



Clover Clips

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A Note from Kaitlyn

Greetings 4-H families!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their holiday break. Clover Clips is a vital communication tool between 4-H families and our office. I understand that families are busier than ever and that each of you receive several newsletters each month. However, it is important that you take the time to read Clover Clips. I challenge each family to take the time each month to look over the articles and highlight any that are important to your 4-Hers.

Here is your test! The first 15 4-Hers to send an email to kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org will receive a 4-H prize. In your email tell me which article you found the most useful.

Club Day Registration

Club Day registration is now available. For more details visit <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=638>. On the website you will find the registration form, Club Day guidelines, The Gavel Games Handbook and a grid that provides an explanation of each event. Registration is due on Monday, January 25, to the Extension office.

Attention all Knitters

Knitting Camp is for 4-Hers enrolled in the knitting project. If you are not in the knitting project and would like to participate in Knitting Camp, contact Pat at pat.geier@jocogov.org and let her know you would like to enroll in the project. Knitting Camp is also a great opportunity for a parent, grandparent or adult mentor to join in on the fun.

Knitting Camp will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on January 30, plus each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month through and including July 10, 2010. The volunteer instructor for Knitting Camp is Pat Mummert, an avid knitter with 76 years of knitting experience. 4-H Knitting Leader Cindy Quaintance, an accomplished knitter with ten years of knitting experience, will assist Pat the 2nd Saturday of every month. FACS Agent Valeria Edwards, a hobby knitter for 40 years, will assist Pat the 4th Saturday of every month.

In this series of Saturday morning Knitting Camps, 4-Hers will have the opportunity to learn and refine basic knitting skills of casting on and binding off, as well as the basic knit and purl stitches, by completing practice projects. We will also have opportunities to learn about yarn, knitting equipment, reading a knitting pattern, and other skills that develop an accomplished knitter.

Food Fare

The 2010 4-H Food Fare is scheduled for January 30 at the Extension office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's theme is desserts and sweets. Admission is free. However, everyone is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for Gator Aid. Lunch will be available for an additional fee.

4-Hers may bring one or two perishable desserts to be judged. Some examples of perishable desserts are cream pies, puddings, flans, cheesecakes, cakes with cream cheese frosting and fancy candies. These desserts should not be the same as what you bring to fair.

4-H'ers will be able to come and go at a hands-on station in the morning while desserts are being judged. You can try your hands at fondant modeling, pie crusts, smoothies, chocolate molds, etc. Stations will be come and go to accommodate the food judging schedule.

The afternoon sessions will cover cakes, cookies, candy making and table setting for dessert parties. 4-Hers may choose the sessions according to their skill level.

Additional adults and teen 4-Hers are needed to help with stations and registration. If you are interested in volunteering contact Cathy O'Rourke at cmjilka@aol.com

Registration is due January 19 to the Extension office. The registration form can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/forms Please note each food item must be preregistered. Questions? Contact Cathy O'Rourke at cmjilka@aol.com or Nichole Burnett at 715-7000. Feel free to attend either session if you can't attend all day.

Kansas City Global Conference

The Kansas City Global Conference is scheduled for March 17-20. Any 4-Her ages 15 and older (as of Jan. 1, 2010) can participate in this conference. Registration is due January 11. For more information visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=45>



Day Camp Scheduled for January 18

The Johnson County Jr. Leaders will be holding a Day Camp on January 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This Day Camp is geared toward youth ages 7-11. 4-Hers and non 4-Hers are welcome! Enrolled Cloverbuds (4-H age 5 and 6) are welcome to participate too! The cost is \$10 per child in advance. The registration form along with a participation form is due to the Extension office by January 15. Walk-ins are welcome for a \$15 registration fee. Checks should be made payable to 4-H Activity Fund.

Each participant is asked to bring a plain white t-shirt for the arts and crafts activity.

Each Jr. Leader and Day Camp participant will be required to have a 4-H Participation Form on file. Participation and registration forms can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

Jr. Leaders and parents who are planning on helping with Day Camp need to RSVP with Ian Burrow in advance. You can call Ian at (913) 526-5914 or email icburrow@everestkc.net.

Judging Opportunity at Club Day

Would you like to try your hand at judging? We have the perfect opportunity for you! There will be stations set up for photography, sheep, horticulture and family and consumer science judging at Club Day on February 6. The stations will be set up for 4-Hers to come and go in between their events at Club Day. Registration is not necessary.

Each station will be tabulated individually. If a 4-Her is interested in competing for the overall sweepstakes award, he/she will need to complete each station. Otherwise, the 4-Her may complete as many or as few stations he/she wishes. We are still looking for additional stations. If you are interested in creating a station, please call Kaitlyn at 715-7000 or email kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org.

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action is scheduled for February 14-15. Any 4-Her ages 13 and older (as of Jan. 1, 2010) can participate in this conference. Registration is due January 15. For more information visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=31>.

State Wide Livestock and Horse Judging Clinic

Shawnee County 4-H is holding a state-wide livestock and horse judging clinic on March 6 at the Kansas Expocentre Livestock Pavilion in Topeka, KS. There will be beef, sheep, swine and horse classes. For the clinic portion, a type demonstration will be given on each species. There is no pre-registration. The flyer can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

K-State Jr. Beef Day

The K-State Jr. Beef Day is scheduled for March 13 in Weber Arena located on K-State's campus in Manhattan, KS. This fun day of learning is designed to increase the knowledge and abilities of youth, parents and project leaders. The program includes valuable topics to aid the success of the youth beef project, regardless of age or experience level. Early registration is \$15 and is due by March 1. More information can be found at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu.

Show Pig Guide Available

Dr. Joel DeRouchey, K-State Animal Sciences professor, has recently made a Show Pig Guide available for 4-Hers. The packet features helpful information for 4-Hers from beginning to advanced levels. This valuable resource is available for everyone's use and can be found at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu

K-State Youth Sheep Day

The K-State Youth Sheep Day is scheduled for March 27 in Weber Arena located on K-State's campus in Manhattan, KS. Zane Bone, sheep producer from Wimberly, TX will be the featured presenter. The program will focus on topics such as nutrition, feeding, health and breeding. Watch www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu website for more information. The registration form will be available soon!

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Kansas high school youth are invited to apply for participation in a dynamic program designed to educate youth about the livestock industry through an engaging summer experience hosted by K-State Animal Sciences and Industry. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The four-day event, June 9-12, will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process.

The academy will welcome students to the Department of Animal Sciences at K-State and provide on-campus housing. Students will receive interactive leadership training at Weber Hall and tour K-State Animal Science Facilities. The second portion of the program will allow students the opportunity to tour businesses and organizations within Kansas' livestock industry.

Applications must be postmarked by March 20. For more information about the application process visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu.

Meat Goat Project Guide Available

A Meat Goat Project Guide has been made available to 4-H'ers by Dr. Brian Faris, K-State Animal Sciences professor. The packet features helpful information for 4-Hers at all stages of meat goat production. The new resource is available for everyone's use and can be found at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu.

January Calendar

- 11 - KC Global registration due
- 15 - Registration due for CIA
- 18 - Day Camp
- 25 - Club Day registration due
- 30 - Food Fare
- 30 - Knitting Camp

February Calendar

- 6 - Club Day
- 13-14 - Horse Panorama
- 14-15 - Citizenship in Action



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