



4-H Tip Sheet July 2008

Deadlines:

June 23 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl Registration due

July 15 Camp Counselor Recognition due

July 15 KYLF Presenter Deadline

July 25 Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment due

Aug 1 KSF 4-H Horse Entries due

Aug 1 Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show Food Count due

Aug 15 KSF Regular Entries due

Oct 15 Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum Registration due

Oct 20 Out-of-School Program Idea Conference Registration due

Welcome Yong!

The State 4-H office is pleased to announce the Technical Support Technician position has been filled. Yong Kwon joined the department on June 2, 2008. He graduated from Washburn University in December 2007 with a degree in Computer Information Systems. Yong served the Army of Republic of Korea as a linguist from 2002 – 2004 and has served on a team in web developing. Currently he is preparing for the Kansas State Fair and recovering from Discovery Days! Yong can be reached at 785-532-0744 or via e-mail ykwon@ksu.edu.

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On-Line Registration Server Maintenance

The server hosting the on-line registration will be down June 16-18 for maintenance and upgrades to the server software. The system should be back up and running by June 19.

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Kansas 4-H Program Rally

Make sure you have the next Kansas 4-H Program Rally on your calendar. Please hold December 11-12, 2008, with a Strengthening Clubs 1 or Strengthening Clubs 2 pre-conference, both being offered on December 10. The Rally will be held at the Rock Springs 4-H Center.

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Kansas After School Enhancement Grant

Looking for additional funding to support an existing after school program for expanding learning and enriching opportunities for youth? Check out the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) new grant competition for the state-funded Kansas After School Enhancement Grant (KASEG). The Request for Application (RFA) is posted on the KSDE website at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=289>. The KSDE will fund only those projects that provide expanded learning opportunities designed to help students meet or exceed state and local standards in core academic subjects, as well as find arts, fitness and health, or other areas as needed. An informal conference call regarding the KASEG is June 16, 9 a.m. The conference call number and code are included in the application. KASEG applications are due Friday, June 27. If you have questions contact Christine Bradley, 785-296-3287 or cbradley@ksde.org.

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“Green is the New Black” Apparel from Youth Council

Make a fashion statement! Make an environmental statement! Make a 4-H statement! “Green is the new Black!” Order forms are available for the new Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council shirts, hoodies and ball caps. Orders are currently being filled from merchandise on-hand. Special orders of 24 or more can be customized with your club or county name!

<http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Groups/K4-HYLC/Merchandise.htm>

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Out-of-School Program Idea Conference - October 27, 2008--Sedgwick County Extension Education Center

Do you partner with teachers, afterschool program providers, or recreation directors? If yes, would your team want to engage youth in long-term, structured learning-environments that address their interests and help develop their physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills and abilities? You're invited to come participate in a first of it's kind "Out-of-School Program Idea Conference" open to anyone - certified teachers, afterschool program directors, community or faith-based afterschool providers, summer recreation providers and extension agents.

This one-day conference sponsored by K-State Research and Extension 4-H highlights hands-on curricula that adapt easily for out-of-school settings. Kansas 4-H youth development professionals will share favorite hands-on educational activities and resource ideas that are sure to keep youth excited and centered.

The breakout session include: Environmental Education; Health Rocks; Walk Kansas for Kids; Kids-A-Cookin'; Science Engineering and Technology; Math Tessellations; Junior Master Gardener; Leadership Initiatives; Programming for 5 and 6 year olds; and "how to" make learning activity kits.

Registration form is available on Kansas4-H.org. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch and activity materials. Further questions may be directed to Pam Van Horn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu or Beth Drescher, drescher@ksu.edu.

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Status Report: New 4-H Webpages - Recordkeeping, Recognition, and Awards

Just wanted to provide an update with everyone working with 4-H youth development and participated in the Kansas 4-H Awards Portfolio Premieres last month. It's been a busy month and we are still working on finalizing edits and formats. Things are progressing and we hope to have these pages posted by the end of June along with the respective resources. Thanks for your patience.

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BLUE RIBBON

Blue Ribbon Training for New Users

Tuesday, July 15 at 10:00am we will host a training session via Adobe Connect for new users of the Blue Ribbon Youth Enrollment System. This session will cover basic enrollment; tracking projects, activities, and awards; printing labels and other reports. Please sign up using the on-line registration system no later than 10:00am on Monday, July 14 so a follow up message can be sent to all registered participants.

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BUILDING STRONG 4-H CLUBS

Strengthening Clubs

Summer activities are in full swing...camp, district horse shows, and county fairs, however as you are busily going about the daily tasks don't forget to prepare for the new 4-H year, October 1! When you are visiting with club leaders encourage them to think about reducing their responsibility load by starting a Parents' Committee. The Parents Committee can enrich the learning experiences for club members by identifying, recruiting, orienting, training and supporting organizational/community leaders, project leaders, and club helpers. What an opportunity for promoting roles for volunteers that can strengthen the foundation for 4-H clubs. Check the Kansas 4-H web site for more ideas to strengthen the 4-H club at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Resources/Clubs/jobdesparentcomm.wpd>

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CAMPING

Camp Counselor Recognition

Farm Bureau is again sponsoring the Camp Counselor Recognition! Each 4-H Camp Group is asked to complete the camp counselor recognition form found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Camping/> under Counselor Recognition and submit Camp Counselor's names to the State 4-H Office by July 15. Certificates will be available at the Kansas State Fair.

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2009 Camp Dates

Listed below are the 2009 Camp dates. The schedule is very tight with nine camp groups to fit into a time frame after Discovery Days - July 4. A big thank you to Purple Power Pack for agreeing to come in immediately following Discovery Days to allow Far Points to conclude camp on July 3. Happy Camping!

- Purple Power Pack, June 6-9
- Heart of Kansas, June 9-12
- Dirty Dozen, June 12-15
- Fantastic Four, June 15-18
- Ozsome, June 18-21
- Northwest, June 21-24
- Pioneer Trails, June 24-27
- Sunny Hills, June 27-30
- Far Points, June 30-July 3

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CHARACTERCOUNTS!

CHARACTERCOUNTS! ~ Happiness and Purpose

As you celebrate this Fourth of July..., please take some time to discuss with your family the historical and spiritual significance of the Declaration of Independence and the 56 men who risked their lives issuing one of the great documents in human history.

At the core of the Declaration is the profound assertion that each of us has an inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Unfortunately, too many Americans believe they are entitled not simply to pursue happiness, but to be happy. This breeds an "I deserve it" mentality and "whatever it takes" strategies to help them get or keep the things they think will make them happy.

But alongside our inalienable rights to pursue happiness are inalienable responsibilities to be good and decent people. There's nothing wrong with wanting and going after money, possessions, power, or status, provided we do so honorably. The deeper question is whether the pursuit of happiness is an adequate life goal.

Helen Keller said, "True happiness is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose."

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence weren't simply pursuing happiness. Instead, they pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor" to establish a government based on moral principles. This took character. And character is what life is really about.

According to philosopher George Santayana, "Character is the basis of happiness, and happiness is the reward of character."

Michael Josephson, July 4, 2007.

[GERHARD](#)

CURRICULUM CORNER

Great News!

The National 4-H (formally CCS) animal patterns no longer need to be ordered! Just download these great teaching tools from the national website for free!! Let your local 4-H sewing group make the animals as a project and then give them to your animal project leaders as a great model when actual animals are not available.

The patterns are available on the Curriculum website at: www.4-hcurriculum.org (click on Curriculum Updates) or to go directly to the patterns, click: <http://www.4-hcurriculum.org/updates.aspx> . At a later date the patterns will also be made available on the related animal project sites.

Patterns available are:

- * Baby Pig
- * Calf
- * Horse
- * Lamb and Kid
- * Rabbit

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Curriculum Corner

New Format for Project Selection Guide for August issue of Kansas 4-H Journal. The Curriculum Action Team has suggested that the listing in the 4-H Journal include only project phases like the enrollment form with a brief description of what members might expect to learn and do in the project. The listing will also include special state level events plus project award donors.

The Kansas 4-H Project Curriculum Guide (first provided last year in electronic form only) will again be electronic for ease of use and local modification as appropriate. This year the

Curriculum Guide will list a brief description of the most current manuals and the age level the manual was written for. Additional resources for each project will also be listed, but not described.

The Curriculum Action Team believes that using these two resources in conjunction with the enrollment form and discussion with parents and project leaders that 4-H families should be better informed before project choices are made.

The next meeting of the State 4-H Curriculum Action Team will be Sat. June 28, 2008. Agenda items so far are:

- * Finalize Vision and Mission statements
- * Finalize and recommend a primary curriculum source for Kansas 4-H
- * Plan how to promote and use the National Curriculum Directory
- * Plan for agent and leader curriculum training
- * Plan for school standards training
- * Discuss how to collect and share 4-H Curriculum used by local units in the various delivery modes

If you have items for our agenda, please contact Kendra Baehler (kbaehler@ksu.edu), Action Team Chair, Reno County or Jim Adams (jadams@ksu.edu)
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DAIRY

State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl

State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl will be July 2, 2008 in Salina. Please remember to have your dairy members to register for these events on-line BEFORE June 23, 2008! Registration is free, but we need all to register before this date so we can properly prepare for these contests. jadams@ksu.edu State Fair 4-H/FFA Dairy Show Schedule -- Please make these corrections in your fair books received at Discovery Days.

Sept. 5	3-5pm Holstein/Jersey Check-in
Sept. 6	9:am Holstein/Jersey Showmanship
Sept. 8	9:am Holstein/Jersey Shows with Open Shows
Sept. 11	11:am-noon Ayrshire/Brown Swiss/Milking Shorthorn Check-in
Sept. 12	8:30am Milking Shorthorn Show with Open Show
Sept. 13	8:30am Ayrshire Show with Open Show 9:30am Brown Swiss Show with Open Show

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DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days Follow Up

Thanks!

A special thanks to all the Volunteers, Agents, and youth who helped conduct the biggest 4-H Discovery Days in many years!!! Your efforts and flexibility helped create an outstanding experience for youth from across the state. I especially appreciate your patience with my errors in housing and your efforts to communicate changes due to the mild weather (compared to the tornado a week later).

E-mail going to all delegates

An e-mail message will soon be sent to all participants with information regarding lost & found items, availability of a multimedia CD, and other details.

Lost & Found

We have several items in the State 4-H Office that were lost/found during Discovery Days. We will also be getting a box of items left in the residence halls. With the volume of items left behind, you can imagine the potential postage bill. With that in mind, delegates need to make arrangements to have their items picked up from the State 4-H Office or plan to pay for postage.

Captain Clover Shirts

A reprint of the inaugural edition of the Captain Clover t-shirts will be available if ordered no later than June 30. A series of these shirts is anticipated so don't miss out on the first! Order forms are available on the Discovery Days web page at:

<http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Events/DiscoveryDays/Wiebers>

FCS

4-H FCS State Fair Contest

This time of year many 4-H'ers are working hard on 4-H projects and fair time for many counties is starting. Please remember that the study topics for the State Fair 4-H FCS contest are on the State 4-H website. <http://www.kansas4-h.org/ActionTeams/FCS/Events/default.htm>

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KANSAS STATE FAIR

KSFAIR Entry System Training for New Users

While there will be relatively few changes to the KSFAIR Entry System this year, we have scheduled an Adobe Connect training session for Tuesday, July 1 at 10:00am. This session is expected to last 1 hour or less and will be targeted for Agents and Office professionals who have never used the system before. Please sign up using the on-line registration system no later than 10:00am on Monday, June 30 so a follow up message can be sent to all registered participants.

[Wiebers](#)

KYLF

Ignite the Fire - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum 2008 Workshop Presenters Needed

It is time to recruit instructors/presenters for the 9th Annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, to be held November 21-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This conference, designed for youth ages 14-18, will include speakers, workshops, consulting groups and the election of the 2009 Kansas State 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

We're recruiting proposals for instructors/presenters for the Saturday (November 22) workshop session. Topics should center on leadership with some ideas including, but not limited to: community service, citizenship, communication, conflict management, ethics, motivation, character, decision making, leading by example, time management, international citizenship, multi-cultural studies, diversity, business etiquette and getting involved after high school. The Kansas State 4-H Youth Council members hope that you (or one of your volunteers) will be

interested in sharing your expertise or talent through this opportunity.

You will find the letter and proposal form on the KYLF Webpage and they are due to the State 4-H office by July 15, or if you have questions, contact Beth Hinshaw.

[Hinshaw/Hope James/Josie Brenner](#)

HORTICULTURE

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 23 on the KSU Campus in Manhattan. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the contest orientation at 10:00 a.m. The awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m. Additional information will be available on the State 4-H Website after July 1, and a note will go out over the counties listserv to let people know the information is up and available. Registration will be due August 15. The charge per participant will be \$8 each. The chairmen for this event will be Larry Crouse, Butler County Horticulture Agent.

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VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Development

April 2nd a group from Kansas attended the Iowa 4-H Volunteer Development training with Steve McCurley, an international volunteer development expert. We came back with many great insights and ideas. Here are the second installment.

Leroy, "The statement that 89% of Agents involved volunteers because they had to not because they wanted to." Edwards, 2003, Expanded quote from Rod, {"More than 98% of respondents indicated that volunteers can help Extension accomplish its mission, 91.8% indicated that they are encouraged to involve volunteers in their local programs, yet 89% agree with the statement, "I involve volunteers in 4-H because I have to, not necessarily because I want to."}

Emily, "Healthy volunteer programs mirror the demographics of the community."

Abbie, "People who donate their time to an organization are more likely to donate monetarily to that organization."

[Buchele](#)

VIP Question

Can VIP registration (and forms) be transferred from county/district to another county/district? Why or Why not?

No. A registered volunteer who moves to a new location and wishes to be a volunteer for the new Extension Unit must complete the VIP process for the new unit and be appointed by the new Unit Board. The key is they will be volunteering for a new Extension Unit which requires completion of the VIP process for that new unit. The new unit may, at its discretion, accept the previous unit's orientation (not require the volunteer to take the orientation over).

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North Central Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum (NCRVF) November 6 - 8, 2008, Columbus, OH

NCRVF is a great learning opportunity for 4-H Adult and Youth Volunteers. There will be outstanding speakers, over 100 workshops and seminars and great social and networking opportunities. Information brochures will soon be sent to the counties/districts from distribution.

The full program and registration booklet for the '08 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum is on line now. The mail web site is: <http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/> The booklet is at: http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/documents/RegistrationBooklet_000.pdf
[Buchele](#)

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum November 21 - 23, 2008, Rock Springs 4-H Center

The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is hard at work planning an outstanding Volunteer Forum for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. The theme is "Strengthening 4-H Clubs" There will be great speakers, skillathons, workshops and many networking opportunities. Volunteer Forum and KYLF will share several sessions. Full information is planned to be available on www.Kansas4-H.org by July 15. Registration deadline will be Oct. 15. [Buchele](#)

Kansas Master 4-H Volunteer Program

The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers and the 4-H Youth Development Department will again be sponsoring the Kansas 4-H Master Volunteer program. The training will be Nov. 21 - 22, 2008 on campus and at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is a great service and volunteer development experience! Who in your unit can benefit? Who is ready for the next step in service to 4-H? Who is ready to grow in their 4-H role? These are the people you need to recruit to be Master 4-H Volunteers.
[Buchele](#)

Kansas Extension Conference on Volunteerism

November 4 - 5, 2008, Rock Springs 4-H Center

The Volunteer Development Program

Focus Team is calling for presenters for the conference. Proposal forms are available from each team member. The team list is at: http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/Employee_Resources/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=247 Abbie G from JO is also on the team. Presentation themes are: XYZ (Next Generations) Volunteers, Foundations of Volunteer Management, Successful Programs and Practices and Other. Proposal deadline is July 15.
[Buchele](#)

4-H Volunteer Impact Study

A great big thank you to all the counties and districts who provided email address of volunteers to invite to participate in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study. You are great. We did not contact every Extension Unit as we received the needed number of email addresses before we reached the end of the Unit list. The survey results (still coming in) are very interesting. If you would like to see the results for all respondents, follow this link:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Shared/SharedResultsSurveyResultsPage.aspx?ID=L238PD735GTV>

You will see Kansas currently leads in the number of respondents. Way to go Kansas.

[Buchele](#)

WHEAT

2008 Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show in Great Bend

Don't miss out on this exciting wheat field day this summer. It's the annual Kansas State 4-H and FFA Wheat Show. Kansas is famous for its golden wheat fields all across Kansas. Families have been participating with this fun and educational show for decades. Join us in Great Bend on Friday, August 8th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Barton County Community College

Technology Building at 245 NE 30 Road. The wheat show is open to all 4-H and FFA members, family members, 4-H leaders, Extension staff and Vocational Agriculture staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes awarded. Classes include: (1) 3 lb. bin run for crops members; (2) 3 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; **(All wheat samples are due to K-State on July 18 so testing can be completed)**. (3) 1 quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) loaf of yeast bread; (5) four cookies; (6) wheat photography contest; (7) wheat centerpiece contest; and (8) a Cloverbuds division awarding participation ribbons. Participants will pick one of three offered tours: Stafford County Flour Mill in Hudson, Bread Art with Joyce Esfeld with hands-on fun activities for youth and adults (limited to the first 20 who register), or a tour of the Ellinwood Tunnels from the prohibition-era and Dozier Winery. There is no registration cost. Pre-registration is required for an accurate meal count and for tour divisions by August 1st. Registration is preferred on the Kansas 4-H web site registration system, www.kansas4-h.org. Click on "Register for 4-H Events, and Kansas State 4-H & FFA Wheat Show." For those with no computer connections, contact Berny Unruh for food count by August 1st at 620-793-1910. For more information contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu. For full details on this year's wheat show visit: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/Events/WheatShow/Default.htm>.

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Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment

As wheat harvest approaches it is time to remind members to re-enroll or ask new members to enroll for the 2009 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2008 and goes through September 2009. The enrollment form is currently available on the [Kansas State 4-H Website](#), under "What's Hot" rather than the Northwest Research Extension site. Members are asked to contact their local Extension Office by July 10 for information with enrollments due to the Northwest Area Extension Office by **July 25, 2008**. It is very important that we know the number of participants early, so we can have enough seed and metal signs available for Extension Agents and leaders to pick up at the Kansas State Fair. New participants will receive a large plot sign, and five individual variety signs. Returning members will receive updated variety signs if the varieties change. These will be distributed on the first weekend of the 2008 Kansas State Fair. This year's participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the Pride of Kansas Building. Resource information for the wheat variety project includes:

(1) [Wheat Variety Plot Brochure](#), 4-H 565 Rev., April 2000; (2) [Wheat Variety Plot--Youth Participant Handbook](#), 4-H 566, Aug. 1996; and (3) [4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record](#), P1099.

For more information, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him.

[Waldren](#)

WORLD CITIZENSHIP

Kansas 4-H Hosts 4-H'ers from Around the World

4-H and rural youth program from countries on three continents will be arriving soon for stays of a month or longer with Kansas families in 2008. The first to arrive June 22 will be representing Costa Rica's 4S clubs. Kansas is hosting José Antonio Solózano Pérez, (with the Burch family in Clay Co.) one of five members in the group chaperoned by Yolanda Delgado Cascante (with Sharon Tally in Riley Co. and Lona Hinshaw in Reno Co.). The rest of the Costa Rican 4S members are hosted in other states.

On June 23 Janne Berget representing 4H Norway will arrive for a three month stay for a couple

of weeks each with the Jacksons (Rooks Co.), the Drapers (Thomas Co.), the Kallenbachs (Stevens Co.), the Schneiders (Saline) and the Henrys (Nemaha Co.). Also arriving June 23 are two representatives of 4-H in Taiwan who will spend six weeks in Kansas. Since we just learned they would be coming last week, not all their hosts are confirmed. Ming-Hua Lin will be hosted by the Kondziolas (Harvey Co.) and the Schremmers (Phillips Co.). Bo-Han "Cary" Chyuan will be hosted by the Spence family (Reno Co.) and others to be named later.

July 21 sixteen LEX and 21 Labo youth and leaders will arrive from Japan to be hosted by as many families in several counties. July 30 Mayu Sakakibara and Yuta Minezaki representing LEX and Labo respectively in Japan will arrive to spend the school year with the DeWerffs (Barton Co.) and Gatz' (Harvey Co.).

Following a three-month stay in Montana, Christine Trautvetter, Germany, will begin a three-month stay in Kansas September 19 hosted by the Hensleighs (Jefferson Co.), the Haverkamps (Nemaha Co.), the Schmitz' (Marshall Co.), the Vornaufs (Harper Co.) and the Ennekings (Nemaha Co.).

All of the international guests are eager to participate in 4-H activities and to meet 4-H'ers and their families. We hope Extension staff will encourage their participation in county events while they are in the area and give those who are ready the opportunity to make presentations and/or interact with the press to provide information about 4-H in other countries to the community at large. Thanks for all the support agents have given to make exchanges possible.

[Munson](#)