

June 2011 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

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Deadlines

- May 23** Geology Field Trip Registrations with T-shirt orders due
- May 27** Insect Spectacular Workshop Registrations due
- May 27** National 4-H Congress Centennial Delegates due
- June 2** All other Geology Field Trip Registrations due
- June 15** Commercial heifer, market hogs/barrows, commercial breeding gilts, market lamb, commercial ewes, and meat goat nominations due
- July 1** KSU Swine Classic Entries close.
- July 11** Kansas 4-H and FFA What Variety Plot Enrollments due to the Northwest Area Extension office.
- July 15** Camp Counselor Recognitions due to State 4-H office
- Aug 1** Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show Pre-registration due

This Month's Tip Sheet

Out-of-School Program Idea Conference, October 4

The “Out-of-School Program Idea Conference” has been set for Tuesday October 4, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st. Street N., Wichita. The “Out-of School Program Idea Conference” provides an excellent opportunity for sharing and networking with professionals that are planning, organizing and facilitating educational activities for out-of-school youth participants. This one-day event highlights hands-on curricula that adapts easily for any out-of-school setting whether its an organized afterschool program, camp setting or summer recreation programs. For more information contact Pam Van Horn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

Van Horn

Call for Proposals

The Out-of-School Program Idea Conference is searching for action-oriented, fun, educational programs and activities that promote hands-on learning for youth. We are looking for seminars and educational displays for curricula and resources that inspire youth to become active learners and can be easily adapted to out-of-school settings.

Each seminar lasts approximately 50 minutes. The target audience is out-of-school providers from before or after school, summer recreation, community-based, faith-based and/or extension education programs. Out-of-School Program Idea Conference seminars **MUST** be hands-on and interactive, and should provide participants with all the information they need to acquire and use the program in their out-of-school setting.

Educational displays will be set up all day for viewing by participants. They do **NOT** need to be staffed, but can be if you choose. Educational displays should highlight resources that can enhance out-of-school programming and/or hands-on learning. Each educational display will receive one 8' table and two chairs.

Please submit your seminar and/or educational display proposal by July 15, 2011 to PamVan Horn, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506 or e-mail to pvanhorn@ksu.edu. Proposal found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx> under what's hot!.

Van Horn

Discovery Days – Pizza, Soft Drinks and Bottled Water

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Campference Committee will once again sell pizzas, soft drinks and bottle water two evenings at Discovery Days 2011. The prices of these items will be \$1 for drinks and \$12 for pizza.

Please inform any 4-Hers attending Discovery Days that extra cash (exact change) will be needed to purchase pizzas and soft drinks if desired. The profit from this fundraiser will go to Campference, the state wide 4-H leadership training event for middle school youth, June 14-17, 2011. Thank you for helping us get the word out about this opportunity for delegates attending Discovery Days!

Wiebers/Hinshaw/Gutierrez

2011 Grow 4-H Awards funded by Kansas 4-H Foundation

The following 2011 Kansas Grow 4-H Grant Awards have been funded by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Each Extension unit provides \$1 dollar in match from a new donor source for each \$2 awarded by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. The Foundation's Grants and Awards Committee continues to see expanded vision and innovation in this year's proposals.

The 2011 projects funded include:

1. 4-H & US Fish and Wildlife Service Mapping Project: Marais des Cygnes Federal Wildlife Refuge (Joy Purkeypile, Linn County) - \$500
2. After-school 4-H Program (Julie Davis, Graham County) - \$370
3. Entomology Pilot Project (Vicky Wallace, Pawnee County) - \$500
4. Food 4-H Fun (Kandace Metcalf, Rolling Prairie District) - \$500
5. Youth Outdoors with GPS (Jonie James & Ann Religa, Harvey County) - \$500
6. Shawnee County 4-H Media Team (Sarah Laib, Shawnee County) - \$500

Congratulations to each of the recipients!

Gerhard & Atkinson

Tools for Developing Inquiry in 4-H Programs Webinar

Curiosity - perhaps it killed the cat, but it is at the heart of how we learn about our universe. And it is at the heart of inquiry. Inquiry is taking action on our own personal curiosity, moving from that initial wonderment to asking our own questions and figuring out how and why. Let's exploit that natural curiosity to help youth stay motivated to learn! This webinar includes an overview of tools and resources developed by ISU, UMN, and Council that package the Science Inquiry concepts for implementation in 4-H programs. The tools were designed for use by 4-H as you enhance your own skills and deliver professional development in your state, including videos that frame inquiry, coaching inquiry, and working with youth. We'll also discuss strategies you can use to encourage volunteers to try new methods of working with youth. Target Audience: Professional interested in increasing their understanding of inquiry as it relates to professional development.

Host: Partner Ops Aconnect 2

When: Friday 20 May 2011, 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

Time Zone: Central Daylight Time (US and Canada) To register for this event, please go the following link:

<http://nationalfourhcouncil.adobeconnect.com/e78208828/event/registration.html>

Gerhard

National 4-H Congress Centennial Delegates – Due May 27

National 4-H Congress Centennial Delegates are due Friday, May 27. Centennial Delegates can be locally determined, however meet the following qualification for attendance. Delegates MUST:

- Have never before attended National 4-H Congress.
- Be enrolled in Kansas 4-H.
- Have a genuine desire to attend National 4-H Congress.
- Be available to attend 2011 National 4-H Congress, Nov 25-29, 2011.
- Be at least 14 years old but not yet 19 years old before January 1, 2011.
- Remain committed to attending 2011 National 4-H Congress once they accept the trip.
- Agree to follow the prescribed code of conduct, realizing failure to do so may result in the loss of privileges during the event and/or in the future.

Extension Units may select one 4-H member to attend National 4-H Congress and are responsible for the total registration cost of \$1,150. A \$100 non-refundable deposit due with nomination.

Van Horn

2011 Kodak American Greenways Awards

Do you know of an organization that is working to create or improve a greenway, trail or waterway? Apply for a Kodak American Greenways Award grant, and your organization could receive up to \$2,500 in grant funds and recognition that comes with selection by this prestigious national program.

Please see the application at <http://grants.conservationfund.org> for full details and to apply for consideration of your greenway project for Kodak American Greenway Award funding. This year's application deadline is June 15th. Most grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. The maximum grant is \$2,500.

Gerhard

Clothing /Textile and Foods/Canning Labels for Fair Exhibits

While the clothing and foods exhibits labels cannot be found in the source book currently, they are available online on the 4-H Mall website!

L30 on the 4-H Mall site - Foods

<http://www.4-hmall.org/Product/clubsupplies-stickers-otherstickers/L-30.aspx>

L20 on the 4-H mall site – Clothing/Textiles

<http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductPath=L-29>

Hinshaw/Mack

Insect Spectacular Workshop and Collection Trip - June 24-25, 2011 - Olathe

This great entomology educational workshop moves east this year and is limited to the first 60 registrations!! Check out the details under "What's Hot" on the State 4-H Website. Registrations are due May 27th to the Pawnee County Extension Office.

Adams

Geology Field Trips for 2011 Finalized!

Trips will headquarter in Newton and Valley Falls this year on June 10-12th. Please notify all potentially interested people about the details posted under "What's Hot" on the State 4-H Website. There is a cover letter for each location and a registration sheet that works for either site. Registration deadline is May 23, 2011!!

Adams

4-H National Youth Science Experiment

The 2011 National Science Experiment is "Wired for Wind", an in-depth look at renewable energy technologies in the form of wind-power. Developed by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, this three-tiered experiment will help 4-H young people to enhance their science, engineering, technology and applied math skills by allowing them to:

- Design, build and test two different wind turbine models
- Experimenting with variables by examining three different blade pitch angles to determine the effect of pitch on rotor speed
- Relate their scientific experiences back to their own lives by determining how their communities can harness the power of wind and create a more sustainable and clean energy system
- Youth will determine the best location for a wind farm in their state or local area by calculating wind power and studying wind data and maps

By connecting these important scientific lessons to civic engagement, 4-H youth become a living, breathing, culture-changing movement for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing the country forward to successfully face the challenges of the future. Participation in 4-H National Youth Science Day (October 5, 2011) and the 4-H National Youth Science Experiment is meant to help spark an early passion for science, engineering and math and to encourage young people to consider these paths of study and future careers. For details today and what will be coming in the next months go to:

<http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/science-experiments-projects/>

Gerhard

2011 Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show in Wichita

You're invited to the 2011 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 on Friday, August 12th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Office, 7001 West 21st Street North in Wichita. 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 and ribbons awarded. Classes include: 1 lb. bin run for crops members; 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer" (samples must be postmarked by July 22nd for testing in Manhattan); 1 quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; loaf of yeast bread; four cookies; wheat photography contest; wheat educational posters; and a Cloverbuds division (ages 5-6) awarding participation ribbons. There will be two area tours. There is no registration cost. Pre-registration will be required by August 1st on the Kansas 4-H web site registration system to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. The registration system will go active by July 1st. For more information about the wheat show or to get involved with the wheat show planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Waldren

Start Planning Today! Summer 2012 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 2012. 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 2011. 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 2011 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 chaperones and 26 young people in their teens will be staying in the following Extension Units: River Valley District-Clay Center, Central Kansas District-Salina, Finney, and Barton. 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

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 2012 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2011 and goes through September 2012. The enrollment form will be on the Kansas State 4-H Website, www.kansas4-H.org 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 11 for information with enrollments due to the Northwest Area Extension Office by July 22, 2011. 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 Friday, September 9th at the 2011 Kansas State Fair.

Resource information for the wheat variety project includes: (1) Wheat Variety Plot Brochure, 4-H 565 Revised 2010, (2) Wheat Variety Plot--Youth Participant Handbook, 4-H 566, Revised 2010, and (3) 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record, P1099, Revised 2010. To download these files, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=297>. 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 Showcase Building. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Waldren

Maker Faire: Kansas City, Union Station, June 25-26, 2011

Weekend-long event celebrates the things that people 'make' with exhibits, special attractions and speakers. Saturday, June 25 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday June 26 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Union Station will host the first Maker Faire: Kansas City on Saturday, June 25 and June 26th. Maker Faire is a two-day, family-friendly event that attracts thousands of people to celebrate the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) movement. This broad-based community encompasses scientists, engineers, students, welders, software developers, circuit benders, musicians, crafters, artists and food artisans of all types: individuals and communities of people drawn together by a common delight in the magic of tinkering, creating and reusing materials and technology.

Maker Faire demonstrates all kinds of creations that people make - from new technology and electronic gizmos and robots to urban farming and "slow-made" foods to homemade clothes, quilts and sculptures. Kansas City's

weekend-long event will include booths of more than 100 Makers. Student Makers, either at the K-12 or college level, are encouraged to attend. Projects, like FIRST Robotics and Project Lead the Way, will be grouped together so attendees of Maker Faire can see how the robots work and compete and the types of engineering projects youth are creating.

In addition to the exhibit booths, a number of special attractions and speakers are being lined up for this fun weekend festival. One highlight will be the Power Wheels Racing Series - adults who race souped-up children's cars. Updates about the featured events will be posted on the website and through a blog on the site as they are confirmed.

Ticket prices for Maker Faire: Kansas City will be \$10 (\$7 for Union Station members), and this price includes admission to Science City for the day. Tickets will be available online soon or can be bought at the event.

To learn more about Maker Faire: Kansas City go to www.makerfairekc.com. The site also will include updates of attractions and speakers at the event through a blog on the website. This event is hosted by Union Station, with support from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and the staff of Make Magazine.

"Kansas City is joining the roster of the emerging Maker Faire movement, and we are thrilled that Union Station will host this event on June 25-26, 2011," said George Guastello, Union Station president and CEO. "Organizing this Maker Faire involves many organizations throughout our region and we are pleased to see so many diverse groups coming together to support, organize and participate in this exciting event."

About Maker Faire...

Maker Faire: Kansas City is an event guided by the staff of MAKE Magazine and the Maker Faire, and is organized by Kansas City-based organizations. The goal is to bring together Makers, Crafters, Inventors, Scientists, Artists, and everyone else for a faire full of fun and inspiration. This movement started about five years ago in San Mateo, CA, by the publishers of Make Magazine.

"Maker Faire establishes relationships that did not previously exist...between ideas, between things, between people," said Dale Dougherty, editor and publisher of Make Magazine and founder of the Maker Faire. "The most important thing Maker Faire does is establish those relationships among makers."

Maker Faire, currently in their fifth year, began in the San Francisco Bay Area at the San Mateo Fairgrounds. In 2010, the two-day San Mateo Faire attracted more than 80,000 people and featured 1,000 makers. In 2010, two new venues were added to the Maker Faire roster with events held at The Henry Ford Museum in Detroit and at the New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) in New York City. In New York, the event was dubbed World Maker Faire, in recognition of the diversity of Makers and audience who participated. A dazzling array of 530 Maker projects, with teams totaling 1,500 Makers descended on NYSCI. Both cities had more than 25,000 visitors attend Maker Faire.

Gerhard

Animal Sciences

Commercial Heifer, Market Swine, Market Lamb, & Meat Goat Nominations due June 15, 2011

IMPORTANT: EVERY FAMILY WISHING TO NOMINATE FOR THE KANSAS STATE FAIR OR KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW MUST HAVE A NOMINATION DECLARATION FORM ON FILE. Please remember to tell your families they must have this along with their actual animal nomination

paperwork. Also, meat goat DNA envelopes are required for a complete meat goat nomination. Please send those to the same address as all other nomination paperwork. All forms, including the nomination declaration form can be found on our website www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

KSU Youth Swine Classic

The Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic is set for July 8-9 at the Riley County Fairgrounds at Cico Park in Manhattan.

This year, in addition to the Prospect Hog Show, the Barrow and Gilt Market Hog Show and Swine Showmanship contest, youth and parents can travel by van or personal vehicle to the K-State campus to tour the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, see a demonstration on pork cuts, and hear about the curriculum for students. The tour wraps up with free ice cream from K-State's Dairy Bar.

The youth show includes a photography contest, in which each youth may submit up to two swine-related photos. Prizes will be awarded in three age divisions: 7-to 9-year olds; 10-to 13-year-olds; and 14-to 18-year-olds. Everyone participating will be able to vote on "The People's Choice Award."

Entries close July 1. More information about the Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic is available on the Web at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu or by calling 785-532-6131.

2011 Kansas Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 20-21, 2011 at Weber hall and arena. Registration forms will be available soon on www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

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4-H Camping Promotions

Kansas 4-H Camp Going Green, 2011 Camp theme logo available on the 4-H web site. Camp groups wanting to use the 2011 theme need to notify Karla Hightower, khightow@ksu.edu or Pam Van Horn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu by May 1. Cost for decorations is \$20. Checkout the web site <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=17> for ideas.

Van Horn

Camp Table Displays

The 4-H Camp Action Team has prepared table displays for Living Group assignments for Dining Room Tables. The display are dowel rods and clothes pins. Each living group will have a laminated signs made of cardstock using the theme graphics. Table displays will be at Rock Springs.

Van Horn

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/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.

Van Horn

2012 4-H Journal Camping Issue

Camp Season has arrived! While you're hiking the Rock Springs' trails or backpacking Pecos : Wilderness remember to take photos, keep a journal or remember the "good" stuff to share by sending your memories to Robyn Deines, Walnut Creek District, rdeines@ksu.edu, following this year's 4-H Camp. The Camp Action Team needs photos, stories, quotes and camp traditions for the 2011 4-H Journal's February Camping issue. Suggested items include:

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 speciality camps.

Please share as the Camp Action Team is interested in promoting all camps!

Van Horn

CHARACTER COUNTS!

CHARACTER COUNTS! Disposition or Discipline?

Have you heard the story of a shoe company that sent two salesmen into the backwoods? After a few days, both came back. One was frustrated: "It was a waste of time. None of these people wear shoes." The second was enthused: "Tremendous opportunity here. None of these people wear shoes."

It's pretty obvious which salesman was more successful, and for that matter, which is most likely to be happy. Everyone knows that positive attitudes produce positive results, right? Then why are so many people so negative so often?

My daughter Samara is a high school senior. For months she and her friends have been preoccupied with college applications. Most applied to lots of colleges "to be safe," and all of them learned this month that they were admitted to at least one quality institution. You'd think they'd be happy. Instead they have been filling their Facebook posts, text messages, and conversations with negativity. Everyone, it seems, found something to be unhappy about, and as they share their disappointments, they bring each other further down.

What a shame these teenagers choose to dwell on the schools they didn't get into rather than the ones that accepted them. And let there be no mistake – it is a choice. Ultimately, the most important factor in happiness is not disposition but discipline.

It's natural to have negative thoughts, but we don't have to let those negative thoughts define a situation. The simplest way to improve our lives is to develop the habit of positive thinking by consciously and consistently replacing every negative thought with a positive one. It takes patience and practice, but it pays off. (Josephson, Michael. April 22, 2011.)

Gerhard

Curriculum Corner

Needing Science Teachers

The Curriculum Action Team is still looking for a few interested agents, volunteers and teens. Currently, the team is working on developing project promotional brochures and have three science teachers who have agreed to assign school science standards to lessons in our Geology, Beef and Rabbit Kansas Leader Notebooks. We still need science teachers for Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Wildlife, Dog Care and Training, and Plant Science Project Notebooks.

Adams

GPS/GIS

County Fair Judges for Geospace

Hopefully you were able to incorporate the 4-H GPS-GIS classes into your county fair 4-H classes this year. Areas to consider finding judges for this project include county government GIS department, planning and zoning, or IT department. If you wish to have some assistance in identifying a geospatial judge, notify me of your expected entries, judging date(s) and location. This could be a great avenue of spreading the word of 4-H to a new GIS world of volunteers!

Special ribbons from Esri and National Geographic's My Wonderful World campaign are available for quality 4-H geospatial fair entries. If you would like to have these special ribbons available at your county fair, please complete this survey:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dDVYbGVNUk5lX3ZCSWIMNms2YlVJUXc6MQ#gid=0>

Quantities are limited.

Hecht

Consider Hosting a County 4-H GIS Day or Event

As this summer's plans get into full swing, consider hosting or supplementing one of your events to be a 4-H GIS Event.

Some benefits of hosting a 4-H GIS Day or Event:

- 1) 4-H youth and families learn more about the project and what it can involve.
- 2) Reach a new pool of potential volunteers by involving those who work in or with geospatial areas.
- 3) Puts emphasis on how 4-H makes learning science fun!

What you do to constitute a 4-H GIS Day can vary from hosting a GPS scavenger hunt to having youth evaluate a map judging class to having presenters share how they use GIS in community problem-solving. Plenty of ideas and free resources are available at www.gisday.com. Realize GIS Day can be held whenever it best suites YOU! Time during the county fair to a special program, springtime or summertime, whenever it would be fitting to enrich the 4-H experience.

Be sure to register your event so others can become aware of your efforts. Let me know as I can often get some special GIS 'free-bees' to compliment your activity. Need GPS units, ideas or leadership assistance in conducting a GPS hunt? Drop me an email at bhecht@ksu.edu or call (913) 683-9035. The 4-H GIS Leadership

Team has knowledgeable members who may be able to assist.

Hecht

Healthy Living

Insect bites, rashes, tainted food, outdoor injuries

It's too bad that these can often be part of a summer of fun activities. Fortunately, One Health Kansas has a wide variety of health and safety programs, marketing materials and electronic resources that you can introduce to your 4-H club, sports team or neighborhood group. Check out: onehealthkansas.ksu.edu then click on K-12 Education & Public Outreach

One Health Kansas, which is funded by the Kansas Health Foundation, provides programs to schools, youth organizations and community clubs. For more information contact: Joan Leavens at leavens@k-state.edu or Elaine Johannes (Ks 4-H Healthy Living Liaison) at ejohanne@ksu.edu

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Horse

4-H District Horse Shows

South Central

When: July 13

Where: Kingman Activity Center, Kingman

Chair person: Kelsey Holcomb, Cowley County

Entry deadline: June 15

holcombk@k-state.edu

(620) 221-5450

South West

When: July 7

Where: Finney County Fairgrounds, Garden City

Co-chairs: Elly Blasi, Meade County and Bill Haney, Kearny County

Entry deadline: June 15

Elly: blasi@k-state.edu; Bill: haney@ksu.edu

Elly: (620) 873-8790; Bill: (620) 355-6551

South East

When: July 7

Where: State Hospital Arena, Parsons

Chair person: Julie Traxson, Labette County

Entry deadline: June 15

jtraxson@ksu.edu

(620) 784-5337

North East

When: July 6

Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence

Chair person: Susan Patton, Meadowlark District - Oskaloosa

Entry deadline: June 6

firebird7595@yahoo.com

(816) 806-1226

North West

When: July 6

Where: Oakley Fairgrounds, Oakley

Chair person: Clint Milliman, Thomas County

Entry deadline: June 6

milliman@ksu.edu

(785) 460-4582

North Central

When: July 6

Where: Saline County Expo Center, Ag. Hall, Salina

Co-chairs: Mike Holder, Flint Hills – Cottonwood Falls
and Laura Marks, Flint Hills- Council Grove

Entry deadline: June 1

Mike: mholder@ksu.edu; Laura: llmarks@ksu.edu

Mike: (620) 273-6491; Laura: (620) 767-5136

East Central

When: July 5

Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence

Chair person: Darl Henson, Coffey County

Entry deadline: June 15

dhenson@ksu.edu

620-364-5313

Horticulture

State Horticulture Judging

The State Horticulture Judging Contest will be Saturday August 20, 2011 on the K-State Campus. More information will be available this summer.

[Hinshaw/Neier](#)

KYLF

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Presenters Needed

It is nearly time to recruit instructors/presenters for the 12th Annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum to be held November 18-20 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 2012 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 in mid July. Questions can be directed to Beth Hinshaw, bhinshaw@ksu.edu
Hinshaw/Chelsey Smith

Positive Youth Development

The end of the school year often brings busy 4-H camps, traveling team road trips, youth group “lock-ins” and summer service learning projects. Across all of these summer activities you’ll find well trained youth workers who demonstrate professional competencies and skills that guarantee safe and positive activities for all youth. The professional competencies that successful youth development professionals display have been studied and documented through lists of Core Professional Competencies. Check out the national report of Core Competencies of Youth Development Professionals which has been compiled by the Next Generation: Youth Work Coalition

The national 4-H PRKC (Professional Research, Knowledge and Competencies) system is one such list of professional competencies among a list of fourteen in the national report. The report compares these lists – which also includes Kansas’ Youth Development Competencies – and identifies the professional competencies common to all of them. Have you assessed your own professional competencies for youth work? Have you considered how you can strengthen those areas where you feel less sure of your skills?

For more information about Youth Development Core Competencies, the Next Generation: Youth Work Coalition, or K-State’s Youth Development graduate program contact Elaine Johannes at ejohanne@ksu.edu
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Shooting Sports

Fall Match Dates and Locations

October 1, 2011 Archery, Small Bore Rifle and Pistol, Muzzle Loading matches will be held again this year at the Capitol City Gun Club just west of Topeka.

October 8, 2011 Shotgun and Hunting skills matches will be at the Ark Valley Gun Club, Valley Center, Kansas.

Watch for details on these matches later.

Instructor renewals including annual report and \$5 fee will be due September 1, 2011 for all instructors except for those new people trained for the first time this past April. Instructors trained for the first time in 2011 have paid for next year via their registration fee. This renewal fee keeps your instructor certification current and provides additional liability insurance protection for each instructor. Instructors must pay renewal fee and provide county coordinator with yearly report even if they have not provided instruction during the past year (Sept. 2010 - August 2011).

Adams

World Citizenship

Western or Central Kansas Counties! Two Host Families!

We are down to two families needed to cover our International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) hosting needs for 2011. To fill these two needs, it would be highly preferable that they go to Central or Western Kansas because the counties they will be leaving and/or going to are in that part of the state.. The IFYE's who still need one family are as follows:

Robin from Germany (20) needs a family July 9/10 to July 30/31. His next family is in Decatur County. He is a farm boy who is used to working in field crop production for a large egg-producing farm. He will be entering agricultural university when he returns.

Johannes from Sweden (24) needs a family July 30/31 to August 20/21. His next family is in Comanche County. He is completing an electronic engineering degree specializing in sound. He grew up in a small town and was part of a 100-member 4-H club. His club conducts magic schools and circus schools. He remains active on the national 4H leadership groups.

If you have any ideas for potential hosts for either young man, please e-mail munson@ksbroadband.net or call 785-375-3189. Thanks to all who have helped with identifying families and/or conducted host family interviews. As of this writing there are also four Japanese boys ages 12 and 13 who need hosts for this summer's Japan Exchange. If you know families with boys in this age group who might host, contact Rose Scott at rose@threeriversinc.org or 785-388-2009.

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Japan Outbound Program Continues with Smaller Group

The States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Board decided to proceed with the exchange to Japan this summer with a variety of plans to reduce risk from the increased radiation from the damaged nuclear power plant. Delegates and their families were given the option of withdrawing from the exchange this year. Payton Jellison (Comanche) and Treavor Wright (Edwards) will be waiting until next year. Sam Devore (McPherson) and Katie Eberth (Leavenworth) are continuing their plans to travel this summer. Sam will be leaving June 9 for the Nihongo language program before his 4-week home stay and Katie will travel July 6 for the home stay only. Both return August 4.

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Kansas IFYE Alumni Host Outbound & Inbound Orientation in Wichita

Twenty-two 2011 International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) participants traveling from or going to central and western states will be hosted for a pre-departure/arrival orientation June 17-20 in Wichita, Kansas. Kansas IFYE alumni will be the hosts. This orientation will provide an opportunity to give final tips for survival in another culture and living with host families. They will have sessions on documenting their experiences and will also have an opportunity to practice intercultural communication. While here, they'll see some of what South Central Kansas has to offer by traveling to sites in Wichita and Hutchinson. Incoming IFYE's will be prepared for participation in 4-H and have an opportunity to tell our outbounds about their countries and 4-H partner organizations. Besides Kansas' outbound delegate and five incoming exchangees, we expect participants representing exchanges with Colorado, Montana and South Dakota this year. A grant from the IFYE Association of the USA will help fund the program. Following the Orientation, all except those coming to Kansas for the summer will depart for their exchanges. Kansas exchangees will travel to their first host families June 20.

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