



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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2023 Enrollment

4-H Online will open October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2023 4-H year. We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2022. The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. 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.) Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

A note to families re-enrolling 4-H'ers... You will need to select the club and all desired projects during re-enrollment as Projects and Clubs will not prepopulate from last year. If a project is selected that the 4-H'er was enrolled in last year, the years in project will increment correctly based on what number was entered the previous year. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held on the evening of Monday, October 3, at the Extension office from 6-8 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about an officer position is invited to attend Officer Training sessions. The night will also include training on Record Books and Kansas 4-H Project Reports (formerly known as a KAP). To end the evening, current County Council officers will lead an activity for new club officers to run a mock meeting to gain experience and learn some new tools on parliamentary procedure.

4-H'ers are needed to lead training sessions! If you are a current or past officer who can assist, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaa82baafb6-officer1. Most officer positions have handouts that the Extension office will provide for the training session. The Extension office can also make copies if you have a handout that you would like to share during your session.

Countywide 48 Hours of 4-H Service Project

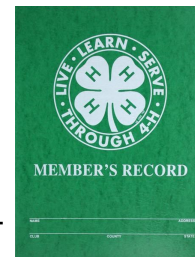
National 4-H Week concludes with 48 Hours of 4-H, which is a weekend dedicated for 4-H'ers to participate in service projects in their community. In celebration of 48 Hours of 4-H, JoCo 4-H will be taking up a countywide donation collection to benefit Joy Meadows Foster Care, a local organization assisting and supporting foster children and parents. (www.joymeadows.org/) They are in great need of the items listed below. Any items you or your club could donate are much appreciated! Items may be dropped off at the Extension office during Officer Training or any time during the week of October 3-7.

Items needed:

- Boy's socks and underwear
- Girl's socks
- Men's socks and underwear
- Women's socks and underwear
- Pull-ups size 4/5

Important End of Year Tasks

Prepare for End of Year Awards



1. All 4-H'ers should complete their Record Book (this includes the personal page, 4-H story, and permanent record) so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books to them.
2. If you would like to apply for a membership pin, complete and submit a membership pin application to your club leader.
3. Officers should complete their book if it is required. Make sure to review the scoring sheet to meet all requirements.
4. Finish your Project Reports for submission to the Extension office for judging. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html. Informational slides from our local training are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

You will submit ALL record books, applications and officer books to your club leaders. Find all the resources for these awards at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Review 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 on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Every club/group who has an EIN 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 by November 1, 2022. A reminder that the Treasurer's Book MUST be submitted from every group with an EIN. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

Local Opportunities

New Family Orientation

We will be offering New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, for parents of 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://forms.gle/uT8iTdkRuyk4VfNZ9> by Friday, October 21. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

Youth Cooking Classes

Are you ready to have some fun in the kitchen? Kids in the Kitchen are cooking classes held monthly for youth ages 7-12 to learn food safety, basic cooking skills and nutrition information. Classes are held at the Extension office on Saturdays with check-in starting at 9:45 a.m., class beginning promptly at 10 a.m., and concluding around 12 p.m. The class on October 22, Scary Treats, will cover different sweet and healthy snacks... perfect for a spooky night! The cost to attend is \$20 per youth and you must register at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/.

Local Opportunities

National 4-H Week

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. National 4-H Week is October 2-8 and this year's theme is Opportunity4All. Kansas 4-H's Spirit Day will be on Tuesday, October 4, all members, parents, volunteers and staff are encouraged to wear 4-H apparel!

Please send photos of the activities you and your club are participating in during National 4-H week to Jessica at jessica.lawrenz@jocogov.org. Photos will be used for special highlights on the Johnson County 4-H social media sites.

4-H Achievement Celebration

Johnson County 4-H will be celebrating the achievements of members and volunteers at the 2022 Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 5, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (13145 S. Black Bob Rd., Olathe). This year's theme is "Luxury Luau—Seas the Day the 4-H Way." Dress is semi-formal and please wear your favorite Hawaiian or Luau apparel. Check-in will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the program starting at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available following the program. If your family will be attending please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/4C5NTPVgSbt8Z3U19> by Friday, October 28.

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Join the 2023 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H and meeting new people, this is the perfect program for you! The Ambassador program is a leadership role where 4-H'ers 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. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, November 1. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

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 7. 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.

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. As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee. If you have questions, please contact the JoCo 4-H office.

Johnson County 4-H Bacon School

Learn the craft of home-curing popular meat products like bacon, ham and corned beef by attending this follow-up to our Johnson County Meat School. Participants will learn-by-doing and along the way come to understand how food science and time-tested techniques assure food safety while creating value-added items consumers love. Sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gYAC6HVMmFOPZDv9vgVQGNDjvoPDsnAXg8NMQfEHI8c/> to join us November 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office.

Introducing Mr. 4-H, Ms. 4-H and Ms. 4-H Runner-up

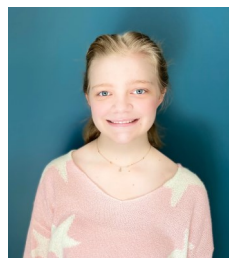


My name is Ryan Brethour. I am the 2022 Johnson County Mr. 4-H, and this is my 10th year in the Great Plains 4-H Club. I am a junior in high school and am taking classes at Johnson County Community College. My favorite projects include Entomology, Foods and Nutrition, and Public Speaking. This year I'm trying out a new project: Energy Management! I have done some electronics in the past, so it should be fun learning and experimenting! In addition to 4-H, I also run Cross Country and take Improv and Drama classes.



My name is Kylie Rogers and I am honored to be the 2022 Johnson County Miss 4-H. I am a 10-year member of the Prairie Moon 4-H Club and was just elected to serve as President of my club. I am a Junior at Spring Hill High School. I am involved in several 4-H projects including goats, sheep, poultry, foods, fashion revue and art, but my passion is my goats! My greatest 4-H moment to date was at our county fair this year when I won Champion Senior Goat Showman. This was something I've worked hard on for 9 years so the judge walking up to me and shaking my hand was the best feeling ever! I am a recipient of the JCLA Livestock

Grant for 2022-2023 so I am looking to pass my knowledge of the goat project onto a younger 4-H'er. I plan on attending Kansas State University and major in Ag Education. As for right now, you can find me in the barn with my goats or at school where I'm known as "Goat Girl!"



Hello, my name is Fern Schrotberger. I am a member of the Oxford Hustlers. This is my 8th year in 4-H. I am a junior at Shawnee Mission East. My favorite 4-H project is sewing, but I also enjoy the photography and leadership projects. I am looking forward to fun events with my club this year as well as county events, such as Club Day. In addition to 4-H I enjoy participating in debate and tennis at school!

County Project Opportunities

Project Videos Available

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.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention sewers and those that want to learn, Thursday, October 13 is the start of countywide sewing class. All interested kids are welcome to join. If you don't have a machine, there are three that are available for use. Classes will run every Thursday, October 13 through November 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Extension office. (No class on October 27.) Then classes will start again January 5 until fair. No experience is required. October 13 will be an orientation meeting to discuss goals, equipment requirements, and other information. If you have questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com. Hope to see you all there - can't wait to get started again.

County Project Opportunities

4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Skills Project

Want to learn skills in hunter knowledge, wildlife identification, compass and orienteering? Have fun in group activities learning about wildlife management? And possibly get into some Archery, Smallbore Rifle, and Shotgun shooting for some of our older youth? Hunting Skills is one of the disciplines within Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports and it is not required that you are a hunter, or even intend to hunt, although having that knowledge may be helpful. While the Hunting Skills Project does have some shooting components available for those old enough and that have interest, it also provides knowledge about history, why we hunt, wildlife, survival, and more. Meetings include youth from surrounding counties who all enjoy the project. Opportunities are available to attend local, state, and even a national competition. We have coached a 4-H National Hunting Skills champion!

Join us October 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office to learn more about what the project is all about and to begin the year as we cover our first unit, History of Hunting. Youth involved in the discipline will need to enroll in the project. Please contact Beth Alloway at boa@k-state.edu or Arn Eccles at arneccles@gmail.com to let us know you are coming or for more information.

Countywide Knitting Project

Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com to be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements.

What is the 4-H Western Heritage Project?

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a living history of the frontier west from 1860 to 1900. The project combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with the fastest growing shooting sports discipline in the world – western action shooting. The purpose of this project is to provide an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the Old West from the period of around 1860-1900 through a living history approach to learning while instilling the concepts of gun safety and personal responsibility. Members dress in Old West clothing, shoot replica firearms of the frontier period, and expand their knowledge of U.S. history. To find out more or visit a session, contact David Birk at 913-269-2176 or Burdon Reinke at 913-660-5618.



Johnson County Ambassador Advisor Position Opening

Johnson County 4-H is seeking an adult volunteer for the Ambassador Advisor position. The Ambassador Advisor facilitates the selection, training and leadership of 4-H Ambassadors and helps to promote 4-H and Extension youth programs in the county. This volunteer role should be a two-year term, might require 4-10 hours of work per month, and requires enthusiasm for 4-H youth, specifically teens. This person must also complete the Johnson County 4-H volunteer screening process. If you, or someone you know is interested (does not need to currently be involved in 4-H), please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at 913-715-7000 or joco4-h@jocogov.org.

State Opportunities

48 Hours of 4-H



Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums to give back to our community during 48 Hours of 4-H. Make plans now to participate on October 8-9, 2022. Check out the 484H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/ for more information and to register your project.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

Leadership Weekend will be November 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF). KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2023 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers.

KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. For more information and to register, visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/.

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers (www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-association/). For more information and to register, visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/.

Again this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2022 for both events. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

International Opportunities

Apply for the Outbound IFYE Exchange Program

Kansas young adults 18-25 are eligible to travel abroad to one or two countries where they will have multiple host families through the IFYE Exchange Program, managed by IFYE USA. Applications are through IFYE USA, but interviews and pre-trip orientation are conducted by Kansas. Options are offered for two months, three months and 6 months beginning in June 2023. A link to the online application will be posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/international-4-h-youth-exchange-program/. Interested persons may contact Mary Kay Munson, Exchange Coordinator, at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. To meet the Kansas application deadline, applications should be **submitted to IFYE USA by November 1** and notify Munson that they are submitting an application. Interviews are November 20 in Junction City.

Apply for States' 4-H Outbound Program

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs has outbound programs for 2023. Travel opportunities are offered for 12-18-year-olds to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Costa Rica. Minimum age varies by country. (Norway 4H will be sending members to the U.S. in 2023 rather than accepting our members.) Check after October 1 for the 2023 flyers about each outbound travel experience at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/states-4h-international-exchange-program/. Completed applications are due November 1, 2022 to Mary Kay Munson, Exchange Coordinator. Required interviews and the first orientation are November 20 at Junction City. For information on outbound exchanges, contact Mary Kay Munson, at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

REPORTER'S CORNER

New 4-H Year Means New Leadership

By Emerson Eickholt, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The Oxford Hustlers held their annual election of 2022-2023 officers at their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 8. Each candidate delivered a short speech before the vote for a new office. New officers will be installed at the October meeting. Congratulations to all of our new Oxford Hustlers officers!

President - Maddison

Vice-President - Victoria

2nd Vice-President - Mason

Secretary - Adriana

Treasurer - Ellie

Parliamentarian - Brie

Historian - Katie & Katherine

Reporter - Iris

Song Leader - Emerson & Naomi

Recreation Leader - Emmet & Walter

County Council Rep (2 Year Term) - Victoria & Fern (*finishing 2nd year of term*)

Alternate County Council Rep - Brie & Summer

Cloverbud Mentor - Amelia

This month's joke:

Q: Why couldn't the spaghetti vote in this district?

A: He was an impasta.

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Emma Grove, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

The Johnson County 4-H Horse Club is excited for the upcoming start to a new year. We held our club elections and here are our new elected officials:

President - Vivvy Jo

Vice President - Sierra

Treasurer - Adi

Secretary - Mia

Historian - Emma K.

I was elected to retain my role as the club Reporter.

We have some fun events coming up at EC that we are excited to attend.

A huge thank you to Travis Williams for all he has done for our club over the last 7 years. We are sad to see him leave but excited to have Greta Wakefield join us. Here's to a great new year!

Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have an opportunity for you! The *Reporter's Corner* is a section within Clover Clips that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the Clover Clips submission deadline. Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Celebrating a Strong 4-H Year

By Nathan A. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club celebrated a 4-H year filled with learning, leadership, and community service in September. The club worked together to create a week-long 4-H promotional display that was seen by approximately 500 people from September 13-20, 2022. The club members also displayed their work in a 4-H Project Fair that was open to the community on Tuesday, September 20. There were a wide variety of projects showcased and members had an opportunity to share about their learning experiences and interests with families that came to the event. The Happy Helpers 4-H Club had a great year in 4-H and is looking forward to beginning the new year in October.



October

- 1 - 4-H Online open for Enrollment/Re-enrollment
 - Club Organization Report due to office
- 2-8 - National 4-H Week
- 3 - Officer Training
- 3-7 - Accepting donations for Joy Meadows Foster Care, Extension office
- 4 - National 4-H Week Kansas 4-H Spirit Day
- 5-16 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 8-9 - 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- 11 - Record Book Judging
- 13 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Ks Leadership Weekend registration due
- 20 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 - Registration due for New Family Orientation
 - Intro to Hunting Skills Proj., Extension office
- 22 - Kids in the Kitchen cooking class (pre-registration required)
- 25 - New Family Orientation
- 28 - Achievement Celebration RSVPs due

November

- 1 - Current 4-H members re-enroll by today
 - Club Financial Audit due
 - Ambassador Applications & Renewals due
 - Club Leader Meeting, Extension office
 - Volunteer Renewal Applications due online
 - IFYE Exchange Program & States' 4-H Outbound Program Applications due
- 3 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 5 - Achievement Celebration, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe
- 7 - County Council meeting & elections
- 8 - JoCo 4-H Bacon School, Extension office
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 11 - Veterans' Day, office closed
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 19-20 - Ks Leadership Weekend, Rock Springs (pre-registration required)
- 24-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2023 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 or holiday please check the 2023 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

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Club Leader Resource Page

Please take time to review the links to the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Resources include:

Club Organization Report - The Organization Report is due in the office by October 1, 2022. This form is to be completed using information for the upcoming 2022-2023 4-H year.

Club Seal Requirements - As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2021-2022 year, remember that the goal of the club seal and pins is to encourage involvement, challenge 4-H'ers to try something new, and provide a well-rounded experience.

Annual Financial Report - This report and a complete Treasurer's Book must be submitted to the Extension office by November 1. Please remind your Treasurer to include all required documents such as monthly statements and all receipts. Links to the report form and Financial Review Committee Responsibilities document are posted on the Club Leader Resource page.

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/.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. Contact Johnson County 4-H staff with any questions.

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 ask that all current volunteers complete their renewal by November 1. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2022-2023 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.

Community Club Leader Meeting

Please join us Tuesday, November 1 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office for an opportunity to share updates, best practices and discuss how to enhance 4-H programming in Johnson County. Please have at least one club leader attend the meeting. Contact Jessica Lawrenz with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

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.