

February 2010 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

Deadlines:

Jan 15	Panorama Registrations Due
Jan 15	Vibrant Video Registrations Due
Jan 15	Dog Judges Certification Training Registrations Due
Feb 1	Ambassador Training Registrations Due
Feb 5	Awards Applications Deadline
Feb 5	Ambassador Training Registrations Due
Feb 12	Wichita Garden Show Registrations Due (Hort & Photo)
Feb 12	Interview Judges Nominations Due
Feb 15	IFYE Host Family Applications Due
Mar 1	GIS/GPS Leadership Team Applications Due
Mar 1	Horse Leadership Team and Horse Board Applications Due
Mar 15	FCS Day in the City Registrations Due
May 1	Camp Theme Participation Notification Due

Welcome Beth Hecht!

It is our pleasure to announce the appointment of Elizabeth "Beth" Hecht of McLouth, Kansas, as an Associate Specialist in the Department of 4-H Youth Development. Beth began work on December 14. Beth's responsibility will be creating the framework for GIS/GPS literacy in Kansas 4-H. Geospatial knowledge and skills are vital workplace abilities for the 21st century in many occupations. Like other colleagues, Beth will be working from her home in McLouth but serving the entire state. Beth is an enthusiastic and accomplished extension professional who has been an innovator in introducing GIS/GPS to Kansas 4-H. She may be reached by e-mail at bhecht@ksu.edu or by phone at 913-683-9035. Look for more news directly from Beth. [GERHARD](#)

A Day in the City with Family Consumer Science

Join the 4-H FCS Action team for a day of fun and learning on Saturday, March 27, 2010, in Kansas City! During your time in the heart of the city, you will learn how to enhance your body style and create a positive first impression; see unique marketing strategies for today's consumer, visit food entrepreneurs for lunch, discover the rich history of the garment district; and visit with a professional food stylist and photographer.

Space is limited to the first 50 people to accommodate the size of the businesses. Registration deadline is March 15th, cost is \$15. Contact Tara Solomon or Carol Fink with further questions. You can find a brochure to send out to your 4-H'ers on www.Kansas4-H.org under What's Hot. [Fink](#)

CYFAR 2010 Conference

May 4-7, in San Francisco, California.

CYFAR (Children Youth and Families at Risk) 2010 Conference always features outstanding keynote speakers, current youth and family research presenters, exciting interactive workshops, computer labs, and research posters, as well as the Program Showcase spotlighting successful CYFAR programs. Plans are underway for the CYFAR/KaBOOM! playground build in San Francisco, along with in-depth training opportunities at the CYFAR Pre-conference on Tuesday, May 4. The conference begins on Wednesday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m. and concludes Friday, May 7 at noon. CYFAR 2010 will be held at the San Francisco Marriott, in the heart of downtown.

Registration will be coming out the first of February. Visit <http://www.cyfernet.org/> for conference information and Practical Research-based Information from the Nation's Leading Universities.
[Fink](#)

Maintaining Safe Environments

As you prepare for work with the 4-H club leaders and camp, take a moment to review the HIPAA information as it may help you keep your 4-H member 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:
 - a. Kansas 4-H is not a health insurance provider;
 - b. Kansas 4-H does not provide health services for a fee; and
 - c. 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:
 - a. Only authorized individuals have access to health, medication, and related information.
 - b. Kansas 4-H Participation Forms and related health information is securely filed to prevent casual access.
 - c. 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, chaperone, etc.).

The document may be found under camp resources at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17>

[Van Horn](#)

Kansas 4-H'er Appointed to 2010 National 4-H Congress Design Team

We are very proud to announce that Kenneth Tharman of Doniphan County has been selected as one of eight teens from across the nation to serve on the 2010 National 4-H Congress Design Team. Dr. Susan Stewart, Executive Director of National 4-H Congress, reported that the number of applications was up and the competition keen. As a member of the Design Team, Kenneth will be a part of planning and carrying out 2010 4-H Congress over the Thanksgiving

Holiday. He begins his assignment with a planning session in Atlanta the first weekend in February. The teen members of the Design Team provide the powerful youth voice that resonates in the Congress theme, program and atmosphere. Besides working throughout the year, Kenneth will be part of the Opening Assembly and then help facilitate the program from "behind the scenes." This is a tremendous opportunity! Kenneth attended the 2009 National 4-H Congress as a Standard of Excellence Delegate, representing youth who earned their Kansas 4-H Key Awards. [GERHARD](#)

Last Call for 4-H Vibrant Video Clip Making Training

Last call for the *Vibrant Video Clip Making* training that will teach the skills necessary to make vibrant video clips to support the Kansas 4-H Program. There are still a few slots open for the February 9-11 training at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Cost is \$100.00. See the January Tip Sheet for full details. The hard copy registration form is on the Kansas 4-H site under "What's Hot," <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1> Return registrations to: Rod Buchele, Southwest Area Extension Office, 4500 East Mary, Garden City, KS 67846. Telephone: 620-275-9164 or FAX – 620-276-6028. Make checks payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Please contact Rod Buchele at rbuchele@ksu.edu or Deryl Waldren at dwaldren@ksu.edu for questions about this training.

[Waldren and Buchele](#)

Kansas Foster Care Resource Family Grants

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Saint Francis Community Services are working together to provide funding opportunities for children and families involved with foster care.

The purpose of the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs is to provide financial assistance for foster youth and their resource families who want to participate in learning opportunities available through 4-H. Kansas 4-H is open to all youth ages 7 through 18 wanting to expand their learning opportunities. 4-H focuses on developing confident, capable, caring, responsible citizens. 4-H offers a wide range of project areas that youth may learn from, ranging from agriculture to food and nutrition to aerospace and photography. Although being involved in the local club can provide an opportunity for youth to learn from each other and contribute to others through community service projects, volunteers and family support are also important elements of 4-H as volunteers and parents serve as club and project leaders that guide and mentor youth.

Through the Kansas 4-H Foundation, \$5,000 of grant funds are available to support resource families and the children in their care who are current or potential 4-H members.

Family Project Grants

- Children must enroll as 4-H members through their local extension office.
- Eligible 4-H member can only apply for one 4-H project and one 4-H camp grant per year.
- Grant funds are for the purpose of starting or enhancing a 4-H project during the 4-H year such as purchasing a camera, craft supplies, clothing, feed, equipment, etc.
- Eligible 4-H member may request funds for supplies and equipment needed for participating in a pet or livestock project; however, funds are not available for the purchase of pets or livestock.
- Grant funding can not include meal expenses.
- Items and supplies purchased from grant funding for 4-H project become the property of the eligible 4-H member.
- Liability, maintenance and warranty of the items and supplies purchased become the responsibility of the eligible 4-H member.

- Grant application and instructions available on the Kansas 4-H Web site, www.Kansas4H.org.

Van Horn

4-H Food Judge's Training Sessions

We invite you and your food volunteers to attend one of the three 4-H Food Judge's Training sessions that are planned. Karen Blakeslee will be the lead presenter at each. More details will be on the web soon.

Thursday, April 22, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Rice County Extension Office

Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Jackson County Fair Building

Saturday, June 26, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Johnson County Extension Office

[Mack](#)

ANIMAL SCIENCES & INDUSTRY

Plans for Junior Livestock Days are underway for 2010. On March 13 K-State Animal Sciences and Industry will host *K-State Junior Beef Day*. K-State faculty will provide hands-on education over topics such as feeding, reproduction, meat evaluation, and more. In the afternoon, clinician Bob May will teach exhibitors how to prepare their beef project for the showing. *K-State Youth Sheep Day* will be held on March 27 at Weber Arena on the K-State Campus. Zane Bone, sheep producer from Wimberly, Texas will be the featured presenter. The program will focus on topics such as nutrition, feeding, health, and breeding. For more information and registration forms for both events visit www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.*

[Breiner](#)

Two *Livestock Fair Management Clinics* are being planned for this spring. These events are designed for county fair boards, volunteers, and extension staff to share ideas about livestock fair management and leadership. A March 30 meeting will take place in Burlington at the 4-H Building, and an April 1 meeting is planned at the Research Center in Hays. More information and registration forms are available at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.*

[Breiner](#)

The Second *K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy* will be June 9-12, on the Kansas State University campus. This hands-on event is designed for current high school students to gain animal sciences industry knowledge and develop their leadership skills. Twenty students will be selected to participate in this year's event. You can find applications and more information at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu. Cost to participate is only \$50. A special thank you to the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) for continuing to support this program.

[Breiner](#)

Thank you to the more than 40 participants in November's *Youth Livestock Listening Session* at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. If you were unable to attend you can request a DVD copy of the event by contacting Sharon Breiner at sbreiner@ksu.edu.

[Breiner](#)

As many of you know the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show have been exploring ways to make our livestock nomination system more efficient and effective. Specifically, both shows have shown an interest in DNA-based nominations. *At this time the shows have agreed they will not implement DNA-based nominations in 2010. This is in contrast to previous information printed in show materials and provided by email.* They are however further researching the possibility for future years.

In 2010 we will continue to use the same nomination process as in 2009, with minor paperwork adjustments to increase efficiency. These changes can be expected by January 31. All forms will be available at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

Questions or concerns regarding the nomination process may be directed toward KJLS President, Mary Kane at mrkane@ksu.edu or KSF Competitive Events Director, Debbie Anderson at debbie@kansasstatefair.com. Your input is important to us as we move forward with this process.

[Breiner](#)

AMBASSADOR

2010 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training has changed for 2010! We have a revamped schedule with new classes! There'll be more ice breakers and group builders and round table discussions this year. It'll be a weekend to remember! Check out Ambassador Training 2010 - **"Ambassadors – Rediscovering the Great Outdoors."**

Also new in 2010 will be the 4-H Clover Challenge sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Marketing Action Team and the Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team. The Clover Challenge is a way for county/district Ambassador teams to create new 4-H promotional ideas and to win prizes for the top entries in these categories: YouTube Video, Other Electronic Media, Print Pieces, Other Items/Objects. Entries are due by February 5. Full details are on the 2010 Ambassador registration site.

The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team invites all County/District 4-H Ambassadors, their advisors and Extension staff to the 2010 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training, starting Friday evening February 19th at 6:30 p.m., and running through Saturday afternoon February 20th until 4 p.m. at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Registration cost will be \$85.00 and is due by Monday, February 1, 2010. Late registration will cost \$100.00 and will be accepted from February 2-5, 2010. The Kansas 4-H web site registration system is currently open. Local Extension units determine who may attend this training and the final local registration deadline. Checks should be made payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=29> or call Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu.

[Waldren](#)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2010 Kansas State 4-H Scholarships

Questions have arisen regarding what specific state 4-H scholarships are available in 2010. Although the Kansas 4-H Foundation made its deadlines with the printer, the January issue of the Kansas 4-H Journal was not mailed in time for you to receive it the first of this month. Therefore in consultation with Rhonda Atkinson, Editor, we have retrieved and scanned the 2010 State 4-H Scholarship offerings pages from the January journal. The offerings may be found beneath the Scholarship header if you scroll down on the AWARDS page of the Kansas 4-H Website. The AWARDS button appears in the left column of the HOME page. A link to this page has also been created under "What's Hot" in the right column of the HOME page. The direct url to the page is: <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=238>

Only one application is required to be considered for all scholarships for which the 4-H'er or 4-H alumnus is applying; however, some scholarships require the completion of Special Sections of the application.

[GERHARD & VAN HORN](#)

2010 Kansas State 4-H Award Applications Due February 5

This is a final reminder that ALL State 4-H Award applications are due at the State 4-H Office, no later than 5 PM (CST), Friday, February 5, 2010. This includes Kansas 4-H Award Portfolios (KAP's) [Only Area Qualified Portfolios], State Scholarship Applications, State Alumni Recognition Applications, and State 4-H Family of the Year Applications. Agents and staff may find details in the Advanced Memo for State and Area Screenings of November 12, 2009, under Password Protected Documents on the Staff Resources page of the Kansas 4-H Website. Judging of the paper KAP's will take place in each Extension program area the week of February 15. Please submit the Judges Applications to the State 4-H Office by January 29. Agents and 4-H volunteers are invited to apply.

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2010 State 4-H Project Award Finals - Interview Judges

This is a call for nominations for individuals to serve as Interview Judges for the 2010 State 4-H Project Award Finalists. Interviews will be conducted in March and individuals must be available to complete their work in late March and very early April. Judges will review electronic recordings of the interviews. The form may be found under What's Hot! and also on the AWARDS page under the PROJECT AWARDS heading. We are looking for evaluators from 4-H volunteers, 4-H agents and staff, as well as non-Extension individuals with subject matter knowledge that spans 4-H projects. Individuals MUST have access to reliable internet with sufficient bandwidth for viewing sites such as "YouTube" and/or equipment to view DVD's. Judges work independently and on their own time schedule within the review period. Please complete the form and transmit it to the State 4-H Office (attention: Gary W. Gerhard) no later than Friday, February 12, 2010.

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2009 Kansas 4-H Reporter Recognition

Congratulations! Four 4-H'ers have been selected to receive recognition for their outstanding efforts as 4-H Reporters. This recognition is sponsored by Montgomery Communications of Junction City as a participant in the Patron Sponsor Program of the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Nearly 40 Extension Units submitted books for consideration, a number we hope will continue to grow! Recipients of a thesaurus for their work will be:

Austin Abeldt, Dickinson County
Jacob Keener, Walnut Creek District
Janae McKinney, McPherson County
Abbi Wittmeier, Rolling Prairie District

Reporter Books submitted to state will be returned at Partnership Meetings. Extension Units that have not applied previously may look for information on the Awards page of the Kansas 4-H website. Reporter books are due in the state 4-H office on November 1, annually.

[GERHARD](#)

CAMP

4-H Camping Promotions

Brrr.....the cold weather sure doesn't make you think of camping ... however it's time to gear up for 2010's **Fit, Fun & Fabulous.... 4-H Camp Rocks!** Camp theme logo available on the 4-H web site. Camp groups wanting to use the 2010 theme need to notify Karla Hightower, khightow@ksu.edu or Pam Van Horn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu by May 1. Cost for decorations is \$20. Checkout the web site <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17> for ideas.

Also be watching for the *The 4-H Journal's Camping Issue* out in February! 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, fun camping activities, and pictures!

[Van Horn](#)

CHARACTERCOUNTS!

The Intimidating Power of Integrity

A teacher once wrote telling me that a parent with a great deal of clout at her school asked her to change attendance records to make her child's record look better. The teacher said she thought long and hard about the request but eventually refused, knowing it would make the parent angry. I commended her moral courage. I wish it didn't take courage to do the right thing, especially in such a clear case as this, but in the real world people with power often retaliate when they don't get what they want. This can make our lives difficult. Still, moral courage is the much-needed bodyguard of conscience and character. The personal costs of putting our integrity on the auction block are so high that we have to take the risk. Once we descend the slippery slope of moral compromise, it's hard to resist the inevitable slide. My first instinct was to think of the parent who subjected the teacher to this corrupt and corrupting request as a villain, but I suspected she was a basically decent mom so intent on helping her child that she ignored her moral brakes. But it's wrong to ask someone to lie or cheat. When it comes from someone with power, it's worse. Power is intimidating even when it's not used. But unswerving integrity can also be intimidating. Improper requests deserve an immediate, firm, and dignified response that leaves no ambiguity that they're inappropriate. Be careful not to be self-righteous, though. Let the person worry about what you think of them. If they persist, let them – not you – worry about the consequences.

(Michael Josephson, January 11, 2010)

[GERHARD](#)

CLOVERBUDS

4-H Cloverbuds February Feature - Heart to Heart

4-H Cloverbuds celebrate Valentines Day through learning community service by planning a party or making Valentines for a local nursing home residents, a senior citizen's center or grandparents.

Objectives for 4-H Cloverbuds:

Learn the value of giving to others;
Learn the importance of being an active participant in the community;
Understand the process of planning activities for others.

Life skill development for 4-H Cloverbuds:

Social skill learned through working together;
Decision making used by deciding when planning party or making Valentines;
Fine motor by using working with the small muscles such as eye-hand coordination;
Large motor used with setting up chairs for the party.

Activities available for 4-H Cloverbuds:

- 1) Making Valentine Favor
- 2) Decorating Sugar Cookies
- 3) On-site Party Preparations/Clean-up
- 4) Making Pop-Up Valentines
- 5) Sharing Special Valentine Songs
- 6) How Did it Go?

For detailed information checkout the *Heart to Heart* lesson available in the 4-H Cloverbuds Curriculum. The lesson targets citizenship/civic education.

[Van Horn](#)

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](#)

GIS/GPS

4-H GIS/GPS members and leaders consider this exciting state and national 4-H leadership opportunity

GIS/GPS savvy youth and adults are invited to apply to serve on the National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team in 2010. The team works with the national 4-H GIS/GPS leadership to develop resources and strategies to expand 4-H GIS/GPS programs. They also represent 4-H at the annual ESRI International GIS Conference and will assist expanding the 4-H GIS/GPS program in Kansas.

The National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team is typically 40 teens and adults from 10-15 states. Youth and adult team members should plan to spend 2-8 hours a month on team responsibilities throughout the year. As leadership team members, youth and adults will:

- Attend the ESRI International GIS Educator and User conference in San Diego on July 8-14, 2010, including participating in a 4-H GIS service project and attending educational sessions;
- Participate on team committees during the year to support and promote 4-H GIS activities nationally and at the state and local level;
- Participate in monthly team conference calls to plan and implement a state and national leadership plan;
- Serve as reviewers for 2011 4-H GIS software grant applications.

Youth must be age 14-18 and not yet graduated from high school. While prior GIS/GPS experience is helpful, the desire to learn and teach others about this technology is most essential.

Applications with complete details will be posted on the State 4-H website by February 5. Applications must be submitted to the State Office by March 1.

Contact Beth Hecht, 913-683-9035, bhecht@ksu.edu. if you have any questions.

[Hecht](#)

HEALTHY LIVING

The results of the 2009 Kansas Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which is conducted every two years by Kansas high schools, will soon be available through the Kansas Coordinated School Health website at: www.kshealthykids.org

In anticipation of those results you might find it interesting that, for 2007 5.7% of teens carried a weapon to school and that the same percentage of students report not going to school because they felt they would be "unsafe at school or on they way to or from school." The same survey revealed that 3.8% of students had been injured in a physical fight in the past 30 days and that 10.1% of females had been hit, slapped or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or

girlfriend during the past 12 months. These intentional injuries and the means of injury is a growing concern and is part of the new Healthy People 2020 goals for the nation.

Given these issues, you might want to attend the Ks Dept. of Education Adolescent Health Symposium. The 2010 Kansas State Department of Education's annual "Symposium on Adolescent Health Issues" will focus on intentional and unintentional injuries. The symposium will be held February 5, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, KS. Registration is \$95 and is available online at the KSDE webpage.

Conference sessions will address alcohol/drug use, bullying, sexual violence, cutting, suicide, overeating and under eating, depression, and teaching techniques to address intentional and unintentional injuries.

For more information, contact Dr. Darrel Lang at dlang@ksde.org or 785- 296-6716. Details are also available at <http://conferences.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=537>
[Johannes](#)

HORSE

4-H Horse Action Team Restructure Information

In order to promote efficiency and work toward strengthening and growing a total Kansas 4-H Horse program, it has been determined to restructure the 4-H Horse Action Team. The Horse Action Team has been restructured to include a "Kansas 4-H Horse Leadership Team" and a "Kansas 4-H Horse Board." Each group will have specific responsibilities.

Previous Horse Action Team Members along with newly interested individuals will need to apply through the State 4-H Office. The goal of the application process is to identify a group of individuals who bring a range of experience and expertise to helping strengthen and grow the Kansas 4-H Horse Program.

Additional information, including guidelines and an application to complete for each team, in addition to dates or projected timeframes for upcoming meetings, will soon be available on the 4-H website at: <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=136>. Applications will also be available at the Horse Panorama, February 13-14th at the Rock Springs 4-H Center in Junction City, Kansas. Applications for both the 4-H Horse Leadership Team and the 4-H Horse Board is due March 1. Final appointments will be made by the State 4-H Horse Program Coordinator, faculty liaison, and a current Horse Board member. Appointments will be made by April 1.

Please contact Sarah Dick, Kansas 4-H Horse Program Coordinator, by email sarahdd@ksu.edu or cell phone (785) 341-4869 with any questions.
[Dick](#)

4-H Horse Panorama--Project Talk Revision

A revision has been made to the Horse Demonstration, Illustrated Talk and Project Talk Packet that is posted on the Panorama webpage <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=193>. This change only pertains to the Project Talks. On page two of this packet, under the Contest Rules, item number two has been amended to read: Visual aids are encouraged, but are not mandatory.

Please contact Sarah Dick, Kansas 4-H Horse Program Coordinator, by email sarahdd@ksu.edu or phone (785) 341-4869 with any questions.
[Dick](#)

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 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
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.

[Adams](#)

MARKETING

Kansas 4-H Marketing Item Samples

The 4-H Marketing Action Team is excited to offer Kansas 4-H marketing items. Items include mood pencils, word magnets, sticky notes, notepads, loyalty cards, and color changing stadium cups. We've put together a sample package for each local office. They will be available for pick up at Partnership Meetings. Items can be viewed at:

<http://www.communications.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1053>

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Extravaganza and Photo Judging at the Wichita Garden Show

The registration deadline for Photography Judging is February 12, 2010, the registration forms and full information are at: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=191> Register through the local Extension Unit. Registrations received by February 12, will receive the discounted tickets. Participants may still register late, however they will not receive the \$2.00 discounted Garden Show admission ticket.

Workshop topics for youth are: 1. Basic Composition, 2. Basic Computer Photo Software, Programs, 3. Basic Digital Camera, 4. Advanced Digital Camera.

A very special opportunity for adults will be: 5. Training for Adults to become County Fair Photo Judges (90 minute workshop).

[Buchele](#)

Photography Adventure Camp Dates

The dates for the 2010 Photography Adventure Camp are June 27 - 30, 2010, Rock Springs 4-H Center. Cost will be \$175 with some scholarship assistance available. Full information will be up on Kansas4-H.org soon, for now let folks know the dates.

[Buchele](#)

Photography Judging Assistance

The 4-H Photography Action Team has developed sample judging classes using some of the 4-H Traveling Photo display photos. These classes (including problem classes) are available for short term loan to counties/districts who wish to conduct training/practice for photo judging. The

purpose of the kit is training. It is not intended to be used to conduct a contest. Please contact me to schedule this.

[Buchele](#)

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

4TH FRIDAY CONVERSATIONS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FEATURES NATIONAL ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS CURRICULUM REVIEW

This month's "4th Friday Youth Development Conversation" (February 26; 11am-12pm) focuses on the National 4-H Essential Elements curriculum and its use in local 4-H youth development work. Elaine Johannes, who is co-chair of the National 4-H Essential Elements team, will brief participants on the curriculum, the resources on the national website and how to use the 8-elements in improving youth development settings, places and events. The complete curriculum is available at: <http://4-h.org/resources/staff/essentialelements.html>

4th Friday Conversations use Adobe Connect web conferencing. To join the February 26 "4th Friday Conversation" use the Youth Development-PFT Connect website located at:

<http://connect.ksre.ksu.edu/pftyd>

No prep or follow-up required to join "4th Friday" conversations, but it's recommended that participants become familiar with the Connect web conferencing system. Check out the log on information at: KSRE TechWeb Services Adobe Connect Conferencing

(www.ksre.ksu.edu/techweb/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=658)

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

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SPACETECH

2010 Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team emphasizes robotics, rocketry, aviation, astronomy and GPS, GIS/Technology projects. The SpaceTech Action Team currently focuses on offering regionalized/area trainings for multi-county teams or district teams rather than larger statewide trainings. For example, the XYZ District or two-to-five counties (or perhaps even more counties) in an area might desire GPS/GIS, rocketry, robotics or another type of project training. The SpaceTech Action Team is willing to travel to the training location and present the training for a guaranteed number of participants. It might be 20-25 per workshop. The district or counties would also have to pay a gas stipend, and pay for photocopying of materials and for the purchasing of workshop materials needed. It might also be possible to offer two specific subject-matter workshops, if there were enough participants. The counties and districts would need to help advertise and recruit participants based on that local area's needs and family and school schedules. If you have specific training needs and ideas on how to make an area, multi-county and or district training happen or if you are interested in joining the SpaceTech action team, please call Deryl with details at 785-462-6281, or e-mail him at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

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STRENGTHENING CLUBS

Strengthening Club I Training Set for March 2

Please join us as we focus on strengthening 4-H Clubs on Tuesday, March 2, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Dickinson County Extension Office Meeting Room. The purpose of this training is to strengthen your capacity to work with volunteer adults and youth to develop and support strong, effective 4-H Clubs. You will take home new resources and ideas to share with 4-H Club Leaders.

Registration fee is \$25 which includes lunch and resource notebook. Registration will be up soon through the online registration system.

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VOLUNTEERS

Everyone Ready Volunteer Management Training

The next Everyone Ready module which will be released on Jan. 18, 2010. The title of this seminar is "**Pitfalls and Obstacles to Volunteer Involvement.**" This seminar will be a little different in that it will feature a panel of four volunteerism experts answering questions related to three main topic areas: time management when volunteerism is only part of your role, issues raised as we work with widely diverse volunteer categories, and working with difficult volunteers. This potpourri seminar was put together based on questions and issues raised by Everyone Ready participants (including 4-H and Extension staff).

To sign up for Everyone Ready, go to: <http://nextgeneration.4-h.org/volunteerism/> and follow the directions on the right side of the page. There is no cost to you for this and it is available 24/7 for when you are ready.

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VIP Process in a nut shell

As we are bringing in a number of new volunteer leaders into 4-H, now is a good time to quickly review the steps to full completion of the VIP process.

1. Completed application 2. Reference check 3. Online check of Registered Offenders and KASPER sites 4. VIP Review Committee review of documents and makes a recommendation to Extension Board 5. Completed Orientation 6. Appointment by the Extension Council/Governing Board. 7. Letter of appointment to the volunteer. The process is not complete until the Board appoints the volunteer. Information and resources are at: [http://www.kansas4-](http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=189)

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VIP Online Orientation

For calendar year 2009, 225 - volunteers applicants were enrolled in the online VIP Orientation class, 106 - completed the VIP Online Orientation, 32 - counties/districts represented. Enrollment in the class has increased every year. Calendar year 2010 is off to a great start with 20 folks already enrolled. To register a prospective volunteer for the online orientation class, please send their name, email address and county/district to ks4-hvip@ksu.edu, put VIP Orientation in the subject line. The online course is a great way to quickly orient a new volunteer so they can complete the VIP process and start working with 4-H members.

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Master 4-H Volunteer Program

The state training for Master 4-H Volunteer candidates is March 12 - 14 at Rock Springs 4-H Center, cost will be \$100 (\$150 less \$50 scholarships). Full information on the Master 4-H Volunteer Program is at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=62>

The registration deadline for the training is February 15th.

The Master 4-H Volunteer Program is an outstanding opportunity to increase the resources available for the local 4-H program. Please consider the Master 4-H Volunteer Program to strengthen your 4-H program.

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Volunteer Development

Research shows that the primary difference between volunteers and non-volunteers, when measuring how they spend 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, it is that people do not volunteer because non-profits 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? How can we make our volunteer opportunities more exciting for folks?

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The 2010 Youth Leadership Council had their Orientation Retreat, January 9-10, 2010 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Congratulations to the officers that were elected:

President - Calvin Dix - Phillips Rooks District
Vice President - Reagan Kays - Crawford County
Secretary - Michelle Hill - Sedgwick County

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