

January 2010 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

Deadlines:

- Dec 18 National 4-H Camping Institute Registrations Due
- Jan 8 SWYLF Registrations Due
- Jan 11 KCGC Registrations Due
- 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 Deadline
- Feb 12 Wichita Garden Show Registrations Due (Hort & Photo)
- Feb 15 IFYE Host Family Applications Due
- May 1 Camp Theme Participation Notification Due

Geospatial Education in Kansas 4-H Gets a Boost –

We are pleased to announce the appointment and welcome Beth Hecht, of McLouth, Kansas, as the newest member of the Department of 4-H Youth Development. Beth, who has worked as a county extension educator in both Pennsylvania and Kansas, will lead a special project to help Kansas 4-H Youth Development create the framework for one of its Action Plan outcomes in Science, Engineering, and Technology. Knowledge, skills, and competencies related to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) are becoming increasingly vital in many occupations. Beth will be working from her home and can be reached at bhecht@ksu.edu. Beth begins work on December 13.

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4-H Vibrant Video Clip Making Training Registration Open

Kansas 4-H was awarded a *Vibrant Video Clip Making* grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation to teach the skills to make vibrant video clips to support the Kansas 4-H Program. The training will use the TerraPod training curriculum from Montana State University to teach the hands-on video-making skills to up to 30 individuals. Patty Bean and Seth Ring from Montana will be the guest trainers.

Tentative Schedule and Details:

- February 9 – 10 a.m. start -noon, 1 – 5 p.m. (Some evening time may be needed.)
- February 10 – 8:30 a.m. – noon, 1-5 p.m. (Some evening time may be needed.)
- February 11 – 8:30 a.m. – noon, 1-3 p.m.
- Registration cost is \$100.00 for 2 nights lodging, 7 meals and breaks. A portion of the participants' registration cost is covered by the grant.
- **Participants must be present for the entire workshop to participate. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Return the registration form no later than 1/15/2010.**
- Participants will work in teams of three to create a viable product during the training.
- This training is open to Extension staff, volunteer leaders and older 4-H members. *All participants must provide a 2010 Kansas 4-H Participation Form for Rock Springs.* Dress is casual. Counties and districts will need to make their own travel arrangements.

The Kansas 4-H on-line registration system will **not** be used. The registration form is on the Kansas 4-H site under "What 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](#)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

In 1994 Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service. It was Congress that asked Americans of all backgrounds and ages to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy of turning community concerns to community action. The King Day of Service is scheduled each year on the third Monday of January. In 2010, the day of service is January 18. What an opportunity for 4-H to connect with their communities to make a difference! Plus link with the National Citizenship Mandate. Check with local community agencies or churches as opportunities may already be planned for MLK Day. Please encourage local clubs to join a community effort or organize a community service project and become part of **4-H: Mobilizing Head, Heart, Hands and Health to Assist Families Coping with Tough Times**. Suggested 4-H project ideas:

1) **4-H Project Extravaganza Day** – Consider holding a 4-H Extravaganza Day on January 18, 2010.

* This event could be held at the Extension Office, community center, local place of worship, etc. for an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their 4-H projects.

* Utilize a 4-H Extravaganza for recruiting 4-H members by facilitating workshops for potential members in a safe environment while youth are out of school.

2) **Conduct a food drive** – Organize a food drive in the community for the local food bank.

* Collect canned foods throughout the neighborhood to increase the awareness of 4-H and MLK day

* With canned foods provide simple nutritious recipes that can be made from food staples

3) **Conduct a clothing drive** – Collect gently used clothing for families in need.

* Collect coats, hats and mittens for the cold. Clubs might coordinate through local school or community centers for distribution

* Don't forget everyone likes new underwear

4) **Collect pet care items for senior citizens**

* Collect pet care items (food, bathing items, toys) for local senior citizens

* Distribute with the assistance of local parks and recreation centers, assisted living facilities and senior citizen centers

* Conduct a pet care workshop for senior citizens prior to distributing pet care items

5) **Conduct a community meal event** – Work with local restaurant (through a restaurant food recovery program) to distribute unused food from local restaurant for this event

* 4-H members, along with adult volunteers can work with other community agencies to host a community-wide meal

* During event conduct a nutrition or food safety workshop

* Display exhibits related to nutrition and distribute educational materials

6) **Child care items for single parents**

* Collaborate with the local health department to distribute child care items such as diapers, baby spoons, baby wipes for single parents

* Items can be collected and assembled in a diaper bag to present to single parents

* Also place nutritional and care educational materials from the Extension Office in the diaper bag

Finally, it doesn't matter what the community service is as the day is more than a day of service - it is about connecting people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities in a shared commitment to making a difference in their community.

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Southwest Youth Leadership Forum

The annual Southwest Youth Leadership Forum will be January 16 at the Gray County 4-H Building, Cimarron. Youth grades 7 - 12 (from all over) are invited to attend. The Forum theme is "Be Unstoppable". Cody Christian a humorous, motivational, high energy speaker will present. He will help youth to build confidence, demolish fear and unleash their passion and drive.

The cost is \$25 with a Tee-Shirt or \$15 without a Tee-Shirt. Registrations are due to the Southwest Area Office by January 8, youth should register through their local Extension Office. The

information/registration flyer is at:

<http://www.southwest.ksu.edu/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=5845>
[Buchele](#)

ACCESS 4-H

Access 4-H

There are currently 50 counties (including those that are part of districts) that are signed up to pilot the Access 4-H on-line enrollment system.

Trainers from the national Access 4-H team will be offering two initial training sessions. Anyone (whether you are piloting or not) is welcome to join in on the one that works best for you.

Start Time: Wednesday, 12/16/2009 2:00 PM Central Time

Duration: 2 and ½ hours

URL: <http://nationalfourhcouncil.na3.acrobat.com/kstraining/>

Conference Number(s): 866-910-4857

Participant Code: 849453

Summary: Thursday, 12/17/2009 10:00 AM Central Time

Duration: 2 and ½ hours

URL: <http://nationalfourhcouncil.na3.acrobat.com/ks222/>

Conference Number(s): 866-910-4857

Participant Code: 849453

We anticipate adding Extension Units to the pilot any time throughout the coming year. Please feel free to visit the Doodle poll below to sign up or to see the list of Extension Units involved in the pilot. This is the "central receiving" for counties to sign up and our prioritized list for setting up your Access 4-H OpenID, getting you added to the Google Group for discussion and support, and establish an accurate list for preparing your 2009 Blue Ribbon Enrollment data to migrate into Access 4-H.

Please complete the Doodle Poll with your First and Last name, eID (without the @ksu.edu), and Extension Unit Name (No Abbreviations please).

<http://www.doodle.com/t25ck5usratu6krf>

In the poll, we're also asking for your current inclinations on whether you'll also use Blue Ribbon (as a back up) or not. And we're asking about your fair management systems.

After you're signed up, we'll send you more information about trainings and other conference calls.

[Wiebers](#)

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 will be used. 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. For final details and forms, visit the Kansas 4-H website around December 15. 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

STATE 4-H AWARD REMINDER: Kansas 4-H Award Portfolios (KAP), state 4-H scholarships, 4-H Alumni, and 4-H Family of the Year applications are due **IN** the Department of 4-H Youth Development, KSU, no later than **February 5, 2010, at 5 PM (CST)!!!** Evaluations of the project KAPs, 4-H Alumni and 4-H Family of the Year will be held February 15-19, 2010. A call will go out after the new year begins for interview evaluators or evaluator recommendations.

The Area 4-H Specialists will be conducting the area screenings. The dates and locations are:

January 12 - SW Area, Cimarron, Meeting Room, KSRE Office (Begin 9:45 AM)

January 14 - NW Area, Hays, KSRE Ag Exp Station Auditorium (Gather 9 AM, Begin 9:30)

January 15 - SE Area, Eureka, Community Building (Gather 9 AM, Begin 9:30 AM)

January 20 - NE Area, Manhattan, Pottorf Hall, CICO Park (Gather 9 AM, Begin 9:30 AM)

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CIA

Citizenship in Action

Registration materials and information for the 2010 Citizenship in Action program in Topeka have been posted at: <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/CIA>

Theme: Love of Leadership

Where: Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas

Date: Sunday, February 14- Monday, February 15, 2010

Age: 13-19 years old as of January 1.

Cost: \$130

On-line registration opens December 15

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CAMP

Fit, Fun & Fabulous.... 4-H Camp Rocks!

Wow! What an opportunity awaits for 2010 camping. Following the Healthy Living Mission Mandate, the 4-H Camp Action Team selected a camp theme of Fit, Fun & Fabulous...4-H Camp Rocks! For \$20 Camp Groups can have decorations in Williams Dinning Hall, table toppers, and program ideas. Camp Groups wanting to participate with the 2010 theme need to let Karla Hightower or Pam Van Horn know by May 1. Check www.Kansas4-H.org for additional camp ideas.

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

National 4-H Camping Institute the official event of NAE4-HA's 4-H Camp Task Force was first held in 1991 and hosted by Virginia 4-H. NCI as it's called, has been conducted every other year for the purpose of:

- * recruiting and hosting camp professionals, enthusiasts and volunteers in a five-day institute that includes sharing, group involvement and learning;
- * enhancing 4-H camping programs through hands-on workshops, special presentations and group processing;
- * showcasing a camp facility;
- * highlighting new programs and recognizing 4-H camp professionals; and
- * providing the best and brightest ideas in camping at one location.

To find out more about 2010's NCI hosted by Oregon 4-H at the Oregon 4-H Camp near Portland. Check out the link at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/national-camping-institute-2010-march-1620> for more information. Early bird registration is due December 18, 2009. Early bird registration costs \$375. The pre-conference workshops are an additional registration expense.

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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.

The Kansas 4-H Foundation is providing \$5,000 in grant funds that 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 the 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.Kansas4-H.org under "What's Hot".

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CHARACTERCOUNTS!

Ethics Is Not Easy

Let's be honest. Ethics is not for wimps. It's not easy being a good person. It's not easy to be honest when it might be costly, to play fair when others cheat, or to keep promises that are inconvenient. It's not easy to stand up for our beliefs and still respect differing viewpoints. It's not easy to control powerful impulses, to be accountable for our attitudes and actions, to tackle unpleasant tasks, or to sacrifice the now for later. It's not easy to bear criticism and learn from it without getting angry, to take advice, or to admit error. It's not easy to feel genuine remorse and apologize sincerely or to accept an apology

graciously and truly forgive. It's not easy to stop feeling like a victim, to resist cynicism, or to make the best of every situation. It's not easy to be consistently kind, to think of others first, to judge generously, or to give the benefit of the doubt. It's not easy to be grateful or to give without concern for reward or gratitude. It's not easy to fail and still keep trying, to learn from failure, to risk failing again, to start over, to lose with grace, or to be glad of another's success. It's not easy to look at ourselves honestly and be accountable, to avoid excuses and rationalizations, or to resist temptations. No, being a person of character is not easy. That's why it's such a lofty goal and an admirable achievement. (Michael Josephson. November 18, 2009)

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CLOVERBUDS

Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds

As we begin 2010...a quick reminder that as of October 1, 2009, the Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds program came into effect as the authorized 4-H education option for 5- and 6-year olds. Former programs, such as tag- alongs, mini-4-H, clover kids, cannot be recognized as 4-H Youth Development programs. Please check the Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds Policies that may be found at <http://www.Kansas4-H.org> by clicking Cloverbuds under "What's Hot".

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CURRICULUM CORNER

Check out the new CMS listing of Extension and 4-H Publications at: www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/DesktopDefault.aspx Hopefully the listing of 4-H publications in alphabetical order by project area will make items easier to find.

[Adams](#)

DOG

Dog Judge's Certification Training will be in Manhattan on Jan.30-31, 2010. All judges certified before 2004 need to be re-trained to maintain their certified status and stay on the state list of 4-H Dog Show Judges. Registration information can be found on State 4-H Website (www.Kansas4-H.org). Look under "What's Hot". Hard copy form and fees due Jan. 15, 2010.

[Adams](#)

HORSE

4-H Horse Panorama--February 13-14, 2010

Online registration for the 2010 4-H Horse Panorama is now available. Entries are open from December 1st through January 15, 2010. More information concerning the 2010 4-H Horse Panorama is now available at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=193>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Dick, sarahdd@ksu.edu or (785) 532-5800.

[Dick](#)

KCG CONFERENCE

Kansas City 4-H Global Conference

Registration forms and workshop/tour descriptions are available at: <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/KCGC> Missouri is handling registration this year, so delegates can NOT register on-line. Printed forms and payment should be mailed as soon as possible to assure workshop selections. Applications are due in the Kansas State 4-H Office by January 11 and will be forwarded to Missouri.

Please note that this trip should not be restricted to 4-H members who win awards! It should be open to ALL youth. Do you have high school students in your community (not yet in 4-H) who would be interested in exploring tech industry careers and cultural experiences? Attendance has been lower the last couple years, and that causes registration prices to go up to cover fixed costs such as meeting spaces, speakers, etc. We've opened registration to returning participants, but recruiting new youth from outside of 4-H could provide a great learning experience for them!

New for 2010: We are looking for two youth facilitators to provide leadership both behind the scenes with logistics and interacting directly with delegates to create a meaningful and memorable learning experience through the Kansas City 4-H Global Conference. This opportunity used to be restricted to National 4-H Conference delegates but is now extended to all youth (ages 16 – 19) who attended who have attended the KC Global conference. Details and applications are available on the KG Global web page. Applications due January 11, 2010.

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KAP

Evaluator Call for KAP Interviewers Coming in January

This is a pre-notice that in early January, information will go out to Extension Units and posted to Kansas 4-H.org for nominations for individuals to evaluate the recorded interviews of the Kansas 4-H State Project Finalists. The new KAP system is looking for volunteers, Extension personnel, and individuals from the private/public sector who have expertise in project subject matters and/or human resources. State Project Finalists will participate in face-to-face interviews in March. Interview evaluators will be able to score the interviews asynchronously but must complete their work over approximately 1 week. For additional information go to: Interview Process for State Project Winners ([Word](#)) ([RTF](#)) ([PDF](#)) located at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=238>.

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KYLF

Thank You

The 2009 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum was the 10th Annual Forum. To all Extension Staff, Youth and Volunteers that have helped over the years as Workshop Presenters, Cabin Supervisors, Council Advisors and promoters of KYLF, Thank you! You have all helped this event grow, change and improve, and for that we are grateful. Looking forward to the next 10 years!

[Hinshaw](#)

PHOTOGRAPHY

New Photography Project Resource

The Kansas 4-H Photography Action Team has added a new suggestion resource for the Photography Project (and the Photography Judging knowledge test). It is: the National Geographic, Ultimate Field Guide to Photography. The 2009 edition, is the recommended edition, the 2006 edition is acceptable.

The continuing recommended resources are:

The National 4-H Photography Curriculum:

Focus on Photography Project Book and Photo Journal, Level 1

Controlling the Image Project Book and Photo Journal, Level 2

Mastering Photography Project Book and Photo Journal, Level 3

and the Kodak New Pocket Guide to Digital Photography.

[Buchele](#)

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Kansas Health Summit Demonstrates That Health Connects To Positive Youth Development

At the recent Kansas Health Leadership Summit (Dec. 1-3) in Topeka, over 350 conference participants heard the remarks of Dr. Dennis Embry who made a strong case for high quality nutrition having direct connection to positive outcomes for youth and for the communities in which they live. Embry, a graduate of the University of Kansas and President of the PAXIS Institute closed the conference with evidence that reveals when children are fed junk food "their behavior ends up as junk". Numerous studies have linked malnutrition (ie., high consumption of junk foods) to not only obesity but also to conduct disorders, homicide, early pregnancy, addictions, early sex, disabilities, and aggression. (see: www.cultivatinghealthykansans.org)

Embry's formula for intervention and prevention includes healthy diets and less processed foods, as well as more opportunities for the development of confidence, competence, character, connection and caring; the 5 C's of Positive Youth Development!

PYD is getting some strong support from Embry and others in the public health field (e.g., US Healthy People 2020), and recent funding announcements from Dept. of Justice have included a "theoretical foundation of Positive Youth Development" (Federal Register, Dec. 1, 2009, OJJDP).

In the new year there will be opportunities for funding and engaged work to show that PYD not only impacts the health of our youth, but also the health and well-being of our communities. Contact Elaine Johannes ejohanne@ksu.edu to learn more about these opportunities and our work to support the 5 Cs.

Best for the New Year!
Johannes

SHOOTING SPORTS

Instructor/Coordinator Renewals are Past Due!!! The \$5/person for county coordinator and all instructors is a way to keep your county shooting sports program certified and covered by a supplemental liability insurance policy provided by the Action Team. This year, all instructors and coordinator can be listed on one form per Extension Unit. Please contact your county coordinator and complete this process before Jan.1, 2010!!! If you are unsure of your status, contact Mary Gehrt in the State 4-H Office.

[Adams](#)

UPDATES

New Dates for 4-H Updates: January 7 and January 19
Snowy weather caused postponement of both 4-H Updates. New dates are January 7 in Emporia and January 19 in Scott City. Both 4-H Updates start with gathering at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude by 3:30 p.m.

Please re-register at <http://www.Kansas4-H.org>

For more information please contact Rod Buchele, Beth Hinshaw, Deryl Waldren or Diane Mack
[Buchele](#), [Hinshaw](#), [Mack](#), [Waldren](#)

VOLUNTEERS

4-H Master Volunteer Program

The Master Volunteer program is an excellent way to increase the leadership resources available to the

4-H Program. The Master Volunteer Program engages the knowledge, experiences and passion for 4-H of experienced Volunteers and gives them new knowledge, opportunities and challenges. Master Volunteers receive special training at the state level and work at their local level on local 4-H needs as agreed upon by the volunteer and the agent.

The next Master 4-H Volunteer Training will be March 12 - 14 at Rock Springs. Now is the time to recruit your next Master 4-H Volunteer.

Information and sign up for the next Master 4-H Volunteer Training will be on www.Kansas4-H.org by Mid - December. If you have questions about 4-H Master Volunteers please contact me.
[Buchele](#)

Everyone Ready Volunteer Management Online Training

Kansas Extension personnel have the opportunity to participate in the Everyone Ready Volunteer Management online learning program. The program is coordinated by National 4-H Council and paid for by a grant from Monsanto. It will run for three years and features a new topic every month for participants to build their capacity to work with volunteers. Information and registration is at: <http://nextgeneration.4-h.org/volunteerism/> The current topic is on **Recruiting New Volunteers**. It is a great presentation with great information of great value. If you have any questions, or want help registering, please contact me.

[Buchele](#)

WICHITA GARDEN SHOW

Horticulture Judging at the Wichita Garden Show

The contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010. Complete information is available on the State 4-H Web Site <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=44>

Registrations must be mailed to the 4-H Department at the Sedgwick County Extension Office and are due Friday, February 12, 2010.

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Wichita Garden Show 4-H Photography Extravaganza

The annual 4-H Photography Extravaganza will be March 5th and 6th at the Wichita Garden Show. Full information is at: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=191> . Registrations are due February 12 to the Sedgwick County Extension Office. Registration forms are at the web site.

Youth photography workshops will be offered on: Basic Composition, Basic Computer Photo Software Programs, Basic Digital Camera and Advanced Digital Camera. Two opportunities for Adults will be offered: Training for Adults to become County Fair Photo Judges (Friday evening) and an Adult workshop during the Judging Contest Saturday morning. Workshops will be Friday evening (two sessions) and Saturday morning. The Judging Contest will start at 10:30 am Saturday morning. Youth may also participate in the Horticulture Judging Contest Saturday morning.

All Friday evening youth participants will have the very special opportunity to take photos of the Garden Show exhibits after all others have left the show. Participants can then enter their four best photos in the Garden Show photography contest

Save the date, let everyone know (they don't have to be enrolled in the photography project to participate) and plan to be there March 5th and 6th.

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WORLD CITIZENSHIP

Nine Kansas 4-H'ers and Alumni Approved in Kansas Interviews for Exchanges

December 4-5 six 4-H'ers and two 4-H alumni from Kansas and one from Illinois participated in the first steps toward international exchange trips in 2010. That weekend they took part in orientation and

interviews. Approval in the Kansas interviews is final for the 4-H alumni, who will be part of individual exchanges arranged directly between Kansas 4-H and partner organizations in their host countries. For the 4-H members Kansas 4-H approval means their applications will be submitted to States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-HIEP), the organization of participating U.S. states that arranges group exchanges for 4-H. Final assignments will be confirmed by S4-HIEP after February 1. In previous years Kansas has had all delegates approved for the country of their choice and we anticipate similar outcomes again. Following are the delegates approved for 2010 exchanges, their Extension units, preferred countries and length of stay:

4-H Members (16-19)

Rachelle Roth, Cherokee County, Australia, one month
Hannah Davidson, Douglas County, Costa Rica, one month
Stetson Honig, Stevens County, Costa Rica, one month
Jaylon Burch, Clay County, Japan, one month
Carley Melander, Central Kansas District—Salina, Norway, one month

4-H Alumni (19-25)

Chelsey Coen, Franklin County, United Kingdom or Poland, 8 weeks
Carolyn Gehrke, Kane County, Illinois, Germany or Austria, 3 months
Amy Sents, McPherson County, Austria, Germany or Switzerland, 6 months

One prospective delegate will have a make up interview December 18.

[Munson](#)

Host Family Applications to Host Costa Rican 4S Members Due February 15

Any Kansas 4-H family with a teen may apply to host a Costa Rican teen who will be part of 4-H's exchange with 4S for one month next summer. Costa Rican exchangees will stay for one month between mid June and mid July with families in participating states. Placement decisions are made at the S4-HIEP level. Families not chosen to host a Costa Rican may be considered for hosting a Japanese exchangee or an IFYE. Host Family applications may be found on the Kansas 4-H website www.Kansas4-H.org along with confidential reference forms and information about hosting. From the home page select "Programs" and "World Citizenship". Choose the link to "Information and Forms". In home interviews are required for any family wishing to host. We anticipate IFYE's from several countries and will accept applications to host them until placements are made. IFYE's may be hosted by families with younger children or none at all. Local county/district coordinators will be seeking host families for Japanese youth in March. For further information contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munsonm@nqks.com or Rose Scott (Japan Inbound Exchange) at 785-388-2009 or rose@threeriversinc.org.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2009 State Youth Leadership Council

Congratulations to the 2010 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Members. They will be having their orientation in early January.

NE Representatives and Conference Delegates

Claire Carlson-Johnson County
Cain Fouard-Central Kansas District
Wade Gutierrez-River Valley District
Clarissa Shields-Johnson County
Alex Spence-Reno
Ryan Yenni-McPherson County
Luke Zongker-Reno

NW Representatives and Conference Delegate

Calvin Dix-Phillips Rooks District
Jared Hachmeister-Post Rock District

Chelsey Smith-Ellis County
Kaylee Smith-Trego County

SE Representatives and Conference Delegates

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

SW Representatives and Conference Delegate

Michael Beaver-Scott County
Jessica Brauer-Ford County
Kjersti Olsen-Pawnee County
Andrew Fox-Hamilton County

The group will be advised by Andrew Dempewolf –Collegiate Advisor, Beth Hinshaw –Southeast Area, Sarah Maass – Central Kansas District, Anna Muir –Phillips/Rooks District and Justin Wiebers - State 4-H Office.

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