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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner. **This is a NEW LOCATION!** The school's address is 16200 S Kill Creek Rd, Gardner.

Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. Links for registration and the Club Day Guidelines are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html. Please note that there are two different registration links. One is for individual, duo, etc. events and the other is for club events. Only one person in your club needs to sign the entire club up for club events. All events are required to be preregistered online by February 8 in order to participate in Club Day. Once registration has closed, additional information will be sent out to those that registered with details on signing up for specific time slots.

4-H'ers receiving a Top Purple ribbon placing will be invited to participate in Regional Club Day which will take place on a Saturday in March. Date and location will be confirmed soon.

And remember, 4-H'ers who are 4-H age 9 and older that receive a purple ribbon for a Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Project Talk, or Poetry/Prose are eligible to enter in the Kansas State Fair.

Complete Enrollment Now for 2024!

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to reenroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2024 4-H year. We asked that all returning 4-H members be reenrolled by November 1, 2023. **If your family has not reenrolled yet please do so immediately.** If not reenrolled, your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2024 enrollments in 4-H Online is now being used.

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As a reminder, the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.).

4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents will host the annual 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024. There are two packages available - ticket, \$10 concession voucher and T-shirt for \$30, or ticket and \$10 concession voucher for \$20. Register at <https://bit.ly/3N85oPY> by January 1.

Local Opportunities

Rock Springs Camps

Ready, set, register! Summer Camp 2024 registration is now open! **Register by December 31 to receive a 10% early bird discount.** For more information, session dates and fees, visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. Johnson County 4-H's unofficial camp session is the Overnight Camp, Session 1, June 2-5, 2024.

There are a couple of new camps being offered this year.

- Mini-Camp—This is a shorter 3 day/2 night camp experience for 1st-3rd graders.
- Ranch Camp & Shooting Sports Camp—These week-long specialty camps are designed to build further skill development in campers' desired areas of growth.

Registration is also open for the Counselors in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT) sessions. Both programs are free to current 9th-11th graders thanks to a generous donation to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Youth interested in attending either program at no cost can complete the Letter of Interest at bit.ly/CIT-Interest.

Anyone Can Join a Council Committee!

Even if you are not your club's Council Representative you are still able to be part of any of the Johnson County 4-H Council committees. Below are very brief descriptions of some committees that are in need of extra help. Descriptions of all committees can be found on the 4-H Council website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html.

Fair Concession Stand Committee—Work with the Food Stand Manager & Assistants to develop a menu and set prices; Help set-up and clean-up the Food Stand

Promotions/National 4-H Week Committee—Work with Tractor Supply Co. during spring & fall Paper Clover fundraisers for promotion of 4-H; Schedule countywide events during National 4-H Week; Help promote 4-H program throughout the year

Budget Finance Committee—Prior to Council meeting, review the financial report from the Extension Accountant to support the 4-H Treasurer; In August, work with Extension Accountant and Treasurer to create a budget for the upcoming year

County Wide Project & Scholarship Support—Review requests to approve funds to support 4-H Camp, Livestock, Shooting Sports, and other countywide projects/scholarships and project start-ups.

Nomination Committee—In October, work with Extension to obtain a list of Council Representatives and reach out to individuals for officer elections at the November meeting; At the November meeting, support elections by counting ballots

Policy Changes Committee—Review the County Council Bylaws annually and submit revisions for Council approval

Special Needs Committee—Providing help to 4-H families in need

Trips and Awards Committee—Review and revise the "Johnson County 4-H Award Procedures"
If you have questions, please email Lexi at Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org.

County Council Meeting and Committee 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. (unless it is a holiday). Elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 6:30 p.m.

Actively participating in two Council Committees is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin. Descriptions of each of the Council committees is posted on the 4-H Council website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above.

Local Opportunities

Food Safety Training for 4-H'ers

Don't be the culprit! Stop foodborne illness before it begins. Did you know that keeping food safe is everyone's job, including yours? Every year 1 in 6 people in the U.S. will get sick with foodborne illness. Whether you are preparing food for Food Fare, the county or state fair, a fundraiser for your club, or even helping prepare meals at home for your family, you need to make sure that you are following good food safety practices and not letting incorrect habits sneak into the kitchen. Come learn from Nutrition, Food Safety and Health Agent Chelsea Reinberg and the Master Food Volunteers everything you need to know to make safe (and tasty!) food. This event will be held at the Extension office on February 21, 2024, from 6-7:30 p.m. There will be a presentation for youth in grades 3-6 and another presentation at the same time for youth in grades 7-12. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/n2MKW2hK2nhX4RC6A>.

2024 Johnson County Fair Theme Contest

The Johnson County Fair Board wants YOUR ideas for the theme and artwork of the 2024 Johnson County Fair! In cooperation with Extension, the Fair Board is holding a contest for 4-H'ers to create a theme AND to design the fair book cover art. Deadline for submissions is March 25 at 5 p.m. Your design can be hand drawn or digitally created but MUST BE ORIGINAL. One entry/idea per person. Please send your theme idea, artwork and contact information to Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org. In your email include: your name, parent/guardian's name, 4-H club, phone number and email. Please attach your artwork design in a JPG or PNG format if possible (the higher quality the image, the better). The Fair Board will vote on their top choice at their March meeting. The winner will receive a few fair associated gifts.

Officer Training and Project Videos Available

If you weren't able to attend Officer Training in October, or would just like more tips about your officer position, visit the Officer Training website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html to view informational videos about many of the 4-H positions.

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.

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.

Kansas 4-H Project Report Resources

Set goals, practice record keeping, reflect, and compete using Kansas 4-H Project Reports. 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.

County Project Opportunities

It's winter break, what should I be doing?

Winter break is the perfect time to get started on projects to take to the Johnson County Fair! If you have questions regarding specific projects, please check out the newly updated County Projects Resources section on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html. These volunteers are “experts” in their designated area and are ready to help you, so don’t hesitate to reach out to them. Also, check out the Kansas 4-H Projects website at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/ as there are many resources on projects, including how to get started, ideas, and tips.

Countywide Sewing Project

Meetings are held at the Extension office every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and will start up again on January 4. At the start of meetings in January, a couple projects will be done with sewers that are less experienced, then work will start on outfits to enter for the fair. If you are an experienced sewer and just want to have a dedicated time to sew you are more than welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing project leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

Register for Training with the Tail Waggers 4-H Dog Project

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is now accepting registrations for the 2024 training season. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 5, 2024. Further details can be found at the link posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html under the Tail Waggers Dog Project heading or at <https://forms.gle/waVEBTFaSJyvtF7S7>.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Green building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Training sessions will be held weekly from January to May on Wednesdays for Showmanship and Obedience, and on Sundays for Agility. New Tail Waggers members must commit to attending all Obedience training sessions; as each week's lesson builds on prior training activities and are not conducive for part-time attendance. If you have questions, contact Donna Holloway at DonnaLHolloway@yahoo.com or 913-433-6752.

Celebrate 4-H with Holiday Activities

Explore hands-on activities to spark curiosity for the kids in your family with National 4-H this holiday season. The 4-H at Home Holiday Activity Guide contains an array of fun activities, such as making ornaments, family story time, visual art projects, and many food recipes including a “cookie book” with more than 20 sweet holiday recipes to make together. The activity guide includes an additional area important during the holidays: service. Check out the Holiday Activity Guide at <https://4-h.org/clover/activity-guides/> for lots of festive activities.



SAVE THE DATE!

Food Fare will be March 29 at the Extension office.

4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar will be April 12 in Colby.

Discovery Days will be June 5-7 on the KSU campus in Manhattan.

Johnson County Fair will be July 28-August 3 in Gardner.

Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be August 10 in Manhattan.

Kansas State Fair will be September 6-15 in Hutchinson.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Knitting Project

Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Classes start at 7 p.m. and are held at the Extension office. Upcoming meeting dates are January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com.

YQCA Requirements

What is YQCA? Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal wellbeing, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for ages 7-21. This program is an annual certification that grows with the youth, so the learning modules are different every year.

Who needs to be certified?

ALL Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: Youth ages 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2024 in order to exhibit at the fair.

ALL Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: Youth ages 7 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification.

How do I get certified? Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to www.YQCAprogram.org. All registrations and payments are 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. (If a family needs financial support, contact the Extension office.) Johnson County 4-H will hold two in-person trainings at the Extension office on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. Registration is required to attend a training. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.



Advice from Miss 4-H, Kennedy Graham

Question: *What are qualities that make a good leader? What are some 4-H leadership roles that you have held and enjoyed?*

A good leader is someone who is able to take on any situation, no matter how difficult, to better themselves or someone else. There is not one single description that can accurately and concisely categorize a leader; however, the three leadership characteristics that always stand out to me are that leaders are resourceful, perseverant, and empathetic.

I have held many leadership positions at the club level as well as at the county level. My favorite one so far, though, was the reporter for my club, which was a position that I held for three years because I enjoyed it so much. I enjoyed writing about how much fun we have as a club and about the meaningful service opportunities that we engage in as a group. Sometimes I found that these articles inspired other groups to consider opportunities that they didn't realize existed.

State Opportunities

4-H Horse Panorama

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 27, at the K-State campus in Salina. A schedule of events is located on the 4-H Horse Panorama website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html. 4-H Horse Project members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more.

Horse Bowl encourages young people to develop knowledge of equine-related subject matter. This contest develops alertness, self-confidence, and knowledge in a competitive setting, surrounded by an attitude of friendliness and fairness. Hippology is an educational activity for youth who wish to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a friendly, competitive setting. This contest enhances decision-making and provides an opportunity for the participants to work cooperatively with others.

Virtual contests for 2024 will be Photography, Logo Design, Ad Layout, Poster, and PowerPoint. Participants in virtual contests need not be present at Horse Panorama to participate in the virtual contests. Members participating only in virtual contests will not be charged a registration fee. More information about the virtual contest can be found on the 4-H Horse Panorama website.

New for 2024! A first-timers opportunity will be provided for youth to explore Hippology. Adults who volunteer to assist with the day's events can register at a reduced rate.

Adults and youth attending must register by January 2, 2024. Payment must be made by check. A registration link is posted on the 4-H Horse Panorama website listed above.

4-H Dog Judge Training and Certification

This year's 4-H Dog Judge training and recertification will be January 26-28, 2024, at the Leavenworth County fairgrounds near Tonganoxie. Learn what to expect as a judge in the four 4-H dog events: Showmanship, Obedience, Rally Obedience and Agility. There have been some changes in the last two years especially in the Agility event. Please register by January 12 at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/trainings/dog-leader/. You must have knowledge of the 4-H dog program or be a current leader or parent who wants to learn more about the judging process. Participants must be at least 16 years old and the training is open to non-4-H adults. You may certify as a judge or just observe to learn more. The certification is good for five years.

2024 Total Solar Eclipse: Through the Eyes of NASA

NASA is inviting all their partners including all interested 4-H clubs to an informational webinar regarding the total solar eclipse. Save the date for the informative webinar on January 23, 2024, from 12-1 p.m. ET. During the webinar, they will highlight: The science behind solar eclipses; Connections to NASA's study of the Sun; How to view eclipses safely; and NASA's plans for public and student engagement. For additional information, go to <https://stemgateway.nasa.gov/connects/s/community-events/a113d000001Imp6AAC/nasas-solar-eclipse-webinar>. To register for the event complete the information at <https://nvite.jsc.nasa.gov/RSVP/?id=mebdj>.

Register for Citizenship In Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action February 18-19, 2024, in Topeka! The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth (13-18 years old before January 1, 2024) 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 will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. For more information and to register visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/. The deadline to register is January 26, 2024, and registration will be limited this year to 240 spots.

State Opportunities

Apply Now to be a Host Family

Applications should be arriving in the next month from Japan and South Korea for students hoping to spend the next school year in the U.S. with 4-H families. States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (States' 4-H) offers prospective host families for Academic Year Programs (AYP) the chance to review the applications and look for the best matches for their families on a first come basis. Families are encouraged to complete the approval process early, so they have the widest possible selection. Programs are from around August 1 to mid-June. AYP Exchange students attend local high schools and participate fully in academic, extracurricular, and 4-H activities for the year while hosted by one family, who provides meals, lodging, and transportation. They share cultures with their student. For more information, contact Jennifer Pfortmiller at jdunn@ksu.edu.

Five teens representing 4-S in Costa Rica are scheduled to spend a month with Kansas 4-H families on a Summer Inbound Exchange. States' 4-H arranges the exchange with Costa Rica 4-H, June 26-July 21, when Kansas families who have a teen within 3 years of the visiting teen's age (15-18) and the same gender, are eligible to host. The Costa Rican visitors do what the host siblings and family are doing while they are here. If Kansas is assigned a chaperone with the youth, he or she may be hosted by adults during the exchange for 2-4 weeks each. For more information, contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-375-3189. Online applications are available now!

Junior Beef and Sheep Producer Days

Registration is now open for Junior Beef Producer Day and Junior Sheep Producer Day held at K-State's Weber Hall in Manhattan. The junior producer day events are one-day family educational programs to learn about the selection and management of beef and/or sheep youth livestock projects, as well as a variety of aspects related to the animal science industry. Each day is dedicated to one species. Online registration information is listed below. All attendees must register, which includes both youth and adults. You must register by the deadline to receive a T-shirt.

In addition to the junior producer day events, an instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need to indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. Then, more specific details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be communicated with only those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3/child fee. The junior producer day registration is independent from the YQCA class and does not include that additional fee.

A session over the state livestock nomination process will also be hosted at the end of each junior producer day for those who are interested. It will be offered for parents concurrently with the YQCA class. So, the adults can come learn about the state nomination process, while the kids go earn their YQCA certification for 2024!

Finally, there will potentially be an option for families who are participating in Junior Sheep Producer Day to tour the K-State Sheep and Meat Goat Center before or after that event. If that is something that interests you, please watch your email for details as March 16 gets closer!

<u>K-State Junior Beef Producer Day</u>	<u>K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day</u>
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024	Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024
Registration Deadline: February 12	Registration Deadline: February 26
Cost: \$20/person by February 12 (\$25/person after February 12)	Cost: \$20/person by February 26 (\$25/person after February 26)
*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 12 to receive a T-shirt.	*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26 to receive a T-shirt.
*Online Registration: https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND	*Online Registration: https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

REPORTER'S CORNER

The Oxford Hustlers 4-H club gathered for bell ringing at the Hy-Vee on Shawnee Mission Parkway. They were bell ringing for the Salvation Army. The Oxford Hustlers brought holiday cheer in two hour shifts. The Salvation Army says that the money goes to help support the local community. By Lucy Martin, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



Creative Cookies

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

Has your club ever planned a project meeting, gathered supplies, set it up, and it was all about cookie decorating? The Happy Helpers 4-H club has done this more than once! At the October club meeting, Zamyra S. announced that at the next meeting, two hours before it started, there would be a football cookie decorating class! One family from the club organized it, and other families made donations to cover the cost of supplies. Two and a half hours before the November meeting, Zamyra and her mom came to set it up. Around two hours before the meeting, participants started to enter. Over fifteen people came! It started off with an introduction explaining what would happen during the class. First, everyone made a plan for the cookies they would be decorating. The shapes were: turkey, football, square and circle (for stadium cookies), jersey, and an arrowhead (for the Chiefs). In the end, it was a success! Multiple unique ideas, that were not the same as the original shape, were created by participants, including; a block of Swiss cheese, a Christmas tree, abstract art, a pie, and many more! If you go to the Johnson County Fair, watch out for creative cookies made by members of the Happy Helpers 4-H club.

Cora D. mixes yellow food coloring with white royal icing while Nate D. and George D. watch.



Multiple cookies showed off on a table.



REPORTER'S CORNER

Doing Christmas Better

By Emma Burns, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter

Many people volunteer to help in sundry ways during the holidays such as getting a gift for a child on an Angel Tree, or donating clothes, food, and time to various groups throughout the season. The Salvation Army is a well-known organization for its humanitarian efforts. Pioneer chose to assist The Salvation Army by bell ringing to support those in need during the Christmas season. Every year at Leavenworth National Cemetery in December, citizens come from miles around to lay wreaths on soldier's graves to honor their ultimate sacrifice for our country. Again, Pioneer answered the call for help and assisted by laying wreaths on graves of our fallen. Pioneer continues to keep busy doing Christmas community service to make our world better.



Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Izzy Martinez, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

The JoCo Horse Club had a short meeting on December 6th so that everyone could have fun at our Christmas party! We did a white elephant and had lots of delicious food! On top of that, on December 12th, we had a vet talk with Traci Gentry. She taught us what to look for in our horses to see if they are healthy and what to do in emergency situations. At the end, she gifted us a thermometer and a sheet that summarized all the information she taught us. We are ready and excited for our upcoming events!



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.

January

- 1 - New Year's Day, office closed
 - KSU Women's Basketball 4-H Registration due
- 2 - County Council meeting
 - Horse Panorama Registration due
- 4 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 5 - Tail Waggers Dog Training Registration due
- 10 - Tail Waggers Orientation meeting, JoCo Fairgrounds, (preregistration required)
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 12 - Countywide Knitting Group
 - Dog Judge Training/Certification Registration due
- 13 - KSU Women's Basketball 4-H Day (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 - NASA Solar Eclipse Webinar (preregistration required)
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Countywide Knitting Group
 - Citizenship in Action Registration due
- 26-28 - Dog Judge Training/Certification, Leavenworth, (preregistration required)
- 27 - Horse Panorama, Salina (preregistration required)

February

- 1 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 8 - County Club Day Registration deadline
 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 9 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 12 - Jr. Beef Producer Day Registration due
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18-19 - Citizenship in Action, Topeka (pre-registration required)
- 22 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 24 - County Club Day (preregistration required)
- 26 - Jr. Sheep Producer Day Registration due
- 29 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2024 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 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

Remind Families to Reenroll

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to reenroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. We asked that all returning 4-H members be reenrolled by November 1, 2023. **If families are not enrolled for the 2024 4-H year they will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only contact information from the current year's enrollments is now being used.**

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As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Adults providing supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Volunteer applications and renewals are completed through 4-H Online. We asked that all returning volunteers complete their renewal by November 1, 2023. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2023-2024 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile has been approved they may resume their volunteer duties. If you have any questions please contact Christin Bartels.

Join Johnson County 4-H Club Leaders and Staff on BAND

If you are not already on the Johnson County 4-H BAND Page, we would love to have you join us! BAND can be downloaded as an app or used on your web browser and functions similarly to Facebook, in a private, invite only platform. Find handy attachments, documents, updated events, share ideas with Club Leaders and Extension Staff easily and post photos! Go to <https://band.us/n/a6a195t1E1sbl> for the invite code to join. If you have any questions contact Lexi at Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org.

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Please take time to review the forms, links and resources available on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Resources include information about the Annual Financial Report, requirements for the Club Seal, and the link to complete the Club Organization Report.

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/.

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.