

June 2009 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

Deadlines:

- May 15 Kansas 4-H Resource Family Grant Applications Due
- May 15 990N Due
- June 15 ASI Housing & Care Form (Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats)
- May 26 Registration Deadline for Geology T-Shirts
- June 4 Registration Deadline for Geology Field Trips
- June 19 SET Video's Due
- June 26 National Camping Institute Proposals Due
- June 26 Online Registration for Dairy Judging, School & Quiz Bowl Due
- July 15 Camp Counselor Recognition Due
- July 15 KYLF Workshop Proposals Due
- July 17 Wheat Show Bin Run Samples Due to K-State
- July 31 State Wheat Show Meal Reservations Due
- Oct 15 Registrations for KS 4-H Volunteer Forum Due

Kansas Grow 4-H Grants Awarded

Through dollars made available by the Kansas 4-H Foundation, eight projects will receive funding to expand 4-H youth development in their communities in the coming year.

Recipients of single unit awards totaling \$2,300 are:

Jill Martinson, Dickinson County - "4-H Afterschool Master Volunteer"
Tara Solomon, Neosho County - "Growing Leaders, Building Futures"
Barbara Addison, Finney County - "Cloverbuds"
Jodi Drake, Pratt County - "Pratt County 4-H Project Fair"
Beth Hecht, Leavenworth County - "SET Tech Lab"

Recipients of a multi-unit award for \$2,165 are:

Peggy Boyd (WY), Mark Flory (DG), and Beth Hecht (LV) - "4-H Technology Adventures"

Recipient of state awards totaling \$15,000 are:

Deryl Waldren and Rod Buchele - "Vibrant Video Clip Making & Learning"
Justin Wiebers - "Kansas 4-H Access: 21st Century Portal to Learning Communities"

Congratulations to all!

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Out-of-School Program Idea Conference, October 13

Mark your calendars for the "Out-of-School Program Idea Conference", Tuesday October 13, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st. Street N., Wichita for learning new ideas for educational activities for your out-of-school educational events. This one-day event will highlight hands-on curricula that adapts easily for any out-of-school setting as well as networking with other youth serving agencies. Additionally, just for Extension Agents following the "out-of-School Program Idea Conference" a two hour post conference to answer questions on how to get afterschool educational opportunities started and community networking. Cost is \$10 for the one-day session. For more information contact Pam Van Horn.

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Kansas State University to Produce First National 4-H Engineering Curriculum

A partnership of faculty from the Departments of 4-H Youth Development, Chemical Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Biological & Agricultural Engineering, and Agronomy, and the College of Education and Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom has been awarded \$96,600, to create the first national 4-H curriculum in the field of engineering for middle school and high school aged youth. "Engineering for Sustainability," the working title, will introduce youth to the engineering design process by working in teams to solve problems related to sustainable natural resources. The curriculum will not be ready for release until the 2010-2011 4-H year. The curriculum project includes developing a support website for project members and 4-H volunteers to connect with scientists and professional engineers to get answers to questions, find the latest resources, and share their experiences. In addition to Kansas, national 4-H SET curriculum projects were awarded to California, Purdue, and a partnership between Iowa State University and the

University of Minnesota.

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Woodworking Safety Issues

Building projects from wood can be an exciting experience for a young person. However finding the right project leader or volunteer can become a challenge because many wood crafters may not be comfortable with young people in their shops. Safety is a concern. Granted, extra precautions are needed when young people are in the wood shop, but with a few safety tips, wood working can become an enjoyable hobby.

- * Wear appropriate clothing.
- * Wear safety equipment.
- * Unplug all your power tools.
- * Cover or lower power tool blades.
- * If beginning, stick to hand tools for the basics.
- * Never leave young people unsupervised in the shop.
- * Working with hand tools, like a hand saw, can wear kids out quickly; assist when needed. (However, don't do the project totally.)
- * Enjoy and have fun.

Planning ahead can avoid risks before accidents happen. Take time to plan! Source: Woodworkers Resource.

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AYD

(Advancing Youth Development)

This month's "4th Friday Youth Development Conversation" will be held May 22 (11am- 12pm) and focuses on the impact of the economic recession on youth. A number of Kansas youth may not be able to find summer jobs or be able to afford camps. Some summer school programs are being cut, thus "free" youth programs may see an increase in participants.

Following our viewing of the YouTube production, "Is Anybody Listening?" www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMTTrOrKVI

- * we'll discuss how youth development professionals might help youth deal with the issues and stress associated with the economic downturn, and

- * resources and supports for families going through economic hardship.

Since this is the final conversation before summer break, we'll also discuss how to continue "4th Friday YD Conversations" returning on August 28. Topics may include ideas for sharing leadership, changing the structure/function and opening the Conversations to other youth organizations.

4th Friday Conversations use Adobe Connect web conferencing via the Youth Development-PFT Connect website located at: <http://connect.oznet.ksu.edu/pftyd>

No prep or follow-up is required to join "4th Friday" conversations, but it's important that participants test their computers, headphones and microphones before joining the Conversation. Click the link below http://connect.oznet.ksu.edu/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm to resolve most connection interface problems.

Be sure to "dust off" your headphones so you can join audio discussion on May 22.

For more information, contact: Elaine Johannes, ejohanne@ksu.edu
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CAMP

Summer Camp is Here!!

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

4-H Camp Web Page

Check out the great resource on the web site at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17> for ideas to use at 4-H Camp. 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 <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17> 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.

2010 4-H Journal Camping Issue

2010 may be a year off...but the planning never ends. The Camp Action Team will be planning the 2010 4-H Journal's Camping issue again to promote 4-H Camp; assistance will be needed from county staff, district staff and camp groups. Please send photos, story ideas, testimonials or camp traditions to Robyn Deines, Walnut Creek District, rdeines@ksu.edu, following this year's 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 sent 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!

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Camp Table Displays

New for 2009, table displays will be made from dowel rods and clothes pins rather than the plastic table displays. The Camp Action Team will create two sets for each living group. The signs will be of laminated cardstock using the theme graphics. Look for the new displays.

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

A call for presentation proposals for the 2010 National 4-H Camping Institute is available at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/national-camping-institute-2010-march-1620>. The presentation proposals are due, Friday, June 26, 11:59 p.m. (PDT).

The presentation proposals will be nationally peer reviewed for scholarship by members of the NAE4-HA Camping and Environmental Education task force. The NCI planners are wanting large group games, counselor training ideas, ideas on preventing homesickness or anything that will help the frontline camp practitioner!

Jim Cain, author, team building guru and 10-year 4-H member, will present a pre-conference workshop "One Perfect Day of Team Work and TeamPlay" plus lead sessions during the conference.

Additionally, Scott VanderWey, Washington State University Extension Director of 4-H Adventure Education, will present a pre-conference workshop "Building Successful Learning Communities". This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to experience best practices of the experiential learning model, learn the latest research, understand the theory behind it, and walk away with a new set of tools to use in camp, classrooms, afterschool programs or clubs.

The Information and Registration packet will be posted on the website in July. The early bird deadline is December 18, 2009- with housing assigned on a first registered- first served basis. Questions may be sent to Virginia Bourdeau at mombear@proaxis.com
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CHARACTERCOUNTS!

Let the Butterfly Struggle

There's a parable about a mother who discovered a butterfly struggling mightily to escape its cocoon through a tiny opening at the top. She became concerned when the creature seemed to give up after making no progress. Certain that the butterfly wouldn't make it out without help, she enlarged the hole. On its next try, the butterfly wriggled out easily. But the young woman's joy turned to horror when she saw its wings were shriveled and useless. Her well-intentioned

intervention had interrupted a natural process. Forcing the butterfly to squeeze through a small opening is nature's way of assuring that blood from the creature's body is pushed into the wings. By making it easier, she deprived the butterfly of strong wings. Childhood, too, is a sort of cocoon. If a healthy adult is to emerge, parents must allow, even encourage, their children to struggle, make mistakes, learn from them, and pay the price for bad judgments and conduct. Of course, good parents should protect their children from serious harm, but being overprotective can itself inflict damage. Adversity is not always an enemy. Teaching can help a young person develop wings strengthened by self-confidence and self-reliance. Helen Keller once said, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved." (Michael Josephson. May 11, 2009)

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CLOVERBUDS

4-H Cloverbuds Training

Mark your calendars now for two additional 4-H Cloverbuds Trainings, August 27, Rock Springs 4-H Center and September 1, Scott City. Registration with meal cost to be on-line soon. Upon completion of training each extension unit will receive a free copy of the curriculum. The 4-H Cloverbuds Training Team will offer an opportunity for extension agents, volunteers and teens to receive hands-on training. For more information contact Pam at pvanhorn@ksu.edu.
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CURRICULUM CORNER

A great resource to help Agriculture and Natural Resources agents to emphasize Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) in the youth portion of their audience is the lesson plans and materials on the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom website: www.ksagclassroom.org.

These materials are already matched with science standards that school teachers must teach. Enhance your 4-H school enrichment program and promote science in agriculture all at the same time. Let's get "agriculture in every classroom every day" and meet the education standards also. The KFAC board had their last meeting at the Walton, Ks. agriculture charter school where they are accomplishing both of the above goals with great success.

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DAIRY

State 4-H Dairy Judging and Quiz Bowl Contests and Schools

July 3, 2009 in Salina

On-line Registration for these is up and ready! Check out the details under "What's Hot" before you register on-line. Registration for all contests and schools will be due no later than 5pm, Friday, June 26, 2009.

Judging Contest: Three Divisions

1. Senior -- Ages 14 but not yet 19, before Jan. 1
2. Junior/Intermediate -- Ages 9-13, before Jan. 1
3. Beginners -- Ages 7-8, (school with assistance from mentor)

Quiz Bowl: Three Divisions

1. Senior -- Ages 14 but not yet 19, before Jan. 1, Teams to qualify for national competition.
2. Open -- Ages 9-19, Enter as individuals, State forms teams.
3. Beginners -- NEW!! Ages 7-8, Informal exposure to quiz bowl procedure and questions.

Counties -- Please encourage and assist new participants to learn and use the on-line registration process so that enough quiz bowl brackets can be created.

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All Breeds Junior Dairy Show, July 2-4, 2009, Salina

Exhibitors will receive a show catalog from the Salina Chamber of Commerce and will send show entries directly to Salina.

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GEOLOGY FIELD TRIPS

State 4-H Geology Field Trips -- June 12-14, 2009

Registration information is now under "What's Hot" on the State 4-H Website for the two State 4-H Geology Field Trips on June 12-14. A Southeast location at Altamont will feature the Tri-state mining district and a lunch stop at the Big Brutus Museum. The Southwest location will be at Spearville and feature Cretaceous through Quaternary rocks, minerals and fossils from Kiowa to Gove counties.

Registration deadline is May 26, 2009 for T-Shirt orders and June 4, 2009 for all other information and fees.

Registrations and payments should be sent to Dave Goldak, 1303 East Hwy.54, Andover, KS 67002-7876.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Did you know that simply calling a healthy food by a different name will result in kids eating more of that "good-for-you" food? Call ordinary peas "Power Peas" or use the label "X-Ray vision Carrots" and you'll have healthier eaters. Use a similar tactic to motivate kids to be more active this summer. Avoid "exercise" or "workout" label and call physical activity "Freakout Fun" or try "TGIF - Totally Getting into Fitness" which is the kid-inspired program through Melvern PRIDE's Get It - Do It! project.

For more ideas, check out Cornell University's SmarterLunchrooms.org website where behavioral economists and food researchers give examples of descriptive food re-labeling for healthy choices. KS PRIDE communities and Youth PRIDE groups are using these strategies and others to encourage activity and promote health in their communities this summer. To learn more about Get It - Do It!, KS Youth PRIDE, healthy living, contact Trudy Rice (KS PRIDE) <trice@ksu.edu>, Carol Fink <cfink@ksu.edu> or Elaine Johannes <ejohanne@ksu.edu> your 4-H Healthy Living liaisons.

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HORSE

State 4-H Horse Program Coordinator Changes You Need to Know About!

Please join me in welcoming Sarah Dick to the 4-H team as the new State 4-H Horse Program Coordinator effective May 18. Sarah recently completed her Masters Degree in Agriculture Education from Oklahoma State, has substantial experience and expertise in equine programs, event coordination and youth development and is a Colorado 4-H Alumni. Sarah joined KSRE in February 2009 as the Wabaunsee 4-H Program Assistant. The 4-H Horse Program Coordinator position is a part-time position (an average of 10 hours per week throughout the year) and Sarah will work from her home and be in the State 4-H Office on most Tuesdays. Sarah can be reached via several methods: sarahdd@ksu.edu, 785-532-5800 (State 4-H Office), or 785-341-4769 (cell). Sarah will work closely with Sharon Breiner, the State 4-H Horse Action Team and our department as she gives leadership to the multi-faceted dimensions of the horse program.

Many thanks are extended to Kaitlyn Crow, who served as the 4-H Horse Program Coordinator during her senior year at K-State! As we bid farewell to Kaitlyn as she completes her degree this month, we welcome her to the KSRE Team as the Johnson County 4-H Agent! Thanks, Kaitlyn, for providing outstanding leadership and organizational skills to a very dynamic program!

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Horse Judges List

The State 4-H Horse Show Judges seminar held April 4, produced several new certified 4-H judges. These individuals successfully completed the evaluation of horses and a written exam over the 4-H rulebook. We highly recommend that you hire 4-H certified judges from this list available at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

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HORTICULTURE

2009 State Horticulture Judging Contest

The State Horticulture Judging Contest will be Saturday August 22, 2009 on the K-State Campus. More information will be available this summer.

KYLF

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Presenters Needed

It is nearly time to recruit instructors/presenters for the 10th Annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum to be held November 20-22 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 2010 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 in early June and then will also be on the KYLF web page. Proposals are due to the State 4-H office by July 15. Questions can be directed to Beth Hinshaw/Hope James/Andrew Dempewolf

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LIVESTOCK

Livestock Nomination Form

All market steer and market heifer nominations are posted on our website. Please review your county data and notify Sharon Breiner if there are any corrections. Remember that nominations for lambs, goats, swine, and commercial heifers are due June 15. For complete information on nominations please visit our website at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

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Youth Livestock Listening Session Video

Thank you to the agents, parents and friends who made the first Youth Livestock Listening Session a valuable event. More than 40 people attended the event and offered important input on youth livestock programs in Kansas particularly in relation to the KSF and KJLS. We are hoping to continue these events in the future. Thank you to representatives from KSF and KJLS for their participation in the forum. A special thanks to Jodi Besthorn and Todd Johnson for their moderation of the session. A video of the event is available on the Youth Livestock Programs Web site under 2009 Nomination Information. The picture quality is poor, but we hope those unable to attend can benefit from the audio.

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New: Youth Livestock Sweepstakes

Many volunteers will be needed for the new 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, August 22-23. This all-around event will feature contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. A special prize will be awarded to the county that does the best in all four contests. A county or district may choose to use the same four 4-Hers for all contests or use any combination of students for each contest. Teams may also come for only a portion of the contests. The Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Saturday with rounds 1-3 of the Quiz Bowl. A dance and social activity will be available to 4-Hers on Saturday evening. On Sunday, participants will compete in the Livestock Skillathon and Meats Judging Contest. We will hold Round 4 of the quiz bowl just prior to the award ceremony for all events. Each participating county will be required to provide a minimum of one volunteer for the event. Please look for a sign-up sheet coming soon with registration materials. These materials will be distributed after the June Livestock Advisory Meeting.

Please Note: The event will be held during K-State Move-in Weekend. Please reserve your rooms as soon as possible. No activities will take place at the hotel so stay wherever you like. For your convenience two sets of room blocks have been made for August 21-23: Clarion Hotel - \$90 - "KSU Department of Animal Science and Industry" Block (785) 539-5311 Super 8 - \$65 - "K-State 4-H" Block (785) 537-8468

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MARKETING ACTION TEAM

4-H Magnets

Need a fun item to reward 4-H members or as a fair door prize? The 4-H Marketing Action Team has 4-H Photo Frame

Word Magnets available for purchase. Cost is \$1 each with a check payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. See magnets on the MAT Resource Web page at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>

Contact Diane Mack at dmack@ksu.edu to make an order. Hand delivery can be made at Discovery Days, State Fair, Annual Conference or other arrangements can be made.
[Mack](#) and 4-H Marketing Action Team Members

Marketing Survey

The 4-H Marketing Action Team would like your input on what kinds of things you need to market 4-H more effectively in your communities. We want to help you Grow 4-H! All agents, office professionals and program assistants are encouraged to reply individually to the survey that is in an Axio format. The survey will be open May 15 to June 15. Click on this link to reply to the survey: <https://surveys.ksu.edu/TS?offeringId=130246>
[Mack](#) and 4-H Marketing Action Team Members

Create a Clover Garden for the County Fair

Jodi Besthorn, Sedgwick County 4-H Agent and MAT member, designed a special clover decorating contest for her county fair. It is similar to the birthday candle project for the Centennial a couple of years ago.

The office has cut a 3' diameter 4 leaf clover cut out of the blue styro-foam insulation board. Cost is \$5 per clover. Clubs can decorate it on 1 side only – in any manner that they choose. It may be a message about joining 4-H, a photo collage of activities, a "billboard" to promote 4-H, or make into a person, etc. Clubs can paint it, texture it, add to it - whatever they want to do to decorate the clover making sure that the clover can support the weight. The club's name should be somewhere on the clover. These are not 4-H clovers, as they do not have the H's on them.

The decorated clovers will then be displayed at the county fair and used at the achievement celebration. To see photos of the blank clovers, go to <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>
[Mack](#) and 4-H Marketing Action Team Members

mCOOL INFORMATION

Please remember Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling guides are available on our website, as well as links to find more information about mCOOL. This information will be helpful in planning for your county fairs. For more information about mCOOL please contact Dr. Larry Hollis at lhollis@ksu.edu or (785) 532-1246.
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PHOTOGRAPHY

KSF Photography changes and clarifications (in underlined italics).

Photographs entered must be the result of the current year' project work by the 4-H member. *Photos must be taken by the 4-H Member (exhibitor).*

Photographs taken with a digital camera and having no more adjustments than exposure, color intensity or correction, *one click filter effects*, red eye removal, cropping, dodging and burning should be entered in the standard color or black and white classes.

Digital images that have had objects added or removed, *multiple* filter effects applied or black & white and color combined must be entered in the class for Computer Manipulated Photos (class 4805).

Computer manipulated photos. - Photo must be from an *original(s)* taken by the exhibitor. Photo Fun Day will be all digital, no film will be developed.
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SET

LIGHTS, CAMERA, CHALLENGE!

National 4-H Council, National 4-H Headquarters, and University of Arizona 4-H Youth Development, invite all 4-H professionals, staff and volunteers to produce their own digital video for front-line educators and volunteers to better implement SET programs. The purpose of this contest is to build a vault of films to show great 4-H facilitation in practice. We seek films that will help others know what learning looks like. As the saying goes--A picture is worth a thousand

words. We are looking for bold, creative, and exciting videos to help educate facilitators about how to implement SET, in particular The Power of the Wind. On this web site, find out how to enter this unique contest and become rich and famous (well, maybe not right away). Go to <http://4-h.org/set/videochallenge>

STEP 1 - Create your own 3-5 minute video.

STEP 2 - Check out valuable resources for making your video including: The 4-H Filmmaking Studio & Workshop, located at www.4-H.org/curriculum/filmmaking, an online space to find tools and resources about video production.

STEP 3 - Submit - Complete your entry form and release forms and submit your video between May 8 - June 19th.
Deadline for Entry: June 19, 2009

If you have questions contact Kirk Astroth - kastroth@cals.arizona.edu or Pam Garza - pgarza@fourhcouncil.edu
[Gerhard](#)

SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports Highlights

The State 4-H Office is now looking for someone to fill the 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator role. This is a great opportunity for a part time position for a college student or other person with extensive knowledge of the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports program. Anyone interested should contact Jim Adams. (jadams@ksu.edu)

Shooting Sports Dates to Remember:

August 28-30, 2009 Instructor Workshop, Larned

September 1 Instructor & Coordinator Renewal Forms and Fees due to State 4-H Office

October 3 Fall Match, Hays

October 10 Shotgun Match, Hays

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VOLUNTEERS

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum November 20 - 22, 2009, 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 "Tackling Leadership" There will be great speakers, skillathons, workshops and many networking opportunities. Volunteer Forum and KYLF will share several sessions designed to grow and strengthen the Kansas 4-H program. Registration deadline will be Oct. 15.

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VIP Orientation Disks

I am happy to announce the CD's of the Kansas 4-H VIP Orientation are available again. Thanks to Gerry Snyder from IET who fixed them so they would work again. They will only work in the Internet Explorer program. They have been configured to start Internet Explorer automatically. To order copies of the CD's, please contact Mary Gehrt at the State 4-H Office. The cost of the disks remains \$5.00.

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Insurance coverage for Volunteers

The question about what coverage is there for our 4-H Volunteers has been asked. The short answer is "What ever coverage the local Extension Unit Board provides." There is no state provided coverage for 4-H Volunteers. Volunteers serve at the request of and represent the local Extension Unit Board, therefore the local Board is responsible for providing coverage, (according to our University's attorney's opinion). If you would like to discuss coverage, please give me a call.

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North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for Oct 1-4, 2009. The forum will be at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln, NE. The steering committee is hard at work. Here are some details:

- * Theme is "Giving Them Our Best"
- * Schedule - Optional tours on Oct 1, Oct 2 workshops, speakers, and evening event, Oct 3 workshops, speakers, banquet, and evening learning activities, Oct 4 grab and go breakfast.
- * Registration Fee will be \$200 for full forum or \$110 per day
- * Early bird registration will be open from June 1 to August 15. Late registration will be open until Sept 15 with an

additional \$50 fee.

- * The workshop schedule is currently available at <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>
- * The overall draft schedule should be available on the website by May 15.
- * Registration information will be at the same website on or before June 1. Registrations will be submitted online, with checks to be mailed in.
- * The Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln, NE is the site of the forum. Room prices are \$92 per night for 1-4 people. The hotel registration code will be included in the registration information. The room block will be held until Sept 1.
- * The hotel is located in the Historic Haymarket District. There are many restaurants, shops, and galleries to explore, especially Thurs afternoon and evening. The hotel is also located 3 blocks from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln campus.
- * Parking (no extra fee) for the conference is available in the attached indoor garage.

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In the world of volunteering:

Five Websites That Will Help You Find Your Inner Volunteer

<http://www.rd.com/make-it-matter-make-a-difference/5-websites-that-will-help-you-find-your-inner-volunteer/article137609.html?trkid=ERDI22938>

This is a sponsored link, take a moment to see what is there. There are lots of interesting links and ideas about online recruiting of volunteers.

Overnight Chaperone Orientation.

At the recent National Extension Conference on Volunteerism one of the sessions I attended talked about Overnight Chaperone Orientation. It was a very interesting and worthwhile presentation. Following are several links to samples of what other states are doing in this area.

<http://www.joe.org/joe/2008december/rb6.php> A Journal of Extension article on the Louisiana 4-H Research (the main topic of the session we attended)

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/4hchaperone/> Illinois version

http://florida4h.org/volunteers/training_presentations/files/Chaperone_Orientation.ppt A Florida PowerPoint for Chaperone Orientation

https://www.colorado4h.org/agent_resources/ChaperonResponsibilities.pdf Colorado Orientation Guide

What do you think? Is this something Kansas should look into as a resource for local Extension Units?

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WHEAT

2009 Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show in McPherson

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 McPherson on Friday, August 7th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the McPherson County 4-H Building in McPherson. 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 again eight divisions open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded.



Wheat divisions include:

- (1) 3 lb. bin run for crops members; **or**
- (2) 3 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; Participants may pick division 1 or division 2, but not both. **(All wheat samples are due to K-State on July 17 so testing can be completed).**

Other divisions open are:

- (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 will pick one of two tours: the Old Mill in Lindsborg, which will include a special traveling display "Journey Stories," from the Smithsonian Institute, or the McPherson Cargill Feed Mill and Viega Manufacturing Plant that makes plastics, radiant heat systems and fire suppression systems. There is no registration cost. Pre-registration is required for an accurate meal count and for tour divisions by July 31st on the Kansas 4-H web site registration system, www.Kansas4-H.org. Registration begins June 1st by clicking on "Register for 4-H Events, and Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show."

For those with no computer connections, contact Jana McKinney in McPherson County Extension for a food count by July 31st at 620-241-1523. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at:

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WORLD CITIZENSHIP

Start Planning Today! Summer 2010 4-H Japan Inbound Exchange

Help make the world seem a little smaller by inviting 5 to 6 Japanese students to stay with 4-H families in your Extension Unit for one month during the summer of 2010. 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 2009. 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 2009 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. Two adult chaperones and 27 young people in their teens will be staying in the following Extension Units: River Valley District (Clay Center, and Concordia), Harvey, Central Kansas District (Salina), Phillips-Rooks District (Phillipsburg), Stevens, Leavenworth, Douglas, Miami, Pottawatomie. 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.

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2009 Kansas 4-H International Delegates Oriented

The 2009 Kansas International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Orientation was held in Lincoln and Denmark, Kansas, on May 1-2, and the annual IFYE spring get together was held Saturday evening, May 2nd. Over 40 participated in the annual orientation and get together. Eleven teens and adults were oriented before their upcoming Kansas 4-H Exchange in summer 2009.

Outbound Kansas 4-H Exchange Delegates (4 weeks)

Ronni Hart - Finland (Miami)

Beth Mercer – Finland (Cherokee)

Sarah Tajchman – Finland (Geary)

Genna Stambaugh – Costa Rica (Miami)

Kansas 4-H/Japanese Exchange Program (4-8 weeks)

Kenna Baker – Japan (Oklahoma 4-H)

John Boyington – Japan (Phillips-Rooks District – Phillipsburg)

Steven Buchele – Japan (Finney)

Kim Gerstner – Japan (Thomas)

John Stambaugh – Japan (Miami)

Ronnie Sullivan – Japan (Miami)

Cheri Tajchman – Japanese Chaperone (Geary)

These teens and young adults gave presentations about their recent Kansas 4-H International experiences: Genna Gehrt (Wabaunsee), IFYE Representative to Germany; Steuart Hensleigh (Meadowlark District – Oskaloosa), to Costa Rica; Rhys Young (Central Kansas District – Salina) to Japan; Shayla Lowry (Geary) to Australia; and Yuta Minezaki, Year-long High School Japanese Exchange Program to Harvey County, Kansas.

Special thanks to those who helped organize and train at the orientation and spring get together: Mary Kay Munson, Marj Loyd, and Alison Guthrie. A monumental thanks goes to Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen, Post Rock-Lincoln Extension Agent for organization housing and food for the event. Special thanks go to Leo and Jo Lessor, Spellman Creek Lodge, and Merrill and Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen for hosting delegates and family members on Friday evening.

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Kansas Hosts Norwegian 4H Members in July

Two Kansas host families have been selected by States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-HIEP) to host one male each from the twenty-four Norwegian 4H members traveling to the U.S. in July. The Darrell Brobst family in Phillips-Rooks District will be hosting Hans Kopland and the Robb Hensleigh family in Meadowlark District (Jefferson) will be hosting Hans Lie from July 1 to July 30. The two teens will be learning about 4-H in Kansas along with our Great Plains culture in the United States while other members of their group will be hosted in other states who are members of the S4-HIEP. Kansas 4-H teens will have the option to travel to Norway in July of 2010.

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Hosts for Taiwan 4-H Professionals Update

Kansas 4-H professionals have volunteered to host Kao-Chun (Cash) Li, a member of the National 4-H staff in Taiwan. The hosts and the dates Cash will be with them are as follows:

June 22-24— Orientation, Deryl Waldren, 4-H Specialist, Northwest Area,

June 24-July 5--Nancy Honig, CEA, FCS/4-H, Stevens County

July 5 –July 18—Rod Buchele, 4-H Specialist, Southwest Area

A third host is still needed in Central or Eastern Kansas from July 19 to the end of the month. Since it is a professional exchange we would like a 4-H professional in each host county to spend some time with Cash and for him to experience 4-H activities, but he can be housed with another family. His interests include volunteer leader development and resource development. He likes travel, sports and music. Anyone interested should contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munsonm@nqks.com.

The other Taiwanese inbound on the IFYE Program is Chia-Mei (Amy) Wang, a teacher who volunteers with her local 4-H club in southern Taiwan. She will be hosted by three volunteers and/or staff during the same times as Cash. After the Orientation at the Northwest Research-Extension Center, she will be hosted by Diann Gerstner, Thomas Co. FCS agent. A host is being finalized in Cherokee County from July 19 to the end of the month. We are still looking for a host from about July 5-6 to July 19 in Central Kansas. Amy, an elementary teacher, volunteers with computer projects and likes handicrafts, quilting and a variety of sports. Anyone who would share your 4-H program with Amy should contact Mary Kay Munson.

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Hosts for Austrian Landjugend Member

A last minute request to host an 18-year old member of the Austrian rural youth organization Landjugend arrived in early May. While details are not yet finalized, we may need 2-3 hosts for a female from late June to around August 1. The young lady we may be getting is interested in sports, horse riding and doing things with young children. If you know of a family who might be interested in hosting for 2-3 weeks this summer, contact Mary Kay Munson.

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