

August 2009 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

Deadlines:

- July 15 Camp Counselor Recognition Due
- July 17 Wheat Show Bin Run Samples Due to K-State
- July 24 Wheat Variety Plot Enrollments Due
- July 31 State Wheat Show Meal & Tour Reservations Due
- July 31 Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop Registration Due
- Aug 1 KYLF Workshop Proposals Due
- Aug 1 KSF 4-H Horse Entries Due to KSFAIR System
- Aug 1 On-line Registrations Due for Livestock Sweepstakes Events
- Aug 1 Rock Springs Camp Invoices due to OMK
- Aug 1 NELF Registrations Due
- Aug 14 State Horticulture Judging Contest Entries Due
- Aug 15 KSF Entries Due
- Sept 15 On-line Registration Due for State Shooting Sports Fall Match
- Sept 18 Basic Operations Registration Due
- Sept 25 Camp Chair Meeting & Training Registration Due
- Oct 15 Registrations for KS 4-H Volunteer Forum Due
- Oct 15 Registration for KYLF Due
- Nov 1 National Camping Institute Scholarship Applications Due
- Dec 18 National 4-H Camping Institute Registrations Due

Out-of-School Program Idea Conference, October 13

Mark your calendars for the "Out-of-School Program Idea Conference", Tuesday October 13, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st. Street N., Wichita for learning new ideas for educational activities for your out-of-school educational events. This one-day event will highlight hands-on curricula that adapts easily for any out-of-school setting as well as networking with other youth serving agencies. Additionally, following the "Out-of-School Program Idea Conference" a two hour post conference to answer questions on how to get afterschool educational opportunities started and community networking. Cost is \$10 for the one-day session. For more information contact Pam Van Horn.

[Van Horn](#)

4-H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium, Oct. 3 & 4

Kansas 4-H is joining Iowa 4-H for 4-H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium. If you have 4-H families who love football, both Big 12 and NFL, this is an event for them. The weekend starts with K-State playing Iowa State on October 3. Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$50. 4-H families will also be able to watch the Chiefs play the Giants on Oct. 4. Tickets range in price from \$39 to \$54. Families may attend one or both games.

There will be no organized 4-H pre-game activities. 4-H families should wear their favorite 4-H t-shirt to the games.

Order tickets online at www.kcchiefs.com/mygroup and click on 4-H Weekend. Or complete the order form found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=14>

For more information contact BJ Supple at bsupple@chiefs.nfl.com or call 816-920-4817.

[Mack](#)

Gardening Safety Tips

Gardening can be a wonderful activity to get physical exercise, provide fresh vegetables for the family or beautify a community with color and fragrance. Whatever your goal, gardening safety should also be a primary concern whether you are a beginner or experienced gardener. A few tips to consider to keep you healthy.

- * Wear protective clothing when using heavy tools and equipment, working with chemicals, or working in the hot sun.
- * Wear long pants, socks and sturdy shoes or boots and gloves.
- * Learn what poison ivy looks like.
- * Protect your hearing when working around noisy equipment.
- * Use sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun.
- * Drink plenty of water throughout the day to avoid dehydration.
- * Take frequent breaks.
- * Keep harmful lawn and garden products, tools, and equipment out of reach of children and pets.
- * Make sure others are not in danger from flying objects from tools and equipment.
- * Clean and store tools and equipment properly.

Take precautions before you garden so you can enjoy the summer harvest.

[Van Horn](#)

OMK Camping Opportunities

The State Operation Military Kids (OMK) team appreciated the Hero Pack donations from campers of the Heart of Kansas, Fantastic Four and Oz Some camp groups! We continue to get many requests for the Hero Packs from families with deployed soldiers.

If you have clubs who are interested in donating items please have them contact Ann Domsch at adomsch@ksu.edu.

OMK also appreciated the patriotic banners and wind socks created by campers of Purple Power Pack, Dirty Dozen, Fantastic Four, OzSome, and The Great Northwest camp groups.

OMK helped 26 youth attend Rock Springs 4-H Camp. We know there are additional youth who attended. If you had military connected youth attend camp please contact me (dmack@ksu.edu) on how to receive payment of the \$100 toward their camp registration fee. We'd like to have all invoices in by August 1.

Extension Agents and Ambassador teams partnered with OMK to host Day Camps for military connected youth. Day Camps are still in progress throughout July and August. We'd like to thank Reno County; Meadowlark District - Jefferson County; Meadowlark District - Jackson County; Geary County; Riley County; Leavenworth County; Shawnee County; Morris County; Wabaunsee County; Franklin County; and River Valley District - Clay County for partnering with us to provide a special camping experience. If anyone is still interested in hosting a day camp contact Ann.

Thanks for all you do in support of our military families!

[Mack/Domsch/Johannes](#)

AYD

DID YOU KNOW:

During the 2007-2008 school year, 3,641 Kansas students dropped out of school. That equals approximately ten students a day or one every 2.5 hours!

Each high school dropout costs the nation approximately \$260,000 in lost earnings, taxes and productivity over the course of his or her lifetime.

The first KS School Dropout Summit is being held on Oct. 20, 2009 in Wichita, and K-State Research and Extension is part of the implementation team for the statewide, year-long effort of regional summits, work of an active youth council and the promotion of effective prevention programs.

Find out more about the Kansas Dropout Prevention project through the KS DropIN website: www.kansasdropins.org

DropIN to Prevent Kansas DropOUT
[Johannes](#)

BASIC OPERATIONS TRAINING

Basic 4-H Operations Training is set for September 28 & 29 in Manhattan.

We invite you to attend this training where we share critical information for handling 4-H managerial issues that may and often do arise.

Basic 4-H Operations training begins at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 28 and goes through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29. All sessions will be held in Throckmorton Hall, Room 2002 on the K-State campus. This training is part of the New Agent Training Cycle, but anyone in the system, including 4-H program assistants is welcome.

Topics to be addressed include: 4-H Financial Management, VIP, Accountability to the 4-H mission, Learning through Events, Risk Management, Program Planning, Program Management and more. You will find a Basic Operations brochure on the state 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=288>

Diane Mack, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, NE and Beth Hinshaw, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, SE are co- presenters for this training. If you have questions, please contact Diane or Beth. Cost to attend is \$20 payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Please contact Diane Mack at: dmack@ksu.edu by September 18 if you plan to attend.
[Mack/Hinshaw](#)

CAMP

Camp Counselor Recognition

Farm Bureau is again sponsoring the Camp Counselor Recognition! Each 4-H Camp Group is asked to complete the camp counselor recognition form found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17> under Counselor Recognition and submit Camp Counselor's names to the State 4-H Office by July 15. Certificates will be available at the Kansas State Fair.

[Van Horn](#)

2010 4-H Journal Camping Issue

The 2010 4-H Journal *Camping Issue* needs photos and stories to bring it alive for promoting great camp experiences. The photos or stories may be submitted from county staff, district staff and camp groups. The Camp Action Team will be working on the issue

soon. Please send stories, photos or quotes to Robyn Deines, Walnut Creek District, by September 1. Resource information needed:

- 1) Good camp photo from 2009 camp. The CAT tries to use photos from each camp group if they have enough photos.
- 2) Good quotes from campers, counselor, agents and parents. Please share the personal side of camp.
- 3) A camp flyer or letter that is sent to the campers on what to bring, how camp works, etc. CAT likes to pull information which is helpful for families preparing for camp.
- 4) Additional camp(s) conducted in the county or district? Day Camp, local over night camps, etc.

The Camp Action Team is interested in knowing about all camping! Please share.

[Van Horn](#)

Camp Chair Meeting and Training

Camp Chairs make your plans today to attend the Camp Chairs Meeting, October 6, Rock Springs. Please send me an e-mail to let me know if you will be attending by September 25. Rock Springs will provide snacks and lunch.

[Van Horn](#)

National 4-H Camping Institute - March 16-20, 2010

The 2010 National 4-H Camping Institute call for presentations are due September 18, 11:59 pm (PDT). The presentation proposal can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/national-camping-institute-2010-march-1620>. All selected presenters will be entered into a drawing to win a free registration to attend NCI X. Winner announced at the 2009 NAE4-HA Conference in Rochester, NY.

Interested in attending NCI? Registration information is available at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/national-camping-institute-2010-march-1620>. Early bird registration due December 18, 2009.

The Kansas 4-H Camp Action Team is sponsoring three \$100 scholarships for those interesting in attending. The scholarship application available at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17>. Scholarship applications due November 1, 2009 to Pam Van Horn.

For more information concerning NCI X contact Virginia Bourdeau at mombear@proaxis.com or the CAT scholarship contact Pam Van Horn at pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

[Van Horn](#)

CAMPFERENCE

Thank-you

Campference was a tremendous success again this year. The Kansas Youth Leadership Council thanks you for encouraging young people to attend!! We are also thankful for funding from Kansas Farm Credit Associations. Next years dates will be June 12-15, 2010. [Hinshaw/Carlson/Spence](#)

CHARACTERCOUNTS!

The Journey Through Adolescence

One of the toughest jobs in the world is being a teenager. Everything's in transition. Everything's intense – even apathy.

Kids on the brink of adulthood have to cope with inconsistencies and conflicts. The desire to be different clashes with the need to fit in. The desire to be independent collides with the aversion to self-reliance and personal responsibility.

Here are five ways to improve your journey through adolescence:

1. Be yourself. Mindless conformity is a prison. Express yourself authentically and don't be afraid to stand out. But don't dress or behave in extreme ways just to be different or to prove you can. You don't need orange hair, a nose ring, or tattoos to be special. It's more important to be respected than noticed.
2. Don't expect too much or settle for too little. Don't expect anyone else to make you happy, but don't allow others to treat you badly. Hang out with people who bring out the best in you, and be the kind of person who brings out the best in others.
3. Responsibility is a privilege, not a penalty. Dependability and self-reliance are your tickets to freedom and independence. Don't waste energy resisting what you have to do. Instead, win others' trust by doing what you should do.
4. Think ahead. Every act has a consequence. The choices you make today will shape tomorrow. Pleasure lasts for a moment, but happiness lasts much longer. Just because it feels good doesn't make it good.
5. Take charge of your life. Your life is your ship, so be the captain, not a passenger. Figure out what needs to be done to improve your life, and then make it happen. Your attitudes are more important than your aptitudes. You can't control what happens to you, but you can control what happens in you. Don't whine, win.

Michael Josephson, July 13, 2009

[Gerhard](#)

CLOVERBUDS

4-H Cloverbuds Preparation

Beginning October 1, 2009, the Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds program will become the authorized 4-H education option for 5- and 6-year-olds. Former programs, such as tag-alongs, mini-4-H, etc., cannot be recognized as 4-H Youth Development programs.

The local Extension Unit may determine if 4-H Cloverbuds is to be part of the local 4-H program. Since local determination is needed, August and September would be an excellent time for Extension Boards to discuss and determine if programming for 5- and 6-year olds will be offered. Policies for the Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds Program may be found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=264>

[Van Horn](#)

4-H Cloverbuds Training

4-H Cloverbuds Trainings, August 27, Rock Springs 4-H Center and September 1, Scott City. Registration available on-line at <http://www.kansas4h.org>

Upon completion of training each extension unit will receive a free copy of the curriculum. The 4-H Cloverbuds Training Team will offer an opportunity for extension agents, volunteers and teens to receive hands-on training. For more information contact Pam at pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

[Van Horn](#)

CURRICULUM CORNER

Watch for the September Publication Order Form which will be due by July 31. This order form will include the popular Kansas 4-H Project Selection Guide as a part of the August issue of the Kansas 4-H Journal. Even though the guide is on the September order form, we plan to deliver them in August so that they can be used to help recruit new members this fall.

The Kansas 4-H Project Curriculum Guide will be posted on the web by early August so that members will know what materials are available for their project selections. This electronic format will allow each county to download and adjust to fit your county offerings. A new series of Communication publications will be coming out this fall to assist 4-H members in developing project talks, demonstrations and illustrated talks and public speaking. The series will include short fact sheets on each type of presentation plus visual aids and a scoresheet for evaluating each type of presentation. There will be definitions to help distinguish the difference between each type of presentation.

[Adams](#)

DAIRY

KANSAS STATE FAIR

Kansas State Fair Dairy Cattle entries MUST be entered via the local Extension Office in the KSFAIR System! An open class entry to the State Fair Office IS NOT a 4-H entry!!!! Please inform your dairy cattle qualifiers of this policy! We have had unhappy people show up with out pre-entries that did not get premium money.

[Adams](#)

HEALTHY LIVING

Action Plans for Health Living

As we all start to work on our Action Plans for the next year, a resource you may find helpful is a literature review for Healthy Living from National 4-H Council. The review provides a perspective on what healthy living might look like in your county along with some possible indicators. It also provides some considerations in planning and evaluating 4-H healthy living programs.

You can find the review at: <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/about/HLMM-Literature%20Review.pdf>

and summery at: <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/about/HLMM-Executive%20Summary%20of%20Literature%20Review.pdf>

[Fink/Johannes](#)

HEALTHY LIVING - Fall programming starts with Health Rocks!

It's not too soon to begin planning for fall programs in Healthy Living. How about beginning this fall with a local Health Rocks training so teens can lead your Healthy Living program?! Here's the scoop:

Kansas Health Rocks! offers you and your community three levels of involvement:

Level I: Include Kansas Health Rocks mini (15-20 min.) recreation/physical activities in club and afterschool meetings (activity guides written for youth leaders become available January, 2009).

Level II: Include Kansas Health Rocks activities (any of 15 modules, 30-45 min. each) in local or regional events for 6-8th graders.

Level III: Host a Kansas Health Rocks Train-the-Trainer session for teen leaders. The 1 to 1.5 day training equips your group of teens to lead local Health Rocks trainings. State Health Rocks Team members conduct the training with your guidance. Groups that implement KS Health Rocks! Are eligible for \$200 incentive funds to help pay for training facilities, refreshments, recognition items.

Contact Elaine Johannes ejohanne@ksu.edu for more information!
[Johannes](#)

HORSE

State Fair 4-H Horse Show--Entry and Stall Registration

The 4-H Horse Show Fee Summary, Stall and Bedding Reservation and Payment Form, and Statements of Humane Treatment and 2 Yr Old Snaffle Bit are now available on the 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=299>

Please note, the entry deadline for the State Fair Horse Show is August 1st.

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

Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show--Date Clarification

Please be advised that page 232 of the State Fair Book lists the wrong dates for the 4-H Horse Show. The correct dates are September 18-20, 2009, not September 11-13, 2009. The schedule listed on page 185, lists the correct dates.

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

HORTICULTURE

State Horticulture Judging Contest

The 2009 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2008, in Manhattan, Kansas. Chair for this year's event is Larry Crouse, Butler County Horticulture Agent. Our contest is hosted for the day by Dr. Rhonda Janke and the Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Natural Resources. Available on the State 4-H website www.Kansas4-H.org you will find these additional pieces:

- 1) Map of campus
- 2) List of publications to study
- 3) Contest information and a flyer
- 4) Registration Sheet
- 5) Copy of the Hort ID Sheet

Enter teams and individuals by Friday, August 14. Entries should be made on the spreadsheet provided (on the web). They should be sent to the State 4-H Office with registration fees. Registration fees are \$8 per contestant, and should be made payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. If your qualifying contest is after August 14, please contact Beth Hinshaw, bhinshaw@ksu.edu
[Hinshaw/Neier/Crouse](#)

KANSAS STATE FAIR

The Kansas 4-H – State Fair site <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/KSF> is available with links to all the essential sites and downloads of information for specific project areas!

On the Downloads page you can get individual documents or after you log in, you can download a single PDF document with the whole 125 pages in one click! There are also direct links to many of the important documents and sections of the [Kansas State Fair's official web site](#).

The [KSFAIR entry site](#) is also up and running to collect 4-H Entries.
<https://intranet.oznet.ksu.edu/ksfair/>

Don't forget to use the "ad\" in front of your eID when you are logging in.

New this year is a [5 minute video tutorial](#) to help new (and experienced) staff get up to speed.

Staff members who have joined K-State Research and Extension in the last year, or have changed locations may need to contact the State 4-H Office to establish permissions to access KSFAIR. Please e-mail KS4HReg@ksu.edu or call 785-532-5800.

Other Notes:

The 4-H pigeon show has been eliminated. The decision was based upon reduced state resources, extremely low participation, and lack of a pigeon curriculum or subject matter support.

The Horse show IS on the second weekend of the Fair. On page 232 of the 2009 printed copy of the exhibitor handbook please update the 4-H Horse Show dates to Friday, Sept. 18, Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, September 20.

To help reduce unnecessary overhead, entry cards will not be printed for: Banners, Demonstrations, or Fashion Review.

4-H Crops Exhibits will be exhibited in the FFA Showcase Building near the Bison Arena. Extension Staff will enjoy an earlier release time of 5:00pm on the final Sunday of the Fair (as opposed to 7:00pm in the Pride of Kansas building)

The Livestock Skillathon is changing venue from the State Fair to the Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan on August 22-23. This move is designed to increase participation as it will be in conjunction with Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, and the

Livestock Quiz Bowl. More information available at: <http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu/Wiebers>

KYLF

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Workshop Presenters

KYLF Needs workshop presenters. All workshops will be on Saturday, November 21 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Topics should center on leadership. Some ideas might include, but are not limited to community service, citizenship, communication, conflict management, ethics, motivation, decision making, leading by example, time management, international citizenship, multi cultural studies, diversity, business etiquette and getting involved after high school. Workshops should be geared for 14-18 year old teens. The Kansas State 4-H Youth Council members hope that you (or one of your volunteers) will be interested in sharing your expertise or talent with this opportunity. Proposal forms are available here <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=48>. We need proposals by August 1. You may fax the form or send it as an e-mail attachment to ks4hreg@ksu.edu.
[Hinshaw](#)

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 20 - 22, 2009 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2010. A letter with registration details will be sent to local offices. Registrations will be due Thursday October 15, 2009. This event will include: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the 10th State 4-H Council. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 by January 1, 2010 may apply to be a council member. The duties of the Council Members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum and other events, and may include assisting with State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement programs, forums, and other workshops or conferences. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council will be available in the registration materials on the State 4-H website. Please encourage your interested 4-H members to apply.
[Hinshaw/Wiebers/James](#)

LIVESTOCK

New in 2009: 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

Make plans to attend the new 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes August 22-23! This all-around event will feature contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. Belt Buckles will be awarded to the county/district that does the best in all four contests. A county or district may choose to use the same four 4-Hers for all contests or use any combination of students for each contest. Teams may also come for only a portion of the contests. The Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Saturday with rounds 1-3 of the Quiz Bowl. A dance and social activity will be available to 4-Hers on Saturday evening, as well as workshops throughout the weekend. On Sunday, participants will compete in the Livestock Skillathon and Meats Judging Contest. We will hold Round 4 of the quiz bowl just prior to the award ceremony for all events. Each participating county will be required to provide a minimum of one volunteer for the event. Please look for a sign-up sheet, complete rules, and registration materials available at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

Please Note: The event will be held during K-State Move-in Weekend. Reserve your rooms as soon as possible. No activities will take place at the hotel so stay wherever you like.

For your convenience two sets of room blocks have been made for August 21-23:

Clarion Hotel, \$90, "KSU Department of Animal Science and Industry" Block, (785) 539-5311
Super 8 Motel, \$65, "K-State 4-H" Block, (785) 537-8468

For questions contact, Sharon Breiner, K-State Youth Livestock Coordinator at sbreiner@ksu.edu.
[Breiner](#)

NWYLF

Northwest 4-H Youth and Leaders' Forum and Day Camp Training.

The Northwest 4-H Youth and Leaders' Forum (NWYLF) will be Saturday, August 29th at the K-State Ag Research Center Auditorium in Hays from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration is due Monday, August 17th. Cost is \$10.00 with checks payable to KSU. The NWYLF is open to **any** Kansas youth 12 and older, 4-H leaders, other community volunteers and Extension staff. Participants may register on-line or submit the registration by hard copy. **All participants must submit a 2009 copy of your Kansas 4-H Participation Form in order to attend the 2009 NWYLF.** Visit the NW Area web site to download forms: <http://www.northwest.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=19>, or register on-line at: <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1>. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, 785-462-6281 or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu.
[Waldren](#)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Kansas State Fair 4-H Division Photography Classes

At past State Fairs there have been a number of photos entered in the wrong classes. This makes it difficult to fairly evaluate the members photograph. Please review (with members) this information to assure they are entering their photograph in the correct class. Thanks.

Photographs taken with a digital camera and having no more adjustments than exposure, color intensity or correction, one click filter effects, red eye removal, cropping, dodging and burning (*whether done in camera or on a computer*) should be entered in the **standard color or black and white classes**.

Digital images that have had objects added or removed, multiple filter effects applied or black & white and color combined must be entered in the class for Computer Manipulated Photos (class 4805). See rules for computer manipulated photos for additional requirements.

The black and white class is for black and white prints only. Monochromatic prints, including sepia prints are considered color photos and must be entered in the appropriate color photo class.

If there are questions, please contact me or one of the 4-H Photography Action Team members.
[Buchele](#)

SELF

Southeast Area Youth Leadership Forum

The South East Area Youth Leadership Forum will be held on Saturday August 15, at the

Miami County Extension Office. Registration is due August 10 in the SE Area Office, and consists of registration form, payment and a completed 4-H participation form. Information can be found on the SE Area Office Website.

<http://www.southeast.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=19>
[Hinshaw](#)

SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop -- On-line registration due July 31st!

Full details about the workshop on August 28-30, 2009 are listed in a pdf file under Shooting Sports events on the shooting sports web page of the State 4-H Website. Even if your county has credit from last spring, each attendee must register. Credit will be given when county is billed. Please notify your shooting sports county coordinator of this deadline. It is also a good time to get new coordinators trained to start or re-start your local shooting sports program.

Shooting Sports Instructor and Coordinator renewal forms are due Sept.1, 2009! We have simplified the form so that the county coordinator can list and pay for all instructors on one form. Remember that your shooting sports program is not covered by the state liability insurance unless you submit this renewal and \$5 per instructor and coordinator.

Shooting sports fall matches will be in Hays on Oct. 3 (small bore, muzzle loading, archery) and Oct. 10 for shotgun. On-line entry will be posted in early August and will be due by Sept. 15th!

[Adams](#)

VOLUNTEERS

VIP Tip

A recent incident has reminded me of the importance of confidentiality. The VIP process has a strong need for confidentiality at several points in the process. We have two forms people are required to sign to commit to confidentiality in the VIP process: the [Volunteer Services Confidentiality Statement](#) for volunteers and the [Paid Staff Confidentiality Statement](#) for staff members (forms available online at <http://4-h.k-state.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=189>). Please use the appropriate forms. I would urge you to check your files the VIP Review Committee, to be sure you have the appropriate forms filled out and signed.

[Buchele](#)

Summer of Service

This summer, President Obama is calling on all – young and old, from every background, all across this country – to participate in our nation's recovery and renewal by serving in our communities. From June 22 to September 11, United We Serve will begin to engage Americans from coast to coast in addressing community needs in education, health, energy and the environment, community renewal, and safety and security.

To get more information, register a service project, find a service opportunity, access various tool kits or just to see what this is all about, go to www.serve.gov

[Buchele](#)

All for Good

Continuing in the line of volunteer opportunities check out www.allforgood.org There you can:

- * Find volunteer activities near you.
- * Share volunteer activities with your friends.
- * See what your friends are interested in.
- * Track volunteer activities you care about.
- * List Volunteer Opportunities in your program

See a short video explanation of the All for Good site.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kfEm7K9fdA>

Check out the volunteer listing in your community. Post 4-H Volunteer opportunities for your program. Contact me if you would like more information or help.

[Buchele](#)

Governor's Points of Light Volunteer Recognition Award

Here is a great opportunity to recognize one of your outstanding 4-H Volunteers. I am sure every county/district has volunteers who qualify for this award. Please consider (and do) nominating one of your volunteers. The nomination form can be downloaded at

<http://www.kanserve.org/content/view/88/90/>.

Kansas currently ranks 9th in the nation in volunteering with an average of 772,000 volunteers who dedicate 97.3 million hours of service per year--we know folks are volunteering and lots of these folks are 4-H Volunteers. Let's use this opportunity to recognize our great 4-H Volunteers.

[Buchele](#)

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum

November 20 - 22, 2009, Rock Springs 4-H Center

The theme is "Tackling Leadership - The Green Is Right". Volunteer Forum and KYLF will be doing several events together including the speaker and consulting groups. Volunteer Forum will offer adult workshops for all, including for KYLF chaperones. Full information is projected to be on Kansas4-H.org August 15 or before. Registration deadline will be October 15.

[Buchele](#)

North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum, Oct 1-4, 2009. Lincoln, NE

This Forum is for all 4-H Volunteers from the North Central Region. It will feature great speakers, workshops, programs, meals and networking. Meet and learn with 4-H folks, (volunteers, teens and agents), from all over the Midwest. Don't miss this opportunity.

The Forum home page is: <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm> The full program booklet is available at: <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/pdf/programdescript.pdf>

Online Registration is now active at <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/pdf/registrationform.pdf>

Please access the workshop schedule before registration as registration asks you to specify the workshops you wish to attend. The workshop schedule is at:

<http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/pdf/Workshop%20schedule%20NCR%20Forum%20Draft.pdf>

Registration Fee will be \$200 for full forum or \$110 per day. Early bird registration will be open from June 1 to August 15. Late registration will be open until Sept 15. The site of the forum is the Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln, NE. The room block will be held until Sept 1.

The keynote speaker is Jones Laflin on "Juggling Elephants". Jones is the author of the book Tony Carroll presented at KAE4-HA.

[Buchele](#)

WHEAT

Last Call for Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment.

It is time to remind members to re-enroll or ask new members to enroll for the 2010 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins September of 2009 and goes through September 2010. Visit:

<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=297> for full details and an application form. 2010 enrollments are due to the Northwest Area Extension Office by **July 24, 2009**.

New participants will receive a large plot sign, and five individual variety signs. Returning members will receive updated variety signs if the varieties change. These will be distributed on the first weekend of the 2008 Kansas State Fair. This year's participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the 4-H Showcase Building. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him.

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2009 Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show in McPherson

Last chance for this exciting **free** Kansas 4-H and FFA State Wheat Show in McPherson on Friday, August 7th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the McPherson County 4-H Building. The wheat show is open to all 4-H and FFA members, family members, 4-H leaders, Extension staff and Vocational Agriculture staff. Pre-registration is required for an accurate meal count and for tour divisions by July 31st on the Kansas 4-H web site registration system, www.Kansas4-H.org. Register by clicking on "4-H Events Registration", and then the "Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show." For those with no computer connections, contact Jana McKinney in McPherson County Extension for a food count by July 31st at 620-241-1523. For details about the wheat show, visit:

<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=226>. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu.

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