

Kansas 4-H February 2009 Tipsheet

Deadlines:

Jan 22 Horse Panorama Registration Deadline for Extension Units

Jan 31 Kid's Science Challenge Due

Feb 1 Ambassador Workshop Registration Due

Feb 13 Wichita Garden Show Horticulture Registration Due

Feb 15 Host Family Applications Due

Feb 15 Kansas 4-H Leadership Summit Registration Due

Feb 26 Buckeye Leadership Workshop Registration Due

Mar 1 4-H Road Signs Order Due

Mar 6 State 4-H Scholarships Due

Mar 9 Willie & the Beanstalk Registration Due

Mar 15 Venturers Registration Due

April 6 Team America Rocketry Challenge Registrations Due

NEWS FLASH! FIRST-EVER KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

By definition, a summit is a conference or meeting of high-level experts, usually called to shape a program of action. That's exactly what we're planning for with the upcoming Kansas 4-H Leadership Summit, February 27-28, 2009 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Program Development Committee (PDC) members throughout Kansas, agents and staff of Kansas 4-H Extension will be invited to attend the Summit. The agenda for the Summit will allow these groups to work independently and collectively to understand their differing roles and responsibilities, but common purpose in developing and delivering quality youth development opportunities for young people in their communities and throughout Kansas.

Program Development Committee members and Extension agents are invited to be part of this one-of-a-kind program planning conversation. For specific details go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Events/LeadershipSummit/Default.htm>. Participants please bring your own bedding and toiletries.

The Leadership Summit is funded by the Kansas 4-H Foundation as a result of a grant awarded from the Bill and Erma Riley Family Foundation for this specific purpose.

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What is 4-H Afterschool?

- **For young people...**4-H Afterschool provides opportunities to participate in fun, exciting programs while developing valuable skills with lifelong benefits.
- **For parents and family members...**4-H Afterschool creates safe, healthy, enriching environments that enhance young people's social, emotional, physical, and academic success.
- **For volunteers...**4-H Afterschool offers an opportunity to share a special skill with young people.
- **For youth-serving organizations...**4-H Afterschool offers extensive resources to help train staff, implement sound youth development practices, create new after-school programs, and strengthen existing programs.
- **For communities...**4-H Afterschool is a partner that builds unique, customized programs around the diverse interests and needs of youth.

Many counties are making terrific contribution with 4-H Afterschool throughout Kansas. If you are coordinating, contributing, or interested in 4-H Afterschool, please contact me. We're looking for enthused, energetic, passionate professionals to serve on a 4-H Afterschool Task Force. Excited? Contact Pam!

[Van Horn](#)

Willie and the Beanstalk: Grow the Biggest Soybean Plant

The second annual "Willie and the Beanstalk" contest has been announced for this coming spring. The contest is to see who can grow the biggest soybean plant in a 40 day time period. Judging will take place on April 18, 2009 at the K-State campus as part of the 2009 K-State Open House activities. All contestants will receive a free T-shirt and there will be trophies and certificates for the winning teams. The contest is supervised by Dr. Nathan Nelson (785-532-5115; nonelson@ksu.edu)

This as a teaching opportunity, where students can investigate plant genetics, plant nutrition, plant growth, soil properties, and environmental factors that all come together to produce the largest soybean plant. This can be a fun project that will encourage active learning.

Ideally, it would be great if all of the students would attend the 2009 K-State Open House, where they will be able to participate in the scoring of their plants and meet with Faculty and students in the Agronomy Department. However, it is recognized that this will be a busy time of year for the students; therefore, student attendance on the day of judging is not a requirement. Sponsors may deliver the plants and pick up the t-shirts.

Additional Contest information is available on the contest web site at <http://beanstalk.agronomy.ksu.edu> and questions can be addressed to beanstalk@ksu.edu. Note that the registration deadline is March 9, 2009. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing your students at the contest.

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Staying Safe

Agents, as you work with your club leaders and campers in preparing the 4-H Participation Forms, take a moment to review the HIPAA information; it may help you keep your 4-H members safe and protected.

Kansas 4-H Participation Forms & the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

1. Kansas 4-H does not fall under, and therefore is not bound by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for the follow reasons:

- Kansas 4-H is not a health insurance provider;
- Kansas 4-H does not provide health services for a fee; and
- Kansas 4-H does not act as a clearing house for health programs, insurers, or programs.

2. Even though Kansas 4-H is not bound by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the law does have important implications for how medical information is shared within the 4-H program including camps. The information recorded on the participation form should be considered with the same respect as "Protected Health Information" is considered under HIPAA, which protects all "individual identifiable health information". Therefore, 4-H leaders should make all reasonable efforts to see that:

- Only authorized individuals have access to health, medication, and related information.
- Kansas 4-H Participation Forms and related health information is securely filed to prevent casual access.
- Training is provided to professionals, volunteers and staff (including camp personnel and chaperones) regarding the importance and process of protecting and respecting the privacy of privileged and sensitive health information.

Steps for Handling Kansas 4-H Participation Forms:

- All persons involved with the Kansas 4-H Participation Forms will be informed of the importance of protecting and respecting privacy of each individual.
- Original signed copies of the Kansas 4-H Participation Forms must be kept in a file or notebook which can be accessed only by Extension staff and authorized individuals.
- Copies may be made and distributed to Club and Project Leaders and chaperones for emergency purposes. Club Leaders, Project Leaders and chaperones are encouraged to keep Kansas 4-H Participation Forms in a notebook or folder to reduce risk of information being distributed. Notebook or folder should be available at all 4-H events.
- For traveling, copies are provided to chaperones and drivers for emergency purposes preferably in a notebook or envelope to reduce risk of information being distributed.
- During camp, Extension professional(s) may provide camp counselors with the general medical needs of campers (i.e. camper needs to visit nurse before bed rather than listing camper's name with specific medications.)
- Chronic medical needs (such as diabetes, asthma, or hemophilia) should be made known to (i.e. event coordinator, camp counselor, chaperon, etc.).

The document may also be found on the 4-H Web Page at [http://www.kansas4-h.org/Forms/Participation/Van Horn](http://www.kansas4-h.org/Forms/Participation/VanHorn)

2009 Wichita Garden Show 4-H Horticulture and Photography Events

Event information and registration forms for the Wichita Garden Show 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest (March 7, 2009) and the Wichita Garden Show 4-H Photography events (March 6 & 7, 2009) are available on the Kansas 4-H Website under

“What’s Hot”.

Registration forms are due February 13 and must be received by the deadline to receive discounted gate tickets. Registration forms and payment for discounted tickets for both contests should be mailed to Eric Otte, Sedgwick County Extension Office, 7001 W. 21st. St. No., Wichita, KS 67205-1759. All discounted tickets, along with directional maps, will be mailed to County/District Extension Offices following pre-registration.

The New Horticulture Judging Contest plant list and publication list are available on the Kansas 4-H Website.

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ANIMAL SCIENCES AND INDUSTRY

Nomination Changes

The KJLS and KSF have recently provided the following information on nomination changes. New in 2009, they will offer family nominations and require a care and housing form for each exhibitor. These two forms will be made available online in March after their final approval by the board of each show. They should not be necessary for county weigh-ins.

Noseprinting and tagging procedures will remain the same for 2009 with the exception of updated forms for hogs and goats. These forms will require the signature of a county agent, FFA advisor, or project leader who has validated that the animal has been tagged. These forms will be available on this website when finalized. The state shows will not be utilizing photo or electronic identification for the 2009 show season. Both options are being considered for 2010.

All interested parties are invited to the **State Youth Livestock Shows Listening Session** planned for April. Representatives from KSF, KJLS, 4-H, FFA, and others will be available for the discussion. It will be held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. We are currently finalizing a date and agenda for this event. Please visit www.asi.ksu.edu/youthprograms for more information.

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K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

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

The four-day event, June 10-13, will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas’ diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant’s leadership skills. Twenty-five high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process. For application and additional information visit www.asi.ksu.edu/YouthAcademy or contact Sharon Breiner, Youth Livestock Coordinator at sbreiner@ksu.edu.

[Breiner](#)

K-State Animal Sciences Youth Specie Days

The department is planning two programs specifically for youth in March. The first is Youth Goat Day scheduled March 14 and the second is Junior Swine Producer Day planned for March 21. Both events will feature hands-on, interactive education designed for youth, adults, project leaders and agents. Please visit www.asi.ksu.edu/youthprograms for forms (coming soon) and other information.

[Breiner](#)

AMBASSADORS

2009 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

The 2009 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will begin at 6:30 p.m. with registration on Friday, February 20th, and run to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 21st, at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. The workshop is for all Kansas County or District 4-H Ambassadors, their adult advisors, and Extension staff.

Highlights at this year's training include Aaron Kadavy as our motivational speaker and many specific training sessions for advisors and hands-on workshops for ambassadors. Participants will also experience a dance, movie and games on Friday evening.

Youth workshops and presenters:

- *Cool Things to Do with Kids – Amanda Lott and Angela Lindquist
- *True Colors – Libby Curry
- *Presenting Yourself Well and Interviewing with the Media – Eric Atkinson and Rhonda Atkinson
- *Connecting Positively With Youth – Diane Mack and Beth Hinshaw
- *Technology Zoo – K-State Communications – Information & Educational Technology
- *Operation Military Kids and Service Learning – Ann Domsch
- *County/District Planning – Angela Lindquist

Adult Advisors Only

- **“So What Do I Do Now?” - Erin Johnson, David Lott and Deryl Waldren, facilitators
- *Advisors’ Question and Answer Roundtable – Erin Johnson, David Lott and Deryl Waldren, facilitators

The registration fee for the training is \$75.00 due to the Kansas State 4-H Office by February 1, 2009. Checks should be made payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. A late registration fee of \$85.00 will be accepted from February 2-6, 2009. Local Extension Offices determine who may attend this workshop, and the final local registration deadline. Please contact your local or District Extension Office for further details and for questions about registering or contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu. Register on-line on the Kansas 4-H system: <https://4hyp-ts.oznet.ksu.edu/wconnect/ace/home.htm>.
[Waldren](#)

AYD

KANSAS ADVANCING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE - FEB. 24-26

KS AYDI is a training for front line youth workers, volunteers, program managers and supervisors who work with youth (ages 10-19). This dynamic training covers positive youth development, youth engagement, youth culture, and youth worker competencies. Focus will be on the application of youth development principles and connecting with youth serving organizations.

COST & REGISTRATION: Registration of \$250 includes 3 nights stay at Rock Springs and 8 meals (breakfast, Tuesday to lunch, Thursday), refreshments and materials. CEU certificate for 15 instructional hours is provided. Register on-line at: www.Kansas4-H.org

Graduate course credit is also available through the School of Family Studies and Human Services via the K-State Division of Continuing Education.

For more information, contact:

Elaine Johannes <ejohanne@ksu.edu>

Gary Gerhard <ggerhard@ksu.edu>

[Johannes](#)

Let's Talk Youth Development: 4TH FRIDAY CONVERSATIONS!

Join Elaine Johannes and members of the Youth Development PFT on Feb. 27; 11am-noon, for the first of monthly "4th Friday" conversations about youth development principles and practice. There are many challenges that people between ages 10-19 confront and those challenges make the job of youth development professionals more complex. Join us each month (or occasionally as your schedule allows) for "4TH FRIDAY" conversations via Adobe Connect web conferencing. No prep or follow-up required to join "4th Friday" conversations. Our first conversation will highlight information from USDA webinar "Youth Development: Implications for the Future" www.uvm.edu/extension/youthdevelopment

For more information, contact Elaine Johannes, ejohanne@ksu.edu, 785-532-7720

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CAMPING

4-H Camping Promotions

Ah...February...The 4-H Journal's Camping Issue is on it's way! The issue is packed with information to assist you in promoting summer camping. It includes a parent's question and answer, a suggested camper's packing list, how to address mail, past fun camping activities, and pictures! 2009's Camp Theme...Ready, SET Camp!

[Van Horn](#)

CHARACTERCOUNTS!

CHARACTERCOUNTS! What I've Learned

"It's traditional to start the New Year with resolutions designed to help us live healthier, happier, and more fulfilling lives. But it's also useful to reflect on some of the things we've learned over the years, things that make us not only smarter, but wiser. For instance, I've learned that trying to be a good person is a lifelong commitment and that it often requires me to do the right thing even when it costs more than I want to pay. I've learned that kindness is more important than cleverness and that carrying grudges is foolish and self-defeating. I've learned that my dad was right when he told me, "Where there's a will, there's a way," and that tenacity is more important to success than talent. I've learned that pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional and that I have a lot to say about my own happiness. I've learned that a life focused on fun and pleasure rarely leads to happiness or fulfillment. I've learned that in my personal relationships and in the workplace I've got to set limits because whatever I allow, I encourage. I've learned that the things I like to do least are often the things that need to be done most. I've learned that it's easy to fall into self-righteousness and that neither the intensity of my feelings nor the certainty of my convictions is any assurance that I'm right. I've learned that unless I translate my thoughts into actions, my great ideas and good intentions are like unlit candles. I've learned that I cannot lie myself out of a problem and that the problems I ignore don't go away, they just grow bigger."

Michael Josephson, January 2, 2009

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CLOVERBUDS

4-H Cloverbuds

Goals for Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds

- **Self-understanding skill** (Initiating independence and self-direction)
- **Social skills** (Getting along with others)
- **Decision-making skills** (Making positive choices)
- **Learning skills** (Learning to learn)
- **Mastering physical skills** (Enjoying constructive and creative play)

Principles for Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds

- Fun
- Activity focused
- Noncompetitive
- Group-centered learning
- Leader directed
- Positive
- Success oriented

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CURRICULUM CORNER

Agents Resource Library <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Resources/Library/> The Agents Resource Library was originally developed by Justin Wiebers for agents to share and receive credit for 4-H curriculum resources they have developed. In a time when agents are concerned with working smarter; not harder, this site will endeavor to serve as a place where agents can share lesson ideas they have developed, and utilize lessons developed by other agents. The Curriculum Action Team would like to continue to support this sharing of materials and would particularly encourage school enrichment sharing.

If you have a lesson plan, flyer, publication, etc., you would be willing to share, please e-mail it to Robin Curry at rcurry@ksu.edu. Documents will not be altered or modified before being posted, and file format will be left to the discretion of the person submitting.

[Adams](#)

ENTOMOLOGY

Entomology project

To: All 4-Hers enrolled in the Entomology project for 2009

Wanted: Questions for possible use in teaching games at the Insect Spectacular Entomology Workshop to be held June 27, 2009. You may submit up to five questions with answers (including resource and page number where the information was taken from) to: Vicky Wallace, 1001 W. 7th, Larned, Kansas 67550, OR vwallace@oznet.ksu.edu Subject Line: Attn. Vicky

Wallace

Questions must be submitted by April 15, 2009 along with your contact information (Name, mailing address, email address, county or district). The 4-Hers participating in the workshop are mostly ages 7 to 10-years old, so please consider this as you make out your questions. If Vicky uses any of your questions, she will notify you so that you can include the information in your project experiences. This is a State level activity. For a list of resources: Go to the Southwest Area 4-H page and click on Entomology resources. <http://www.southwest.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=19>
[Buchele](#)

FCS ACTION TEAM

The 4-H FCS Action team has developed an educational activity for 4-H'ers in the area of clothing this year. 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to complete a sewing project within a day that is currently in style and provides 4-H'ers with sewing skills that can be used with multiple sewing projects.

Objectives: 4-H'ers will:

- learning how to work with newer blends of fabric and
- gain skills in sewing techniques such as creating the right fit with current clothing styles and working with fabric on the bias.

On the 4-H FCS Action Team website is a flier (www.Kansas4-H.org/ActionTeams/FCS/LindaLee2009flier.doc) that can be used to promote the event which will be held in Topeka, KS, April 4, 2009. The event is limited to a first come bases. Linda Lee of Topeka has graciously agreed to provide this opportunity for our 4-H program. If you have questions please call Berny Unruh – 620-886-3971 or Carol Fink – 785-532-5800.

[Fink](#)

HEALTHY LIVING

Schedule Health Rocks training to Implement along with Walk KS

Walk KS begins March 8 and teams of youth are planning to participate in the 8-week program. Plan to blend "Health Rocks" with your Walk KS activities by scheduling a local/area-wide Health Rocks training during March 8 - May 2. To discuss training dates, support for your local work and support from the state Health Rocks team, contact [Shane Oram](#), Healthy Living Coordinator and State Health Rocks team member or [Carol Fink](#). By the way, you can also use Health Rocks content during summer camps - AWESOME!

[Johannes](#)

HORSE PANORAMA

KS 4-H Horse Panorama 2009

The Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for February 7th and 8th at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This event is a learning experience for youth to learn more about equine science. 4-H members will have the opportunity to apply their horse knowledge through contests. The published on-line registration deadline is set for January 15th, 2009. **Deadline for Agents to finalize Registrations is January 22. Money and current Participation form is due to the State 4-H Office on January 29, 2009.** The schedule of events and more information can be found at <http://Kansas4-H.org/Horse/Panorama/Default.htm>. If you have any questions or concerns contact Kansas 4-H Horse Program Coordinator, Kaitlyn Crow at kcrow@ksu.edu or (785) 532-0746.

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IRS

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 2008 tax year for these groups ended 12/31/2008; then you must file your e-postcard BEFORE May 15, 2009!

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
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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KANSAS 4-H AWARDS

4-H Reporter's Books Recognized in State Competition

Six 4-H Reporters are recognized for their outstanding work during the 2007-2008 4-H Year. 4-H Reporter's Books are submitted on about November 1, of each year for evaluation. For information go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Awards/Default.htm> and scroll to the bottom of the page to find details under "Kansas 4-H Reporter Awards." The winners will be presented with dictionaries by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Honories include:

- Jake Nikkel, Wild Kids 4-H Club, McPherson County
- Kayla Lansing, Bell 4-H Club, Leavenworth County
- Ronni Hart, Explorers 4-H Club, Miami County
- Jacob Keener, Rush County Junior Leaders, Walnut Creek District
- Cheyene Nelson, Formoso Willing Workers 4-H Club, Post Rock District
- Ben Stich, Willing Workers 4-H Club, Neosho County

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MARKETING

4-H Road Signs Available

4-H Road Sign Order Requests can be made to the 4-H Marketing Action Team. It has been many years since they were available. An order form was in the "Possibilities for 4-H Promotion" packet or you can download it at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Marketing/4-HRoadSignOrderForm.pdf>. Signs are 22 x 28, with green lettering on white metal. Two styles are available, one listing the county and one that says 4-H Members Welcome You without a county listed. Cost is \$28.00 per sign. Details are on the order form. Order forms are due March 1, 2009 to Diane Mack.

[Mack](#) and 4-H Marketing Action Team Members

OPERATION MILITARY KIDS

Operation Military Kids Wants To Help Youth Attend Camp

OMK will fund \$100 towards camp registration fee for military connected youth. A \$100 award will be offered for each local unit to help send a child to camp. 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. Contact Ann Domsch, OMK Project Coordinator, at adomsch@ksu.edu, 785- 532-2276 for more details.

[Mack](#)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Judging Training Resource

The 4-H Photography Action Team has two sets of judging classes from the 4-H Traveling Photo display photos. Each set has five judging classes and a problem class. Please contact me to schedule this. We ask that the shipping be paid both ways and that the photos be shipped by a method that allows tracking the shipment.

[Buchele](#)

14th Annual 4-H Photo Adventure Camp

The 14th Annual 4-H Photo Adventure Camp will be June 24 - 27 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Photo Adventure Camp is for youth 13 - 16 who want an in depth photography experience. Camp will be all Digital this year. First time campers scholarships will be available, but only to those who attend the camp. Save the dates June 24 - 27, 2009.

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Wichita Garden Show 4-H Photography Extravaganza

The annual 4-H Photography Extravaganza will be March 6th and 7th at the Wichita Garden Show. Information including the registration forms is at: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/Events/WGS/WichitaGardenShowPHOTO.htm> Registrations are due Feb 13.

Many great activities are planned for the Extravaganza including; on Friday March 6th, youth photography workshops, and the very special opportunity to take photos of the Garden Show exhibits that evening after the show is closed to the general public. On Saturday, March 7th, there will be one round of workshop and the Photography Judging Contest. During the contest there will be a workshop for parents and photography leaders. Youth Participants are encouraged to enter their four best photos taken at the Garden Show in the Garden Show photography contest due around April 1st.

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SET

4-H SET: The Kids' Science Challenge, due January 31, 2009

The Kids' Science Challenge is a nationwide competition for 3rd to 6th graders. Kids are encouraged to learn about four fun scientific fields and then submit a question, problem, or experiment to be solved, working together with a scientist or engineer. 4-H clubs, school enrichment classrooms, afterschool and military groups can enter. The scientific fields are: flavor science, water quality, skateboard engineering, and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI). Youth studying foods and nutrition may find interest in the flavor science field and those in natural resources may want to further explore water science. SETI may be of interest to our SpaceTech members. Individuals or groups of kids may want to explore skateboards as a self-determined project. Winners will receive a trip to visit the scientists to work collaboratively on their question, problem or experiment, and will be featured on Pulse of the Planet radio programs and podcasts. (www.pulseplanet.com) The Kids' Science Challenge is providing a variety of educational resources to encourage kids to learn about the scientific fields, to help them in preparing an entry for the competition. The web site, at www.kidsciencechallenge.com, includes scientific backgrounds, downloadable science projects, lesson plans for classroom or after-school use, fun videos and educational games. At www.imbee.com kids can sign up to join a group to discuss their ideas online, and at Whyville.net they can participate in live chats with the scientists and engineers. Links are provided on the Kids' Science Challenge web site. The first 1000 kids to enter the competition will receive free science activity kits (a portion of these have been set aside for 4-H applicants). These hands-on kits include a fingerboard skateboard, water test strips, flavor tasting strips, and a CD with a secret coded message from "aliens." Complete instructions are included. As a special incentive to 4-H group leaders, the mentors for the next ten team entries (as of November 6, 2008) to the competition will receive a free Hach water testing kit for additional science learning activities, and each kid on the teams will receive an individual bonus prize! If you would like to receive brochures or postcards to distribute, just contact them and let them know how many you need. Electronic versions of the brochures, as well as a complete prize list, are also available at <http://www.kidsciencechallenge.com/html/press.php> For help in setting up a Kids' Science Challenge team, or for additional information, contact info@kidsciencechallenge.com

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4-H SET: NASA Adventures in Rocket Science

This resource is a K-12 Educators/Mentors guide that can be used to supplement your 4-H aerospace/rocketry programs. The guide contains 25 activities designed for informal education venues. You can download the PDF at:

http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/materials/listbytype/Adventures_in_Rocket_Science.html

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SHOOTING SPORTS

Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

March 27-29, 2009, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

This workshop is required of all individuals to conduct the basic 4-H shooting sports course in either archery, rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, and hunting skills. Sessions are lead by nationally certified state 4-H shooting sports instructors. The workshop conforms to all national 4-H shooting sports standards. The workshop includes a track for Extension Unit 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators which is also required prior to their serving in this volunteer role. Certification training includes learning about the 4-H youth development program, experiential learning, working with youth and teens, safety and risk management, as well as the discipline subject matter itself. Only one discipline may be taken per individual per workshop. All participants must be 4-H VIP Registered in order to train youth. Certification training from other organizations can not be

substituted for this training. All participants must attend the entire workshop to receive credit.

On-line registration and details to be posted on State 4-H website soon!!

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VENTURERS

Kansas 4-H Venturers --- June 20-30, 2009

The Kansas 4-H Venturers are headed to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness June 20-30, 2009 for 6 days and 5 nights of canoeing, portaging, outdoor cooking, fishing and embracing the beauty of this area. The BWCAW is located in northern Minnesota on the Canadian Border. On-line registrations are being accepted.

The 2009 program will be limited to 27 participants (teens and adults) on a first-come, first-serve basis. Teens must be age 14 by January 1, 2009 or have graduated from 8th grade this school year. Adults must have completed the VIP process and be a VIP registered volunteer. Participants will be required to attend the Orientation (March 28 or April 4, location TBD), Shakedown Training (May 29-31 at Rock Springs 4-H Center) and complete a medical physical in order to participate in the program.

The registration fee is \$550 (includes training, transportation, crew supplies and equipment, insurance, 29 meals, permit fees, program fees, quick-dry shirt). On-line registrations are due March 15th; an invoice will be sent directly to the participant and upon the receipt of their \$150 deposit in the State 4-H Office (due April 1), their registration will be finalized. The remaining \$400 fee will be due May 15th. Additional information regarding the 2009 program can be found under "What's Hot" on the Kansas 4-H website, kansas4-H.org

Check out the 4-H Venturers website, www.Kansas4-H.org/Venturers, which has additional information pertaining to the program, past adventure trips, photo galleries, list of gear and tons of other stuff including many links to reference and resource sites.

Looking ahead, the Kansas 4-H Venturers will offer two adventures in 2010: The Alaska Gold Rush (2 week trip) in June and Backpacking in the Pecos Wilderness Area of New Mexico (early August). One of the requirements for the Alaska trip will be previous 4-H Venturers experience. The planning for the Alaska Gold Rush trip is underway and, due to the nature of the program, will be limited to a maximum of 24-30 youth and adults.

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VOLUNTEERS

4-H Master Volunteers

The next 4-H Master Volunteer training will be March 20 - 22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. At the recent 4-H Program Rally there was a lot of interest in the 4-H Master Volunteer program, we hope there will be a lot of volunteers taking the training. Check www.Kansas4-H.org, for full information soon. If you want a brochure now, please contact me.

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VIP Online Orientation

We encourage you to take advantage of the VIP online orientation. It is particularly valuable if you have someone who could not attend your orientation meeting and/or needs the orientation right away so they can get through the process so they can get started with their 4-H Leadership role. If you want to take a look at the site and review the course just send an email to ks4-hvip@ksu.edu and ask to be enrolled. You will be sent confirmation of enrollment and directions to take the course. If you have any questions, please contact me.

To enroll a new volunteer in the class, send their name, email address and the county/district to ks4-hvip@ksu.edu. It takes less than three days for the enrollment to be processed.

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VIP Annual Renewal

There are many advantages to the 4-H program in having Volunteers renew their 4-H Leadership responsibilities annually. We can confirm their contact information, get information on any changes in their leadership role and confirm the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Code of Ethics.

Kansas 4-H policy is that all 4-H Volunteers will annually renew their volunteer commitment. They do this by filling out and returning the 4-H VIP Annual Renewal Form. This form is available from Distribution, it is 4H953, it is also available on the

web for download from the publications library, http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/4h_y2/4H953.pdf It is available on our State 4-H Web site in the VIP Resources section as well.

If you have any questions, please contact your Area 4-H Specialist or search the VIP FAQ file in the VIP Resources section of www.Kansas4-H.org, or contact me.
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National Extension Conference on Volunteerism

The National Extension Conference on Volunteerism will be April 27 - 30 at the General Butler State Resort Park, Carrolton, Kentucky. The conference is open to all Extension personnel who work with volunteers. The conference website is: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agcollege/4h/necv/> Listed on the site are the workshops offered. Online registration is now open. The cost will be \$190 plus lodging (reservations made separately).

The program will feature Susan Ellis from Energize as the Keynote speaker. Workshops, Poster Sessions and Research Reports addressing critical current issues and concerns relating to Extension volunteers will be presented. This conference may qualify for Professional Development funds, contact your Area Director, include it in your plan and apply for the money soon.

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Volunteer Development

Research shows that the primary difference between volunteers and non-volunteers, when measuring what they do with their time, is the amount of television they watch.

People who do not volunteer watch hundreds of hours of additional TV a year compared to people who do volunteer. It's not that people don't have enough time to volunteer. People do not volunteer because nonprofits do not provide them with volunteer opportunities that interest them enough to pull them away from their television sets. How do the 4-H Volunteer opportunities you offer compare to television?

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WORLD CITIZENSHIP

Time to Apply to Host Internationals for 2009

Hosting a 4-H Exchangee is a great way to expose family members to the rest of the world in a fun, low cost way. It is also a good first step for 4-H'ers who may want to travel in the future. Kansas 4-H families who would like to welcome a new family member from a 4-H partner organization this year should apply now.

In 2009 Kansas families may apply to host teenagers from Japan, Costa Rica, Finland and Norway for one month. Families who wish to host these teens should have a family member who is close in age (within two years) of the teen to be hosted. The Japanese arrive around July 22, while all the others arrive in mid to late June. The Japanese teens are members of Labo or LEX and will be placed through participating Extension units with a county coordinator. The other countries' youth are members of 4H or 4S (Costa Rica) and placed through the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs, the program administrator for the participating states.

Host family applications are posted on the State 4-H web site at <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/worldcitizenship>. Applicants should also download Confidential Reference Form and distribute it to the reference persons listed on their application to be returned directly to the coordinator for the program. Inquiries about the Japanese Inbound Program may be directed to Rose Scott, Japanese Inbound State Coordinator at 785-388-2009 or rose@threeriversinc.org. Placements will begin in March. Applications to host a Costa Rican, Finn or Norwegian should be sent to Mary Kay Munson, 1114 N. Spring Valley Road, Junction City, KS 66441 not later than **February 15**. Contact her at munsonm@nqks.com or 785-238-3631.

Kansas also expects to host young adults as part of the International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE). They will each need several host families for two to three-week periods between mid June and December, 2009. The most likely countries to send IFYE's are in Europe and Taiwan. Families may have children of any age or just adults living at home. We will begin making placements in March or April or as soon as we know who will be coming. Contact Mary Kay Munson for information.

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Kansas Approves Eleven Teens for Outbound 4-H Exchanges

The weekend of December 5-6, ten 4-H members and one 4-H alumna were interviewed and approved to participate in a 4-H International Exchange. The 4-H'ers will travel in June or July for a 4-8 week stay with host families in the following

Countries:

Japan 8 weeks: John Boyington (Phillips-Rooks District), Steven Buchele (Finney Co.), Kim Gerstner (Thomas Co.)

Japan 4 weeks: Kenna Baker (Canadian, Co., OK), John Stambaugh (Miami Co.), Ronnie Sullivan (Miami Co.)

Finland: Ronni Hart (Miami Co.), Beth Mercer (Cherokee Co.), Sarah Tajchman (Geary Co.)

Costa Rica: Genna Stambaugh (Miami Co.)

The 4-H alumna, Emily Holscher, Miami Co., was approved for the IFYE Representative Program and hopes to go to Australia for three months.

Their first orientation was conducted along with the interviews, and they will have a second orientation in Lincoln County the last weekend in March in addition to teleconferences for the teens with their group and/or chaperone.

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YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Council Elections

Congratulations to the 2009 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council Officers. Elections were held at their retreat in early January.

President – Anthony Seiler, Sedgwick County

Vice President – Kyla Clawson, Finney County

Secretary – Hope James, River Valley District

Upcoming Youth Council sponsored events include: Citizenship in Action – February 15-16, 2009, Campference – June 9-12, 2009 and the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum – November 20-22, 2009.

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