

### 4-H Tip Sheet June 2008

### Deadlines:

May 27 State Geology Field Trip Registration Deadline

- May 30 AfterSchool Grant Deadline
- June 1 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest Entries Due
- June 5 Geology Field Trip FINAL Deadline
- June 15 Dairy Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl Entries Due
- July 15 KYLF Presenter Deadline
- July 25 Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment due

#### Retaining New 4-H Members - Resources Needed!

During discussion at the How to Grow KS 4-H gathering, it was clear that this is an issue and that some have developed resources and activities to address it.

Our group would like to ask that if you have a resource that you would be willing to share system wide, please send it electronically to either <u>Rod Buchele</u> or <u>Justin</u> <u>Wiebers</u> so that it can be posted to the Resource Section of the KS 4-H page.

Also, if you have held an activity or developed an approach to help transition new families into 4-H, can you share that information with the committee, as well? Even if you didn't have stellar results, it would be important to share the types of approaches that are being tested out. Activity ideas can be directed to <u>Eric Otte</u> (group convener), <u>JoEllen Arnold</u> or <u>Susan Schlichting</u>. We will gather the info. and share it back out to the system.

We have so many creative and exciting things happening across the state. It is important that we take time to share our successes and our attempts so that we can continue to build on ideas and work "to Make the Best Better" as we Grow 4-H in KS! Schlichting

### 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 learningenvironments 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 is available at <u>http://www.kansas4-h.org/ http://www.kansas4h.org/.</u>The cost is \$10 which includes lunch and activity materials. Further questions may be directed to Pam Van Horn, <u>pvanhorn@ksu.edu or Beth Drescher, drescher@ksu.edu.</u> <u>Van Horn/Drescher</u>

### AftersSchool Grant

Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale – To ensure that low-income children receive nutritious food during critical out-of-school times; in particular, for efforts to increase participation among low-income children in summer and after-school meal programs.

Funder: Share Our Strength.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits, schools with a valid National Center for Education Statistics code or local governments that work to ensure children have access to after-school and summer meal programs.

Deadline: May 30. Amount: \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Contact: <u>http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS\_grants</u> Van Horn

### 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 possible pre-conference on December 10. The Rally will be held at the Rock Springs 4-H Center.

<u>Hinshaw</u>

### Healthy Living Mission Area – Health Rocks!

Shane Oram, Healthy Living Coordinator with Kansas 4-H, is supporting the implementation of Health Rocks with local groups. Health Rocks equips teens and adult partners to teach others to make healthy lifestyle choices. Health Rocks training is fun, active and informative. Health Rocks information will be available at Discovery Days and Health Rocks modules will be featured at Campference, military teen camps, regional trainings and local events.

For more information about Health Rocks contact Shane at <u>shoram10@ksu.edu</u> or Elaine Johannes at <u>ejohanne@ksu.edu</u>. Johannes

#### From the SpaceTech Action Team:

New phases in the project beginning this fall will be: Rocketry/Aerospace Astronomy Robotics Geospatial All have national curriculum support except Astronomy. We will provide websites soon for astronomy support. Adams

# AYD

### PYD (Positive Youth Development) Tools

(contributed by the Youth Development PFT)

Youth development is a professional practice that is based on principles grounded in the process of human development. What is the goal of positive youth development? The practice of positive youth development is more than:

<u>Prevention</u> – using risk and protective factor principles, prevention focuses on what we do not want young people to become. Prevention seeks to prevent young people from engaging in destructive lifestyles (e.g., delinquency, violence, alcohol and other drug use, school failure, early pregnancy).

Achievement – using awards as an indicator, achievement focuses on things we want youth to achieve or obtain. Graduating from high school, getting a job, earning a scholarship or winning an office or award are important goals, but they don't necessarily lead to positive relationships, community contributions or personal well-being.

Positive Youth Development – the beliefs, behaviors, knowledge, attributes and skills that result in a healthy and productive adolescence and adulthood.

Promoting the full range of developmental outcomes better prepares youth for adulthood. (AYD – revised curriculum, Cornell University; 2.2) Johannes

# **BUILDING STRONG 4-H CLUBS**

### Building Strong 4-H Clubs

We mentioned at the Strengthening 4-H Club Trainings that resources can be used in many ways. Below is an article for your newsletter.

Responsibilities of Parents in the 4-H Program:

- Show interest in what your children are doing and give them encouragement.
- Provide any materials and equipment your child may need.
- Help out the club and leader when asked. Don't wait to be asked, VOLUNTEER!
- See that your child finishes as well as starts their project(s). Be a "shadow helper" guide, advise, help but let the child do his or her own work.
- Encourage your child when he succeeds and even more when he fails. Encourage and reward effort and progress, as well as the end results. Help your 4-Her be a good sport and appreciate the success of others. Support the 4-H leaders. Let the leaders know you appreciate them. Make 4-H a family affair, get the whole family involved in 4-H activities.
- Learn and support the goals and objectives of 4-H.
- Remember, the development of youth is the mission of 4-H.
- Know that you are building for the future.

- Know that today's 4-H activities build the citizens and leaders of tomorrow
- Know and support the Kansas 4-H Life Skills

Mack/Buchele/Hinshaw/Van Horn

### Building Strong 4-H Clubs

The **First Impression**...clubs have only one chance to make a first impression! Let's hope it's a positive impression because if new members don't feel comfortable right way with the club they won't come back. Therefore, let's make of plan to be a welcoming environment where young people and adults feel accepted.

• Create a plan for welcoming new members...this may include assigning an adult volunteer or family to serve as the club's *New Family Coordinator*.

• The New Family Coordinator arrives early to meet the members and guests at the door. They might even have name tags available for members and a "4-H Greet Sheet" <u>http://www.kansas4-h.org/Resources/Clubs/GreetSheet.doc</u> for the guests.

• During the 4-H club meeting, the *New Family Coordinator* introduces the guests and assists them in understanding what is happening.

• After the meeting, the *New Family Coordinator* may follow-up with a postcard, phone call or e-mail for thanking the guests for attending and answering questions.

• If guests become members, the *New Family Coordinator* can explain and answer questions about 4-H. The *New Family Coordinator* can become the new member's life-line to the 4-H club.

Providing a welcoming environment for new members keeps a club growing and thriving. Interested in learning more about the New Family Coordinator the Strengthening 4-H Club resources <u>www.kansas4-h.org/Resources/Clubs/</u>

Van Horn/Mack/Hinshaw/Buchele/Waldren

# CAMPING

### Summer Camp is Here!!

As you prepare for 4-H camp...here are a few things to remember:

#### 4-H Camp Web Page

As you finalize 4-H camp plans be sure to check out the great resource on the web http://www.kansas4-h.org/Camping/. On the 4-H Camp page you'll find graphics, songs, and resource links that can provide some assistance. Thanks to the 4-H Camp Action Team for these additional creative resources.

#### 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 <u>http://www.kansas4-h.org/Camping/</u> 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.

#### 2009 4-H Journal Camping Issue

The Camp Action Team will be putting the 2009 4-H Journal's Camping issue again to

promote 4-H Camp and we need assistance from county staff, district staff and camp groups. Please send photos, story ideas, testimonial quotes or camp traditions to Robyn Deines, Walnut Creek District, <u>rdeines@ksu.edu</u>, following your 4-H Camp.

Suggestions for the 4-H Journal:

• Action photos from camp. 4-H Campers love to see themselves in the *Kansas 4-H Journal.* 

• Quotes from campers, counselors, agents and parents. If you get something great, please share it...ideas..."*how much fun*", "*how my son/daughter changed while at camp*", and "an experience that changed how I do things"!

• Camp promotional flyers and letters send to campers. Ideas for promoting camp are always beneficial.

• Other camps conducted in the Extension Unit...day camps, junior leaders' camp or local specialized camps.

Please share as the Camp Action Team is interested in promoting all camps! <u>Van Horn</u>

# **CHARACTERCOUNTS!**

### Respect: Listening: A Vital Dimension of Respect

The virtue of respect is demonstrated by being courteous and civil and treating everyone in a manner that acknowledges and honors their essential human dignity.

An important but often neglected aspect of respect is listening to what others have to say.

Respectful listening is more than hearing. It requires us to actually consider what's being said. That's hard when we've heard it before, aren't interested, or don't think much of the person talking. It's even worse when we act like we're listening but are really waiting for our turn to speak.

The fact is, most of us don't listen very well, certainly not all the time, and especially with people closest to us. Kids are especially adept at tuning out their parents, but parents are equally skilled at ignoring or dismissing as foolish or irrelevant what their kids have to say.

Disrespect is most apparent when others ignore or patronize us. Like when they roll their eyes or betray fake interest by vacantly staring or letting their gaze wander.

We all want to know that what we say and think matters. But if we want others to care about what we say, we need to care about what they say. Like all the important virtues, we teach respect best by demonstrating it.

So listen up! It'll make people feel better, and you may even learn something.

...a commentary by Michael Josephson, the founder of CHARACTER COUNTS! (April 29, 2008. 564.3)

Gerhard

# **COLLEGIATE 4-H**

### Collegiate 4-Hers Elect 2008-2009 Officers

The Kansas State University Collegiate 4-Hers have elected new officers for next school year:

- President Grace Tucker
- Vice President/Ag Student Council Representative Chelsey Weeden
- Secretary Torie Reilly
- Treasurer Heather Murchie
- Historian/Public Relations Kristine Clowers
- Officer Training Co-Coordinators Barrett Smith and Jessie Furnish
- County Club Days Co-Coordinators Kylee Grant and Kim Tarvis

Many of the new officers recently met at a mini-retreat to begin organizing plans for next fall. We look forward to an enthusiastic new year! Dobesh

### Officer Training for Fall 2008

Offer Training Coordinators are working on providing better service to you. More information will be coming in the coming month's TipSheet and via e-mail.

As you begin thinking about officer trainings for this fall please avoid the following dates. These have been indicated by members as difficult to attend due to other obligations:

- September 27 (Club activity planned)
- October 3-6 (Fall semester break)
- October 25 (Homecoming)
- November 1 (Club activity planned)
- November 14-16 (Regional Conference, Columbia, MO)
- November 26-28 (Thanksgiving break)

#### Dobesh

# **CURRICULUM CORNER**

### Curriculum Action Team is up and running.

First meeting was held on April 26, 2008. Look under Action Teams on the website for a list of members.

New officers are: Chair: Kendra Baehler, Reno V-Chair: Bill Wood, Douglas Sec.: Brenda Taxeras, Leavenworth Adams

# DAIRY

### Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show

Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl in Salina moved to July 1-3, 2008 to avoid school conflicts in August! Registration for judging and quiz bowl online on the State 4-H Website. Look under "What's Hot" for details and click the green register button (on the left) to register online.

Dairy cattle show entries will still be sent to the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce Office. Show information will be sent with a catalog directly to 4-H dairy members. Adams

# GEOLOGY

### Geology Field Trip, June 13-15, 2008, Belleville and Garnett

The Geology Action Team has finalized the registration information for this years field trips. Registrations are due to Dave Goldak, 1303 East Hwy 54, Andover KS 67002-7876 by May 27, 2008 with payment if you want preference on a T-Shirt. Final deadline without a T-Shirt guarantee is June 5. Registration sheet and location information is on the State 4-H Website under "What's Hot".

<u>Adams</u>

# **IRS-TAX EXEMPT PROJECT**

# The following is the latest news from National 4-H Headquarters regarding the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Exempt Project.

National 4-H Headquarters requested the filing deadline for groups on the existing list that need to file their e-Postcard by May 15, 2008 be extended to 2009. The IRS granted this request, which affects groups on the 4-H list that typically earn \$25,000 or less.

This means that 4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations (1) that were on your state list already submitted to National 4-H Headquarters, (2) typically earn \$25,000 or less, and (3) have a tax year of January-December 2007 – will need to file their first 990-N e-Postcard by May 15, 2009 rather than by May 15 of this year.

Please remember that this extension does <u>**not**</u> affect groups that typically earn more than \$25,000 (whether they are tax exempt or not), as those groups have always needed to file a 990 or 900-EZ by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month following the close of their tax period.

The reason for this request is because the IRS has determined that there are a number of issues that need to be addressed, and the IRS needs additional time to complete the process and to list the records needing attention.

As soon as the IRS reports they have completed the GEN 2704 updates, National 4-H Headquarters will notify the respective states to take care of records needing attention.

The *Electronic Filing* fact sheet at <u>http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/</u> will be updated to reflect the May 15, 2009 filing deadline for groups that (1) are tax exempt and (2) have a Jan-Dec tax year.

If you have a club that needs a letter which confirms that they fall under the GEN 2704 (some donors may require this), please contact <u>Stephanie Niess</u>; she will submit the required information to National 4-H Headquarters and request such a letter. Please be aware this may take 2-3 weeks to complete.

# KAP

### IMPORTANT KANSAS 4-H AWARDS PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The Kansas 4-H Records/KAA Taskforce wishes to express its thanks to everyone who participated in the recent series of "4-H Portfolio Premieres." We appreciated the help of further edits that we can make before implementation begins in the 2008- 2009 4-H program year.

Please note that as a result of input received during the winter, we concluded that it would be best for Kansas 4-H that the official implementation of the KAP will be in the October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009 4-H year. This was first announced in The Tuesday Letter of March 11, 2008. The KAP will be required for state project awards for the first time in 2010. This will allow local Extension Units adequate time to train volunteers, parents, and members in the state system.

Extension Units should continue to use whatever local award application/record book format is in place for the current 4-H year! Youth of 4-H ages 14-18 will be required to submit the KAA for area screening and state judging in 2009. Gerhard

# KYLF

### Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Presenters Needed

It is nearly 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 will soon be recruiting proposals for workshop session instructors/presenters. Topics should center on leadership. Some ideas might include, but are not limited to, community service, citizenship, communications, conflict management, ethics, motivation, 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 with this opportunity.

The letter and proposal form will be sent on the counties listserv later in May, and then will be on the KYLF web page. Proposals are due to the State 4-H office by July 15.

Questions can be directed to <u>Beth Hinshaw</u>. <u>Hinshaw</u>/Hope James/Andrew Dempewolfe

# HORSE

### State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

It is that time of year again for the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest!! The contest takes place on Tuesday June 24, 2008, at the CiCo Park in Manhattan. Serving as the contest coordinator is Kindra Gradert, Assistant Horse Judging Coach at K-State and graduate student in Animal Sciences.

Details have been posted under "What's Hot", <u>www.kansas4-h.org</u>, including the Registration Form which is due June 1 in the State 4-H Office (yes, this is a Sunday, which means that we will accept registrations until Monday, June 2). We are not using the on-line registration process for this contest.

Check-in time is 7:45-8:15AM. The contest will begin at 8:30AM. Lunch is provided for Intermediate and Senior Contestants. At the completion of the judging portion of the contest, beginners will be dismissed. Intermediates and Seniors will eat under supervision. (Senior/Intermediate: \$12.00, Beginner: \$5.00). Intermediate and Senior meal is included in cost.

Entries are due by 5:00 PM, June 1, 2008 to the State 4-H Office, ATTN: 4-H Horse Judging Contest, 201 Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506-3404.

Please contact Kindra if you have any questions regarding the contest: Kindra C. Gradert Kansas State University Assistant Horse Judging Coach kgradert@ksu.edu 785.532.1171 McNally

# HORTICULTURE

### 2008 State Horticulture Judging Contest

The State Horticulture Judging Contest will be Saturday August 23, 2008 on the K-State Campus. More information will be available this summer. Hinshaw/Neier/Crouse

# MENTORING

# KANSAS GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE ON MENTORING - June 11 & 12, Wichita

The Kansas 4-H Program is a member of the Kansas Mentors Council, which was formed by Governor Sebelius in 2006 with Coach Bill Snyder serving as the Chair.

One of the projects of this initiative is the Kansas Governor's Conference on Mentoring,

which takes place June 11 & 12, at the Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center. Wednesday night, June 11, will be a Networking Reception between 5 & 6:30 PM. The Conference will be held on Thursday, June 12, between 7:30 AM and 5 PM. The cost is \$25.00.

Please go to "<u>What's Hot</u>" and click on the Mentoring Conference button Perhaps you may be interested in attending this conference or sending a representative for your 4-H program. I would also encourage you to share this announcement and information with other organizations who provide mentoring programs in your communities.

The Kansas Mentors Council is excited to see mentoring programs across the state come together in the interest of the well-being of the children of Kansas. Speakers include: Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson, Coach Bill Snyder, Coach Tom Osborne (former UNL Football coach), and Brian Black (Corporate Community Relations Manager for Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.). The Keynoter will be Danny Holland, a scholar of youth culture, media influence, teen violence and substance abuse prevention is nationally recognized. His passion is to help teens avoid painful regrets and make good choices.

Workshops to be presented will be relevant to school-based, one-on-one, community based and faith based mentoring programs. As we've considered "How to Grow Kansas 4-H?" some of the workshops will discuss establishing programs in the Hispanic community, partnering with other community groups, and increasing the number of male mentors.

Thank you for support of the Kansas Mentors initiative. For more information on the initiative, please visit the website: <u>http://www.kansasmentors.org/news.htm</u> <u>GERHARD</u>

# VOLUNTEERING

### 4-H Volunteer Impact Study

I have started calling offices to obtain email addresses to survey for the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study. I have enjoyed talking to you all. Thanks to all who have provided addresses. Thank also to those who are still considering participating. The results of this study will be of great value to the Kansas 4-H program. The calls have not been completed and will continue. If you would like to participate and have not been called, please feel free to call me. The email invitations to participate started going out May 15. The purpose of this survey is to document and quantify the impact volunteers have on 4-H Youth Development Programs in the twelve states of the North Central Region. <u>Buchele</u>

### 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. While this seems a long way into the future, now is the time to begin working locally on this opportunity. Watch for updated information to go on the web at kansas4-H.org. Buchele

North Central Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum November 6 - 8, 2008, Columbus, Ohio

The full program and registration booklet for the 08 North Central Regional Volunteer

Forum is on line now. The mail web site is: <u>http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/</u> The booklet is at: <u>http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/documents/RegistrationBooklet\_000.pdf</u> Buchele

### Volunteer Development

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 first installment, more will be shared in the next several Tip Sheets.

From Emily M.: Having meaningful work for your volunteers is added investment to your program. Think about budgetary allocation process for volunteers- if you only had 10 volunteers- where would you allocate them? What are they doing in regards to your strategic plan or POW?

From Leroy R: The need to be able to hand an information sheet to a volunteer wanting to volunteer.

From Abbie G.: Creating a list of things that I could use volunteers for, even simple office tasks. That way when and if someone calls that would like to volunteer I would be able to provide them with a way to volunteer very quickly. Buchele

# WHEAT

### 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 will be on the Kansas State 4-H Website, <u>www.kansas4-H.org</u> by June 1 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. These will be distributed on the first weekend of the 2008 Kansas State Fair.

Resource information for the wheat variety project includes: (1) Wheat Variety Plot Brochure, 4-H 565 Rev., April 2000,

http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/4h\_y2/samplers/4H565.asp; (2) Wheat Variety Plot--Youth Participant Handbook, 4-H 566, Aug. 1996,

http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/4h\_y2/samplers/4H566.asp; and (3) 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record, P1099, http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/4h\_y2/samplers/P1099.asp.

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. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail <u>dwaldren@ksu.edu</u>.

<u>Waldren</u>

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

Don't miss out on this exciting **free** wheat field day this summer for the entire family. It's the annual Kansas 4-H and FFA State 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 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Barton County Community College Technology Building, 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 divisions open to youth members with cash prizes awarded. Divisions 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) photography contest of wheat-related photos; (7) wheat centerpiece contest; and (8) a Cloverbuds division awarding participation ribbons. Participants may tour the Stafford County Flour Mill in Hudson or attend a Kids' Program Option of hands-on activities. There is no registration cost. Pre-registration is required for an accurate meal count and for tour divisions by August 1<sup>st</sup> on the Kansas 4-H web site registration system, <u>www.kansas4-</u> h.org. Register begins June 1<sup>st</sup> by clicking on "Register for 4-H Events, and Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show." For those with no computer connections, contact Berny Unruh in Barton County Extension for a food count by August 1<sup>st</sup> at 620-793-1910. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Waldren

# WORLD CITIZENSHIP

### Start Planning Today! Summer 2009 4-H Japan Inbound Exchange

Help make the world seem a little smaller by inviting 5 to 7 Japanese students to stay with 4-H families in your Extension Unit for one month during the summer of 2009. Your 4-H'ers will make friendships that will last a lifetime. Now is the time to consider becoming a part of this fantastic world citizenship opportunity. Youth and their adult chaperones arrive in Kansas approximately July 20 and stay for four weeks. You don't have to decide today, final commitments aren't due until September 2008. But if you're curious as to what is involved, would like to shadow the arrival orientation at Rock Springs 4-H Center, or visit a mid-term activity near you, the summer of 2008 is the perfect chance to find out if this is a way to strengthen your 4-H citizenship programming. Kansas 4-H has hosted Japanese LABO and LEX Foundation students and staff since 1977. Three adults and 34 young people in their teens will be staying in River Valley District (Clay, Republic, Cloud and Washington), Central Kansas District (Saline and Ottawa), Butler, Miami, Franklin, Johnson, Morris, and Phillips-Rooks District (Phillips and Rooks) counties this summer. If you have questions about possibly becoming involved next year, contact Rose Scott, the 4-H Japan Inbound Exchange Coordinator at (785) 388-2009 or myself at (785) 462-6281 or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu. Waldren