

## January 2011 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

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### A Farewell Note

After serving 35 years as an Extension 4-H Professional in Oklahoma, Virginia and Kansas, I thank you for a fantabulous 17 years with the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Program!

I've been truly blessed by working with phenomenal individuals across the state who have contributed so much of their time, energies, talents and knowledge to make the Kansas 4-H Program a dynamic and exciting experience for our young people. Those 17 years have been filled with incredible opportunities to engage young people and adults in designing and coordinating state-of-the-art workshops, conferences and educational events that have stretched the 4-H program into new areas of interest. It's been an honor to work alongside you to make all of that happen.

With that said, there's still much work to be done to assure that Kansas 4-H is valued, relevant and sustainable in the coming years. Governor Mark Parkinson has stated that he believes all Kansas youth should have a 4-H experience. How can that be done? Engaging more volunteers who have a passion for positive youth development! Designing learning experiences that are of interest to and make a difference for our underserved citizens!

Working with our communities to make them stronger and sustainable by engaging young people in key decision making opportunities! Ah, let the brainstorming begin and then follow that with a plan to make it happen.

Upon retirement, I will be moving to Stillwater, OK, where I once served as a State 4-H Program Specialist and obtained both my Master's and Doctoral Degrees. More importantly, I'll be joining my husband, Jim Rutledge, and look forward to sharing special times with him. There's no doubt I'll be involved in the Oklahoma 4-H program in some capacity and I do plan to stay connected to the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Program. After all, I am a Barber County 4-H Alumni and a 10 year member of the Lone Eagle 4-H Club!

Forever 4-H.....

Your 4-H friend.....

**Pat McNally**

## **State 4-H Office Welcomes Terry Williams!**

If you've called the State 4-H Office since Thanksgiving you've likely heard a new voice. Our new "Director of First Impressions" is Terry Williams of Wamego, Kansas. Terry is our new Senior Administrative Assistant and comes to us from Wabaunsee High School in Alma where she was Secretary. Terry, a graduate of Riley County High School, Riley, Kansas, has served as an office manager and assistant in the health fields prior to working for USD 329. While currently attending multiple trainings for new K-State/State of Kansas employees, Terry will be a contact for the 4-H Access database. I encourage everyone to introduce themselves to Terry and join us in welcoming her to Kansas 4-H Youth Development.

**Gerhard**

## **Congratulations Extended**

Four Kansas Counties receive October J.C. Penney Round-up grant for afterschool programming. Congratulations extended to Barton County and Berny Unruh; Johnson County and Kaitlyn Peine; Lyon County and Corrine Patterson; and Neosho County and Tara Solomon.

**Van Horn**

## **4-H Citizenship in Action Registration is OPEN!**

Citizenship in Action registration is now open! This two day event sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council, will be held Sunday, February 20 through Monday, February 21, 2010 at the State Capitol in Topeka. All youth 13 to 19 years old are eligible to attend. The registration fee of \$130 includes lodging, a Sunday night banquet and lunch on Monday. Please share this information with all youth. Participation is not restricted to 4-H members.

Citizenship in Action allows youth to have a hands-on approach in learning about their government. Activities include workshops, tours of the Capitol, opportunities to visit with your legislator, and a mock legislative session in the House and Senate Chambers. A complete schedule can be found on-line at <http://www.Kansas4-H.org>

Registration is open online at: <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Register> until January 15.

### **CIA Postcard Requests Due December 16, 2010**

If you would like your youth 13-19 to be included in a bulk mailing of promotional postcards for Citizenship in Action, please indicate in the following Doodle Poll.

<http://www.doodle.com/6vzwg8h6evpvscg4>

Access 4-H counties need only check the appropriate column. Since re-enrollment may not be completed for 2011, mailing addresses will be pulled from 2010 enrollment of 12-18 year old members.

Blue Ribbon counties will need to use the member query feature to export an Excel spreadsheet (include First and Last Names, Address, City, State, ZIP) to be e-mailed to [ks4hreg@ksu.edu](mailto:ks4hreg@ksu.edu) by Thursday, Dec. 16.

**Wiebers**

## **Monsanto Grants Could Benefit Communities**

Kansas Farmers have Only a Limited Time Left to Apply for a Chance to win \$2,500 for their Community

The signs of another successful harvest are evident, and the combines and cotton pickers are being put away for the winter. Even though harvest is over, a farmers work is never done. Now, farmers can use the time between the end of harvest and the beginning of planting season to make a difference in their local communities.

It only takes a few minutes for farmers to make that difference. Area farmers have the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 donation to a favorite nonprofit organization in more than 1,200 counties across 38 states through the Monsanto Funds Americas Farmers Grow Communities SM program. Not only does the Monsanto Fund expect to donate 202,500 in 81 counties, but for every eligible farmer that applies, the Monsanto Fund will donate \$1 to that participants local United Way.

There is just a short time left for the farmers in the 81 eligible counties in Kansas to apply for the program. The entry deadline is Dec. 31, 2010. Farmers can apply at [www.growcommunities.com](http://www.growcommunities.com) or by calling 1.877.267.3332.

America s Farmers Grow Communities is open to all farmers age 21 and over who are actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans and/or cotton, or 40 acres of open field vegetables, or at least 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture are eligible. No purchase is necessary in order to enter or win. One winner will be drawn from each of the more than 1,200 participating counties, and Monsanto Fund will announce winning farmers and recipient organizations by February 2011.

Eligible counties In Kansas include: Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Barton, Bourbon, Brown, Butler, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Decatur, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Franklin, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Greenwood, Harvey, Haskell, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Johnson, Kearny, Kiowa, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Meade, Miami, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Norton, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Rawlins, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Saline, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Thomas, Wabaunsee, Wallace, Washington, Wichita and Wilson.

## Get Ready for Kansas 4-H Science Reach Workshops

Over the past six months and continuing through February, four educators have been participating in a rich professional development experience sponsored nationally by the Noyce Foundation and National 4-H Council. Those participating as Kansas' representatives to the National 4-H Youth Science Academy are: Corinne Patterson (Lyon County); Amy Sollock (Ford County); Susan Schlichting (Ellis County) and Gary Gerhard (State 4-H Science Liaison).

To begin sharing what we have learned and in order to strengthen 4-H Science programming locally, the Noyce Foundation has further awarded two implementation grants to Kansas. To fulfill these grants, four one-day workshops will be held in January/February to assist Agents and Master 4-H Volunteers with:

1. What Does a 4-H Science Ready Program Look Like?
2. 4-H Science Ready Curriculum
3. Evaluating 4-H Science Programs
4. Funding 4-H Science Programs
5. Engaging 4-H Volunteers (both traditional and new content volunteers) to be Science Ready

More information will be forth coming and registration will open on the 4-H Registration Site on our homepage. We apologize for the lateness of this news; however, the implementation grants were not announced until November 23 and we must spend the funds and report back by February 15, 2011.

The sessions will all begin at 10 AM and conclude at 3 PM with lunch included. Preliminary sites and dates include:

- February 1, 2011~The Learning Center, Dodge City
- January 24, 2011~TBA, Emporia
- January 26, 2011~TBA, Manhattan
- January 21, 2011~Ellis County Extension Office, Hays

Contact Corinne, Amy, Susan or Gary if you have questions. Dates were selected based upon Doodles to each area. The content will be the same so you can attend any

location if the date in your area has a conflict.

**Gerhard**

## **Kansas 4-H Vibrant Video Training Registration Continues**

The second Vibrant Video training for both beginners and intermediates will be February 8-10, 2011, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The registration cost is \$165.00 for three days, two nights including seven meals and four breaks. Patty Bean and Seth Ring from Montana State University will be the guest trainers. For more information and to register by hard copy, visit:

<http://www.northwest.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=19>.

This second video training will allow participants the time and technical support to strengthen the video and editing skills previously learned in the February 2010 training. In addition, another basic training will allow more KSRE staff and volunteers to create effective video clips for the Kansas 4-H Program, and other KSRE program areas. Those staff members who sign up will receive additional instructions about the training as it draws closer. Registration closes **January 15, 2011**. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu) or Rod Buchele, [rbuchele@ksu.edu](mailto:rbuchele@ksu.edu).

**Waldren/Buchele**

## **Resources Available for Orienting New 4-H Families**

The 4-H Marketing Action Team provided many resources to attract new families to your local 4-H program. Now is the time to focus on engaging them in the program.

One way to help orient new families is with their own newsletter. Marketing Action Team members Andrea Feldkamp, Riley County and Amy Sollock, Ford County, send a special newsletter to new families. Andrea and Amy shared their newsletters. They are available in both word and pdf on the Marketing Action Team Resources website at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>

Remember that resources for new families are also available in the Strengthening Club I materials. Resources include: New Family Coordinator Position Description; Welcoming New 4-H Members; Welcoming New 4-H Members Example: Greet Sheet; 4-H Parent Interest Survey; and 4-H Parent (Home Helper) Position Description. They are available in both word and pdf on the Strengthening Club I website at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=60>

We appreciate those of you who responded to our survey to help us plan for future projects. We value your input.

**Mack/Marketing Action Team**

## Southwest Youth Leadership Forum Planned for January

The annual Southwest Youth Leadership Forum will be January 15 at the Gray County 4-H Building, Cimarron. Youth grades 7 - 12 (from all over) are invited to attend. The Forum theme is "Leadership Construction Zone". Teens will build their own leadership skills by learning to ask and answer the "Question Behind the Question" with Kristin Lindeen.

The cost is \$25 with a Tee-Shirt or \$15 without a Tee-Shirt. Registrations are due to the Southwest Area Office by January 7th, youth should register through their local Extension Office. The information/registration flyer is at: <http://www.southwest.ksu.edu/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=27872>

**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.

### *Family Project Grants*

- o Children must enroll as 4-H members through their local extension office
- .
- o Eligible 4-H member can only apply for one 4-H project and one 4-H camp grant per year.
- o 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.
- o 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.

- o Grant funding cannot include meal expenses.
- o Items and supplies purchased from grant funding for 4-H project become the property of the eligible 4-H member.
- o 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](http://www.Kansas4H.org).

**Van Horn**

## **KAE4-HA Spring Conference Set for April**

Please put on your calendar April 12 - 13 for our KAE4-HA Spring Professional Development Conference and Annual Meeting. It will be in Salina and be just before Spring Action Conference. Rooms will be available at the Ramada for the same rate as SAC, (\$65.00 per night). This date and location was arrived at after extensive discussion with many of you. More information will be available soon.

**Buchele**

## **Ambassadors**

### **2011 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training**

The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team invites all County/District 4-H Ambassadors and their advisors and the extension staff to the 2011 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training, starting Friday evening February 25th at 6:30 p.m. and running through Saturday afternoon February 26th until 3:00 p.m. at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The 2011 theme is a Hawaiian focus - "Ambassadors – 'Lei' the Pathway to 4-H."

Registration cost will be \$90.00 and is due by Tuesday, February 1. Late registration will cost \$105.00 and will be accepted from February 2-7, 2011. The Kansas 4-H web site registration system will be used. Local Extension units determine who may attend this training. For final details and forms, visit the Kansas 4-H website beginning December, 20th. 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](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).

**Waldren**

## Awards and Recognition

### Kansas Award Portfolios - Area Screenings

January 11 - SW Area, Cimarron, Meeting Room, KSRE Office (Begin 9:45 AM)

January 13 - NW Area, Hays, KSRE Ag Exp Station Auditorium (Gather 9 AM, Begin 9:30)

January 14 - SE Area, Eureka, Community Building (Gather 9 AM, Begin 9:30 AM)

January 19 - NE Area, Manhattan, Pottorf Hall, CICO Park (Gather 9 AM, Begin 9:30 AM)

For more information concerning the area screenings, contact the Area 4-H Specialists in charge.

Following the area screenings – the Kansas 4-H Award Portfolios (KAP), state 4-H scholarships, and 4-H Alumni applications are due IN the Department of 4-H Youth Development, KSU, no later than February 4, 2011, at 5 PM (CST)!!! Evaluations of the project KAPs, and 4-H Alumni are scheduled.

February 15 - NE Area, Manhattan, Frontier Farm Credit Administrative Building

February 16 - SE Area, Burlington, 4-H Building

February 17 - SW Area, Cimarron, Meeting Room, KSRE Office

February 18 - NW Area, Stockton, Harding Hall 4-H Building

4-H Scholarships will be evaluated on March 1, Manhattan, Frontier Farm Credit Administrative Building, on Seth Childs.

Interested agents and volunteers are encouraged to send an e-mail to Mary Gehrt, [mlgehart@ksu.edu](mailto:mlgehart@ksu.edu) or Pam Van Horn, [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu)

**Van Horn**

### Newswriting Award Winners Announced

The 2010 Kansas 4-H news writing award winners were selected for outstanding news writing abilities. The judging was based on clippings submitted in a reporter's notebook. Each reporter won the reporter's book contest in his or her county before submitting his or her book for state competition. The awards are sponsored by Montgomery Communications of Junction City as a participant in the Patron Sponsor Program of the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

The winners are: Sydney Barnes, Kingman Co.; Landon Brecheisen, Stevens Co.; Daniel Johnson, Butler Co.; Cara Knapp, Nemaha Co.; Blake Kirchhoff, and Brett Stindt, Republic Co.; Catherine Lumley, Labette Co.; Haven Pearson and Morgan Poole, Morris Co.; and Paige Towne, Geary Co.

**Van Horn**



## CHARACTER COUNTS!

### CHARACTER COUNTS! A Call for More Civility

When George Washington was 16, he discovered a booklet of 110 maxims describing how a well-mannered person should behave. He was so convinced that these maxims would help him become a better person that he set out to incorporate them into his daily living. Among Washington's many virtues, his commitment to civility marked him as a gentleman and helped him become a universally respected and enormously effective leader. By today's standards, Washington's notions of civility seem quaint and old-fashioned, but the purpose of manners and etiquette is to soften relationships with respect and to treat others graciously. Instead of updating our concept of manners to accord with modern lifestyles, we seem to be abandoning the notion of civility entirely. We're exposed to heavy doses of tactless, nasty, and cruel remarks on daytime talk shows, dating games, and courtroom and reality programs. As a result, we've produced a generation that's comfortable being brutish and malicious and a society that's increasingly coarse and unpleasant. In a tense world full of conflicts, frustrations, and competition, civility is an important social lubricant that helps us live together constructively. If we care about the world we're making for our children, we need to be less tolerant of mean-spirited, discourteous, and impolite remarks and do a better job of teaching and modeling civility. (Josephson, Michael. December 7, 2010)

[Gerhard](#)

## CloverBuds

### A Quick Cloverbuds Reminder

As we begin 2011...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. Check the Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds Policies on the Kansas 4-H web site, <http://www.kansas4h.org>. The Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds may be located by clicking on programs on the left side then clicking on Cloverbuds.

**Van Horn**

## Curriculum Corner

### Curriculum Available for Download

The Project Leader brochure issuing the 360 challenge displayed in the State Fair Project Curriculum displays will soon be available for downloading for local use from the volunteer page on the state 4-H website. This idea of strongly encouraging project

leaders to commit 6 sixty minute sessions would go a long way toward enhancing your local project experiences. In addition if you check out the 4-H Publications website, you will notice that our Kansas 4-H Project Leader Notebooks are now available for free downloading one level or lesson at a time. Remember also that national project curriculum manuals are available via the K-State Extension Distribution Center or the National 4-H Mall.

**Adams**

## Dairy

### 2011 State 4-H Dairy Activity Changes

The State 4-H Dairy Action Team has officially moved the Salina All Breeds Dairy Show, Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl back to August 11-13, 2011 at the Fairgrounds in Salina. The move is to avoid other dairy activities and hopefully increase participation. The schedule will include a Skillathon opportunity and swimming time at the new water park. The new schedule is:

- Aug. 11 Animals checked in by 8pm
- Aug. 12 Judging Contest at 8:30am with free lunch after oral reasons  
Quiz Bowl at 1pm with opportunities to do dairy skillathon situations in study room between quiz bowl matches  
Free swim ticket after participating in judging contest, quiz bowl and skillathon  
Banquet at 6:30pm
- Aug. 13 Fitting and Showing Classes by age groups at 8am  
Breed Classes and Champions  
Supreme Heifer and Cow Selections (New)  
County Herd selection

Put the dates on your calendar and plan to bring all interested youth for a great dairy experience!

**Adams**

## Dogs

### Dog Judges Training Scheduled for Scott City

Registration Due Dates:

Jan. 14 Dog Judge Training Registration due to State 4-H Office for Scott City Jan.29-30

Feb. 1 Dog Judge Training Registration due to State 4-H Office for Scott City Feb.12-13

**DOG CARE AND TRAINING** -- The dog judge certification training for 2011 will be held on two weekends in Scott City. All western Kansas project leaders and older

teens should consider observing the judge training to have a better understanding of what judges will be looking for at future shows. Observer fee is only \$20 with Rule Books etc. extra. All western Kansas 4-H Dog judges that were trained more than six years ago should attend to re-certify. Training has been split with Showmanship and Agility on January 29-30 and Obedience and Rally Obedience on February 12-13. Please refer all of your older dog project members (14+), leaders and judges to the State 4-H Website ([www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org)) under "What's Hot" for details.

[Adams](#)

## FCS

### State 4-H Family and Consumer Science Tour – March 26

Spend the day, March 26 exploring the treasures of southwest Kansas. Step back into time as you stroll the streets of Meade where the Dalton Gang's hideout is located. Visit a dairy to watch the cows being fed and milked. Tour a tortilla plant observing tortillas being made from start to finish. Taste the flavorful foods of the southwest plus purchase authentic baked goods from the local market.

Registration for this adventure is \$15 per person, due March 12. The tours are limited to the first 50 registrants. For those driving, the Days Inn in Liberal has a block of 12 rooms reserved under the "State FCS Conference" for \$54.00 just by call 620-626-7377, this includes occupancy tax and a continental breakfast. A small swimming pool is available. For more information contact Christine McPheter, [cmcphete@ksu.edu](mailto:cmcphete@ksu.edu). The tour is sponsored by the Family and Consumer Science Action Team.

**Van Horn**

## Healthy Living

### Direction Survey Still Open / Regional School Health Conferences

The Healthy Living survey will be open until January 3, 2011 so you can help set direction for improving the health of Kansas 4-H members and their families. Click on the following website: 1) to rank the Healthy Living priorities, 2) to tell us what supports and resources should be provided to get local health promotion programming to "the next level", and 3) to describe the "bumps in the road" or barriers we should be prepared to address as we establish direction for 4-H Healthy Living:

<https://surveys.ksu.edu/TS?offeringId=168606>

More information about the national 4-H Healthy Living Mission Area is located at the National 4-H Headquarters website at: [http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/about/4h\\_health.htm](http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/about/4h_health.htm)

Be looking for the results of the survey in the February TipSheet as well as details of the national 4-H goals for "Let's Move"!

## 2010-2011 KCSH Regional Mini-Conferences

Kansas Coordinated School Health (KCSH) is offering regional conferences to help school personnel, youth workers, community partners and health advocates learn media skills and health promotion techniques. Regional conferences are scheduled for:

January 25 - Lee Richardson Zoo - Garden City

January 26 - American Red Cross - Wichita

February 15 - Hays (site to be determined)

February 17 - KSU Alumni Center - Manhattan

For details on registration, visit the KCSH website: [www.kshealthykids.org](http://www.kshealthykids.org)

Johannes

## Horse

### Panorama (January 29-30, Rock Springs 4-H Center)

The entries are open and additional information is available on the 4-H website (<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=193>). Please note, registration will close on January 1.

Please note the following information/updates for the 2011 Panorama:

- **Open Hippology:** In addition to the Intermediate and Senior division of Hippology, there will be an Open division. The Open Hippology will be open to any 4-H member 7-18 years of age.
- **Junior Presentation contest:** 4-H members 7-8 years of age will have the opportunity to deliver a talk or demonstration on an equine related topic.
- **Horse Poster Learning Activity:** This activity is open to any 4-H member 7-18 years of age. The posters need to be horse-related and created by the 4-H member.
- **Exhibition Model Horse Show:** Adults and youth of any age can display a model horse at Panorama and it can be ready to go with tack and rider or just bring your horse. This is a fun way to involve youth and adults of all ages in some friendly competition. The Model Horses will be on display during the first part of the dance.
- **Beginning with the 2012 Panorama,** there will be a Model Horse contest for the 4-H members.
- **Adult Session:** During the adult session on Saturday, January 29 from 7:00-8:00 PM, there will be a presentation on Model Horse Shows. Sign up for this informational session is not required. Please refer to the 4-H website (<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=193>) for additional information on this session.

## **State Horse Judging Contest (March 26, Ag Hall, Expo Center in Salina).**

Additional information on the contest will be updated through the Tipsheets and 4-H website (<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=43>).

### **Horse Action Team/Horse Board**

In spring 2011, positions for the Horse Action Team and Horse Board will be re-appointed. Applications will be accepted for both groups. Updated guidelines/applications will be posted on the 4-H website by January 15. The deadline for applications will be March 15 and members will be appointed by April 15. Please see the 4-H website (<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=136>) for information on the Horse Action Team and Horse Board.

Please contact Sarah Dick, Kansas 4-H Horse Events Coordinator ([sarahdd@ksu.edu](mailto:sarahdd@ksu.edu)) with any questions.

Dick

## **Horticulture**

### **Horticulture Judging Information**

The “Kansas Garden Guide” has been selected as the study material for the written portion of the Kansas 4-H horticulture judging contests for 2011-2012. Information on the sections that will be used for the exam, as well as a link to download the publication can be found on the Kansas 4-H website, [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) under the Events heading; Horticulture Judging Contest. Information on registering for the Wichita Garden Show contest (March 6, 2011) will be available soon.

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## **Photography**

### **Opportunities in Photography**

#### **Wichita Garden Show**

The annual 4-H Photography Extravaganza will be March 4th and 5th at the Wichita Garden Show. The 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be March 5th. With the recent staff changes, there will be some changes in the Judging Contests entry procedure. These changes will be announced soon. Contest Registrations will be due mid-February. Some general Information is available on Wichita Garden Show web site: <http://www.wichitagardenshow.com/photography.html>

The overall schedule will remain much the same as in the past. Friday evening, March 4th, photography workshops and after hours photo shoot. Saturday morning, March 5th, Horticulture Judging Contest, Photography Judging Contest, and Saturday afternoon, presentation of results and awards.

Save the dates, let everyone know and plan to be there March 4th and 5th, 2011.

**Buchele/Hinshaw**

### **New 4-H Photography Project Resource**

The Kansas 4-H Photography Action Team has added an additional resource to the recommended 4-H Photography resource list. The book is; 4-H Guide Digital Photography by Daniel Johnson, published by Voyageur Press, Minneapolis, MN. Mr Johnson grew up in the 4-H Photography project and is a 4-H Photography Leader. The book is a great reference. Questions for the photography knowledge test in Kansas 4-H Photography Judging contests can be drawn from this book. The book is available from the 4-H Mall: <http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/SearchResults.aspx?SearchQuery=digital+photography> The cost is \$18.99 plus shipping.

**Buchele**

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

Advance notice, the 16th Annual 4-H Photo Adventure Camp will be June 8 - 11, 2011 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It will be all photography, all digital. Watch for the announcement of full information, coming shortly after the first of the year. Save the dates June 8 - 11, 2011 and let folks know so they can get it on their calendars.

**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, 2011. 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)

**Buchele**

## **Positive Youth Development**

### **Opportunity for Self-Determination**

During December's 4-H Agent Program Rally, the national 4-H Essential Elements curriculum was introduced. One of elements touched-on was that of "Opportunity for Self-Determination".

This element encourages young people to have "voice" and meaningful opportunities to make decisions. Ways to support this element include:

- Allowing all youth to have a voice in selecting activities for the club, project or camp group.
- Encouraging project leaders to use the experiential learning cycle when working with members in large or small groups.
- Allowing plenty of time at meetings for each member to talk about their own experiences.
- Avoiding the tendency to solve problems for youth. Being supportive and allowing

them to come up with their own solutions.

- Acting more as "guides on the sides" instead of the "sage on the stage".

How would you answer the following question if you wanted to intentionally increase "Opportunities for Self-Determination" in your 4-H programs: As an adult working with youth, I believe all youth have the ability to..."

For more information about the 4-H Essential Elements curriculum and training, contact: Elaine Johannes <[ejohanne@ksu.edu](mailto:ejohanne@ksu.edu)>

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## Shooting Sports

### Upcoming Shooting Sports Events

The "On Target" newsletter will be coming soon with a lot of items for local coordinators and instructors. A few highlights are:

\* Spring Match Changes - All equipment will be checked, Safety glasses required for anyone on the firing line and a new qualifying score for state match BB gun of 300 points.

\* Instructor Workshop for 2011 will be April 1-3 at Rock Springs (No Fall workshop is planned)

\* Spring match for BB gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be April 16, 2011 in Great Bend

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## Volunteers

### 2012 NCR Volunteer Forum Planning Committees Forming

Master 4-H Volunteer Training

The 2011 Master 4-H Volunteer Training has been set for March 11 - 12, starting in Manhattan and moving to Rock Springs. Information the web has been updated. To see it go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=62>

On the web is:

Information Brochure

2011 Master 4-H Volunteer Application Form (NEW)

REACH (Word) (PDF) (Recruiting a Master 4-H Volunteer)

Sample Master 4-H Volunteer Position Description (Word) (PDF)

Blank Master 4-H Volunteer Position Description (Word) (PDF)

A sample newsletter article

Information letter for Agents

The Master 4-H Volunteer role provides 4-H with additional local resources. Each Master Volunteer completes a local project determined jointly with the local agent. The training provides the foundation to complete the project. The training net cost is \$80 (after \$45 in scholarships). Registrations for the 2011 Training are due February

15th, to Master 4-H Volunteer Training, 4500 E. Mary St., Garden City KS 67846.

2012 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum Planning Committees

There's no place LIKE 4-H! North Central Regional Volunteer Forum, October 2012

Kansas 4-H Volunteers are excited to host the 2012 North Central Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum that will be held starting October 11, 2012 (10-11-12) at the Hyatt in Wichita, Kansas. We invite all 4-H Volunteers, 4-H teens and agents to join us in planning and conducting the Forum for the twelve North Central states. Kansas last hosted in 1999.

4-H teens, 4-H Volunteers and agents are invited (and needed) to join NOW in the planning of this event. Check out the website: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=314> , and join us on a planning committee. Committees are, Workshops, Registration/State Packets, Publicity/Promotion, Meals/Breaks, Technology/Audio Visual, Social Networking, Hospitality Room, Speakers/Entertainment and Budget/Finance/Fund-raising. Applications and committee roles and responsibilities are on the website.

Please check out the website and get your application sent in. Applications are still being accepted. Please share the information and opportunities with local volunteers. Your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Mark the dates of October 11, 12, 13, 14, 2012 on your calendar so you may join a great group of 4-Hers, 4-H Volunteers, agents and extension personnel at the 2012 North Central Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum. --Donna Maskus, Ellis County 4-H Volunteer, Kansas 4-H Volunteer Association President, [djm@eaglecom.net](mailto:djm@eaglecom.net); and Rod Buchele, State Liaison [rbuchele@ksu.edu](mailto:rbuchele@ksu.edu).

National 4-H Volunteer Salute to Excellence announcement

National 4-H Council has announced the 2011 Salute to Excellence Award application period.

The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

In 2011, eight regional honorees will be selected. Each region will have its own Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year. The eight regional winners become nominees for the national award, and one volunteer in each category will be named the national winner.

I. Selection Criteria

1. The Volunteer of the Year Award is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the county or state level.
2. The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award is for individuals who have served 10 or more years at the county or state level.
3. A completed nomination will consist of an overview resume of the applicant's 4-H



and relevant community volunteer experiences and three (3) letters of recommendation.

Nomination/Information package:

<http://4-h.k-state.edu/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=10244>

This is an outstanding opportunity to recognize our 4-H volunteers. Please consider nominating volunteers from your unit. Applications for Kansas will be due February 15th. More information on Kansas 4-H Salute to Excellence will be out shortly.  
Buchele

One of our Kansas 4-H Volunteers, Mary Bernhardt, Central Kansas District was named as the 2010 North Central Region Lifetime Volunteer. She was recognized at the recent North Central Regional Volunteer Forum, East Lansing, Michigan. Hopefully Kansas will have another Salute to Excellence recognition in 2011. We know we have many deserving 4-H Volunteers. Please help by nominating one of them.

Buchele

## Youth Leadership Council

### The 2011 Youth Leadership Council

The following young people will be on the 2011 Youth Leadership Council:

#### **2011 Northeast Area Representatives:**

Chance Berndt	NE	Dickinson
Luke Garrison	NE	Shawnee
Luke Zongker	NE	Reno

#### **2011 Northwest Area Representatives:**

Michaela Long	NW	Graham
Justin Turner	NW	Phillips
Sydney Winston	NW	Sunflower-Goodland

#### **2011 Southeast Area Representatives:**

Sarah Gardner	SE	Harvey
John Stambaugh	SE	Miami
Alexa Stephenson	SE	Woodson

#### **2011 Southwest Area Representatives:**

Steven Buchele	SW	Finney
Ashley Fitzsimmons	SW	Pratt
Charla Norquest	SW	Finney

## **2011 National 4-H Conference Delegates:**

Cooper Clawson	SW	Meade
Kimberly Doman	SW	Barber
Cain Fouard	NE	Central Kansas-Salina
Garrett Kays	SE	Crawford
Leigh Ann Maurath	NW	Golden Prairie-Oakley

## **2010 National 4-H Conference Delegates:**

Jessica Brauer	SW	Ford
Wade Gutierrez	NE	River Valley-Belleville
Maggie Seiler	SE	Sedgwick
Chelsey Smith	NW	Ellis
Ryan Yenni	NE	McPherson

They will have their orientation retreat in January. 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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## **Thank You**

The 2010 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum was the 11th Annual Forum. We could not do it without the wonderful support we get from Extension Staff, Youth and Volunteers. To everyone that helped as Workshop Presenters, Cabin Supervisors, Council Advisors and promoted KYLF, Thank you! You have all helped this event grow, change and improve, and for that we are grateful.

**Beth Hinshaw**