

# 4-H Tip Sheet January 2009

## Deadlines:

- Jan 15 AYDI Registration Due
- Jan 15 Horse Panorama Registration Due
- Jan 15 Dog Judges Certification Training Registration Due
- Feb 2 Ambassador Workshop Registration Due
- Feb 13 Wichita Garden Show Horticulture 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 15 Venturers Registration Due
- April 6 Team America Rocketry Challenge Registrations Due

## Discover the Possibilities for 4-H Promotion

4-H Marketing Action Team members developed a "Possibilities for 4-H Promotion" packet for all local units. The packet includes samples of all items available to help "grow" the local 4-H program. Also included is a list of creative ways to use the items. It is our hope that you will share the packet with your Ambassador team.

Packets were distributed at the 4-H Program Rally. For those not at the rally, your packet will be sent in the KSR&E mailing. You may download the packet insert <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Marketing/MATProgramRallyHandout2008.pdf>.  
[Mack](#) and 4-H Marketing Action Team Members

## Update on Required IRS Tax Filing for 4-H Clubs & Qualified Subsidiaries

- 1. All 4-H clubs and affiliated organizations that are eligible for the 4-H federal income tax group exemption GEN 2704, and raise funds or accept donations, must file the appropriate tax form on time even though some groups will be unsuccessful.**
- 2. Duly authorized 4-H entities under the control of Cooperative Extension and eligible for GEN 2704, reported last year to State 4-H Office, must file appropriately with the IRS.** (Under the control of Cooperative Extension means that Cooperative Extension has fiduciary responsibility for the duly authorized 4-H organization.)
- 3. IRS Filing Requirements for qualifying entities for inclusion under GEN 2704 are those 4-H entities that are:**
  - \* duly authorized 4-H clubs and affiliated 4-H organizations that are under the control of Cooperative Extension
  - \* earn income or accept donations for which donors want charitable giving deductions
  - \* are not Army and Air Force clubs
- 4. Qualifying Entities Typically Earning \$25,000 or Less File the 990- N (E-Postcard).**
  - \* Beginning in 2009, small tax exempt organizations will need to annually file the 990-N or E-Postcard. This includes GEN 2704 subsidiaries.
  - \* ALL eligible and qualifying organizations, which have been operating for at least one year, MUST file the 990-N on time (by the 15th day of the 5th month following the end of their tax period).
  - \* Some organizations will not be successful in filing a 990-N because their record still may not be listed under GEN 2704 with the IRS at this time.
  - \* All organizations must keep documentation from the IRS in their files - including confirmation of successful filing and documentation of unsuccessful attempts to file the 990-N.
  - \* Note, this is not the time and place to change information about the organization.

\* The old adage applies here, "It is better to try and fail rather than to never have tried at all."

#### **5. Qualifying Entities Typically Earning More Than \$25,000 File the 990 or 990-EZ**

\* There is NO CHANGE regarding the need for organizations in this income category regarding tax filing. These organizations have always needed to and must continue filing their taxes on time.

\* Qualified organizations should list GEN 2704 on their tax forms, and indicate their tax exemption status as a 501(c)3. EVEN THOUGH GEN 2704 subsidiaries are not independent 501(c)3 organizations-this is the most appropriate box to check on the tax forms.

\* National 4-H Headquarters, USDA cannot provide professional tax advice about filing tax forms nor alleviate penalties when 4-H subsidiaries do not follow instructions nor file properly.

#### **6. Important Reminders**

\* We are still not taking new groups or making changes to groups currently listed unless you have received a special notice from the IRS.

\* Independent organizations with own tax status such as a 501(c)3 are not eligible for inclusion under GEN 2704.

\* County Extension Councils are part of the land grant university and fall under the university's tax status and thus ARE NOT eligible for inclusion under GEN 2704.

\* We will share next steps for new groups and changes as soon as we receive word from Washington. Continue to document any failures and successes and report problems to Jim Adams

[Adams](#)

#### **4-H Road Signs Available for Order**

Requests were made to the 4-H Marketing Action Team to provide 4-H Road Signs. 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

# **AMBASSADOR WORKSHOP**

## 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.

Some of the features of this year's training include a motivational speaker, mixer, 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♣

Noodles and More♣

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 and Deryl Waldren,♣ facilitators

Advisors' Question and Answer Roundtable – Erin Johnson 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](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu). Begin registering on-line on the Kansas 4-H system: [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org) on December 20, 2008.

[Waldren](#)

## AYD

### Kansas Advancing Youth Development Institute available for Registration, February 24-26, 2009

KS AYDI is a training for front line youth workers, volunteers, program managers and supervisors who work with youth (ages 10-19). Modules from (revised) *Advancing Youth Development* by ACT for Youth, Cornell University and USDA's *Moving Ahead: Preparing the Youth Development Professional* are blended into this dynamic training. Topics include positive youth development, youth engagement, youth culture, and youth worker competencies. Focus will be on application of principles and connecting with other participants. Share this message with other youth development professionals in your communities to come along with you or attend on their own. Trainers include: Dr. Gary Gerhard, Beth Hinshaw, Dr. Elaine Johannes and Diane Mack of K-State Research and Extension.

**COST & REGISTRATION:** Registration of \$250\* includes 3 nights stay at Rock Springs and 8 meals (breakfast, Tuesday through lunch, Thursday), refreshments and materials. CEU certificate for 15 instructional hours is provided.

\* Youth Development PFT members pay a reduced \$150.

\* Register by January 15 - enrollment is limited to 25.

\* Register on-line at: [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org), **or**

\* Submit the accompanying [registration form](#) with payment to: KS AYDI (attn: Robin Curry), KS 4-H Youth Development, 201 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-3404

[Johannes](#)

# CAMPING

## Ready SET Camp

Announcing the 2009 4-H Camp Theme: Ready Set Camp! Thanks to Robyn Dienes and the Camp Action Team for the theme. Programming and graphics available soon! Check the camp web page <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Camping/>.  
[Van Horn](#)

## Camp Opportunity

Has 4-H Camp become hum-drum? Need new ideas to motivate and inspire the 4-H campers? You might consider "Discovering Your True North" by attending the Buckeye Leadership Workshop, March 25-29 at Recreation Unlimited located about 30 miles north of Columbus, OH. Buckeye Leadership Workshop is a learning, sharing "workshop" intended as a balanced program of social, mental, and spiritual activities. In a positive and supportive atmosphere, workshopers are encouraged and empowered to experiment with new activities, develop new abilities, discover new interests, expand their creativity, practice and master new leadership skills, share ideas and personal skills, establish new friendships, and develop networks of human resources. The registration fee for Buckeye Leadership Workshop is \$325 by February 26, 2009. Partial scholarships are available with an application process through the Buckeye Leadership Workshop. Scholarship deadline is January 10. For more information about Buckeye Leadership Workshop check the web site at <http://www.buckeyeleadership.com/>.  
[Van Horn](#)

# CHARACTERCOUNTS!

## CHARACTERCOUNTS!: What I Believe.

As we approach the New Year, here's a list of beliefs you may want to pass on:

1. I believe I'm a work in progress and there will always be a gap between who I am and who I want to be.
2. I believe every day brings opportunities to learn and do something meaningful.
3. I believe the true test of my character is whether I do the right thing even when it might cost more than I want to pay.
4. I believe no matter how I behave, some people will be mean-spirited, dishonest, irresponsible, and unkind, but if I fight fire with fire, all I'll end up with are the ashes of my own integrity.
5. I believe life is full of joys and sorrows, and my happiness will depend on how well I handle each.
6. I believe pain is inevitable but suffering is optional, and if I can control my attitudes, I can control my life.
7. I believe kindness matters and snide comments and badly timed criticisms can cause lasting hurt.
8. I believe there's joy in gratitude and freedom in forgiveness, but both require conscientious effort.
9. I believe what is fun or pleasurable is not always good for me and what is good for me is not always fun or pleasurable.
10. I believe no one is happy all the time, but in the end I can be as happy as I'm willing to be.
11. I believe the surest road to happiness is good relationships.

(Michael Josephson, November 21, 2008)

[Gerhard](#)

# CLOVERBUDS

## Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds Policies

"It is neither the intent nor the objective of the 4-H Cloverbuds program to duplicate the 4-H member experiences that are designed for older youth, nor to create a 'mini-4-H' concept. While the 4-H Cloverbuds program is a component of the overall 4-H Youth Development Program and 4-H Cloverbuds members are recognized as 4-H members for the purposes of enrollment, they are considered to be in a 'special' membership category with regard to program and policy. As a result, the 4-H Cloverbuds program is fundamentally different than general membership in 4-H" (*National 4-H Cloverbuds Policies*).

The overall purpose of the 4-H Cloverbuds program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional and physical maturation of five- and six-year olds by providing a unique educational opportunity. Participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun are the highest priorities in providing the 4-H Cloverbuds program. The policies for the 4-H Cloverbuds program outlined in this document seek to ensure that the 4-H Cloverbud member remains safe and has a positive, developmentally appropriate experience in 4-H. *Source: National 4-H Headquarters*

Kansas State Research and Extension and 4-H Youth Development are pleased to offer 4-H Cloverbuds, an educational program designed specifically for youth ages five and six.

Children of this age have distinctive learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older youth who participate in 4-H. That is why the 4-H Cloverbuds program is designed with specific educational objectives and policies focused on the 5- and 6-year-old child.

The local Extension Unit may determine if 4-H Cloverbuds is to be part of the local 4-H program.

Beginning October 1, 2009, the Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds program will become the authorized 4-H education option for 5- and 6-year-olds. Former programs, such as tag-alongs, mini-4-H, etc., cannot be recognized as 4-H Youth Development programs. The entire Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds Policies may be found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/>.

[Van Horn](#)

## CURRICULUM CORNER

A big thank you to 35 Extension Units for returning the survey about the needs for new publications on 4-H Presentations. The results were:

1. 62% are not in favor of lowering project talk age to 11, while 38% thought this would be a good idea. This was a precursor question based on some discussion to re-arrange age levels for competition since 9 year olds will be exhibiting at State Fair in 2009. Stay tuned.
2. Almost everyone (97%) said there is a need for a "Proper Use of Visual Aids" publication that includes power point etc. We are working on this, but it is very difficult to limit power point suggestions?
3. Everyone agreed (100%) that there is a need for a 4-H Presentations Judges Guide. This is under development.
4. A majority (82%) said it was Very Important or Important to continue to teach the differences between Illustrated Talks and Demonstrations. 68% thought a separate judge's score sheet would help. We have a publication in process to explain the differences.
5. A majority (74%) said Public Speaking is still a viable part of club days and 97% of those said there is a need for a separate publication on Public Speaking. We have a publication in process.
6. The ranking for your needs for these publications were as follows: Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks -- First need; Project Talks -- Second need; Public Speaking -- Third need.

Thank you for your input! We will continue to work on these publications in the 1-2 page fact sheet approach. Judge's Guide will be a training manual as well.

[Adams](#)

# DOG JUDGE'S CERTIFICATION TRAINING

## 4-H Dog Care and Training Project Leader, Judges Certification and Recertification Training

This annual workshop is scheduled for Jan.31- Feb.1, 2009 at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds in Gardner, Ks. We are asking certified judges of more than five years to re-certify. This year registration fees and form via hard copy will be due to the State 4-H Office by January 15. You can find all the details on the State 4-H website ([www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org)) under "What's Hot".

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## Dog Care and Training project changes for 2009

1. State Fair Dog Show -- Showmanship will be before Obedience!
2. Well fitting buckle collars or slip collars will be allowed in Obedience.
3. Rally Obedience Rule book will be available soon as well as a Rally O reference book from Bud Kramer and Card Set. All of these will be available through Extension Distribution as we prepare to add Rally O competition at the state level. Judges training for Rally O is also being planned.
4. The Dog Care and Training Action Team has also approved a new general reference book for Quiz Bowl. It is the Ohio "Dog Resource Handbook". It will soon be available through Ext. Distribution. This is in addition to the Kansas Leader Notebook and various Rule Books.

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# 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. Online registration will be available on December 15th, 2008. The published on-line registration deadline is set for January 15th, 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](mailto:kcrow@ksu.edu) or (785) 532-0746.

[Crow](#)

# HORTICULTURE

## Horticulture Judging at the Wichita Garden Show

The contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009. Complete information will be available on December 17 on the State 4-H Web Site <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Events/HortContest/>

Registrations must be mailed to the 4-H Department at the Sedgwick County Extension Office and are due February 13, 2009.

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# KANSAS 4-H AWARDS

## **REMINDER: Area KAA Screenings and Judges!**

Please remember your KAA Screening dates and locations. Also, send your list of judges to your Area 4-H Specialists by January 15, so they can complete their arrangements for screening. If you have questions, please refer to the 2009 Recognition Letter of November 13, 2008, that all local offices received via weekly Distribution mailing.

The dates and locations are:

January 20 – SW Area, Gray County Extension Office, Cimarron (Gather 9:30 AM; Begin 9:45 AM)

January 27 – SE Area, Eureka Community Building (Gather 9 AM, Begin 9:30 AM)

January 29 – NE Area, Manhattan, Pottorf Hall, CICO Park (Gather 9 AM, Begin 9:30 AM)

January 30 – NW Area, Hays, KSU-Ag Exp Station, Auditorium Basement (9:30 AM-3:00 PM)

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## **OPERATION MILITARY KIDS**

### **Operation Military Kids wants to help youth attend camp**

Operation Military Kids (OMK) is the U.S. Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support children and youth in military families impacted by the Global War on Terrorism. OMK helps build local networks of community partners throughout the state to implement a broad array of educational and support programs wherever military children and families live.

Funding Opportunities:

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 invoice will be sent to the NE Area Extension Office for reimbursement. The invoice will need to say for lodging and meals included with registration and give the soldiers rank. An OMK session must be offered at your camp to receive the funds. Military connected can be a child's parent is Active Duty, National Guard Army Reserve, Air Guard or any other branch of the military.

Camp Opportunities:

Your local unit may host a one day, day camp or a two day, day camp. These camps can be conducted at any time of the year – spring, summer, winter or fall. OMK will provide the funds to pay rent of a facility, supplies for classes plus snacks and lunch. OMK staff will help teach classes and provide a Mobile Tech Lab which includes 10 computers and two printers. The local Extension Office is responsible for providing American Income Life Special Activities Insurance, camp counselors and helping plan the day or days.

The two day, day camps will be special focus camps related to Health, Science, Environmental Education and Interactive Theatre. If your county is interested in hosting either of these types of day camps let Ann Domsch, [adomsch@ksu.edu](mailto:adomsch@ksu.edu) know so a statement of expectations for Operation Military Kids Day Camp can be emailed to you.

[Domsch](#)

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

### **Photography Judging Assistance**

The 4-H Photography Action Team has selected sample judging classes from the 4-H Traveling Photo display photos. We have two sets of classes (including problem classes) available for short term loan to counties/districts who wish to conduct training/practice for photo judging. Please contact me to schedule this.

[Buchele](#)

### **4-H Photo Adventure Camp**

Advance notice, 4-H Photo Camp turns teen age this June. The 14th Annual 4-H Photo Adventure Camp will be June 24 - 27 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It will be all Digital again 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 24 - 27, 2009.

[Buchele](#)

## Photography Opportunity

4-H has been invited to participate in the Landon Center on Aging (KU Medical Center) Images of Aging photography contest. Winning photos will receive cash prizes and be used on the Center on Aging Calendar and website. Photos are due Feb. 23, 2009. Here is the link to the rules for the contest:

[http://www2.kumc.edu/coa/Photo\\_Contest/center\\_on\\_aging\\_photo\\_contest.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/coa/Photo_Contest/center_on_aging_photo_contest.htm)

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## Wichita Garden Show 4-H Photography Extravaganza

The annual 4-H Photography Extravaganza will be March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wichita Garden Show. Brochures are available from the Garden Show Office, 316-946-0883, or email [wichitagardenshow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wichitagardenshow@sbcglobal.net). Registration will be due mid-Feb.

Many great activities are planned for the Extravaganza including; on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, youth photography workshops, the chance to meet with a photography judge to have two photos critiqued and the very special opportunity to take photos of the Garden Show exhibits after the show is closed to the general public late that evening. On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. [Otte/Buchele](#)

# PROGRAM RALLY WRAP-UP

## State 4-H Program Rally Wrap-Up

Thanks to each of you that attended the State 4-H Program Rally. It was two days filled with great interaction and information. A special thanks to our sponsors Farm Credit Associations of Kansas and the State 4-H Department. If you would like to send a note of appreciation to our Farm Credit guests, their addresses are as follows.

Janet McPherson and Ruth Wege  
P.O. Box 1807  
Manhattan, KS 66505-1807

Jennie Bracken  
PO Box 12800  
Wichita, 67277-2800

The committee will be meeting in January to go over evaluations and make recommendations for the future. If you did not fill out an evaluation, Diane Mack will be sending an e-mail with the evaluation attached. Committee members were: Rod Buchele – Southwest Area, Melinda Daily – Sunflower District, Bill Haney – Edwards/Kearny County, Beth Hinshaw – Southeast Area, Ginger Kopfer – Geary County, Diane Mack – Northeast area, Tara Solomon – Neosho County, Pam Van Horn – State 4-H Office, Deryl Waldren – Northwest Area and Aliesa Woods – Post Rock District.

[Hinshaw](#)

## Healthy Living/Program Rally Wrap-up

- There was some good discussion during the recent 4-H Program Rally about the National 4-H Mission Area for Healthy Living. If you have ideas about the direction for Kansas' Healthy Living work in the areas of program, professional, resource development contact Carol Fink [cfink@ksu.edu](mailto:cfink@ksu.edu).
- Bullying Prevention and Intervention was a concern expressed by a number of agents during the rally. *"Breaking the Code: Intervening in Teen Bullying"* is a community awareness, youth-adult partnership project by Elaine Johannes that encourages a community response to the Kansas school-based bullying prevention/enforcement law. The Kansas law is located at: the Kansas Dept. of Education's Safe School website: [www.ksde.org/KS\\_SAFE\\_SCHOOLS\\_RESOURCE\\_CENTER/index.html](http://www.ksde.org/KS_SAFE_SCHOOLS_RESOURCE_CENTER/index.html)



Contact Elaine [ejohanne@ksu.edu](mailto:ejohanne@ksu.edu) if you'd like to know more about "Breaking the Code."  
[Johannes](#)

## SHOOTING SPORTS

### SHOOTING SPORTS: Annual Instructor Activity Reports and Renewals Past Due!

Please check with your 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator to assure that Annual Instructor Activity Reports and Renewals have been completed if you are a part of a Kansas Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Unit. We are still missing several units. Reports were due September 1, 2008! Please note that classes conducted in non-renewed units do not have the benefits of the additional liability coverage for their Instructors. Forms and instructions may be found on the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports website: <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/ShootingSports/Default.htm>

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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 can be accepted after December 15, 2008.

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](http://kansas4-H.org)

Check out the 4-H Venturers website, [www.Kansas4-H.org/Venturers](http://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.

[McNally](#)

## VOLUNTEERS

### 4-H Master Volunteers

We are trying something different this year for the 4-H Master Volunteer training. We will be conducting the training in the spring, March 20 - 22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center to be specific. 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. Full information will be on the web early Jan. If you want a brochure, please contact me.

[Buchele](#)

**VIP Tip**

If a VIP applicant has moved here from another state (within the last five years), 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 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>.

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### **VIP Online Orientation**

The new Online option for VIP Orientation is going strong. We have now survived two K-State Online upgrades. We encourage you to take advantage of this resource, particularly if you have someone who could not attend your orientation meeting. If you want to take a look at the site and review the course just send an email to [ks4-hvip@ksu.edu](mailto: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.

[Buchele](#)

### **VIP Annual Renewal**

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](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.

The form asks volunteers to confirm their contact information, the role(s) they will be volunteering for this year, update their legal involvement information and recommit to the Volunteer Code of Ethics. There are many advantages to the 4-H program in having Volunteers renew annually. The information gained from the Renewal process will help manage the 4-H Program more effectively. 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](http://www.Kansas4-H.org).

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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. Online registration will be available shortly after the first of the year. The cost will be \$190 plus lodging (reservations made separately).

The conference is open to all Extension personnel who work with volunteers. The conference website is:

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/agcollege/4h/necv/>

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. Save the date and plan to attend. This conference may qualify for Professional Development funds, include it in your plan and apply for the money soon.

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# **YOUTH COUNCIL**

## 2009 State Youth Leadership Council

Congratulations to the 2009 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Members. They will be having their orientation in early January.

### Northeast Area

Claire Carlson - Johnson County  
Hope James - River Valley Dist. - Clay Center  
J Colin Reynolds - Shawnee County  
Clarissa Shields - Johnson County  
Alex Spence - Reno County  
Ryan Yenni - McPherson County

### Northwest Area

Calvin Dix -Phillips-Rooks Dist. - Stockton  
Adam Maurath - Logan County  
Chelsey Smith - Ellis County

### Southeast Area

Hailey Clemons - Osage County  
Alexander Crownover - Sedgwick County  
Seth Diehm - Miami County  
Abby Guenther - Franklin County  
Michelle Hill - Sedgwick County  
Reagan Kays - Crawford Co  
Anthony Seiler - Sedgwick County

### Southwest Area

Ann Clawson - Meade County  
Kyla Clawson - Finney County  
Andrew Fox - Hamilton County  
Kjersti Olsen - Pawnee County

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