



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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New Date for Clover Clips

4-H Families,

Congratulations to all the youth and adults who were recognized at the annual Achievement Celebration! This is a great time of the year to reflect on all our blessings and to extend an attitude of appreciation. Johnson County 4-H is fortunate to have such a great group of 4-H families and gracious volunteers. I truly appreciate all the time and talents each of you bring to our program. Thank you. We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season! - Tara

Newly Elected County Council Officers by Matthew Boehm, County Council Reporter

The 2016 County Council met for the first time on Monday, November 2. It was great to see old friends and welcome the incoming council representatives. The highlight of this first meeting was to elect the new officers. Your 2016 County Council officers are: President, Zoe (Great Plains); Vice President, Grace (Oxford Hustlers); Secretary, Liza (Morning Glory); Corresponding Secretary, Theresa (Country Hearts); Treasurer, Nicholas (Comet Tech); Reporter, Matthew (Sharon); Historians, Ben (Sharon) and Elizabeth (Great Plains); and Parliamentarian, Marlaina (Oxford Hustlers). We look forward to an exciting 4-H year.

Sign Up to be on a Council Committee

Have you ever wondered how our county-wide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hardworking and dedicated adult volunteers and 4-H'ers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to Johnson County 4-H Council Representatives from each club. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events. Please review the details of each committee at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. 4-H'ers and adults interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PxJpiNztX6k19qOj93EZ8HwfAsRD8h5vvmIv95Dfjno/viewform> by January 1, 2016.

County Council Information

Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. On the off-month of Council meetings the newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the 1st Monday at 7 p.m. starting on December 7. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

County Project Opportunities

Entomology Basics Class

There will be an Entomology Basics class on December 5, 2015 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Extension office. Topics that will be discussed include: What is entomology?, Tools for collecting, Storing, Thawing, Pinning, Labeling... navigating www.bugguide.net, and the new state rules (see paragraph below).

Please use the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/2wZKZ5OqKo> to **RSVP by November 30**.

4-H Entomology Rule Changes for Kansas State Fair

There are new rules for 4-H Entomology at the State Fair. These new rules will be required for the 2016 State Fair. State Fair division rules and a tip sheet explaining the changes can be found at <http://entomology.k-state.edu/extension/4-h-and-youth/>. Start working on these changes now so you will be all ready for the 2016 fair season.

Tail Waggers Registration

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project will be opening registration for the 2016 training season on December 1, 2015. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 5, 2016. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 20; and Agility training sessions will be held on Sundays (2-4 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 31. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html; or you may contact Denise McKenny at 913-515-8574.

Plaza Photo Shoot

The Countywide Photography Project will be meeting at the Antioch Library parking lot (8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway; Merriam, KS 66202; corner of Antioch Road and SM Parkway--east of I-35) on January 9 at 3:30 p.m. to go over nighttime photography and then walk around the Plaza. The holiday lights will still be on. Bring your camera, tripod (if you have one) and dress for the weather. It often becomes much colder once the sun goes down. Questions or to let the Ladd family know to expect you email theladds5@gmail.com or contact Nina on her mobile number at 913-530-0316.

4-H Beekeeping SPIN Club Honey For Sale

The Johnson County 4-H Beekeeping SPIN club has completed its first session and there is honey from their hives available for purchase. The funds raised from the sale of their honey will go towards the next session of the Johnson County 4-H Beekeeping SPIN Club. If you are interested in purchasing some honey please contact Christy Milroy at 913-707-2003.



SAVE THE DATE!

Superintendents' Fair Book changes due January 1 to Amanda or Shelly Harrison.

NE Area Leadership Event will be January 30 at Riley County High School. (Event for ages 12-18.)

Johnson County Club Day will be February 13 at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner.

Jr. Beef Producer Day will be March 5 at Kansas State University's Weber Hall.

Jr. Sheep Producer Day will be March 19 at Kansas State University's Weber Hall.

Local Deadlines & Opportunities

Registered Volunteers, Please Submit Your Renewal Form

Renewal forms were due to Amanda on November 17. If this deadline slipped your radar, please complete the form and submit it ASAP. The Volunteer Renewal form must be completed by all Registered Volunteers each year. A link to the form is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/renewal.html. If you have any questions please contact Amanda.

Has Your Family Completed Enrollment for 2016?

The deadline to reenroll for returning 4-H members was November 2. If a returning 4-H member has not been reenrolled yet, please do so right away as all correspondences from the 4-H office will now be sent using information from the 2016 enrollments in 4HOnline.

New families may enroll for the 2016 4-H year at any time, but the sooner the better so that they can start receiving correspondences as well.

The State 4-H office has made a step by step brochure for reenrolling which we have posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. We have also posted the State's brochure for enrolling for new families. Please read the brochure to assist your family in reenrolling, and here are a few tips to point out:

- Log in to your family's existing profile. **DO NOT** create a new family account!
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- If you are a Club Leader or Project Leader you will not be able to log in to your club/project until you have reenrolled and your enrollment has been accepted by our office and the Organizational Report for your club has been turned into the Extension office.
- The Participation Form will be filled out online this year as part of the enrollment/reenrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.

As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

Countywide Junior Leaders

Next meeting: Thursday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Who is eligible? Any 4-H'er between the ages of 12-18 who is interested in expanding their leadership opportunities and further developing their leadership skills in a fun environment with other 4-H'ers from across the county!

Meeting date and time: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

National/International Opportunities

Citizenship Washington Focus 2016

There are still several spots left to attend the 2016 Citizenship Washington Focus trip! This is a great opportunity for youth ages 15-18 to visit their nation's capitol, visit with the legislators and participate in Citizenship Washington Focus at National 4-H Headquarters. For more information, please visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html>. You are encouraged to sign up sooner rather than later as spots are going quickly!

State Opportunities

2016 Scholarship Applications Available

The 2016 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 2016 4-H scholarships. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year. 4-H members wanting to apply must submit completed applications **to the Extension office by Monday, January 25, 2016.**

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification Training News

The Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification training will be held January 29-31, 2016, in Sabetha (note location change from Seneca) in Nemaha County in Northeast Kansas. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to learn about the four phases of dog showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training project. This is also a good opportunity for local project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Details for registration will be available on or before December 1. For registration and more information visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/dog-leader/index.html>.

2016 4-H Horse Panorama

The 2016 4-H Horse Panorama has been scheduled for January 29-31 at Rock Springs. Registration for Horse Panorama will be posted to the Kansas 4-H web site soon. For more information and rules for 4-H Horse Panorama visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>.

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 19-20 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all county/district 4-H Ambassadors, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is "Rockin' and Rollin' with 4-H Ambassadors." There will be workshops, speakers, fun and fellowship. Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H website by December 15 and registration will close February 1. The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team accepts members (teens, volunteers and Extension staff) year-round.

Citizenship In Action Registration

Have you been to the State Capitol and actually sat in the seat of one of our House Representatives or Senators? Citizenship in Action gives 4-H youth this unique and amazing opportunity each February! Youth debate bills on the floor and will have the chance to talk with our local legislators. Registration and information for Citizenship In Action will be posted soon, you can find this information by visiting www.kansas4-H.org. Youth who are 13-18 by January 1, 2016 are eligible to attend. The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

The state will have scholarship opportunities available and will be communicating with local Extension offices through the state website and with youth who are attending.

REPORTER'S CORNER

The Great Plains 4-H Club had their monthly meeting and fall hayride on October 1, 2015 at Sharp's Farm. The club enjoyed a potluck supper, including roasted hot dogs and s'mores over a bonfire. After eating, the club had their first official meeting of the year with newly inducted officers. The club went on a hayride, sang, and talked while enjoying the cool evening.

In addition, the Great Plains 4-H Club participated in 48 Hours of 4-H on October 10 and 11, 2015. The club held a sock drive for City Union Mission, and collected 87 pairs of socks to warm the toes of needy men, women, and children in the KC area.

Submitted by Great Plains Club Reporter, Leah Kwasiborski



The Comet Tech 4-H Club met and presented National Youth Science Day to visitors at the county extension office. The facilitators taught youth "Motion Commotion" by using race cars equipped with modeling clay drivers and a simulated runway. The experiment tested the physics of motion and knowledge of speed and safety as well as analyzing consequences of distracted driving by texting.



The Comet Tech 4-H Club also taught youth to build an aerodynamic device to transport food to victims of disaster areas in the experiment "Rockets to the Rescue". The facilitators taught how to design and build paper rockets. The rockets were then tested by placing them on a lift stand to power them through the air. They used the air from a plastic bottle which was forced through pvc pipes to push/lift the rocket into the air. Both experiments were successful and a lot of fun for all who attended.

Submitted by Seth Gunkel, Reporter, Comet Tech 4-H Club

REPORTER'S CORNER



Blue River Wranglers 4-H Field Trip

Submitted by, Ainsley Pecenka, Blue River Wranglers Reporter

In October the Blue River Wranglers visited Strataca, the Underground Salt Museum, and Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson. At the Cosmosphere, the club went to Mr. Goddard's Lab and learned that Mr. Goddard's science was used to make the first rocket. The Cosmosphere had a museum with real things that went to space including a capsule and uniforms. We went 650 feet underground to visit the Salt Museum and came back with our own piece of salt! The club members had a great time and learned a lot!

The Comet Tech 4-H Club toured Bichelmeyer Meats in Kansas City, Kansas. The tour, led by Mr. Bichelmeyer the parent of a club member, gave members a look at how meat is processed, packaged, smoked and displayed for sale to the public. 15 Comet Tech members attended the tour with their parents.

The group organized in the processing station first where special orders were being filled for customers. The meat was trimmed and packaged and placed in a sack for each special order. Club member, Cole Bichelmeyer helped stamp the meat to identify it as "Pork Chops". The group proceeded to the Meat Locker where the butchered meat is hanging on hooks in a very cool room. The beef and pork stay in this locker for two weeks aging. This helps the meat to marble, which makes the meat tender when it is cooked. The next room was the smoking room. The room held grates of smoked beef jerky and another huge oven was smoking a whole hog which was a special order for a customer. Next to this room was an area where sausages were mixed and stuffed before they went into the smoking ovens. Bichelmeyer Meats even smoked dog bones for our pets! We ended our tour by meeting the owners of Bichelmeyer Meats and asking questions. We got to view all the meat options in a display case and then had lunch together. Bichelmeyer employees cook their meat and sell the public tacos, carnitas, tamales and other mouthwatering options. I recommend having lunch at Bichelmeyer Meats!



Submitted by Seth Gunkel, Reporter, Comet Tech 4-H Club

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 a new opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a new 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.

December

- 5 - Entomology Basics Class
- 7 - County Council Officers meeting
- 9 - Community Club Leader meeting
- 17 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 25 - Christmas Day, office closed

January

- 1 - New Year's Day, office closed
 - Council Committee sign-ups due online
 - Superintendents' Fair Book changes due to Amanda or Shelly Harrison
- 4 - County Council meeting
- 5 - Tail Waggers registration due
- 9 - Countywide Photo. Project Plaza photo shoot
- 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
- 21 - Junior Leaders meeting
- 25 - State 4-H Scholarships due to Extension office
- 30 - NE Area Leadership Event

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!

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Johnson County 4-H on Facebook

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Leader Update

Reenrollment for Returning 4-H Members

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Note to Leaders: We are working with the State 4-H office to find the best way to get you a hard copy form of the information that families input online for the Participation Form portion of enrollment. We will keep you updated on the progress. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for understanding.

Community Club Leader Meetings

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings.

Next meeting: December 9

*All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

If you have a conflict on this date please contact Tara.

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.**

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Leader Update

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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/.



New Publish Date for Clover Clips!

In an effort to get information out at a more beneficial time, Clover Clips will now be published on the 25th of each month for the upcoming month. For example, the February issue of Clover Clips will be published on January 25. (Remember there is no August issue due to county fair.) Submissions for Clover Clips will now be due to Christin on the 15th of each month. Please check the Johnson County 4-H Calendar for exact dates as the 15th or 25th may fall on a weekend or holiday. If you have any questions please contact Christin.