

January Tipsheet 2008

Deadlines:

Jan 15	4-H International Exchanges Chaperone Applications due
Jan 15	Third Annual SpaceTech Educators' Workshop Registration due
Jan 15	Horse Panorama Registration cue
Jan 16-22	Late Registration for Third Annual SpaceTech Educators' Workshop
Jan 18	Dog Judge's Certification Training Registration due
Feb 1	Kansas 4-H Ambassador Workshop Registration due
Feb 23	Landon Center on Aging Calendar photos due

Dog Judge's Certification Training

Dog Judge's Certification Training, Jan. 26-27, 2008, Finney Co.4-H Building, Garden City. Registrations due online by Jan.18, 2008

The Dog Care and Training Action Team is beginning the process of re-certifying judges who had training before 2001. This year will be the best opportunity for those in western Kansas to re-certify. The plan is for judges to re-certify every six years when the training is held in their part of the state. Remember that local 4-H leaders and older members have indicated great benefits by observing the training to learn what judges are looking for in the various divisions of the shows. Information and registration information may be found under "What's Hot" on the [State 4-H website](#).
[Adams](#)

State 4-H Program Rally

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the State 4-H Program Rally, January 10-11, 2008 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Those who are registered will receive an e-mail in early January with any additional details. See you there.

[Hinshaw](#) and [Hecht](#)

Kansas 4-H Venturers Headed to New Mexico in 2008!

Kansas 4-H Venturers will be joining the Arkansas 4-H High Adventure Program for a 9-day backpacking adventure in the Pecos Wilderness Area of North Central New Mexico, July 29-August 6th. Both programs are designed for teens (age 14 before January 1, 2008) and adults who are interested in and have a passion for outdoor adventure experiences. The challenge this year is backpacking 30-40 miles carrying a 35-45 lb. backpack at elevations of 9-12,000 feet over 5 days! In addition, they will explore the Capulin Volcano National Monument (New Mexico) and the Palo Duro Canyon (Amarillo, Texas) plus see the Texas Outdoor Musical Drama!

The cost of the 9-day trip is \$500 and on-line registrations (event website info) are due March 1. Participants must be in top physical condition, pass a sports medical physical and attend the required Shakedown Training, May 30-June 1 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. In addition, participants and their parent should attend one of the Orientation Sessions (March 29 and April 26 --- locations to be determined later). Additional program information can be found on the Venturers' website, www.kansas4-h.org/Venturers.

Serving as the 2008 Program Coordinators are Jo Ellen Arnold, Franklin County 4-H Agent, and Gerry Snyder, 4-H Venturer Volunteer. If you should have questions, they can be reached at jearnold@oznet.ksu.edu or gsnyder@ksu.edu.
[McNally](#)

Walk Kansas for Kids Focuses on Health

Walk Kansas for Kids is a 9 week health program designed for groups of children first through sixth grade. It can be used by 4-H Clubs, Girls & Boys Clubs, by a teacher or even the whole school to help children focus on health. Take a look at <http://www.walkkansas.org/kids>

It is quite simple, leaders or teachers notify the Extension agent that they are interested in participating in the program. The agent gives the leader/teacher access to enter their group into the Walk Kansas website. When in the site agents or the designated leaders/teachers can access participation forms for parents signature, logs for children to keep track of points, and weekly parent health newsletters.

Children in Walk Kansas for Kids can earn points by:

- being active (extra points if they include their parents)
- eating fruits and vegetables
- no TV for a day
- eating a meal with their family
- helping plan or prepare a healthy snack and meal

This program was promoted at Coordinated School Health Conference this year. Check and see if your schools or clubs would like to encourage children to be healthy by participating in Walk Kansas for Kids.

[Fink](#)

State 4-H Horse Panorama – February 9-10, 2008 Rock Springs 4-H Center

Online registration is up and galloping for the Horse Panorama scheduled for Feb. 9-10, 2008.

All registrations must be done on-line or directly through your local Extension office by January 15, 2008. Pay all fees and complete your MG-35 (Kansas 4-H Participation Form) for all youth and ADULTS by this date at your local Extension office. Horse Panorama is the state qualifying event for Hippology and Quiz Bowl. Horse Jeopardy, introduced last year for the younger members, is returning by popular demand! A special program feature will focus on Character Counts! Giddy up and go to the registration site at www.kansas4-h.org/panorama.

[McNally](#)

2008 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

The 2008 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be held Friday evening, February 22, and run through Saturday afternoon, February 23, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The workshop is for all Kansas County or District 4-H Ambassadors, their adult advisors, and Extension staff.

Some of the features of this year's training include a motivational speaker and mixer and 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 Michelle Koenig
- * True Colors – Libby Curry
- * 4-H: What It Is, and Where It Came From – Barrett Smith, Nathan Stitt and Adam Knepper
- * Fantastic 4-H Event Planning – Andrea Schmidt
- * Presenting Yourself Well and Interview with the Media – Eric Atkinson and Rhonda Atkinson
- * Promotional Tips 101 – Staci Woodcock and Jake Pannbacker
- * Basic Web Site Design – Neal Wollenberg
- * County Planning, Angela Lindquist, facilitator

Adult Advisors Only

- * "So What Do I Do Now?" - David Lott, facilitator
- * Advisors' Question and Answer Roundtable – David Lott, facilitator
- * Advisors' Panel Discussion – David Lot, facilitator

The registration fee for the training is \$75.00 due to the Kansas State 4-H Office by February 1, 2008. A late registration fee of \$85.00 will be accepted from February 2-7, 2008. 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. Begin registering on-line on the Kansas 4-H system: www.Kansas4-H.org on December 1, 2007.
[Waldren](#)

Cloverbuds Excitement!!!

Excitement is building and many of you are ready to get started in creating Cloverbuds programs! However, as you start planning, please take time to review the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Policies concerning 4-H participation especially as it pertains to age. **Section 502, 5 and 6 year olds**, states "*Children younger than 5 may not participate in the 4-H program. The decision to permit the participation of youth age 5 and 6 in a "Cloverbuds" lies with the Extension Board*". Any programming under age 5 is not considered 4-H and will not be supported by KSRE.

[Van Horn](#)

Volunteer Development - Things to think about

From Steve McCurley, internationally known expert in volunteer development.

Short-Term Volunteering - source Natl Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre, Singapore, 2002

"For the non-volunteers who are very likely/likely/may volunteer in the future:

- * 29% prefer commitments of less than 3 months
- * 20% prefer commitments of between 3 and 6 months"

The short term mind set:

- * They only intend to volunteer for a short, defined period of time
- * Want to retain control of commitment
- * Unfamiliar with agency or cause
- * Little previous experience with volunteering
- * They aren't going to change - you'll have to

What opportunities is 4-H making for these potential volunteers?

[Buchele](#)

Volunteer Development

What one or two things (Vital Behaviors) that if your 4-H Leaders did them consistently, would make their 4-H Clubs much better? Why are they not doing those things? Is the reason because they are not motivated to do these things, because they do not know either to do these things or how to do them (knowledge or capacity) or both? What can you do to motivate the volunteers to do the Vital Behaviors you have identified? What can you do to be sure they have the knowledge necessary to do the Vital Behaviors? Use the answers to these questions to plan your club support agenda for the next year. If you want to visit about this, please contact me.

[Buchele](#)

Volunteer Development Training Opportunity, April 2, Iowa. (Note, corrected date)

Steve McCurley an internationally-known trainer and speaker in the field of effective volunteer involvement will be presenting to Iowa Extension. Steve is one of the guru's in the field of Volunteer Development. Kansas has been invited to send folks to his presentation.

Please contact me for more information. We are working on taking a group to this.

[Buchele](#)

VIP Tip

If a VIP applicant has moved here from another state, you will probably want to search the Registered Offenders site for the state or states they moved from. This is now possible through the Kansas Registered Offenders web site: "*Conduct a National Sex Offender Search*". When you click this option, it will be take you to a page of "Conditions of Use". Review the state or states you are interested in, then click the "*I agree*" button which will take you to the actual search page. The link to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Registered Offenders site is on the Kansas 4-H Web site at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Volunteer/VIP/>. The direct link to the KBI Registered Offender List on the KBI web site is: <http://www.accesskansas.org/kbi/ro.shtml>.

[Buchele](#)

KA4-HV Publicity and Promotion Consultant

The Association is looking for a person/company to provide publicity and promotion services. This will be a paid role. For more information see the announcement on the 4-H Volunteers page at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Volunteer/Association/>. First screening Feb. 1, 2008.

[Buchele](#)

Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers 2007 - 2008 Officers

President - Linda Lecklider, Central Kansas District
President Elect - Lora Norquest, Finney County
Secretary - Donna Maskus, Ellis County
Treasurer - Brenda Guenther, Franklin County
SW Area Vice President - Janell Robertson, Ford County
NE Area Vice President - Mary Waymire, Morris County
SE Area Vice President - Jill Creager, Lyon County
NW Area Vice President - Cathy Berry, Russell County
Past President - Jan Keim, River Valley District
Advisor/Liaison - Rod Buchele, Southwest Area

[Buchele](#)

Blast into the Third Annual SpaceTech Educators' Workshop.

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team and K-State Research and Extension are sponsoring the third annual SpaceTech Educators' Workshop on Saturday, February 9, at the K-State Salina campus, 8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. The workshop is for Extension staff, community 4-H club leaders, project 4-H leaders, teens from 13-19-years-old, and educators working with 4-H and other youth programs. No youths 12-and under will be accepted in 2008.

Cost for the one-day event is \$55.00 and registration is due by January 15, 2008. Registration will become available on the Kansas 4-H registration web site beginning December 10, 2007.

Visit: <https://4hyp-ts.oznet.ksu.edu/wconnect/ace/home.htm>. The registration fee covers two in-depth workshops, lunch, breaks, and materials. Participants who are registered by the January 15th deadline will receive 4-H materials as part of the registration fee for their two sessions. A late registration of \$65.00 will be accepted from January 16-22, 2008.

Check out the full details at: www.kansas4-h.org. Click on Events and the SpaceTech Educators' Workshop. Participants will get to attend two of the following eight in-depth workshops:

- **Astronomy**

Basic—Work with a mother-daughter team as they make stars enjoyable for all ages. Learn how to make a mobile planetarium, and take star gazing to a new level of enjoyment.

Advanced—A mother-daughter team will help you develop a PowerPoint presentation as you learn the “ins and outs” of telescopes and lenses. This will help each participant with club and county presentations, and providing resources to help with future activities.

- **Aviation**

Basic—Explore the new advancements in aviation at the K-State Salina Campus. Talk with the lead mechanic from the world record setting Global Flyer Team. Find out how to incorporate new ideas into your activities.

Advanced—Learn about basic electrical circuits. Get acquainted with the composites of fiberglass, carbon fiber and aramid (Kevlar®).

- **Robotics**

Basic—Talk with experienced youth about the NXT Robot® from the minds at Legos®. Learn how to program the Mindstorms® robots with the help of the SpaceTech youth.

Advanced—Further explore the NXT Robot® as the father-daughter instructor team helps you discover the excitement, develop the skills and experience the fun in a world of robotics.

- **Rocketry**

Basic—Learn how a rocket works, and learn skills to teach in beginning rocketry. The session will include construction of simple rockets and kit rockets. Basic judging information, state fair rules, NAR and FAA rules will be shared.

Advanced—Find out about designing a rocket, single use and reload engines, advanced construction techniques and rules from the National Association of Rocketry (NAR). Make sure that all your launches are handled safely and accurately.

For questions you may contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail:

dwaldren@ksu.edu.

[Waldren](#)

Congratulations 2008 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Members

NE Area

Alex Spence, Reno County

Rachael Mayhill, Morris County

Lane Trautwein, Central KS Dist. - Salina

Claire Carlson, Johnson County

Andrea Everhart, Central KS Dist. - Salina

Hope James, River Valley Dist. - Clay Center

Molly Allison-Gallimore, Johnson County

NW Area

Andrew Dempewolf , Decatur County

Jared Marcuson, Decatur County
Claire Thiessen, Post Rock Dist. - Beloit

SE Area

Michelle Hill, Sedgwick County
Reagan Kays, Crawford County
Genna Stambaugh, Miami County
David Hanks, Lyon County
Anthony Seiler, Sedgwick County
Shane Oram, Franklin County
Jeffery Wolfe, Lyon County

SW Area

Josie Brenner, Pratt County
Nathan Smith, Edwards County
Kyla Clawson, Finney County
Brittany Barrett, Finney County

Advisors for the year will be Barbara Addison - Finney County, Beth Hinshaw - Southeast Area, Tess Ludwick - Franklin County, Sarah Maass - Central KS Dist. – Salina and Justin Wiebers - State 4-H Office

[Hinshaw](#)

Wichita Garden Show 4-H Photography Extravaganza

The annual 4-H Photography Extravaganza will be Friday evening, March 7th and Saturday March 8th at the Wichita Garden Show. Information will be on the web at www.kansas4-h.org, What's Hot or at: <http://www.wichitagardenshow.com/photography.html>. Discount tickets to the Garden show tickets will be \$2.00 and only provided for those who register by Feb. 15, 2008.

A great slate of activities are planned for participants including; youth photography workshops, the chance to meet with a photography judge to have two photos critiqued, the Photography Judging Contest, adult workshops (including a mini judging contest) and the very special opportunity to take photos of the Garden Show exhibits after all others have left the show late the evening of March 7th . Participants can then enter their four best photos in the Garden Show photography contest. Participants do not have to be enrolled in the photography project to participate.

[Otte/Buchele](#)

Curriculum Taskforce Volunteers

The Curriculum Taskforce is still looking for interested volunteers, teens and agents to apply to be on the first ever Kansas 4-H Curriculum Action Team. Be a part of ensuring that Kansas 4-H materials make a difference, are user friendly and meet school educational standards.

Some of the early tasks for the team will be to:

- * Identify current lessons that teach science, engineering and technology principles
- * Assign teaching standards to current lessons
- * Recommend and submit Kansas materials to the National online Directory

Encourage your Master Volunteers and experienced teens plus coworker

agents to apply today!!

[Adams](#)

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

To interested 4-H'ers: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., is sponsoring the 2008 4-H Essay Contest. This year's selected topic/title is, "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community". The final essay should range between 750 to 1000 words in length. Cash prizes (\$250.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00) will be awarded to the 3 Top Winners. State winners will be eligible for advancement to the National Level.

For rules, details and suggestions, please contact: Bob Bauernfeind, Kansas State University Department of Entomology (785-532-4752). Essays need to be submitted to Bob Bauernfeind by February 15, 2008, if they are to be evaluated in time for forwarding to the Foundation's headquarter to comply with their deadline date of March 1, 2008.

Bob Bauernfeind

Catch the Camping Bug!

Announcing the 2008 4-H Camp Theme: Catch the Camping Bug! Thanks to Robyn Dienes for designing graphics for the camp groups to use. The Camp Action Team will be working further to come up with ideas for using the theme during camping season. [The graphics are available here.](#)

[Van Horn](#)

Collegiate 4-H County Club Days Judging

For those counties interested in using Collegiate 4-Hers for County Club Days Judges, Torie Reilly is the Collegiate 4-H County Club Days Coordinator. Torie can be contacted at 620-205-8211 or by e-mail at torier@ksu.edu.

Please try to avoid the following dates as there will be few Collegiate 4-Hers to help:

Christmas break: Dec-Jan 18

Spring break: March 14-23

Open House: April 18-19

[Dobesh](#)

Marketing Action Team Members Needed

Do you have a passion for designing items to market the Kansas 4-H program? The Marketing Action Team is currently taking applications. To learn more about our work go to <http://www.kansas4-h.org/ActionTeams/Marketing/default.htm>

An Action Team application can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/ActionTeams/ActionTeamApplication.pdf>

For more information, contact Diane Mack at dmack@ksu.edu

[Mack](#)

Horticulture Judging at the Wichita Garden Show

The contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2008. Complete information can be found on the State 4-H Web Site <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Events/HortContest/>

Registration must be mailed in to the 4-H Department at the Sedgwick County Extension Office and is due February 15, 2008.

[Hinshaw/Neier](#)

4-H Photo Adventure Camp

Advance notice, 4-H Photo Camp turns teen age this June. The 13th Annual 4-H Photo Adventure Camp will be June 20 - 23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It will be all Digital this year. First time campers scholarships will be available, but only to those who attend the camp. Watch for the announcement of full information - coming soon. Save the dates June 20 - 23.

[Buchele](#)

Kansas 4-H Photography Traveling Exhibit

The collection of photos selected at State Fair to be included in the Traveling Photo Exhibit is available to any county/district who wishes to borrow it to display. Please contact me to schedule the exhibit.

[Buchele](#)

Photo Display Units - Last Call

The deadline to order new photo display units is Dec. 31, 2007. The information and order flyer is at this link: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/swao/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=19> , click on Display Order Form under 4-H Forms.

[Buchele](#)

Multi-County Photography Workshop

The Shawnee County 4-H Photography Group will be sponsoring a Multi-County Photography Workshop and Photography Judging Contest, April 6, 2008 at the Auburn Community Center. The Photo Judging Contest starts at 11:30 am and the Workshops start at 1:00 pm. A food concession will be available. Cost is \$1.00 for the judging contest and \$5.00 for the workshops.

An information and registration flyer is available at www.kansas4-h.org under What's Hot. Registration is due March 20th.

[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. Please contact me to schedule this.

[Buchele](#)

Photography Opportunity

4-H has been invited to participate in the Landon Center on Aging (KU Medical Center) Images of Aging photography contest. The theme of the contest is "Working Past Retirement". Winning photos will receive cash prizes and be used on the Center on Aging Calendar and website. Photos are due Feb. 23. Here is the link to the rules for the contest:

http://www2.kumc.edu/coa/Photo_Contest/center_on_aging_photo_contest.htmhttp://www2.kumc.edu/coa/Photo_Contest/center_on_aging_photo_contest.htm

[Buchele](#)

Annual Check-ups

How are the 4-H Clubs doing? Are members participating? Are guests being introduced? Are members presenting demonstrations? Are the members talking? These are questions you and the leaders might want to know. If the 4-H Clubs need an annual check up you might suggest the 4-H Club use the **4-H Club Meeting Check List** found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Resources/Clubs/clbmtgcklist.wpd>. Club leaders could provide members, leaders and parents with the check up form and review the responses or send the forms to the Extension Office for you review and provide feedback. Either option provides insight into what is happening a club meetings.

[Van Horn](#)