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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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The Research Shows...

4-H provides young people with endless opportunities to meet other youth, have positive adult-youth relationships and gain valuable life skills. As we look for opportunities to grow our 4-H family, I wanted share with you a couple of key points recently discovered in the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development conducted by National 4-H Council.

According to the study 4-H members:

- Report better grades, higher levels of academic competence, and an elevated level of engagement at school.
- Are nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college.
- Are more likely to pursue future courses or a career in science, engineering, or computer technology.

We have witnessed 4-H make a long term impact in the lives of countless alumni. In my mind, this research solidifies the positive influence 4-H makes in lives of our members. I appreciate your commitment to growing our 4-H family and continuing to make a positive difference for our young people.

The entire study can be reviewed at [http://www.4-h.org/about/youth-development-research/positive-youth-development-study/?](http://www.4-h.org/about/youth-development-research/positive-youth-development-study/?loc=homepage_scroller)

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Project Enrollment

Project enrollment as of March 28, 2012 is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. There are multiple versions of the report sorted by either Club Name, Last Name of 4-H'er or Project Name. Any 4-H'er wishing to add or drop a project will be asked to submit a project add/drop form. The form can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers will be May 1. 4-H'ers who have not established project enrollment by May 1 will not be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. A list of the departments within the 4-H division of the fair and a list of corresponding projects is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Questions about edits to the list can be directed to Pat Geier at pat.geier@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000.

Horse ID and Horseless Horse Certificate Deadline

All Horse ID and Horseless Horse certificates are due to the Extension Office by May 1. Appropriate forms can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=658> If you are renewing, bring your 2011 ID form. If you have a new horse, bring a completed ID form and two front and two side view pictures to the Extension office.

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Shows

The Johnson County 4-H Horse Club is hosting several horse shows this spring and summer. For show dates, show bill and additional details visit <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=883>.

KSU Horse Judging Camp

Register now to attend Horse Judging Camp at Weber Arena on the K-State campus. Registration must be paid by **May 1**. No entries will be accepted after this date. Camps will be limited to the first **30** participants. More information and printable registration forms can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu under Judging Camps.

Beginner Section - June 11, 2012

This camp is designed for youth that have had very little experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note taking and oral reasons. Emphasis will be placed on the placings of classes commonly seen in Kansas judging contests. Registration is \$30 per camper.

Advanced Section - June 7-8, 2012

This camp is designed for youth that have some experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note taking and oral reasons. Emphasis will be on the placings and reasons of classes commonly seen in Kansas judging contests. Registration is \$115 per camper and includes accommodations in a dorm on campus.

Photo Adventure Camp 2012 “Explore the Possibilities” June 3-6 at Rock Springs 4-H Center

Campers will learn and practice photography knowledge and skills and explore their possibilities in the world of photography. Campers will improve their camera handling by using various camera adjustments, improve their photos by learning composition and learn basic photo editing on a computer, develop slide shows and much more. Photo Camp is for youth ages 13-16 and VIP registered adults. For previous photo campers 15-16 years old, check out Tracl6, an advanced and career based opportunity in Photo Adventure Camp.

Visit the Photo Camp Web Page at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=191>.

Registration is due **May 1** for Photo Adventure camp participants. Registration is by a Google Docs form. To register go to: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dEIqNG5YVYlDeUk4cEI6UHBHOFRqQnc6MQ>

Camp fees are \$195 for youth and \$225 for adults. Make checks payable to: Kansas 4-H Foundation. Mail full camp fee and Kansas 4-H Participation Form to: Photo Adventure Camp, c/o Rachel Harmon, PO Box 211, Otis, Kansas 67565. Fees and participation forms are due May 15.

Shutter Bugs in the Garden

When: Saturday, April 28

Where: Botanica, 701 N. Amidon Ave.,
Wichita, KS

Sponsored by Botanica and the Kansas 4-H Photo Action Team. This event is for 4-H Photography members, leaders, jr. leaders and parents. Cost is your admission price into Botanica. Check-in is at the 4-H table near the admission gate. Orientation will be in the main meeting room at 9 a.m. No pre-registration necessary. There will be short learning workshops and photo opportunities throughout the day, lasting until 2 p.m.

Johnson County Photography Meeting

The next county-wide project meeting will be May 19 at the Overland Park Arboretum. We will meet at the Extension Office parking lot to car-pool at 4:30 p.m. There should be plenty of nature and good lighting for some great shots! We will again have a photography contest with the photos taken that day.

May 29-June 1 Discovery Days

Discovery Days one-of-a-kind overnight camp gives all youth ages 13–18 an opportunity to explore 4-H projects, gain leadership and communication skills, and experience K-State’s campus. This conference is held in Manhattan and K-State’s campus. 4-H membership is not required. Participants should anticipate paying an additional fee for transportation. Registration is due April 15. Payment and a current Kansas 4-H Participation Form are due to the Extension office by April 15. Checks should be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council. Visit www.kansas4-H.org for registration.

Livestock Nominations for State Fair and KJLS

There are new guidelines for nominating your animal(s) to show at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair. Read the following checklists carefully. **Note the deadlines for each species, particularly market steers and market heifers, which are due May 1.** Please note there is a \$10 fee for any nomination that is turned in with incomplete information. Household nominations will still be allowed. DNA Envelopes are available at the Extension office. Refer to www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu for the complete list of guidelines. Contact the Extension office if you have any questions regarding the new information.

Market Steer or Market Heifer – DUE MAY 1

- Nomination Declaration Form
- Tag Your Animal by May 1
- Completed Market Beef Nomination form (www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) including all contact information and signatures
- Completed DNA Hair Sample Envelope, hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
- \$8.00 per animal nomination fee
- **All of the above must be completed and postmarked to KSU 213 Weber Hall Manhattan, KS by May 1**

Swine – Due June 15

- Nomination Declaration Form
- Tag Your Animal by June 15
- Completed Swine Nomination Form (www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) including all contact information and signatures
- Completed DNA Hair Sample Envelope, hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
- \$8.00 per animal nomination fee
- All of the above must be completed and postmarked to KSU 213 Weber Hall Manhattan, KS June 15

Market Goat or Commercial Doe – Due June 15

- Nomination Declaration Form
- Tag Your Animal by June 15
- Completed Meat Goat Nomination Form (www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) and all contact information and signatures
- Completed DNA Hair Sample Envelope, hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
- \$8.00 per animal nomination fee
- All of the above must be completed and postmarked to KSU 213 Weber Hall Manhattan, KS June 15

Market Lamb or Commercial Ewe – Due June 15

- Nomination Declaration Form
- Tag Your Animal by June 15
- Completed Market Lamb Nomination form (www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) including all contact information and signatures
- Completed DNA Hair Sample Envelope, hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
- \$8.00 per animal nomination fee
- All of the above must be completed and postmarked to KSU 213 Weber Hall Manhattan, KS June 15

Commercial Heifer – Due June 15

- Nomination Declaration Form
- Tag Your Animal by June 15
- Must have an legible tattoo in at least one ear by June 15
- Completed Commercial Heifer Nomination Form (www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) including all contact information and signatures
- Completed DNA Hair Sample Envelope, hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
- \$8.00 per animal nomination fee
- All of the above must be completed and postmarked to KSU 213 Weber Hall Manhattan, KS June 15

Fantastic Four 4-H Camp: June 21-24

This camp is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 7-11. Camp is held at the Rock Springs 4-H Center in Junction City, KS. 4-H membership is not required. Transportation, lodging, three home cooked meals a day and access to camp activities are provided! Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails, try their hand at archery and jump in the pool. Your camper will sing songs by the campfire, make crafts and meet new friends. Registration, payment and paperwork are due by April 30. Registration and payment details can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HCamps.

Camp 101: June 21-24

Camp 101 is a one-of-a-kind leadership experience for Johnson County 4-H'ers ages 12 and 13. Participants will gain leadership, presentation and communication skills. Transportation, lodging, three home cooked meals a day and access to camp activities are provided! Campers will have the opportunity to lead group activities with the younger campers. 4-H'ers attending Camp 101 will also have the chance to enjoy camp activities like horseback riding, archery, canoeing and much more! Registration, payment and paperwork are due by April 30. Registration and payment details can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HCamps.

Sewing Safari Adventure Camp "Find Your Wild Side"

"Find Your Wild Side: A Sewing Safari Adventure Camp" will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is designed for boys and girls ages 10-13 who want to learn more about the clothing project. During the camp they will make four projects, learn about fibers and fabrics, design a t-shirt, and plan a fashion show as well as have time to enjoy some of the Rock Springs activities. All fabrics, supplies, and equipment campers need to complete these projects are included in the camp fee of \$165. Camp is limited to 30 youth (4-Hers and friends), so sign up early before the June 1 deadline.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help during the entire camp or for a single day. Camper Registration, Camp flier, Volunteer Job Description and Volunteer Registration can all be found under "What's Hot" on the 4-H Website at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=387> .

RSSC: Robotics, Science and Space Camp: June 12-13

This NEW day camp opportunity will be an exciting and interactive adventure for ALL youth ages 7-13. The Johnson County 4-H and Youth Development program is seeking science and technology enthusiasts to participate in a two day - day camp series June 12 and 13 at the Extension office. Each day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All youth ages 7-13 are invited. Participants will explore robotics, technology and aerospace projects. Registration, payment and a completed Kansas 4-H Participation Form are due by June 1. Teens are invited to assist with this day camp. Registration, payment and volunteer details can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HCamps.

Campference: June 15-18

This event is for youth ages 12-14 (as of Jan. 1, 2012). Campference will be held June 15 - 18 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS. Participants will experience the feel of a conference while enjoying camp activities. Transportation will not be provided to this conference. However carpooling will be encouraged. Registration is due May 15. Payment and a current Kansas 4-H Participation Form are due to the Extension office by May 15. Checks should be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council. Visit www.kansas4-H.org for registration.

Fantastic Four and Camp 101 Camp Scholarships

Thanks to a valuable partnership with Nichols Company Charitable Trust, Johnson County 4-H'ers are eligible to receive camp scholarships. Camp scholarships are available to Johnson County 4-H Members who are planning to attend overnight 4-H camp. The recipients will be selected by the 4-H Program Development Committee and a refund check will be issued to the applicant after the committee makes its selections. The scholarship amount will not exceed 50% of the camp registration fee. The responses to the essay questions will be weighted according to the pre-assigned total possible points. Scholarship applications are due to the Extension office by April 30. The scholarship application can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HCamps.

Livestock Project Update

Spring Livestock Shows

Registration and additional information for all shows can be found at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=883>. Mail check and entry for all shows to Denise King, 32415 W. 95th St De Soto, Kansas 66018. All checks can be made out to Johnson County Livestock Club.

Spring Beef Show- Saturday, April 28 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is due April 13. Weigh-in and tagging for Johnson County 4-H'ers not exhibiting in the spring show will be available from 6-8 pm on Friday, April 27 at the fairgrounds.

Spring Goat Show- Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due April 27. Weigh-in and tagging for Johnson County 4-H'ers not exhibiting in the spring show will be available from 6-8 pm on Friday, May 11 at the fairgrounds.

Spring Sheep Show- Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. (or 30 minutes after conclusion of the goat show). Pre-registration is due April 27. Weigh-in and tagging for Johnson County 4-H'ers not exhibiting in the spring show will be available from 6-8 pm on Friday, May 11 at the fairgrounds.

Spring Swine Show- Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is due May 18. Weigh-in and tagging for Johnson County 4-H'ers not exhibiting in the spring show will be available from 6-8 pm on Friday, June 1 at the fairgrounds.

Tagging and Weigh In

Tagging and weigh-in will be available for those not showing in the spring livestock shows the Friday evening prior to each show. Those not showing in the spring show are encouraged to weigh and tag the Friday before their respective specie show. 4-H'ers exhibiting in the spring shows will weigh and tag the morning of their respective show. There will be a \$3 fee for each tag. Cash and checks will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Johnson County Extension Council.

Bucket Calf tagging will be available from 6-8 pm on June 1 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

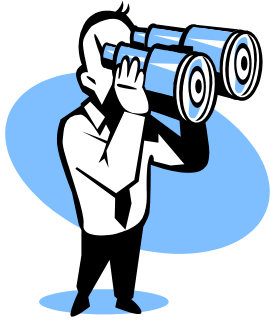
NEW in 2012- the tagging deadlines to be eligible to exhibit in the county fair are aligned with the nomination deadlines for the Kansas State Fair and KJLS. All market beef need to be tagged by May 1. Sheep, goats and swine must be tagged by June 15. Any 4-H'er who tags after their respective spring show will be required to bring their animal(s) to the Johnson County Extension office. 4-H'ers not weighing in at their spring show will not be eligible to compete in Rate of Gain at the county fair. Either the exhibitor or parent will be responsible for tagging the animal(s) under the supervision of an Extension agent. An appointment is required. Our office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. For appointments contact Kaitlyn Peine or Rick Miller.

Johnson County 4-H Livestock Club Lock-In

The Johnson County 4-H Livestock Club is hosting a county-wide lock-in Friday, April 20 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The lock-in will start at 6 p.m. on the 20th and conclude at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 21. Come join in on fun and exciting activities, games, food, dancing and learning about the Johnson County 4-H Livestock Club. Cost is \$5 and will be collected at the door. Registration can be found at www.4-hlivestock.com and is due by Friday, April 13.

Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

The Johnson County 4-H Program is fortunate to offer two \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors each year. 2012 High school graduates and recent alumni who have graduated from high school within the past four years are also eligible to apply. Applications are due to the Extension office by June 1. Recipients will be announced at the Livestock and Project Auction during the senior recognition on Saturday, August 11. For a complete list of the guidelines and the application visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.



Seeking Camp Counselors for Overnight Camp

Each group of eight campers at 4-H camp is accompanied by two counselors:

one adult and one teen. We are seeking responsible, positive, caring and patient volunteers to serve as camp counselors for the Fantastic Four 4-H Camp. Camp Counselors are required to have a current VIP on file with the Extension office, turn in a completed Kansas 4-H Participation form and attend Camp Counselor training at Franklin County Extension office in Ottawa on June 10 from 4-6 pm. To be selected as a camp counselor the application process includes an electronic application and a 10 minute phone interview. The application deadline is April 30. The position description and link to the application are posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HCamps.

Looking for Day Camp Volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to pay it forward? Each summer the Johnson County 4-H Youth Development program offers several day camp opportunities. We would not be able to facilitate these programs without the leadership of our teen leaders. We are seeking outgoing teen leaders ages 13 and older to volunteer for our day camps. To volunteer visit <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEs2VUJDSWF4dFUtNEdIVDQtd0J0d3c6MQ#gid=0>

Livestock Grant and Mentor Applications

At last year's round robin contest, the Johnson County Livestock Association announced the winners of their first ever livestock grant and mentor program. Eight 4-Hers received funds to help support their livestock projects for the year that ranged from \$250 to \$1000.

If you would like an opportunity to apply for the grant or mentor program, consider filling out an application by the July 1 due date. Applications are available at the Extension office or on-line at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/>

Shotgun Project Members

We will have a Shotgun season this year for any of you that wish to join us. However, please be aware that you have to be a minimum of 12 years old (4-H age) to participate in Shotgun. We encourage families to join us at the safety class and at practices, but only those 4-Hers old enough may shoot. In addition to practices, we encourage participants to attend local 4-H shotgun matches, and hopefully have youth attend the state match in October.

Many of you may have your own 12 or 20 gauge shotgun to use. If you do not have your own shotgun, but are planning on purchasing one prior to the season, we encourage you to attend the safety class first before buying. We can help recommend guns for you to purchase. And yes, the helpful firearms experts at Bass Pro will also be willing to assist. For those of you not wishing to purchase a shotgun, our program has 2 guns that you may borrow, a 20 gauge and a 12 gauge. We will have to share these two guns during practices.

Details of where we will be practicing are currently in the works. JOCO Shooting Sports dues will get you into the program, but there will be additional expenses at each practice to pay for clay targets and shells. We will try to get some funding to help offset some of these costs, but that is not a given. Practices will likely be held every other Saturday. In the meantime, feel free to check with our online Google calendar at www.4-Hshootingsports.com. This will be your best source for up to date practice information. Click on Shotgun Club in the upper left, then toggle through the months. Note that only the safety meeting is currently on the calendar.

Meet at Bass Pro in Olathe on April 7 at 1pm in the meeting room for the safety meeting. Learn about the program, shotguns, gun handling, and shooting trap. The meeting room is located on the second floor at Bass Pro, just east of the firearms counter. Questions about the Shotgun project may be directed to Arn Eccles eccles@embarqmail.com.

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2012 4-H calendar.

April

- 7 - Shotgun Project Safety Meeting
- 13 - Spring Beef Show pre-registration due
Livestock Club Lock-in registration due
- 15 - Discovery Days registration due
- 27 - Spring Goat Show pre-registration due
Spring Sheep Show pre-registration due
- 28 - Shutter Bugs in the Garden
- 30 - Fantastic Four registration, payment/
paperwork due
Camp 101 registration, payment/paperwork due
Camp Counselor Applications due
Camp Scholarship Applications due

May

- 1 - Project Add/Drop deadline
Horse ID/Horseless Horse Certificates due
KSU Horse Judging Camp registration due
Photo Adventure Camp registration due
- 15 - Campference registration due
- 18 - Spring Swine Show pre-registration due
- 19 - Johnson County Photography Meeting

June

- 1 - Scholarship application for graduating
Seniors due
Robotics, Science and Space Camp
registration due



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