H Club Day, there is another opportunity for 4-H public presentations? Yes! At the Johnson County Fair! Plan to add "Public Presentation" to your fair entries this year! Blue and purple ribbons on Illustrated Talks and Demonstrations will be eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair.

Project Resource Pages

Do you have trouble knowing where to start with a project or want to know more about what a project entails? Project Guides have been created with the help of some Johnson County 4-H'ers. 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 <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html</u> 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.

County Project Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Dog Shows

The Johnson County 4-H Dog Club will be hosting two invitational dog shows this year. The first invitational show will be on June 15, starting at 8:30 a.m. Entries need to be sent in by June 1. There will be an invitational Rally-O and Agility only dog show on July 13 at 8:30 a.m. Entries for this show need to be sent in by July 1. Informational flyers are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html</u>. If you have questions, please contact Robin Tropansky at 913-620-9066.

Check Out These Other Countywide Projects That Are Available!

Make sure to visit the Johnson County 4-H Countywide Projects webpage at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html</u> for information on all the countywide projects available for Johnson County 4-H members! Additional countywide projects include Crochet, Knitting, Sewing and Dog Training. If you have any questions about countywide projects, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

State Opportunities

Be the next Emerald Circle Emcee!

Host the Emerald Circle Banquet as we honor and recognize the State Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) winners. As an emcee, you tell the important story of our State KAP winners and share their accomplishments with the audience. Emcees have a reserved seat at the banquet and can bring two additional guests. Two emcees will be selected. This is a great learning opportunity and resume builder for 4-H members and alumni interested in broadcast and communications as a career path.

Applicants must be a current Kansas 4-H member or young alumni (age 16-22) and available to be in Manhattan, KS May 29-30, 2019. (You will receive information about the KAP winners two weeks prior to Emerald Circle in order to prepare for the event.)

Emcees should have a pleasant stage presence, be personable and flexible, be able to think on their feet and calmly handle the unexpected, be able to add their own personal flare when reading a script, manage the time while maintaining a positive energy flow, and create a community in which both tellers and listeners feel welcomed, special, comfortable and respected.

Application Process

Create a video of yourself with the following:

•Introduction and a brief summary of your 4-H experience.

•Use the following information to tell an inspiring story:

Jesse Ross, Kansas District, 10 year 4-H member. KAP Category Winner: Wood Science. Favorite part of the project: Helping younger members in wood science and creating a whole bedroom set. 4-H experience: She learned by doing and has practical skills to use every day with memories to last a lifetime. Future plans: She plans to go to a college in Kansas to pursue a degree in business with a minor in entrepreneurship in case her hobbies ever turn into a career path.

•Video should not be longer than 3 minutes.

•Upload the video to YouTube and leave it unlisted. Email video link, along with a resume to Anna Ramsey at <u>aramsey@kansas4hfoundation.org</u>.

The application deadline is April 1 and Emcees will be selected by April 15. If you have questions email Anna Ramsey at <u>aramsey@kansas4hfoundation.org</u> or call 785-532-2856

State Opportunities

True Leaders in Service and National 4-H Day of Service

National 4-H is announcing *True Leaders in Service*, a month-long community service activation. It officially kicks off the first day of April and culminates with the National 4-H Day of Service on April 27. Thousands of 4-H'ers venture out into their communities throughout the month of April to do what 4-H'ers do best:



lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others. 4-H members, adult volunteers and friends help improve their communities by adopting a service project. These projects can be done as individuals or as a club. No matter the project, this is a day that will make a difference! The goal of True Leaders in Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a big impact on our country. If April 27 does not work for a project, any project in April can be a part of this effort. For more information and to register projects visit <u>https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/#!overview</u>.

Discovery Days

This year Discovery Days will be held May 29-31, and the theme is "Discovery Your Spotlight"! Discovery Days is held on the K-State campus in Manhattan for youth ages 13-18 (before January 1) and offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Register now to enjoy this event this summer! Register until April 15 at <u>www.kansas4-h.org/events/</u>. But don't wait too long to sign up as classes fill up quickly!

Grant Opportunities for Foster Children in 4-H

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Saint Francis Community Services are working together to provide funding opportunities for children and families involved with foster care. The purpose of the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs is to provide financial assistance for foster youth and their resource families who want to participate in learning opportunities available through 4-H.

Kansas 4-H is open to all youth ages 7 through 18 wanting to expand their learning opportunities. Through the Kansas 4-H Foundation, \$5,000 in grant funds are available to support foster care families and the children in their care who are current or potential 4-H members. The grant application with instructions is available on the Kansas 4-H website on the 4-H Camping page under "Downloads" at <u>www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/county-camps/</u>. Grant applications are due May 1.

Campference

Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others.

Registration and detailed information is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at <u>www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/</u>. Registration closes May 15, but register early as the space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full the last five years!

REPORTER'S CORNER

During our February meeting we talked about 4-H days and food fare. Mrs. Schuster told us we did purple foods for the food fare. For our program we had a talk about jump approach with Ann'adele and we had our ensemble. Riley also taught us how to make jolly rancher lollipops. We also initiated Ellie as a member and Hunter as a Cloverbud. By Ann'adele Kozlowski, Country Hearts 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.

REPORTER'S CORNER

The Frontier Family 4-H Club won second place skit performance at February 9th's Johnson County 4-H Club Days. Members Catherine, Christina, Hope, Lily and Jacob acted out "The Enlarging Machine" a one act play in which the inventor Gustaf Mulch enlarges objects

with his enlarging machine. The silly story entertained the audience. The club will compete against other 4-H clubs who won their county competitions at the regional Club Day March 9th in Gardner, Kansas. In addition to the skit performance, individual club members did poems, demonstrations,

illustrated talks, dancing and piano. Each received either a blue or purple ribbon. By Hope Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter



Club member Christina prepares for her demonstration "How to Frost a Cupcake"

The Frontier Family 4-H Club participated in the Johnson County 4-H Food Fare with eight other clubs on January 26th. The theme was colors which meant that individual clubs needed to prepare and serve foods of a single color. "It was fun to see how many food colors there are," exclaimed Lily, a first-year member.

For its red presentation, Frontier Family Club members made beet crepes with berry filling, strawberry smoothies, meatballs and bell peppers. The cup stacking challenge, using red solo cups, was a fun game for visitors to play while munching on the delicious snacks. Gluten free crepes were available. By Hope Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter

Club member Lily frosts a beet crepe at the Johnson County 4-H Food Fare



The Oxford Hustlers were excited to welcome Alice and Elliot as new members at their March meeting. By Miriam Haney, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

April

- Mar. 27-Apr. 7 Tractor Supply Fundraiser
 - 1 County Council Officers meeting
 - 4 Countywide Sewing Group
 - 5 Spring Beef Show pre-registrations due
 - 7 4-H Archery SPIN Club class
- 11 Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 Astronomy Project meeting
- 15 Fantastic 4-H Camp Scholarship Applications due
- 16 YQCA in-person training
- 17 Science Matters Night
- 18 Countywide Sewing Group
- 19 Evening weigh-in for Beef project members **not** showing in the Spring Show
- 20 Spring Beef Show
- 23 Quilting Workshop
- 25 Countywide Sewing Group
- 27 National 4-H Day of Service
- 28 4-H Archery SPIN Club class
 - Registration due for New Family Orientation
- 30 New Family Orientation

May

- 1 Deadline to Add or Drop projects
 - Market Beef Nominations due to Youth Livestock office
 - Horse ID Certificates, Horseless Horse Certificates, and Snaffle Bit Project forms due in the office
 - Discovery Days Scholarship Applications due
 - Fantastic 4-H Camp registration closes and payment due
- 2 Countywide Sewing Group
- 5 4-H Archery SPIN Club class
- 6 County Council meeting
- 9 Countywide Sewing Group
- 12 4-H Archery SPIN Club class
- 15 Spring Goat, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calf pre-registrations due
- 16 Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 Countywide Sewing Group
- 27 Memorial Day, office closed
- 30 Countywide Sewing Group

Check out <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/</u> forms-resources for the 2019 4-H calendar.



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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

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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 2019 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

2019 Enrollment

4HOnline opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2019 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members re-enroll by November 1, 2018. Double check with families in your club to make sure that they have re-enrolled. If they have not, please ask them to re-enroll **immediately**. Families are missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2019 enrollments in 4HOnline will be used now. The website for 4HOnline is <u>https://ks.4honline.com</u>. 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 <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/</u>. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

<u>Update on Club Leader Resources Page</u>

The Club Leader Resources page on the Johnson County 4-H website at <u>www.johnson.k-state.</u> <u>edu/4-h/project-club-resources/locked-club-leader-resources/</u> is now password protected. You should have received and email from Amanda that included the username and password that is needed to access the webpage.

If you did not attend the club leader meeting back in September, Ami shared that she had created some great resources for club leaders. We discussed as a group that it would be best to put these resources on the website. Because some of the resources include personal contact information, etc., the page needed to become password protected. The Excel sheets that tell the status of your volunteers will also be posted on this page in the future. If you have any problems or questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

<u>Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers</u>

This is a reminder that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club. Please help us to make sure everyone volunteering in your club has completed the necessary steps. For those leaders or volunteers that are already Registered Volunteers, the annual renewal was due October 1. If a volunteer has not yet completed their renewal, please have them do so as soon as possible. More information on the Volunteer Screening process is online at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/</u>.

<u>Adult Volunteer Screening Process</u> - In light of recent changes made by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) regarding their background check process, the Kansas 4-H office will no longer require this background check as part of the Volunteer Screening Process. The online criminal background check is still a requirement, along with the volunteer application, interview, orientation and local board approval. If you have any questions about the Volunteer Screening Process, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

NEW!! The Screening Process for Youth Volunteers 17 years old and younger is as follows:

All youth volunteers, 17 & under, will undergo a screening process which includes:

- 1.) Application
- 2.) In-Person Interview with the Extension Office
- 3.) Orientation
- 4.) Submit 3 adult references for reference checks. References may not be family members.
 a.) One reference from a 4-H affiliated adult (i.e. Community Club Leader, 4-H Alumni, or SPIN Club Leader)
 - b.) This replaces the Criminal Background Check that is required for adult volunteers. (Extension staff will follow-up with at least 2 references.)
- 5.) Board Approval