

March 2011 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

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Deadlines

- Feb 15 National 4-H Volunteer Salute to Excellence Applications due**
- Feb 15 Priority Deadline to be a host family for International Exchange**
- Feb 15 Master Volunteer Registration due**
- Feb 23 Landon Center on Aging Photo Entries due**
- Mar 1 Citizenship Washington Focus Applications due**
- Mar 1 Kansas Junior Swine Producer Applications due**
- Mar 11 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Applications due**
- Mar 15 Horse Action Team/Horse Board Applications due**
- Mar 15 Camp Information to Rock Springs**
- Mar 15 Horse Judging Registration due**

This Month's Tip Sheet

Major Kansas State Fair Changes For 2011

1. All classes having standing displays will use the standard 3'x 4' tri-fold size.
2. Fashion Revue will allow 2 entries per class from each county.
3. New Geology Lapidary classes.
4. 4-H Spacetech-Rocketry section has major revisions.
5. 4-H/FFA dairy cattle may be co-owned and co-registered by two or more 4-H or FFA members of the same family, but may not be registered in a farm name or include any names of adults. (This is in agreement with beef heifer rule).
6. 4-H/FFA crops has a new class for cotton bolls.

For further details and minor changes, check out the posting on the 4-H website under events/Kansas State Fair.

Kansas 4-H T- Shirt Design Contest

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is holding a design contest for their next T-Shirt that will be sold starting in the summer of 2011. Any current 4-H member is encouraged to submit a design. Submissions are due by April 1, 2011. Information and official submission form can be found on the State 4-H website.

[Hinshaw](#) and the [Kansas Youth Leadership Council PR Committee](#)

Alpha of Clovia 4-H based Scholarship House Opportunity for Women

Alpha of Clovia is a 4-H based scholarship house for women near the Kansas State University campus. Clovia is a house ran for the women and by the women. All women participate in determining house rules and electing officers. House duties are distributed among members and arranged around class schedules. This cooperative effort allows Clovia to be an economical living situation. Members pay about \$1,500 each semester, which includes 18 meals/week, laundry, internet, and utilities. A semester in the residence halls with 20 meals/week is around \$3,500. The average cost of living in a sorority for a semester is over \$2,600.

Clovvia is a home away from home. Since all Clovvia girls share similar backgrounds and interests, moving into Clovvia is like gaining instant friends. The girls are all ready to help new members get adjusted to living away from home and find their way around campus and Manhattan. To be eligible for new membership, a girl must have been an active member of 4-H or have a similar background. If the prospective member is a high school senior, she must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Clovvia strives to find new members who have a positive attitude, a good academic record, and good leadership skills. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Clovvia, visit the website at www.alphaofclovvia.org.

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Delegates Needed

Applications are still being accepted for 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus, June 16-27, 2011. Citizenship Washington Focus is open to youth, ages 15-18 years old. It is an intensive 11 day summer citizenship experience in our nation's capitol.

Along the route, delegates tour educational sites like the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, St. Louis and Independence Hall in Philadelphia/Gettysburg Battlefield or Monticello and Williamsburg, Virginia. Delegates and/or their counties are responsible for the cost of \$1,425. Applications are due March 1st.

Wiebers

Out-of-School Program Idea Conference

October 4, 2011, Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st. Street N., Wichita - reserved the date for this fantastic conference. A call for presentations coming soon. Watch for more details.

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Kansas Foster Care Resource Family Grants

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Saint Francis Community Services are working together to provide funding opportunities for children and families involved with foster care.

The purpose of the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs is to provide financial assistance for foster youth and their resource families who want to participate in learning opportunities available through 4-H. Kansas 4-H is open to all youth ages 7 through 18 wanting to expand their learning opportunities. 4-H focuses on developing confident, capable, caring, responsible citizens. 4-H offers a wide range of project areas that youth may learn from, ranging from agriculture to food and nutrition to aerospace and photography. Although being involved in the local club can provide an opportunity for youth to learn from each other and contribute to others through community service projects, volunteers and family support are also important elements of 4-H as volunteers and parents serve as club and project leaders that guide and mentor youth.

Family Project Grants

- o Children must enroll as 4-H members through their local extension office
- o Eligible 4-H member can only apply for one 4-H project and one 4-H camp grant per year.
- o Grant funds are for the purpose of starting or enhancing a 4-H project during the 4-H year such as purchasing a camera, craft supplies, clothing, feed, equipment, etc.

o Eligible 4-H member may request funds for supplies and equipment needed for participating in a pet or livestock project; however, funds are not available for the purchase of pets or livestock.

o Grant funding cannot include meal expenses.

o Items and supplies purchased from grant funding for 4-H project become the property of the eligible 4-H member.

o Liability, maintenance and warranty of the items and supplies purchased become the responsibility of the eligible 4-H member.

Grant application and instructions available on the Kansas 4-H Web site: www.Kansas4H.org.

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Van Horn

Geology/Entomology Exhibit Boxes

Alan Meinholdt, State 4-H Geology Action Team Member, continues to make the standard display boxes for these projects for \$23/box. Alan is willing to take orders and work with the system to deliver them at a minimum cost to the 4-H member. This cost does not include staining, but does include the plexiglass top. To order boxes, contact Alan Meinholdt, 1407 Rural, Emporia, Kansas 66801 or phone 620-343-7368 or email anmeinholdt@bcglobal.net

Adams

KAE4-HA Spring Conference Set for April

Please put on your calendar April 12 - 13 for our KAE4-HA Spring Professional Development Conference and Annual Meeting. It will be in Salina and be just before Spring Action Conference. Rooms will be available at the Ramada for the same rate as SAC, (\$65.00 per night). This date and location was arrived at after extensive discussion with many of you. More information will be available soon.

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Tractor Supply Company Partnership Opportunities

As we move into the new year, we are thrilled to announce the upcoming opportunities for fundraising, membership recruitment, and prizes that are part of our exciting partnership with Tractor Supply Company. Many of you have shared feedback regarding more advanced notification of opportunities and events, so to help you plan, please review our 6-month calendar detailing upcoming events and promotions with TSC. This calendar runs from January to June, 2011. It contains dates for events, how to obtain more information, and where to find resources that may be available.

Below is a brief overview of the top three upcoming opportunities/events:

- **TSC Clover Card** : Enrollment is open for the TSC Clover Card! As 4-H youth, staff, families, volunteers, and alumni - you can sign up for your free, exclusive card at the TSC website . You will receive periodic printable coupons via email and a 10% off introductory coupon just for joining. In addition, each time you make a purchase at a TSC store and use your card, your club will be entered into a random monthly drawing to win a \$500 TSC gift card! The TSC Clover Card is not a discount card.

- **DuMor Show Feed** : TSC is launching a new line of private label feeds for cattle, pig, poultry, goat, and lamb on January 24, 2011; and for each bag purchased, TSC is generously donating \$.25 per bag to support 4-H Animal Science curriculum development. More information about this new opportunity will be made available at the TSC website.

- **Spring Paper Clover** : Mark your calendars, TSC and Del's stores will run our spring Paper Clover Fundraiser in all stores nationwide from April 15-25! Coming soon we will have customizable resources (press release template, posters, etc.) available for you at the 4-H website

Please contact Julie Conn at jconn@4-h.org with any questions.

County Club Days Coordinator

Collegiate 4-H's County Club Days Coordinator is Kylee Grant. She can be reached at kyleeg@ksu.edu or by phone at 620-285-9048. During this spring semester try to avoid the following dates due to conflicts or other scheduled dates which keep Collegiate 4-Hers from participating:

February 19th- Meadowlark Dist-Seneca Club Days
February 26th- Brown Co Club Days
February 26th- Riley Co Club Days
March 18th-27th- (Spring Break)
April 13th-18th- (National Collegiate 4-H Meeting in Georgia)
April 22nd-25th- (Easter Weekend)

Please include which categories judges are needed in your requests.

U of M offers online workshop: Understanding Teen Risk-Taking

Would you like to learn more about research on adolescent risk-taking and implications for your work? Register now for the workshop, "Understanding Adolescent Risk-Taking Behavior-Online Research Update for Professionals," developed by University of Minnesota Extension. This is the final time this topic will be offered as an online research update.

This short term professional development opportunity is designated to: define risk-taking, present a multi-dimensional framework for understanding risk-taking, introduce a model of adolescent decision making, reframe risk-taking, and offer a systems approach to risk-taking with an emphasis on family influences. Participants will have opportunities to apply current research on risk-taking through online activities and in threaded discussions. Participants will also be encouraged to discuss topics with other colleagues.

The workshop is geared to professionals who work in schools, extension, court systems, treatment programs, faith based organizations, and public health; also counselors, social workers, youth workers, parent educators, prevention specialists, and others who work with teens and their families in community organizations and agencies.

Registration is open from now until March 15, 2011. The workshop is accessible from the time registration confirmation is received through June 1, 2011. Participants can go in and out of the online workshop as many times as they wish, completing it at their own pace. An opportunity to connect with instructors and participants will be offered via a webinar on April 12, 2:00pm, CST. Registration fee is \$50 per person; \$45/individual when three or more people register from the same agency or funding source. Upon completing the workshop and evaluation, participants can

access a certificate of completion documenting four clock hours. To register or learn more, visit <http://www.parenting.umn.edu>

Questions? Contact Colleen Gengler, Extension Family Relations Educator, at cgengler@umn.edu, 888-241-4635 or 507-372-3907, or Jodi Dworkin, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, at jdworkin@umn.edu or 612-624-3732.

Animal Sciences

K-State Youth Livestock Programs

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day is March 12, 2011 at Weber Arena

This year's speaker Al Schminke will cover topics including: Selecting Your Youth Project, Nutrition, Breeds and Swine Identification, Two Weeks to Show Day, and Facilities. All participants receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, T-shirt, and complementary noon lunch. Registration forms are due March 1st and can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

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Kansas Junior Meat Goat Day is March 26, 2011 at Weber Arena

The speaker will be Glen Martin of Mason, Texas. Registration forms are due March 11th and can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

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K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy is set for June 8-11, 2011 at Kansas State University

The goal of the academy is to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry through an engaging summer experience hosted by K-State Animal Sciences and Industry. This four-day event will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based on educational, community, and agricultural involvement. Applications are due March 15th and can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

Don't forget to check out the YLP on Facebook and Twitter for more information on our events!

Facebook: K-State Youth Livestock Program

Twitter: @KS_YLP

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Awards and Recognition

Interview KAP Dates

Friday, March 18 – Manhattan

Saturday, March 19 – Topeka and Wichita

Monday, March 21 – Chanute, Garden City and Dodge City

Tuesday, March 22 – Olathe and Salina

Wednesday, March 23 – Ottawa and Hays

Thursday, March 24 – Colby

Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 25 – as needed

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Camp

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

2011 Camp Payment Process

Administrators have agreed on the following for 2011 Camp payments:

KSRE Rock Springs Camp Payment

1. Individual extension units will pay Rock Springs within two weeks prior to the start of camp.
2. By February 1, the camp chair will submit to Rock Spring a list of extension units and whether to invoice the 4-H Council or Extension Council.
3. Two weeks prior to camp, the camp chair notifies the assigned Rock Springs Administrator on Duty of individual extension units' numbers by campers, counselors and agents/adults. (Scenic County: 112 campers, 15 counselors, 4 agents/adults for counselor training and 12 additional agents/adults). Plus, provide Rock Springs with the number of campers housed in the Stonybrook living area.
4. Upon receiving the number of campers by extension unit from the camp chair, Rock Springs will invoice individual extension units within the camp group.
5. Rock Springs will adjust for available discounts based on camper numbers and Stonybrook campers.
6. During 4-H camp, financial changes will be adjusted as needed. Additional fees must be submitted within two weeks following camp participation.

Extension 4-H Camp Incidental Fees

Options:

1. Camp groups' financial account managed within either an extension unit's 4-H Council or Extension Council as a sub-account.
2. Extension unit manages the account under KSRE recommendations.
3. Preference of KSRE Administration would be individual agents/adult volunteers purchase needed supplies/equipment on personal account and submit expenses to camp group treasurer for reimbursement.
4. All financial transactions must be accounted.

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Campference

2011 4-H Campference!

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to promote Campference! This event is focused on youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2011), and will be held June 14-17, 2011, 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. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, **healthy** living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Registration materials will be available on the State 4-H web page in March, with registrations due in local offices in early May.

[Hinshaw](#), [Maass](#) and the Campference Committee

CHARACTERCOUNTS!

CHARACTER COUNTS! You Can Do It and It's Worth It

I previously talked about two third graders: Leon, who had serious anger-management issues, and Sam, an incorrigible bully. Both boys were disciplined repeatedly with no effect, and their teacher Shavonne concluded that character and life-skill development efforts would be a waste of time.

To be sure, changing entrenched character traits is definitely not easy or certain, but it's far from impossible. You can change a person's behavior if you change his beliefs. Specifically, the task is to instill two specific beliefs: 1) "You can do it," and 2) "It's worth it."* Take Leon's anger management as an example. We can change his behavior if we convince him that he can resist his negative impulses if he really wants to, and that whatever work it would take to develop greater self control is worth it because his current life and future prospects would be so much better. First, we'd prove to him he can do it by reminding him of all the times he has done it. We could give him examples of others just like him who have done it, and we could teach him impulse control strategies (like counting to 10 before reacting) and praise him whenever he uses them. Next, we need to convince him that his life would improve greatly. We could discuss all the bad things that happen when he loses control and all the good things that can happen when he doesn't. We could show him how his opportunities increase and his relationships improve. The point is that change is always possible. So our message to teachers like Shavonne is: you can do it and it's worth it. [* The formulation "I can do it and it's worth it" comes from *Influencer: The Power to Change Anything*, an excellent book on change by a quintet of business consultants: Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, David Maxfield, Ron McMillan, and Al Switzler. Another outstanding book is *Switch* by Dan and Chip Heath.] (Josephson, Michael. February 20, 2011)
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Curriculum Corner

Curriculum Available for Download

Curriculum Action Team is recruiting new members!! We are in need of agents, and adult and teen volunteers who would like to help with project leader training. We especially need science teachers to help categorize existing project lessons according to the Kansas or national science standards.

If you know of anyone willing to contribute even for a short time during the summer, or as a student intern, or possibly some credit hours, please contact Jim Adams at (785) 532-5800, or jadams@ksu.edu

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Dogs

Dog Care and Training

The Dog Care and Training Action Team is experiencing a transition period and needs interested youth (14 and older), adult volunteers, and any agents that would like to join us. This is a very active group as they provide training for certified 4-H dog show judges, provide a Discovery Day class, conduct the state 4-H dog show at the state fair, plan and conduct Dog Conference at Rock Springs, and keep all the Dog Care and Training publications current. If you know youth or adult volunteers that would like to help contribute beyond the local level, encourage them to fill out an application that can be found on the state 4-H website.

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FCS

FCS Information for 2011 Available

Project meeting ideas for family and consumer science projects (clothing and textiles, family studies, fiber arts, foods and nutrition, health and wellness, and home environment) have now been posted on the 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx>. The Family and Consumer Science Action Team asks that these topics be made available to club and county leaders of those projects to assist them in planning project meetings.

If you have any questions, please email Linda Biles at sewandsewbiles@aol.com

Linda Biles, FCS Consultant

State 4-H Family and Consumer Science Tour – March 26, 2011

Spend the day, March 26 exploring the treasures of southwest Kansas. Step back into time as you stroll the streets of Meade where the Dalton Gang's hideout is located. Visit a dairy to watch the cows being fed and milked. Tour a tortilla plant observing tortillas being made from start to finish. Taste the flavorful foods of the southwest plus purchase authentic baked goods from the local market.

Registration for this adventure is \$15 per person, due March 12. The tours are limited to the first 50 registrants. For those driving, the Days Inn in Liberal has a block of 12 rooms reserved under the "State FCS Conference" for \$54.00 just by calling 620-626-7377, this includes occupancy tax and a continental breakfast. A small swimming pool is available. For more information contact Christine McPheter, cmcphete@ksu.edu. The tour is sponsored by the Family and Consumer Science Action Team.

Van Horn

GPS/GIS

GLOBE at Night - A Citizen Science Program - www.globeatnight.org

There's still time to offer your clubs, families, and other educators a great "grab & go" citizen science program. GLOBE at Night is an internet-based geospatial program in which youth and

families can contribute and monitor light pollution world-wide. By locating and observing specific constellations, they can learn how the lights in their community contribute to light pollution, and explore the relationship between science, technology, and their society. This global scientific campaign lets participants submit their observations through an online database, allowing for authentic worldwide research and analysis by participating scientists.

The 2011 observation reporting time is February 21 - March 6, 2011 and March 22 - April 4, 2011. Family and teacher activity packets are available for download at www.globeatnight.org. Additional resources exist on the site to help your audience take concepts one step further including a 15 minute light shielding demonstration. Review a brief program presentation by clicking on the Globe at Night icon on the Kansas 4-H home page.

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Healthy Living

Teen Injury Prevention

Spring is just around the corner, and more drivers will be on-the-road including youth. Here's a reminder about how to protect teens on the road.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year olds, and the use of drugs or alcohol increase teens' crash risks. As teens take to the roads, you can take action by talking about the dangers of drugged and drunk or "buzz" driving. Parents are the most important influence on their teens when it comes to risky behaviors, including substance abuse and driving.

The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign provides FREE online resources for community leaders and parents of teen drivers to help start the conversation about the dangers of driving under the influence. Visit <http://www.theantidrug.com/resources/impaired-driving.aspx> to get more information on ways to prevent drugged driving in your community.

Submitted by Elaine Johannes, Kansas Healthy Living Liaison ejohanne@ksu.edu, 785-532-7720.

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Horse

Panorama

A big "Thank You" to all of our volunteers who helped make the 2011 4-H Horse Panorama a success! Also, thank you to all of our participants and parents! Congratulations to all of the 4-H'ers who competed at the 2011 Horse Panorama!

The results can be found on the 4-H website
(<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=193>)

Horse Action Team/Horse Board

In spring 2011, positions for the Horse Action Team and Horse Board will be re-appointed. Applications will be accepted for both groups. Please note: Beginning in 2011, interested candidates will complete a Horse Action Team application, which is for membership on the Horse Board and Horse Action Team. This is to avoid any confusion since all Board members must be on the Horse Action Team. The deadline for applications will be March 15 and members

will be appointed by April 15. Please contact Sarah Dick sarahdd@ksu.edu for additional information.

Horse Show Judge's Seminar/Certification

There will not be a 2011 Horse Show Judge's Seminar and Certification. The next Horse Show Judge's Seminar and Certification will be in 2012. All Horse Show Judge's with terms expiring in 2011 will have a one year extension. Additional information on the 2012 seminar will be available in the coming months.

State Horse Judging Contest

The 2011 State Horse Judging Contest is March 26 at the Ag Hall, Expo Center in Salina. Registration information and rules can be found on the 4-H website <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=43>

Check-in time is from 8:30- 9:00 A.M. The contest will begin at 9:00 A.M.

Lunch will be provided for the Intermediate and Senior contestants. At the completion of the judging portion of the contest, the Beginner contestants will be dismissed. The Intermediates and Seniors will eat under supervision.

Registration costs are as follows:

Senior (14-18)/Intermediate (9-13): \$12.00 (Intermediate/Senior meal included in cost)

Beginner (7-18): \$5.00.

Entries and required 4-H Participation Forms are due by 5:00 P.M., March 1, 2011 to the State 4-H Office. ATTENTION: 4-H Horse Judging Contest, 201 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. Please make checks payable to: Kansas 4-H Foundation.

District Horse Show info

The 2011 District Horse Show dates and locations are as follows:

South Central

July 13, Kingman Activity Center, Kingman

South West

July 7, Finney County Fairgrounds, Garden City

South East

July 7, State Hospital Arena, Parsons

North East

July 6, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence

North West

July 6, Oakley Fairgrounds, Oakley

North Central

July 6, Saline County Expo Center, Ag Hall, Salina

East Central

July 6, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence

Please contact Sarah Dick, Kansas 4-H Horse Events Coordinator sarahdd@ksu.edu with any questions or for additional information.

Dick

Horticulture

Horticulture Judging at the Wichita Garden Show

For those that have members signed up for the Wichita Garden Show Horticulture Judging Contest, please be looking for tickets and final instructions the week of Feb 20.

[Hinshaw](#) and [Neier](#)

Marketing

Resources Available for Orienting New 4-H Families

The 4-H Marketing Action Team provided many resources to attract new families to your local 4-H program. Now is the time to focus on engaging them in the program.

One way to help orient new families is with their own newsletter. Marketing Action Team members Andrea Feldkamp, Riley County and Amy Sollock, Ford County, send a special newsletter to new families. Andrea and Amy shared their newsletters. They are available in both word and pdf on the Marketing Action Team Resources website at:

<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>

Remember that resources for new families are also available in the Strengthening Club I materials. Resources include: New Family Coordinator Position Description; Welcoming New 4-H Members; Welcoming New 4-H Members Example: Greet Sheet; 4-H Parent Interest Survey; and 4-H Parent (Home Helper) Position Description. They are available in both word and pdf on the Strengthening Club I website at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=60>

We appreciate those of you who responded to our survey to help us plan for future projects. We value your input.

Mack/Marketing Action Team

Photography

PHOTO CAMP 2011 - "The Next Generation" June 8-11, 2011 at Rock Springs 4-H Center

From the basics of composition and lighting to new skills and techniques, youth ages 13-15 will be immersed in all aspects of photography. Campers will learn how to shoot in a variety of situations and settings as well as learn tips and tricks from a variety of instructors with a variety of backgrounds. Photo Adventure Camp will elevate skills and creativity to a new level. "Eating, sleeping, and living photography for four days is an experience you should try," stated a 2010 photo camper.

Registrations are due May 15. Youth camp fee is \$165 and includes housing, meals, and instruction. 25 campers must be registered by May 15 or camp will be cancelled. Adults may attend camp for \$175.

Full information will be posted on Kansas4-H.org by March 1st.

Buchele

2011 Camera Corps

We just received word that photography project members are invited to participate in the 2011 4-H Camera Corps. Applications are now being accepted. More information will be posted on Kansas4-H.org very soon.

4-H Camera Corps is a great opportunity for 4-H members who desire the challenge to expand their photography skills. Working independently, participants will identify local photo opportunities, choose subjects of personal interest, and tell a story through their photographs. Nationwide Agribusiness, with assistance from photographer, Tim Florer, sponsors the 4-H Camera Corps project as a way to give interested 4-H members a way to expand their photography skills as a photojournalist.

The theme chosen for the 2011 Camera Corps is "Rural Architecture." You do not need to live in a rural area to participate. Through this project, we hope you get some great photos and learn a little about the history of architecture in rural Kansas. To see the Iowa Camera Corps information, go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa4-hcameracorps>

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Wichita Garden Show

The annual 4-H Photography Extravaganza will be March 4th and 5th at the Wichita Garden Show. The 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be March 5th. With the recent staff changes, there will be some changes in the Judging Contests entry procedure. These changes will be announced soon. Contest Registrations will be due mid-February.

Some general Information is available on Wichita Garden Show web site:

<http://www.wichitagardenshow.com/photography.html>. The overall schedule will remain much the same as in the past. Friday evening, March 4th, photography workshops and after hours photo shoot. Saturday morning, March 5th, Horticulture Judging Contest, Photography Judging Contest, and Saturday afternoon, presentation of results and awards.

Save the dates, let everyone know and plan to be there March 4th and 5th, 2011.

Buchele/Hinshaw

4-H Photo Adventure Camp

Advance notice, the 16th Annual 4-H Photo Adventure Camp will be June 8 - 11, 2011 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It will be all photography, all digital. Watch for the announcement of full information, coming shortly after the first of the year. Save the dates June 8 -11, 2011 and let folks know so they can get it on their calendars.

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Photography Opportunity

4-H has been invited to participate in the Landon Center on Aging (KU Medical Center) Images of Aging photography contest. Winning photos will receive cash prizes and be used on the Center on Aging Calendar and website. Photos are due Feb. 23, 2011. Here is the link to the rules for the contest: http://www2.kumc.edu/coa/Photo_Contest/center_on_aging_photo_contest.htm

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Positive Youth Development

"Building Positive Youth Development in Kansas" training to be held April 26

A number of Kansas youth development organizations are coming together on April 26 in Wichita to provide training to youth workers at the "Building Positive Youth Development in Kansas" training institute. K-State Research and Extension, Kansas Enrichment Network (KEN) and Kansas Communities-in-Schools are partnering to sponsor the event which will provide participants training in Cornell University's Advanced Youth Development (AYD) curriculum which focuses on positive youth development principals and program components. During the day, KEN will also provide training in Kansas Afterschool Program Quality Guidelines and self-assessment tools. Here is a "Sold the Date" card for your use and distribution https://webmail.k-state.edu/service/home/~/Save%20the%20Date%20BPYD%20April%202011.pdf?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=8711&part=2

More details regarding the April 26 event to be held at the Sedgwick County Extension Office in Wichita will be available soon.

For more information, contact Marcia Dorvak at the Kansas Enrichment Network (785) 864-9665 or Elaine Johannes at ejohanne@ksu.edu

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Shooting Sports

Upcoming Shooting Sports Events

The Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop is scheduled for April 1-3, 2011 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is a chance to recruit a unit Coordinator and maybe one discipline instructor to get the program started in your Extension Unit or send additional instructors to add to your current program. ***This will be the only workshop this year to get certified!*** Online registration is up and running at www.Kansas4-H.org. Just click on the green "Register" button in the upper left corner of the page ***BEFORE March 1st***. Details may be obtained by clicking on the link in the "What's Hot" column on the main web site.

Adams

The Spring Shooting Sports (BB gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol) Match will be held in Great Bend on April 16, 2011. Opportunities for t-shirts (4-H member contest for best design), barter bar, and more details coming soon. Registration will be through unit coordinators in hard copy format and due to the State 4-H office by April 1st.

Adams

Volunteers

The National Extension Conference on Volunteerism (NECV)

The National Extension Conference on Volunteerism (NECV) will be held April 18 - 21, 2011 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The NECV is designed for all extension faculty and staff who work with volunteers and volunteer programs. Featured International Volunteerism Expert presenters are: Martin J Cowling & Susan J. Ellis. A full slate of outstanding workshops and seminars will be presented, all focused on Volunteers and Volunteerism. This will be a great conference, here is the website: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=930378>

Master 4-H Volunteer Training

Last call for participants for the Master 4-H Volunteer Training March 11-12. Applications are due NOW.

See: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=62> for the full information and forms.

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North Central Regional Volunteer Forum Planning

We are still looking for volunteers to help plan the 2012 North Central Volunteer Forum, October 11-14, 2012 at the Hyatt Hotel in Wichita. See: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=314> for full information and application forms. We are looking for Adult, Youth, and Agent Volunteers. We have opportunities for all interests.

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World Citizenship

Host Families Needed for International Exchangees

It looks like Kansas will be hosting IFYE Representatives (ages 19-26) from Austria, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and Taiwan. The ones we have information on so far are males, but we are waiting for details on most of them. We anticipate they will go to their first host families June 20 immediately after their Orientation in Wichita and will stay until around August 1 or September 7. Length varies with the delegate. We may have a female Austrian from mid July until around the end of August. Each exchangee will need several families, hosting 2-3 weeks. Please contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net with any prospects for hosting. Prospective families may obtain information about hosting and the application at <http://www.Kansas4-H.org>; follow links to Programs, World Citizenship and Kansas Exchanges Info and Forms. Any family is eligible to apply regardless of the age and gender of their children, and hosts are not required to have children at home. Following is the information we have as of this writing on this summer's inbounds:

Klemens, M, 26, Austria, lives on a farm producing corn, cattle and wood and works as an electrician. He has been active in Landjugend (rural youth). His hobbies are snowboarding and photography. He has good English.

Robin, M, 19, Germany, grew up on a poultry farm and plans to study agriculture when he returns from the exchange. He has studied English for several years.

Kansas has received applications for 27 pre-teens and teens (ages 12-16) and 2 chaperones from Japan. Host coordinators have been identified in four Extension Districts and counties—Barton Co., Central Kansas District, Finney Co., and River Valley District. If there are potential host families in other Extension units, please Contact Rose Scott, state coordinator at 785-388-2009 or rose@threeriversinc.org. The Japanese teens will need a host family with a host sibling within two years and the same gender as their new Japanese family member from July 23 to August 18.

Families may also apply to host teens (15-18) from Argentina, Costa Rica and Norway for one month. Applications are due March 1 in Seattle, WA, and host families must be screened prior to submission. They will be accepted until all placements are made at States' 4-H International Exchange Programs. If there are families who would like to host one of these teens, please contact Mary Kay Munson as soon as possible since we are so near the deadline. Dates for these inbounds vary with the home country. They are in the U.S. for a month between June 19 and July 27.

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Host Family Needed for Norwegian with Gluten-Free Diet

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs, the manager of our exchanges for 4-H members (under 19), has requested assistance in locating a host family for a Norwegian 4-H girl age 16 with celiac disease, a condition requiring a gluten-free diet. Do you know of a 4-H family who is preparing gluten-free meals or would be willing to prepare a special diet for her with no wheat, barley, rye, oats or other gluten-containing products? She probably would not do well on a grain farm producing these grains due to the dust. If a family can accommodate these food needs, Melene should be a delightful addition to the family. Please contact Mary Kay Munson as soon as possible if you have a prospect.

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Kansas Outbound Exchange Delegate Placements Confirmed

Seven Kansas 4-H members and alumni have received confirmation they will be traveling to their first choice destinations this spring and summer. The delegates, 4-H program home counties, their exchange countries and dates are as follows:

Gretchen Berns, Marian Co--Australia, March 2 to May 31

Sam DeVore, McPherson Co.—Japan, June 9 to August 4

Jeanette Jellison, Commanche Co.—Japan, June 9 to August 4

Treavor Wright, Edwards Co.—Japan, June 9 to August 4

Michelle Stork, Riley Co.—Norway, June 18 to August 16 (tentative dates)

Katie Connor, Johnson Co.—Finland, June 25 to July 27

Katie Eberth, Leavenworth—Japan, July 6 to August 4

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