

April 2010 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

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- Mar 15** FCS Day in the City Registrations Due
- Mar 26** Tentative date for On-Line Reg. for Spring Shooting Sports Match
- Mar 29** Shooting Sports Spring Match Registrations due to State 4-H Office
- April 1** Curriculum Action Team Applications due to State 4-H Office
- April 2** On-Line Reg. due for Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop
- April 9** Registration for Food Judge's Training Due
- April 15** Discovery Days Registration Due
- May 1** Camp Theme Participation Notification Due
- May 1** Dairy Action Team Applications due to State 4-H Office
- May 15** 990-N (e-postcard) due to IRS for all registered 4-H Clubs and Affiliated Groups

WELCOME KELI YUNGBERG TO THE STATE 4-H OFFICE!

Introductions are in order for our NEW! Senior Administrative Specialist, Keli A. Yungeberg, who serves as our office manager and administrative assistant to Dr. Pat A. McNally, Assistant Director, Head, and Program Leader. Keli joined us on March 8. She lives in Waterville, Kansas, with her husband, Roy. She grew up on a dairy farm in Marshall county where she was a 4-H member! Keli and Roy have 3 daughters (all of whom were in 4-H!!) and 2 grandchildren (future 4-H'ers!!!). She has worked for a regional mental health provider in Manhattan for more than 9 years before coming to K-State with this position. Keli is friendly and anxious to learn.

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Discovery Days – Pizza and Slushies to Benefit Campference

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Campference Committee will once again sell pizzas and slushies one evening at Discovery Days 2010. The prices of these items will be approximately \$2 for slushies and \$10 for pizza. Please inform any 4-Hers attending Discovery Days that extra cash will be needed to purchase pizzas and slushies if desired. The profit from this fundraiser will go to help with Campference, the state wide 4-H leadership training event for middle school youth, June 12-15, 2010. Thank you for helping us get the word out about this opportunity for delegates attending Discovery Days!

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Middle School-Afterschool Programs

The Afterschool Alliance and MetLife Foundation are partnering to develop and disseminate a series of Issue Briefs that address topics related to middle school youth and afterschool programs. Nominate a program by April 23, 2010 for a chance to receive a MetLife Afterschool Innovator Award and be highlighted in one of our Issue Briefs.

Awardees will be recognized in the related Issue Brief and in the final compendium. Awards will be given out by the Afterschool Alliance in conjunction with the 2010 Lights On Afterschool and each recipient will receive an award of \$5,000 to be used to continue or improve upon the highlighted program.

We need your help in finding programs that are:

Providing multiple benefits to middle school students:

- Nominate an exemplary middle school program that is providing benefits to middle school students, including helping them succeed academically in middle school, providing opportunities for service and preparing them for success in high school.

Promoting health and wellness for pre-teens and teens:

- Nominate an innovative afterschool program that provides a place for middle school youth to be physically active, while teaching them to make positive choices for themselves.

Preparing middle school youth for college and careers:

- Nominate an afterschool program that better prepares middle school youth for high school, college and careers, while keeping them on track and engaged in middle school.

Merging middle school programs and STEM learning:

- Nominate a middle school afterschool program that incorporates/features STEM activities, giving students time to develop an interest in science, inspiring them to learn STEM skills and even explore STEM careers.

Your knowledge of the field is critical in helping us identify these potentially lesser known, yet highly effective, programs and the individuals running them. Take a moment to make the nomination yourself or to point candidates in our direction.

Our online nomination form can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/metlife2010> and additional details are available online at <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/metLife.cfm> . If you have any questions please contact Chris D'Agostino at cdagostino@afterschoolalliance.org or call (202) 347-2030.

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2010 Kansas 4-H Program Rally

Please mark your calendars for the 2010 Kansas 4-H Program Rally which will be held at the Rock Springs 4-H Center on December 7-8, 2010. More information will be available this fall, for now please save the dates.

[Hinshaw](#)

Operation Military Kids Wants to Help Youth Attend Camp

OMK will fund \$100 towards camp registration fees for military connected youth. An OMK session must be offered at your camp to receive the funds. Military connected means that a child's parent is Active Duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, Air Guard or any other branch of the military. Last year OMK helped 26 youth attend camp.

Not sure who is military connected. The Kansas 4-H enrollment card now asks for members to check a box if they are a military family.

Ann Domsch, OMK Project Coordinator, has many creative OMK sessions to offer for your camp. Camp groups have had campers donate items for Hero Packs. For more information contact Domsch at adomsch@ksu.edu, 785-532-2276.

[Mack/Domsch](#)

Kansas 4-H funding opportunity for resource families and children in care

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, Kansas 4-H Foundation and Saint Francis Community Services are working together to provide funding opportunities for children and families involved with foster care. 4-H camp grants, new this year for Kansas Resource Families that are already involved in a 4-H club or are interested in joining a 4-H club. Resource Family are encouraged to complete the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Grant Application by May 1 and submit to Pam Van Horn, 201 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. For grant application check the Kansas 4-H Web page

<http://www.kansas4h.org/> under What's Hot!

[Van Horn](#)

Ambassadors

Kansas 4-H Ambassadors Trained

One hundred forty Kansas 4-H Ambassadors and Advisors recently attended the 29th annual training at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This year's theme was "*Ambassadors –Rediscovering the Great Outdoors!*" The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team co-sponsored the event with KSRE 4-H Youth Development. Participants were offered a wide choice of workshops: Hiking to Fun, S'more Ice Breakers and Games, Creating Vibrant Videos for Your Promotional Tool Kit, and Stories by the Campfire. In addition, three advisor workshops were taught including: So What Do I Do Now?, Question and Answer Roundtable, and Technology Zoo. Dalton Henry, 2009-10 KSU Student Body President, and former Riley County 4-H member spoke on "From Learning Leadership Skills to Being a Real Winner." The Marketing Action Team provided leadership and sponsorship of the 4-H Clover Challenge. **The 2011 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training dates have been set for February 25-26, 2011, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.** While there is no perfect date for this training, this date doesn't conflict with spring breaks or Easter. For more information about the Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team and program, please contact Deryl Waldren, 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu.

[Waldren](#)

Camp

4-H Camp Preparation

Fit, Fun & Fabulous.... 4-H Camp Rocks! Check out the 4-H Camping Web page for camp logo and camping ideas. Also, Bob Bauernfiend, would be available for Entomology camp sessions. He can be contacted at rbauernf@ksu.edu. Be sure to let Pam, pvanhorn@ksu.edu or Karla Hightower, khightow@ksu.edu know if camp group is using the Camp Theme.

[Van Horn](#)

Camp Promotions

The Kansas 4-H Journal's Camping Issue is out in circulation! Please utilize the issue to help in promoting camp throughout your Extension Unit. Many thanks extended to the Camp Action Team for their efforts in putting together a terrific piece. Special thanks to Robyn Dienes for coordinating efforts in collecting articles. Remember to take photos during this 2010 camping season as the CAT will be asking for picture for the 2010 Camping Issue.

[Van Horn](#)

Campference

2010: Fit + Fun + Fabulous = 4-H Campference!

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to promote Campference! This event is focused on youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2010), and will be held June 12-15, 2010, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the "camp" activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending

educational conferences. Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, healthy living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Registrations are due May 3 in local Extension Offices. Registration and detailed information are now on the web at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=30>

[Hinshaw/Maass](#)/Youth Leadership Council Campference Committee Members

CHARACTER COUNTS!

Respect: Good Relationships Make a Good Life

If we interviewed 100 happy people, I think the most prominent common denominator would be good relationships. Despite the widespread promotion of materialism and vanity in our culture, wealth and beauty are not enough to produce happiness. In fact, they're not even necessary. What's more, bad relationships – at work, at school, at home, or among friends – are a surefire source of anguish and heartache. For most of us, the connections that most strongly influence our level of happiness are family bonds. And the most powerful of all are at the inner core of family, especially parent-child relationships. No matter what your age, your kinship with your parents will always have a unique capacity to generate comfort or pain. Many children have ambivalent feelings about their folks. Yet most crave their approval, respect, and love. Parents have a similar need. If you're a parent, resolve to make more consistent and conscientious efforts to make your children feel appreciated. If you want to make their lives and yours happier, be careful not to demean or diminish their achievements, and avoid expressions of disappointment. Tell your child you're proud to have him or her as a son or daughter. And if you still can, give your parents pleasure by showing them you love them, not only for what they did for you as a child but for who they are now. Talk to them frequently and talk of meaningful things. Ask their advice, and don't roll your eyes in disdain if you disagree with it. One of the best ways to express your love is through respect. (Michael Josephson, February 25, 2010)

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CloverBuds

April - Super Seed Fun

April showers bring May flowers ... and temperatures are rising, therefore Springs must be coming soon! As you prepare for 4-H Cloverbuds take an opportunity to share nature and the beginning of the growing season. The 4-H Cloverbuds' Curriculum offers a lesson on Super Seed Fun. Check it out for ideas.

Objectives for 4-H Cloverbuds

Learn what seeds need to grow;

- Observe how seeds can travel;
- Learn about seeds we eat.

Life skill development for 4-H Cloverbuds:

- Social skill learned through working together;
- Decision making used by when working with their hands;
- Eye-hand coordination developed through using scissors;
- Large motor skills developed through participation in games.

Activities available for 4-H Cloverbuds:

- 1) "How Are They Alike"
- 2) "What Grows From Seeds"
- 3) "I'm A Little Seed Pod" (group singing)

- 4) "Seed Mosaic"
- 5) "How Do Seeds Travel"
- 6) "Sunshine and Rain Help Us Grow" Creative Movement
- 7) "Seed Sprouts: Does Light Make a Difference"
- 8) "Fruity Prints"
- 9) "A Sweet and Seedy Snack"
- 10) "An Alphabet Game"

A Sweet and Seedy Snack - Refreshment - an important part of 4-H Cloverbuds' activities.

Materials: Equal amounts of sunflower seeds (shelled), honey, peanut butter (double check 4-H Participation Form for food allergies) cocoa powder, one box of sesame seeds; bowl, spatula, wooden spoon, mixing cups, wax paper.

Make sure that the children wash their hand before making this yummy snack! Mix equal parts of all of the ingredients except the sesame seeds. Using your hands, roll into balls about one inch in diameter; place on the wax paper. Roll in sesame seeds and enjoy!

Application: Look at the grocery store for other examples of seeds we eat. Some are eaten whole like shelled sunflower seeds and sesame seeds. Other are ground up to use in cooking and baking. How many can you find?

For detailed information checkout the Super Seed Fun available in the 4-H Cloverbuds Curriculum. The lesson targets science, engineering and technology specifically plants and animals.

[Van Horn](#)

Curriculum Corner

National 4-H Curriculum Order form will be coming soon with state summary turned in by April 25. Products will be shipped to the State Distribution Center in July. The following products will be removed from the order form in 2010 after current supply is used:

- * Embryology
- * A Palette of Fun
- * Down-to-Earth
- * Exploring Farm Animals
- * Science Discovery
- * Advanced Visual Arts
- * Que Rico - Latino Cultural Arts

If you want to continue to use these products after inventory is depleted, they will be available as a download at the national curriculum website: www.4-hcurriculum.org

New Products Under development to be available later this year or 2011 are:

- * Exploring Your Environment - grades 6-8
- * Food, Culture and Reading - grades 4-6
- * There's No New Water -- grades 9-12
- * Engineering for Sustainability -- grades 6-12
- * Teaming with Insects - grades 6-12 (Will replace current Entomology materials)
- * Robotics: Engineering for Today and Tomorrow - grades 4-12

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Dairy

Dairy Action Team sponsors Discovery Day classes, quiz bowl and judging contest during the All Breeds Junior show in Salina (July 1-3,2010) and the State Fair 4-H Breed shows. If you would like to help with these activities, make application now! Send applications to State 4-H Office by May 1, 2010.

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Discovery Days

If you've had time to surf by the Kansas 4-H web site, you may have noticed Discovery Days registration has launched. The deadline to register and pay fees to Extension Offices is April 15.

On the Discovery Days web page, <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/DiscoveryDays>, we have posted registration materials that can be printed and shared with youth. There is also a section with exclusive information that Extension staff can log into using their K-State eID and password.

Because of tighter Extension postage budgets and the concern that attendance may be down, Discovery Days is offering to help Extension Offices promote this premier event to 4-H members this year! Discovery Days will mail postcards to your 13-18 year old youth at Extension staff request.

Free postcard mailing is limited to the first 5,000 recipients. Please RSVP to the Doodle poll linked below with your name, Extension Unit and estimated number of recipients.

<http://www.doodle.com/s86nuttg5rcs33hr>

We have set up a Facebook event: "Discovery Days 2010" Please join and invite others to join.

In the next few days, we will send messages directly to hundreds of youth and adults who have indicated "Discovery Days" as an interest code in our online registration system.

In addition to recognizing youth and adults who influence others to attend Discovery Days, Extension staff can receive prizes too! **Every** county (including counties within districts) that increases by 3 participants over their 2009 delegation will earn a \$50 Amazon.com gift card to be given to the staff member coordinating that delegation! So you want to be LARGE and in CHARGE!

Please remember Discovery Days is open to ALL youth 13 to 18 years old; not just traditional 4-H members. If you believe more kids could benefit from 4-H involvement; let new teens in your county try this! Discovery Days might be the hook that pulls them into full 4-H membership! From press releases published in the past, we've seen that teens find Discovery Days relevant and valuable. New kids were interested! We just have to find ways to prevent them from shutting out the message if they "don't have a cow or live on a farm." Do what you can to give them a chance!

[Wiebers](#)

Dogs

Dog Project Update:

1. Kansas State Fair Dog Show, September 18, 2010
 - * New this year will be Rally Obedience Level 2, off leash
 - * Martingale collars are allowed in Obedience
2. Dog Conference, October 16-17, 2010 at Rock Springs

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Geology

GEOLOGY FIELD TRIPS, June 11-13, 2010, will be held again in the southeast and southwest parts of the state. Details for registration will be coming soon.

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Healthy Living

In the United States, children today spend less than half the time outdoors than adults did growing up (Juster et al 2004); (Burdette & Whitaker 2005), but Kansas is leading the way in promoting physical activity in nature. The Kansas Coalition for Children in Nature (KCCN) supports health through outside activity, and calls on adults to encourage kids to "talk it outside" (www.kacee.org/kansas-coalition-children-nature). What better way to be outside and be active than to:

1) CELEBRATE National Trails Day (June 5, 2010) with walking, biking, running and dancing on Kansas trails. Check out the free stuff available to help you plan your Trails Day events or camp experiences www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx

2) REGISTER NOW for the 6th Annual HealthFest!, April 16-17 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

This year's agenda includes: Media Smarts, Health Rocks, Nebraska's EntrepreneurShip Investigation, GPS/GIS, fellowship, food and FUN!

Healthfest is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, School of Family Studies and Human Services, Healthy Kansas, Kansas PRIDE and Kansas 4-H. For \$65 per person youth and adults can receive state-of-the-art physical activity and community health promotion training, materials, refreshments and FUN!

Space is limited to 35 adults and 40 teens. Registration (which ends April 7) is available through the Kansas PRIDE website: www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/PRIDE/welcome.htm

For more information, contact Elaine Johannes ejohanne@ksu.edu.

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Horse

Please note, the "Horse Science" book is no longer available as a study guide reference material for the Horse Achievement Levels. However, there may be counties that already have this book. Please check with your neighboring counties if they have this book that you can borrow.

Please contact Sarah Dick, KS 4-H Horse Program Coordinator (sarahdd@ksu.edu) with any questions.

[Dick](#)

Upcoming Deadlines and Dates

Please note the following deadlines and dates for the horse project.

*2 year old Snaffle Bit project: Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1st.

*3 year old Futurity project: Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1st. -Please note, only horses that were nominated as a 2-year-old can be nominated as a 3-year-old.

*Horse Identification Papers: Due to your local Extension Unit by May 1st.

*District Horse Shows: All District Horse Show dates, locations, and entry deadlines are now available on the 4-H website.

*State Fair Horse Show: September 17-19 in Hutchinson, Entry deadline: August 1st

*State Horse Judging Contest: June 22nd at Cico Park in Manhattan, Additional information to soon be available on the 4-H website.

Please contact Sarah Dick, Kansas 4-H Horse Program Coordinator (sarahdd@ksu.edu) with questions.
[Dick](#)

Horticulture

Horticulture Judging

A big thank you to all Extension Units that had young people take part in the Horticulture Judging Contest during the Wichita Garden Show. The contest went well and we had an abundance of good help from agents and volunteers. Results can be found on the web under "What Happened". The State Horticulture Judging Contest will be Saturday August 21, 2010 on the K-State Campus. More information will be available this summer.

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Kansas State Fair

Kansas State Fair Exhibitor Handbook 4-H Edits

The edits and changes to the 4-H managed sections of the State Fair Exhibitor handbook have been posted on the Kansas 4-H Web site at: <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/KSF>

All changes have been highlighted with red text. Significant changes are explained in greater detail at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=305>

Updates to score sheets and other supporting documents for specific 4-H exhibit areas are currently being updated and posted on the downloads section of the Kansas 4-H State Fair page. An announcement will be e-mailed over the countylistserv when these documents are all ready.

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Clothing, Fiber Arts and Foods Fair Exhibit Labels

You may have noticed that some of the fair labels you have purchased in the past from National 4-H Supply are not in the 2010 Catalog. Good news...they are still available and can be ordered on the 4-H Mall Website.

Here are the links to these specific labels:

Clothing (used on clothing and fiber arts exhibits at the Kansas State Fair)

<http://www.4-hmall.org/detail.aspx?ID=15645>

foods (used on foods exhibits at the Kansas State Fair)

<http://www.4-hmall.org/detail.aspx?ID=15647>

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Electricity to Energy Management

For the 2010 Kansas State Fair, the Electricity project entries will now be entered under the category of Energy Management. This category also includes additional display options. See the State Fair book (coming out soon) for more information.

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Marketing

New 4-H Marketing Items for Fall 4-H Membership Campaign

The 4-H Marketing Action Team is excited to bring you a new 4-H Membership Campaign for this fall. Last fall, many of you responded to our on-line survey about your marketing needs. Based on your responses, we have developed materials to address these needs.

Items currently available include:

- Full Color poster for Kids
- Full Color poster for Parents
- Full Color brochure for parents briefly highlighting the benefits of 4-H
- Full Color newspaper ad
- Black and White newspaper ad
- Campaign tag lines for youth and adult audiences

Items available August 1

- Agent guide for developing and implementing a membership campaign
- Promotional DVD/CD PSA

The graphics design print materials are done and can be ordered now! Remember that you can view the draft copies of all pubs at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/DesktopDefault.aspx> This is a restricted site, so you will need to log in. These are done in an anime style which is a combination of cartoon and icon graphics. This is very popular in kid cartoons, web sites, and other youth media.

To view all new items go to the 4-H Marketing Action Team resource page at

<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>

[Mack](#)/4-H Marketing Action Team members

Photography

Photography Adventure Camp

“Jump into the Lion’s Den” (in 2010) is the theme for the 15th annual 4-H Photography Adventure Camp to be held June 27 - 30, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. (Please note the correct dates are June 27 - 30, some incorrect dates have been previously published.) “Photo camp is designed to help you take control of your camera. Learn how to create mind stretching images, snatch settings from the jaws of disaster and activate your creativity.” Camp is days and nights filled with learning experiences related to photography.

Camp Mission Statement:

Photo Adventure Camp is designed to stretch skills and inspire creativity.

Goals: • To provide instruction for photographers at any skill level. • To provide opportunities for creative expression.

Camp Format:

The HUNT! Skills lessons and hands-on experiences in using all the settings of the camera.

The NAP! Though lions spend upwards of 15 hours daily napping - Photo Camp will require long days of photographing. Rise and shine at 5:30 a.m. with lights out at 11:00 p.m.

The PRIDE! Lions share their space and hunt for the good of the pride. Each den at camp will produce 2-3 powerpoints using images taken at camp and other sites.

Registration is now open. Registration will be by hard copy only. For the information brochure and registration form go to: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=8388>

Or www.Kansas4-H.org , What's Hot, click on Photo Adventure Camp. Registration deadline is May 15.

Don't delay, registration is limited.

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4-H Camera Corps 2010

All 4-H photographers are invited to join the 4-H Camera Corps. The subject for this year in 4-H Camera Corps is prairie flowers and grasses. 4-H photographers will take images of prairies in their area. We would like spring, summer and fall images. All images should be horizontal and taken at the highest resolution on your digital cameras. Submissions would be by CDs. For information on how to sign up to join the 4-H Camera Corp, go to:

<http://4-h.k-state.edu/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=8283>

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Photo Judging Practice Kits

The 4-H Photography Action Team again has assembled Photo Judging Practice kits for Counties/Districts to borrow to use to develop the skill of photography judging. Kits may be used with youth (and adults) to train photo judging teams. To schedule a kit, please contact the Southwest Area Extension Office (Rod or Rita). Kits contain six photo judging classes of four photos each, one photography problem and a sample photography knowledge test (answers included). The only cost to borrow a kit is the shipping. All photos in the kits are from the Kansas 4-H Traveling Photography Selections made at the 2009 State Fair.

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Positive Youth Development

Did you know that when young people grow up in a recession they are less likely to trust government institutions? However, young people's trust in family and friends is typically not shaken by "macroeconomic shocks"[Giuliano, P., & Spilimebergo, A., (2009). Growing up in a Recession: Beliefs and the Macroeconomy. National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER): Working Paper No. 15321].

Growing up can be pretty challenging, but check out these free resources on the positive experiences of youth from the National Clearinghouse for Family and Youth (NCFY), an agency of the US Dept. of Health and Human Services: www.ncfy.com/publications/pyd.htm

These resources and others will be highlighted at Positive Youth Development trainings being planned by the "Kansas Building Partnerships for Youth Development" (KsBPYD) state team for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. Contact Elaine Johannes ejohanne@ksu.edu if you'd like to receive more information about these trainings and KsBPYD activities in your area.

Elaine Johannes, ejohanne@ksu.edu; 785-532-7720

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Shooting Sports

Spring Shooting Sports Match, April 17, 2010 in Alma, Kansas

All registrations for the spring match in BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be made by county coordinators via hard copy by March 29, 2010 to the State 4-H Office. To compete, all participants must have shot at an approved state qualifying shoot and received a minimum score of 350 for Air Rifle, 100 for Air Pistol and 275 for BB Gun.

In addition, the spring match will be offering a concession stand from 7:am-4:pm for snacks and lunch, T-Shirts, Barter Bar for trading county items and a catered evening meal. T-shirts and catered meal reservations and fees are due with entry fees.

The complete information and registration forms have been sent to county coordinators and can also be found on the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports homepage: [Shooting Sports Events](#).

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Shooting Sports Action Team Members Needed!

The Shooting Sports Action Team would like to encourage an agent or two that have specific interests to apply so that we can have agents' interests represented. We could also use 1-2 teen members (14-18 years old). Please apply before April 1, 2010!!

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State 4-H Shooting Sports Events for the rest of 2010 are:

- * Spring Instructor Workshop, April 30-May 2, 2010, Rock Springs
- * Fall Instructor Workshop, August 27-29, 2010, Larned
- * Archery, Small Bore and Muzzle Loading State Match, Capitol City Gun Club, October 2, 2010, Topeka
- * Shotgun, Hunting Skills State Match, Hays City Gun Club, October 9, 2010, Hays

State Qualifying Shoots

Any Extension Unit that is wanting to send shooters to a State Match will need to make sure that the shooters have qualified at an approved state qualifying match. A list of qualifier matches are listed on the Shooting Sports homepage: Shooting Sports Events. If you would like to host a qualifying match, State Qualifier Match applications are also on the homepage.

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Shooting Sports Changes at the State Fair

Class 6200 Educational Display -- Must be directly related to the 4- H Shooting Sports Project (36"x24"x3 1/2" deep when open) New Dimensions!

Class 6201 Promotional Poster -- Must promote 4-H Shooting Sports (Flat poster no larger than 22"x 28") New size.

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Tax Issues

IRS e-Postcard filing for 4-H Clubs and Affiliated 4-H Organizations that earn less than \$25,000. If your clubs and groups were submitted in 2008 by the State 4-H Office and your 2009 tax year for these groups ended 12/31/2009; then you must file your e-postcard BEFORE May 15, 2010!

Steps to file:

1. Go to www.irs.gov/charities/
2. Click on Form 990-N (e-postcard)
3. Click "Here" to file 990-N

4. Click button to leave IRS site (a private company handles things)
5. Register as New User as first step of a 3 step process [if you know your Login ID and password from last year, begin at Step 2 - Create Form 990-N (e-postcard)]
6. Create a password
7. Receive an e-mail

Complete information page:

- * Legal Name (should pop up as: 4-H Clubs Affiliated 4-H Organizations)
 - * When you get to Principal Officer -- Be sure to select "Person" DO NOT SELECT BUSINESS!!!!
 - * You can immediately check filing status and you should get an e-mail verification of acceptance.
- NOTE: Make copies and document all efforts including failures! If you get a failure notice, it should provide directions as to how to correct errors. I filed for Geology Action Team and everything went smoothly.

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Venturers

ARKANSAS 4-H HIGH ADVENTURES A Backpacking Wilderness Adventure!!

2010 Kansas 4-H Venturers Program will once again be joining the Arkansas 4-H High Adventure Program in the Pecos Wilderness Area in New Mexico. The trip is planned for July 27 – August 4, 2010. The approximate cost is \$500 with the \$250 deposit due to your local Extension Office by May 1, 2010. Youth must be 14 years of age before January 2010 or have completed the 8th grade by June 2010. More information will be made available in the next Tip Sheet or at http://www.kansas4-h.org/Ventures/About_Us.htm as it becomes available.

[Yungeberg](#)

Volunteers

Everyone Ready Volunteer Online Management Training

The March online seminar – “Bridging the Gap between Volunteers and Employees; Keys to Effective Partnership” is being led by Steve McCurley, one of the outstanding internationally acclaimed volunteerism trainers. I would encourage each of you to personally participate in this module and to contribute to the discussion board on this topic. This module will begin on March 15, 2010. There is still time to sign up and get started. <http://nextgeneration.4-h.org/volunteerism/>

A comment from the discussion board, “Getting the staff to realize that volunteers are worth their weight in gold is primarily the biggest challenge that we are facing. Many staff believe that they (volunteers) are more trouble than they are worth, but to the contrary they are a god send to any organization. Volunteers of all ages bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that they are willing to give freely.”

What do you think? Check out the seminar and comment on the discussion board.

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World Citizenship

Kansas 4-H's Opportunities to Host IFYE's Expand

Our bumper crop of inbound International 4-H Youth Exchangees continues to expand for this summer and fall. We now have information on four more exchangees in addition to the three described in last month's Tip Sheet. We appreciate help from field staff in locating good 4-H families to host them. Hosting periods are 2-3 weeks per family, and they do not have to have family members of the same age and gender as our incoming exchangees. Hosting is an excellent way for 4-H members and their families to learn about other parts of the world and the people who live there. It is also a good way for our youth to find out what it would be like on an exchange in the future. All of the IFYE's speak English, some fluently. For information on hosting and to secure the Host Family Application, go to www.Kansas4-H.org and follow links to programs/world citizenship then Kansas Exchanges Info and Forms. Send questions or suggested host families to Mary Kay Munson at munsonm@nqks.com or call 785-238-3631.

Here is an overview of the incoming IFYE exchanges for 2010:

June 23 to about August 1

Yin-Yu Chen-male 25, Taiwan (3 families)

Yin-Yu is a volunteer leader and former 4-H member. He will return to share information about 4-H throughout Taiwan. He would like to experience local and county 4-H programs. If possible, we'd like a county with camp June 23 or later or Photography Camp.

June 23 to September 18

Matthias Gfeller-24, Switzerland (4 families)

Farm families needed (see March Tip Sheet for details)

Early to Late August

Christina Altenhofer-19, Austria (three families)

Farm background, student (see March Tip Sheet for details)

Elisabeth Långlacher-23, Austria (three families)

Elizabeth has a farm background with pig breeding and fattening, corn, grain and apples. She studied at a Land and Nutrition Sciences school and had a job in marketing. She now works as a bank clerk, She's active in the Austrian rural youth program Landjugend in which she's had leadership roles. She likes sports, singing with a women's chorus and trying new things and meeting people.

September 19 to December 7

Christina Altenhofer-20, Switzerland (4-5 families)

Urban background in French-speaking Switzerland, multilingual. (See March Tip Sheet)

Maria Eklund- 20, Sweden (4-5 families)

Maria grew up in suburban Stockholm, but she has worked at 4H farms and likes animals. She would like to learn more about farming. She has been active in Swedish 4-H since age 11 and has served on leadership committees for Stockholm and Hågelby areas. She likes music and making pottery.

Emma Hedin-25, Sweden (4-5 families)

Emma grew up on a small beef breeding farm. She has studied medical physics and work as a research assistant at University of Gothenburg. She enjoys horses and riding, singing and playing the flute. She is active in Swedish 4H since age 7 and has held leadership positions. She'd like to learn about Kansas 4H, environment, agriculture, native plants and animals, history and politics.

November/December

Lena Pleus-23, Germany (2-3 families)

Lena grew up on a farm and completes a B.S. in Horticulture in September. She plans to go on for a Masters after IFYE.

