



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy 4-H New Year! Hard to believe we are moving into the 2016-2017 year. As we move forward with a wonderful new 4-H year let us remember this quote by Melody Beattie, "The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals." Good luck to all youth completing their record books and KAP's. - **Tara**

2017 Enrollment

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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!
- Most data will pre-populate from the 2016 year's data, but make sure you double check and edit items that may have changed from last year. Items like: Volunteer Status (Yes or No), Volunteer Type (i.e. Project Leader, Secretary, etc.), Club, Projects, etc.
- The Participation Form is filled out as part of the enrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.
- 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.

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

Hats Off to 4-H Achievement

Please join us as we celebrate the 2015-2016 achievement of Johnson County 4-Hers. The dessert reception will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 5 in the Green Building on the fairgrounds in Gardner. Check-in time for 4-Hers begins at 1:15 p.m. Dress should be business casual/Sunday clothes. Please RSVP to Christin Bartels by October 28 with family name and number attending.



-Matthew Boehm, Johnson County 4-H Council Reporter & Achievement Celebration Co-Chair

County Project Opportunities

Bee Education Event

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

Countywide Horse Project Meetings

The Foundation Horse Project Team serves all 4-H clubs and members in Johnson County. This is a countywide opportunity for those interested in learning more about the horse project. Any 4-H member interested in the horse project or becoming educated about horses is welcome to participate. This team does not take the place of your 4-H club and members still need to be active in a local 4-H club of their choice. The purpose of this team is to establish a solid foundation for horse education. The focus will be on educational activities including horse husbandry, safety, feeding, industry topics, and veterinary medicine. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. All meetings are held at the Johnson County Extension office starting at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to contact Valentine Williams at horsedoc96@gmail.com with any questions or if you are interested in joining or attending.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention sewers and those who want to learn: Sewing class will start again October 6 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a beginning class for those that have never sewn or have little experience. Classes will be held every Thursday, November 3-17. We will then start up again January 5 and run until July 20. The first class will be an orientation meeting to go over the items needed for the class and a brief overview of what the class will entail.

Also starting at that time is class for those that have been sewing for several years and who want to get a jump on their projects for the fair. The more advanced sewers will also be doing some tailoring for the first three weeks (November 3-17).

If you have questions or what more information, please contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

Project Resource Pages

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

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

Local Opportunities

Record Books

As you fill out your Record Books, so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work, any forms you may need and information about record books can be found on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books to them. You will submit ALL record books and applications to your club leaders. This includes but is not limited to your personal page, permanent records, KAPs, officer books, and pin applications.

Johnson County 4-H Photos Needed

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

National 4-H Week

Celebrate National 4-H Week October 2-8, by promoting 4-H in your community. Clubs may want to create window displays or set up a booth at a community event.



Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraising Event

The fall Paper Clover promotion will be held at Tractor Supply Company October 5-16. Money donated from purchases will be given to the Johnson County 4-H program! If your group is interested in helping out with a booth to promote Johnson County 4-H contact Tara.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Scholarship Available

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

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

*****Johnson County Ambassadors are providing a scholarship for \$125 to a 4-H member that would like to step out and try a new state event.** The scholarship application is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. Applications are due to the Extension office by Monday, October 17.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

2017 Horse Panorama will be January 27-29 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

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

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

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

Local Opportunities

Now Accepting Applications for 2017 4-H Ambassadors

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Then apply to be a 2017 Johnson County 4-H Ambassador! Ambassadors share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer.



The application and more information can be found on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Renewal Form. **Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Friday, October 21.**

Officer Training and Project Fair Event

This year's Officer Training and Project Fair event will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at the Extension office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about officer roles is invited to attend officer training from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend the 4-H Project Fair from 7:30-8:30 p.m. to see first-hand the large variety of projects you can do in 4-H and talk to 4-Hers who are active in those projects! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

****Officer Training presenters are needed to lead sessions.** Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-officer/>.

****Project Fair presenters are needed to provide a display, give information and answer questions about specific projects.** Sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-project/>.

If you have questions, please contact Susan and Liza Rogers at 913-226-6167 (call or text) or srgateway2000@gmail.com. Or Diane and Elizabeth Eflin at diane.eflin@gmail.com or 913-302-8346.

New 4-H Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation, October 29, 2016, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Extension office for parents of all 1st and 2nd year 4-H members. To register please complete the information at <https://goo.gl/forms/hmtX9X2vcWXZZpqm1>. As new families join our 4-H program, welcome them with open arms AND information. If they, or anyone else you know of, are not receiving the monthly newsletter, please direct them to the Johnson County website or our office. Thank you for your help in this area as we begin our new 4-H year.

4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Audit Committee members: start planning now for the annual 4-H Club Financial Audit! The audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. The Annual Financial Report document can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html. Every Club/Group who has an EIN number issued by the IRS is asked to have a Financial Review Committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS. This information is due to the local Extension office November 1. If you have questions please contact Tara.

Local Opportunities

County Council Elections and 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. starting on November 7. The November meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a County Council officer position be present for the meeting. The newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the 1st Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 5. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

Registered Volunteer Renewals and Online Volunteer Orientation

Renewals for current Registered Volunteers are due October 1. The Volunteer Renewal can be completed online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/renewal.html. On this webpage there is also a link to the hard copy form.

The 4-H Volunteer Online Orientation is available through the 4HOnline system. Individuals will have to set up an account in 4HOnline, if they have not done so already, before the online orientation can be completed. The Volunteer Application can also be completed online.

Visit the Johnson County 4-H Volunteer webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/ and click on "Application", "Orientation", or "Renewal" for more details about each step in the process. Please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff if you have any questions.

State Opportunities

48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge

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

When: October 8-9, 2016

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

Shutterbugs at Hays

The 4-H Photo Action Team is planning a new Shutterbug event to be held in Hays on October 15. Shutterbug events provide opportunities for 4-H youth to participate in hands-on photography activities. This event in Hays will include workshops on a variety of topics, such as lighting, composition, portraits and macrophotography.

The event will be held the morning of Saturday, October 15 at the K-State Ag Research Center Auditorium, 1232 240th Avenue, Hays, KS. Registration begins at 9 a.m. (no pre-registration necessary). The opening session will start at 9:15 a.m. with workshops continuing throughout the morning. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/projects/creative-arts/docs/photography/Shutterbugs%20in%20Hays.pdf.

State Opportunities

Photography Competition Opportunity

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

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

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

Kansas 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

Road trip across the USA June 16-26, 2017, stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Youth ages 15-18 (by January 1 of the current year) meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. This trip has filled up quickly in the last few years, and there are already a handful of youth registered, so make sure that you do not delay in signing up to attend! The cost to attend is \$1,850 and registration closes January 15 or until 50 spaces are filled. Register at www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html.

2017 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

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

REPORTER'S CORNER

Pioneer Partners with De Soto Rotary Club

By: Emily Gipson

The Pioneer 4H club has teamed up with the Rotary Club of De Soto. Some of the 4H'ers have gone to their meetings and talked about 4H. Then, they came to Pioneer's meeting on July 26. We had a potluck dinner and Pioneer members brought a main dish and then a dessert that they were going to enter into the fair. Everyone ate together before the meeting started. After dinner, Pioneer and the Rotary Club had a conjoined meeting. The Rotary Club wanted to learn more about how Pioneer uses the Parliamentary procedure to run meetings. We each ran our meetings as we normally do and took turns to go over business agenda items. Also, the members of Pioneer Club gave the Rotary Club a book on Parliamentary procedures. Both clubs' members then formed two teams and played a game to review the Parliamentary procedures. Then, the meetings ended and everyone stayed a while to talk to some of the Rotary Club members. The De Soto Rotary Club has been really supportive of Pioneer 4H and we are planning some community service projects together!



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.

October

- 1 - 4HOnline open for Enrollment/Reenrollment
 - Club Organization Report due
 - Volunteer Renewal Forms due for all Registered Volunteers
- 2 - Bee Education Event
- 2-8 - National 4-H Week
- 3 - County Council Officers meeting
 - Countywide Horse Project meeting
- 5-16 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 6 - Countywide Sewing Group Orientation
- 8-9 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 11 - Record Book Judging
- 17 - KYLF Ambassador Scholarship App. due
- 21 - 2017 Ambassador Applications due
- 25 - Officer Training and Project Fair
- 28 - Achievement Celebration RSVPs due
- 29 - New Family Orientation

November

- 1 - Current 4-H members reenroll by today
 - 4-H Club Financial Audit due
- 5 - Achievement Celebration
- 7 - County Council meeting
 - Countywide Horse Project meeting
- 11 - Veterans' Day, office closed
- 24-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

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

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2016 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the deadline for that month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Christin at christin.bartels@jocogov.org.

Johnson County 4-H is now on Twitter!

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



Johnson County 4-H on Facebook

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

Leader Update

End of Year Forms on the Club Leader Resource Page

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html. There are links to all the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year and turned in to the Extension office; including a Club Leader Checklist. Please note that the Club Organization Report is now due October 1 and there is a form-fillable option available on the webpage.

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

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

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

There are three types of volunteers:

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

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

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

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

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