

Kansas 4-H March 2009 Tipsheet

Deadlines:

Feb 15 Host Family Applications Due
Feb 15 Kansas 4-H Leadership Summit Registration Due
Feb 26 Buckeye Leadership Workshop Registration Due
Mar 1 4-H Road Signs Order Due
Mar 1 On-line Registration for Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop Due
Mar 1 Host Families for Teens from Costa Rica, Finland and Norway Applications Due
Mar 6 State 4-H Scholarships Due
Mar 6 Hard Copy Registration for Rally Obedience Dog Judge Training due to State 4-H Office
Mar 7 Rally Obedience Workshop and Fun Trial registration due to Dan Rogers, 2909 Nevada, Manhattan, KS 66502
Mar 9 Willie & the Beanstalk Registration Due
Mar 15 Venturers Registration Due
April 3 Basic Ops Registration Due
April 6 Team America Rocketry Challenge Registrations Due
May 1 ASI Housing and Care Form
May 1 2-year-old Snaffle Bit Project Project Eligibility Due
May 15 990-N Due
June 15 ASI Housing and Care Form
June 26 National Camping Institute Proposals Due

Strengthening Clubs Trainings

Save the date of May 12 for the next Strengthening Clubs I and II Trainings. Come learn techniques to share with the Club Leaders for encouraging fun, positive and exciting club meetings that youth and adults want to attend. For more information contact: Rod Buchele, Beth Hinshaw, Diane Mack, Pam Van Horn or Deryl Waldren.

[Van Horn](#)

Fort Hays Judging is Saturday, March 28 in Hays.

Open to 4-H & FFA members statewide.

The contest information for all 6 contests - Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock & Photography - is posted on the Ellis Co. Extension website - 4-H/Youth - 4-H Events. Please encourage your 4-H members to come and join the fun and learning.

New in 2009 - The livestock judging contest will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Also held in conjunction with this workshop - a Project Leader Workshop for parents at Albertson Hall during the judging contests. Participants get to take part in "hands on" activities that are quick and easy for them to take back and share with their local 4-H club members. This event is sponsored by the Northwest 4-H Advisory.

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ANIMAL SCIENCES AND INDUSTRY

Nomination Changes

Please check the Youth Livestock Web site at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu for the most up to date information on the Nomination Process. The KJLS board will be reviewing Family Nomination and Housing and Care forms on February 13. It will then move on to the KSF board and we will have more information to share at the end of February. These changes will have little impact on beef weigh-ins that we understand are occurring currently. The only required paperwork to the 2008 process will be of a housing and care form that may be filled out any time before the May 1, 2009 and June 15, 2009 nomination deadlines (depending on specie). New noseprint cards that reflect the fee change to \$6 are available from distribution but are not required. If you choose to use the old cards please make the correction by hand to \$6.

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K-State Youth Meat Goat Day – March 14

Weber Hall will host the first K-State Youth Meat Goat Day, March 14 at 8:45 a.m. This exciting interactive event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Participants will receive a t-shirt and lunch in addition to the program. Registration materials are available at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu.

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K-State Junior Swine Producer Day – March 21

This fun-filled day of activities is designed for youth and adults to increase their swine knowledge. Participants will receive hands-on education to provide a foundation in management and care for youth swine projects. Activities will begin in Weber arena at 8:45 a.m. Registration materials are available at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu.

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K-State Horse Show Judges Seminar & Youth Workshop – April 4

All ages are invited to come learn more about equine evaluation! You can become certified to judge state shows or just sharpen your judging eye. The event will feature Mr. Aaron Callahan of Cambridge, IL as our guest speaker. Video classes will include halter, showmanship, western pleasure, western horsemanship, hunter under saddle and equitation. This seminar will also serve as the Kansas State Horse Show Judges Certification workshop. **Important change!** This clinic will not be offered in 2010 if you need to renew your certification in 2010 you will need to attend in 2009. In the future, we plan to alternate this clinic every other year. With this change renewal of certification will now be required every four years.

Registration materials are available at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu.

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Youth Livestock Listening Session – April 15

Join us for the Youth Livestock Listening Session on April 15 at 1 p.m. The Kansas State Fairgrounds will host the event at the Hansen Auditorium in the Encampment Building. We are looking into the possibility of taping the event for our website for those who cannot be in attendance. You are also welcome to submit written comments in your absence. The discussion will be focused on four key areas: 1) Changes to Nomination Process, 2) Programming Considerations, 3) Education Opportunities, and 4) Awards, Premiums, and Sales. All comments should relate specifically to the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Shows.

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K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

Kansas high school youth are invited to apply for participation in a dynamic new program designed to educate students about the livestock industry, through an engaging summer experience hosted by K-State Animal Sciences and Industry. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The four-day event, June 10-13, will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty-five high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process. For application and additional information visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu or contact Sharon Breiner, Youth Livestock Coordinator at sbreiner@ksu.edu.

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AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Afterschool Programs

4-H Afterschool is an exciting delivery method for Kansas 4-H. If you are coordinating or contributing to an on-going afterschool educational program, I would like to know. Please summarize your involvement and send me an e-mail. Also, we're looking for enthused, energetic, passionate professionals to serve on a 4-H Afterschool Task Force. Excited? Contact Pam!

[Van Horn](#)

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4TH FRIDAY: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONVERSATIONS

Let's Talk Youth Development!

Join Elaine Johannes and members of the Youth Development PFT on March 27; 11am-noon, for monthly "4th Friday" conversations about youth development principles and practice. There are many challenges that people between ages 10-19 confront and those challenges make the job of youth development professionals more complex. Join us each month (or

occasionally as your schedule allows) for "4TH FRIDAY" conversations via Adobe Connect web conferencing. No prep or follow-up required to join "4th Friday" conversations.

For more information, contact Elaine Johannes, ejohanne@ksu.edu, 785-532-7720

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BASIC OPS

Basic 4-H Operations Training will be held April 20 & 21 in Manhattan. We invite you to attend this training where we share critical information for handling 4-H managerial issues that may and often do arise.

Basic 4-H Operations training begins at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 20 and goes through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21 in Room 2002 Throckmorton Hall on the K-State campus. This training is part of the New Agent Training Cycle, but anyone in the system that would like a refresher course is welcome.

Topics to be addressed include: 4-H Financial Management, VIP, Accountability to the 4-H mission, Learning through Events, Risk Management, Program Planning, Program Management and more.

Diane Mack, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, NE and Beth Hinshaw, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, SE are co-presenters for this training. If you have questions, please contact Diane or Beth. Cost to attend is \$20 payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Please contact Diane Mack at: dmack@ksu.edu by April 3 if you plan to attend.

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CAMPFERENCE

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to introduce the 4th ever Campference!!! This event is focused on youth ages 12-14, and will be held June 9-12, 2009, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the "camp" activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and activities to energize youth that will help them learn leadership skills and how to better interact with others.

More information will be available in March, and a note will go over the counties listserv when the information is posted.

[Hinshaw/Maass](#)/Kansas Youth Council Campference Committee

CAMPING

Camp Preparation

4-H Camping Season is approaching. Recruitment for camp counselors is in full swing...here's a check list to aid in the process.

- 1) Camp Counselor candidates complete an application.
- 2) Camp Counselor candidates complete an interview.
- 3) Camp Counselor candidates has submitted a VIP application.
- 4) Camp Counselor candidates complete VIP orientation. (Camp counselor training meets VIP requirements for camp counselor role only.)
- 5) Selected Camp Counselors complete a camp counselor contract and 4-H Participation Form.

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National Camping Institute

Interested in attending the National 4-H Camping Institute, March 16-20, 2010 at the Oregon 4-H Center near Salem? Then mark your calendars for this fun and educational opportunity. If you have something you would like to share with the NCI participants...the call for proposals is now available and can be accessed at the following address:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/national-camping-institute-2010-march-1620> Proposals are due June 26, 2009. Registration will open in July.

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CLOVERBUDS

4-H Cloverbuds

Beginning October 1, 2009, the Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds program will become the authorized 4-H education option for 5- and 6-year-olds. Former programs, such as tag-a-longs, mini-4-H, etc., cannot be recognized as 4-H Youth Development programs.

Now is the time to start preparing, as the local Extension Unit will determine if 4-H Cloverbuds, an age-appropriate educational membership opportunity for 5- and 6-year-olds is to be part of the local 4-H program. Suggested delivery methods may include: a county/district wide group, sponsorship by a local 4-H club, an afterschool or in school-based club, or collaborating with civic groups or other youth organizations.

For more information about 4-H Cloverbuds check the Kansas 4-H web site at www.Kansas4h.org under what's hot!

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DOGS

Rally Obedience Saturday, March 14, 2009, Pottorf Hall, Manhattan. Learn all you will want to know about Rally O. Workshop by Bud Kramer, Fun Trial for 4-H and Open, Dog Judge's training and a Dog Action Team meeting! Check out the Dog Care and Training webpage on www.Kansas4-H.org for all the details!! Check-in begins at 8:30am with pre-registration due March 6 and 7.

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GEOLOGY ACTION TEAM

Geology Action Team and State Field Trip Planning Meeting --Feb. 21,2009, 9:am at the Lyon County Extension Building in Emporia. Address is 2632 W. Highway 50. Anyone interested in helping with the Field Trips is encouraged to attend.

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HEALTHY LIVING

5th Annual HealthFest (April 17-18) at Rock Springs!

HealthFest, Extension's annual celebration of health and learning opportunity for youth-adult teams, is coming and we invite you to join us! This year's HealthFest will focus on the training of teens in the national 4-H Health Rocks curriculum, creating healthy "places" (e.g., gardens, trails, clubs) and reducing screen/media time.

Events begin Friday night at 6:30pm, snacks will be served, and will end by Saturday 3pm. Registration information will be available the first week of March and scholarships are available for youth (ages 12-19) as well as adults.

By the way, Health Rocks! is a great program for use with camping groups. The activities can be done throughout the day or in cabins in the evening. NEAT! For more information, contact: Elaine Johannes ejohanne@ksu.edu, Carol Fink

cfink@ksu.edu or Shane Oram shoram10@ksu.edu

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HORSE PROGRAM

Update

We are currently in the process of putting the final edits into the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. The newly revised rule book will be available at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Horse/> no later than March 20th, 2009. The changes will be put into effect at all 2009 district shows and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

The horse action team voted to restructure the Two-Year-Old and Three-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Projects. Please direct all 4-Her's participating in the Two-Year-Old and/or Three-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Project(s) to the press release at

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/Horse/TwoThreeYearOld.htm>

Do you have a 4-Her interested in participating in the Two-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Project? The following needs to be sent to the state 4-H office by May 1st, 2009 to be eligible to show a two-year-old in the Snaffle Bit Project at the 2009 Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show: a completed nomination form, a 4 x 6 color photo of the nominated horse, current 4-H horse ID papers signed by the agent, and the \$10 fee.

All 4-Her's wishing to show in the Three-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Project, must re-nominate the horse they showed in the Two-Year-Old Snaffle Project to be eligible to show. The nomination process is the same for the Two-Year-Old and Three-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Projects.

If you have any questions please contact Kaitlyn Crow at kcrow@ksu.edu or (785) 532-0746.

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IRS

--- Reminder! --

All 4-H Clubs and Affiliated Organizations that registered via the State 4-H Office last spring MUST file a 990- N (e-postcard) for the 2008 tax year BEFORE May 15, 2009! Don't put this off as you may have some glitches to work through. Be sure you document all efforts whether failures or successes! Refer to last month's tip sheet for the steps in filing.

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MARKETING

4-H Road Signs Available

4-H Road Sign Order Requests are available at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Marketing/4-HRoadSignOrderForm.pdf>. Signs are 22 x 28, with green lettering on white metal. Two styles are available, one listing the county and one that says 4-H Members Welcome You without a county listed. Cost is \$28.00 per sign. Details are on the order form. Order forms are due March 1, 2009 to Diane Mack.

[Mack](#) and 4-H Marketing Action Team Members

OPERATION MILITARY KIDS

Operation Military Kids Wants To Help Youth Attend Camp

OMK will fund \$100 towards camp registration fee for military connected youth. A \$100 award will be offered for each local unit to help send a child to camp. An OMK session must be offered at your camp to receive the funds. Military connected means that a child's parent is Active Duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, Air Guard or any other branch of the military.

We now have current numbers of military youth in your county. Most counties have military connected youth in the camping age group. Contact Ann Domsch, OMK Project Coordinator, at adomsch@ksu.edu, 785-532-2276 for more details.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

The Stars Align at Photo Camp 2009

Youth and adults interested in an in depth, intensive photography experience are invited to 4-H Photography Adventure Camp, June 24 - 27, 2009 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Hold the dates and plan to attend. The brochure is almost done and will be posted asap. Extension Units will be notified when it is posted. Camp cost will be close to last year's cost, scholarships will be available.

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State Fair photo bags

We have received several questions about where we got the new display bags used at the last Kansas State Fair. Information including a link on the bags is on the 4-H Photo Action Team web site: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/actionteamPhotography/>

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2009 Multi-County Photography Workshop

Sponsored by the Shawnee County 4-H Photography Members, Sunday, March 15, 2009 Auburn Community Center, Auburn, Kansas

Photo Judging Contest at 12:00noon

Workshops 1:00 - 4:00pm

Registration deadline is March 1, 2009

For information, please call 785-862-2010 or 785-232-0062 or e-mail ramondak@aol.com

The information and registration flyer is posted on the Southwest Area 4-H site:

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

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VOLUNTEERS

National Extension Conference on Volunteerism

I know times are tight and our Professional Development money is no longer available and the temptation to pull back is high. However, as the cliché says, "Tough times don't last, tough people do". Also the Leadership gurus say when times get tough the last thing that we should cut is the growing of ourselves and our people. This is a long way of saying continue to invest in developing yourself. One of the best growth and development opportunities available is the National Extension Conference on Volunteerism, April 27 - 30, 2009.

Susan Ellis from EnergizeInc. is the keynote speaker: **Extending Extension: Where We Fit in the Evolving World of Volunteering**

Extension has a proud history of volunteer engagement and a strong presence. As the options for how and where to serve expand, is Extension positioned to stay relevant and attractive to coming generations? In this opening session, we'll analyze the latest trends and issues in volunteerism and what these imply for Extension. What will it take to recruit long-term volunteers in a world of single days of service? What's the impact of international and online volunteer-related resources? Has the Obama Administration truly opened a "new era of responsibility"? How can Extension leverage its new Volunteerism Rubric to lead the profession of volunteer management? As this conference opens, be ready to stretch your mind, consider unorthodox ideas, and envision the future.

If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact me right away (there is a little money available to help you attend). Call now.

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Master 4-H Volunteer Program

Master 4-H Volunteers increase the quality and quantity of local 4-H programs by extending the Agent's reach.

Who should be a Master 4-H Volunteer? A valued volunteer who wants a different set of opportunities to contribute to the 4-H program (as in ready to step out of the Community Club Leader and might drop out of 4-H) or someone who has a special set of skills and/talents and is willing to invest them in 4-H. Another approach is: there is a new project or something new to the program you want to get done, a Master 4-H Volunteer could do that project (with your guidance) or maybe the Master 4-H Volunteer could take something off your plate so you could do that special new project. In all these cases, the key is getting the right Master 4-H Volunteer

Full information is at: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/Volunteer/MasterVolunteer.htm>

The page includes: A sample Master 4-H Volunteer Position Description, a blank position description, an information and application brochure, sample newsletter article, REACH (recruiting) and an agent information letter.

The Master 4-H Volunteer Program includes an outstanding training to equip Master 4-H Volunteers to accomplish their project. The project is determined jointly by the local Agent and the Master 4-H Volunteer. The next Master 4-H Volunteer Training is March 20 - 22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The application deadline is March 1st. The brochure has full information on the training and an application form

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VIP

Over 300 volunteers have been registered for the online VIP Orientation course. If you have not used this resource, please give it a try. To register a volunteer for the class, please send ks4-hvip@ksu.edu the name and email address of the volunteer and the Extension Unit.

The VIP Orientation CD has issues with the updated flash player. It still works on older (not updated) versions. It does not work with updated versions. If you need the orientation right away, please use the online version. The powerpoint (not automated or narrated) is available at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Volunteer/VIP/> This can be used with the teaching outline and the participant handout also available on the same web page.

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Volunteer Recruitment Resources

The 4-H Brand Network has a bunch of cool resources for Volunteer Recruitment. You will need to sign or create an account and sign in. <http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/apply/kitsvolunteer.aspx>

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National Volunteer Week

April 19 – 25, 2009

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/>

National Volunteer Week is a great time to recognize and thank our volunteers.

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WORLD CITIZENSHIP

Hosts Needed for Taiwan 4-H Professional Exchange

Taiwan 4-H, a 4-H program inspired by U. S. 4-H more than fifty years ago, is alive and well and working to keep its program meeting the needs of Taiwan citizens. Under new leadership for the last two years, the program has looked to Kansas 4-H to supply new ideas through the exchange of professionals and volunteer leaders. We have hosted one professional and two young adult leaders in 2007 and 2008. They have been most enthusiastic about learning from 4-H camps, activities and fairs. Their hosts have found them to have English skills and delightful to host.

In 2009 Taiwan 4-H has made a special request that Kansas host a young man on the national staff and a volunteer leader. I have met him and worked with him in organizing the exchanges. He promises to be an avid learner. The Taiwan 4-H Director would especially like to have the national staff member hosted by an Extension agent who works with 4-H. Would you consider this experience? He can be housed by the agent or by a local family if the agent(s) will spend time with him helping him learn about the program and what's involved in administering it. We are also seeking hosts for a volunteer leader too, who will likely be a college student who is active with 4-H. We have requested a female. We would expect that she also will want to be included in local 4-H activities. They will arrive in Kansas June 22 and depart about August 1 or 2. We would like to place them with three hosts each (for about two weeks per host). Please let Mary Kay Munson (munsonm@nqks.com or 785-238-3631) know if you have interest or questions. Refer local families who might enjoy this opportunity. Host family applications and reference forms may be found at www.Kansas4-H.org/worldcitizenship. We are awaiting details, but we also expect to have young adult European IFYE Representatives coming to Kansas. Most likely countries are Austria and Germany. Encourage families to complete applications and or contact Mary Kay Munson for latest information.

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Opportunities to Host Teens from Costa Rica, Finland and Norway

Kansas 4-H works through the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-HIEP), a collaboration of the states that participate in exchanges for 4-H teens, to offer two way exchanges with Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and Norway. Except for Japan the host family placements are made directly by the S4-HIEP program managers, WorldWide Exchange in Seattle. Applications are secured and families screened here in Kansas, so we try to secure applications a couple of weeks prior to their **March 1 application deadline**. It is probably possible to be considered as host for a teen (15-18) from Costa Rica, Finland or Norway or a chaperone from one of those countries until mid March if all have not been placed. Host families for teens should have a teen of the same gender and approximate age as the incoming teen. The teens stay with one family for four weeks between mid June and the end of July. The Norwegians come around the first of July and they would like to participate in 4-H camp which would be a limiting factor. How about it Far Points counties? We use the same application for hosting all exchanges. It may be found on the web site at: www.Kansas4-H.org/worldcitizenship. Contact Mary Kay Munson for information (munsonm@nqks.com or 785-238-3631).

The Japan exchange is also part of S4-HIEP, but Kansas commits to hosting a group of young teens from Japan and does both the screening and placements in state. We expect 25 Japanese youth and chaperones between July 21 and August 19. Several Extension districts and counties have committed to host. Contact Rose Scott for information.

Rose@threeriverinc.org or 785-388-2009.

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Kansas 4-H International Get-Together

The annual Kansas 4-H International Get-Together will be held Saturday, March 28 in Denmark Community Hall in Lincoln County. The Kansas IFYE Association invites you and your family to come for good food and fellowship with the eight 2008 4-H international returning delegates and the ten 2009 outgoing delegates. The Denmark Community Hall is located at Denmark, Kansas, off I-70 to the north and west of Lincoln.

A special Danish dinner catered by Kerri Isabell and Kathy Nielsen is planned for 6 p.m. at a cost of \$17.00 per person. For meal reservations, call Kathryn Lupfer-Nielsen, Post Rock District FCS Agent at 785-524-4432 or e-mail her at knelsen@oznet.ksu.edu. Please make your reservations by Monday, March 23. All 2009 outgoing 4-H international delegates will be guests of the Kansas IFYE Association.

Registration and the setting-up of displays and socializing will begin at 3:30 pm. A Kansas IFYE Association meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. The 2008 returning delegates will present the evening program beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by the 2009 delegate send-off.

The presentations will include: Australia - Shayla Lowry, Geary County, Bonnie Murphy, Harper County, OK, Shelbie Smith, Edwards County; Costa Rica - Steuart Helsleigh, Jefferson County; Japan - Kathleen Wilson, Geary County; Finland - Samantha Bauman, Osage County and Lindsay Kallenbach, Stevens County; and Germany - Genna Gehrt, Wabaunsee County, 2008 IFYE Representative.

Orientation activities for the 2009 delegates will begin on Friday, March 27, 7-9 p.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse. Kathryn Lupfer-Nielsen, (cell phone - 785-658-6060) is planning host family stays for Friday night. An all -day session will continue on Saturday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. immediately followed by the Kansas 4-H International Get-Together. For additional information, call Alison Guthrie at 620-357-8473, or e-mail her at: alisonsguthrie@gmail.com.

Directions: If you are driving west on I-70, turn off at exit 221 on Hwy 14 and drive 15 miles north to Lincoln. Turn west on Hwy 18 and drive 7 miles (to old service station). Turn north and drive 3 miles. If you are driving east on I-70, turn off at exit 209 and drive north to Sylvan Grove, then onto Hwy 18. Turn east for 6 miles (to old service station). Turn north and drive 3 miles.

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