



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy 4-H New Year! As you enroll your 4-H'ers on 4HOnline and make preparations for the new year, please remember to provide a lending hand to some of our newer 4-H families. I hope to see you all at the Achievement Celebration to celebrate the hard work that 4-H'ers and volunteers put in the past year! **-Ami**

2019 Enrollment

4HOnline will open October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2019 4-H year. We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2018. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>. As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds do not have to pay the fee.) Enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H staff.

Officer Training and Project Fair

Officer Training and Project Fair will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2018 at the Extension office. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about officer roles is invited to attend Officer Training. The 4-H Project Fair is from 6-8 p.m. and is for anyone to see first-hand the large variety of projects you can do in 4-H and talk to 4-H'ers who are active in those projects!

****Officer Training presenters are needed to lead sessions.** Please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAF2DA0FA7-officer. ****Project Fair presenters are needed** to provide a display, give information and answer questions about specific projects. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAF2DA0FA7-project.

Achievement Celebration

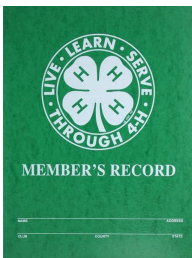
Johnson County 4-H will be celebrating the 2018 4-H year's achievements of 4-H'ers and volunteers on Saturday, November 3 at the Center of Grace in Olathe. The program will start at 2 p.m., please check in at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available following the program. If your family will be attending please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/1Rby8ObyPcTRs3VA3> by Friday, October 26. The address for the Center of Grace is 520 S. Harrison, Olathe, KS 66061.

Local Opportunities

Your Pictures are Needed!

County Council Historian, Brie, is asking Johnson County 4-H families to please share any photos you have from the 2017/2018 4-H year so that a County Council Historians book can be completed. Brie has set up a Google Doc where pictures can be added. It is titled Photo book and here is the link: [Photo book](#). Please add pictures to this document and don't forget to include the names of people in the picture!

Record Books



As you fill out your Record Books so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work any forms and information 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.

Join the Science Matters Program

Are you interested in learning more about how agriculture and science affects our daily lives with other teen leaders in the community? In this year-long project you will work in teams of five to positively impact the health and lives of people, plants and animals in Johnson County by learning from local mentors and experts at the Agri-Summit in Washington, D.C. More information about the project is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/sciencematters.html. The application is also available at on the webpage. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Ami.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraising Event

Johnson County's local fall Paper Clover fundraising event will be held October 3-14 at the Tractor Supply Company in Olathe. A portion of the funds raised will be given directly to the Johnson County 4-H program! 4-H groups can set up a booth, help bag customers' purchases, display animals, or demonstrate projects. If your group is interested in helping out with a booth to promote Johnson County 4-H please contact Ami.



48 Hours of 4-H Service Projects

National 4-H week is October 7-13, with the 48 Hours of 4-H service challenge October 13-14. It is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project and step up your club's volunteer efforts! Register your club's 48 Hours of 4-H project at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/ and don't forget to have participants wear a 4-H shirt during the project to promote 4-H! Follow the 48 Hours of 4-H Facebook event at www.facebook.com/events/502361196832815/ for all the important updates and you can also post your plans and pictures in the discussion. For more information please email Ami.



Local Opportunities

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Then apply to be a 2019 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 Application-Renewal Form. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Thursday, November 1.

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 Extension office November 1. If you have questions please contact Ami.

County Council Elections and 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. starting on November 5. The November meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Council 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 first Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 3. If you have any questions please contact Ami.

New Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at the Extension office for parents of all first and second year 4-H members. We will cover topics such as enrollment, project selection, record books, 4-H events, county activities, and allow time to answer questions.

To register please complete the information at <https://goo.gl/forms/9rjs2beLBzUVWBV93>. Registration is required by Tuesday, November 20. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Crocheting and Knitting Project

Join the Crocheting and Knitting project to learn a new skill and meet others with similar interests. The first meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 28 at the Extension office. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/VZi81PhLonKKhyIT2> to receive meeting updates. Contact Ami with any questions.

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

Are you interested in space? Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered who, what, and where we are in the universe? If so, welcome to the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project! We have a number of fun and educational activities planned this year:

Heart of America Star Party - The Heart of America Star Party is the Astronomical Society of Kansas City's largest annual event, hosted at their 40-acre Dark Sky Site, 75 miles south of Kansas City, near Butler, MO. There will be guest speakers, geocaching and other activities for kids, and lots of telescopes available for star gazing. Registrations after September 15 and walk-ins are welcomed but meals or merchandise availability cannot be guaranteed.

Dates: October 4-7, 2018 **Registration:** You can register for a single day, or 2 or more days at askc.org/index.php/events/hoasp. A group of 4-H'ers could meet on either that Friday or Saturday depending on the weather. Please email handerson3@gmail.com if you are interested in coordinating a trip. **Location:** The Dark Sky Site is near Butler, MO. Once you register, you should receive a map to the campgrounds.

Spring 2019 - the dates aren't set yet, however we plan on having a series of activities in the Spring, including:

*Another trip to the Powell Observatory. (A date will be chosen once the schedule for Spring 2019 programs are released.)

*Interested members will meet to learn about the physics of telescopes and learn to make one to enter at the Fair.

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

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention 4-H Sewing Project Members - Countywide sewing class will begin at 6:30 p.m. on October 11 at the Extension office. The first class on October 11 will be an informational meeting to go over the class and what supplies, etc. are needed. Sewing will start on October 18. If you have any questions about the class please contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

SAVE THE DATE!

Johnson County Club Day will be February 9, 2019 at Wheatridge Middle School.
2019 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

State Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Application Process

Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H, and other events. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2019 may apply. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW).

Links to the Youth Council application and information are posted on the KYLF webpage at www.kansas4-h.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/. Applications are due online October 1, 2018 before 5 p.m. CST and two letters of reference must be postmarked or uploaded on the registration site before October 1, 2018 at 5 p.m. The signature page should be postmarked by October 1, 2018. This year the elections will include the application process detailed above, and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel on Zoom. From those that interview, up to six candidates will be selected to be in the election.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

More information about National 4-H Conference and electronic applications are posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/national-4-h-conference/. Applications are due October 1, 2018 to the Kansas 4-H office.

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Robotics Experience

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are again teaming up to provide fun, hands-on and science-based programming for Kansas 4-H Youth Development. This fourth program will feature "Robotics." The experience will begin Friday, November 16, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, November 17, 4 p.m. Cost will be \$115 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$115 for all adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Parents, grandparents, other relatives, and guardians may chaperone their own children/relatives. They may not chaperone other non-family members. Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and an overnight stay. Participants will learn how to program robots and use sensors. There will be a final team robot competition, making a catapult and launching pencil erasers and much more! There will be a planetarium show, a digital dome program, and a tour of the Cosmosphere.

The experience will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items).

The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff.

Registration is now open at www.kansas4-h.org/events/ and will close November 4. There will be a minimum number of registrations required or the Robotics SpaceTech Experience will be cancelled. The program is limited to the first 60 who register on a first-come, first-serve basis.



State Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend Open for Registration

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) will again be held simultaneously at Rock Springs 4-H Center from November 17-18, 2018. In addition to each group having a great program planned, there will also be a joint opportunity for both groups to learn together.

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18, before January 1, 2019. Delegates will experience workshops, a guest speaker, fun and educational activities, election of the new Youth Leadership Council, and more. More information is available at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/.

NEW THIS YEAR - The conferences are being held only on Saturday and Sunday. For those coming from a distance or for scheduling purposes, Friday night lodging and breakfast Saturday will be available at an additional charge. Chaperones will be necessary for youth coming in early.

Registrations for both events should be completed online by October 15 for the **early bird price**, otherwise registration is open until November 1 at the regular price. Cancellations on or before November 1, will be charged a \$25 processing fee. After November 1, cancellations will be assessed the full amount.

International 4-H Exchange Opportunities

Opportunities for 4-H members begin at age 12 (for Japan and Korea exchanges) and age 15 for exchanges to Costa Rica and Finland in 2019 through States' 4-H International Exchange Programs. 4-H alumni 19-25 are eligible for exchanges to a number of countries through the IFYE program. Volunteers, staff and alumni over 25 may apply to chaperone all of the States' 4-H Exchanges. There are career enhancement opportunities for IFYE's in addition to the leadership and life skills development that all exchanges offer. New scholarship opportunities are offered this year as well. Applications and details are posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/.

National Opportunities

2019 4-H Youth in Action Awards

Every 4-H'er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Sharing your 4-H story could earn you a scholarship and trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards! The 4-H Youth in Action Program will recognize four confident youth leaders (ages 16-19) in agriculture, citizenship, healthy living and STEM. Winners receive a \$5,000 higher education scholarship, promotional video showing your impact story, all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and more. For more information and to access the application process visit <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Applications are due October 22, 2018.

REPORTER'S CORNER

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.

JOHNSON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION FOUNDATION BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION FEBRUARY 9, 2019



Table Designers Needed for 12 Tables

Volunteer designers will have the opportunity to display their creativity with color and design by providing décor for their individual tables. You may make this a team project or do this on your own. So use your imagination and get those creative juices going – this will be a great time for all! Table centerpieces will be auctioned off during the live auction. And, to add to the excitement – prizes for the top three decorated tables!

The benefit dinner and auction will be held at the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center. The proceeds from this auction will benefit the various Johnson County Extension Office programs.

If you are interested in volunteering as a table designer, for further information, please contact –

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or

Kathy Waterkotte
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October

- 1 - Club Organization Report due
- Volunteer Renewal Forms due for all Registered Volunteers
- 4HOnline open for Enrollment/Re-enrollment
- Officer Training and Project Fair
- 3-14 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 7-13 - National 4-H Week
- 13-14 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 10 - Record Book Judging
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 - Jo. Co. Extension Council Elections
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Achievement Celebration RSVPs due

November

- 1 - Ambassador Applications due
- Club Financial Audits due
- Current 4-H members re-enroll by today
- Countywide Sewing Group
- 3 - Achievement Celebration
- 5 - County Council meeting
- 8 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 12 - Veterans' Day (observed), office closed
- 14 - Jo. Co. Extension Council Annual Meeting
- 15 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20 - Registration due for New Family Orientation
- 22-23 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed
- 27 - New Family Orientation

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2019 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 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

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End of Year Forms on the Club Leader Resources 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.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on October 10 in room 1070/1075 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

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 is **due October 1**. More information on the Volunteer Screening process is online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.