

# October 2008

## Deadlines:

- Sept 15 Fall State Match (Archery, Small Bore Rifle, Small Bore Pistol & Muzzleloading) Registrations Due
- Sept 22 State 4-H Fall Match (Shotgun) Registrations Due
- Oct 1 Dog Conference T-Shirt Design Entries Due
- Oct 1 Nat'l 4-H Conference Applications Due
- Oct 1 KS Extension Conference on Volunteerism Registrations Due
- Oct 15 '09 Kansas Youth Leadership Council Applications Due
- Oct 15 Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum Registrations Due
- Oct 15 KYLF Registrations Due
- Oct 15 KA4-HV Registrations Due
- Oct 20 Out-of-School Program Idea Conference Registrations Due
- Oct 20 Master 4-H Volunteer Registration Due
- Nov 3 International Exchange Applications Due

## NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY

Get your 4-H clubs, groups, classrooms, afterschools, homeschoolers, and families psyched for the first annual National Youth Science Day, October 8, 2008. Groups and families across America will be conducting an experiment and learning that science is a blast! Beginning September 8, 2008, go to [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org) and click on all of the experiment information that can be conducted ANYTIME in the month of October. Kansas 4-H: 1 Million New Scientists! 1 Million New Ideas!

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## Out-of-School Program Idea Conference - October 27, 2008--Sedgwick County Extension Education Center

Do you partner with teachers, after-school program providers, or recreation directors? You're invited to come participate in the first annual "Out-of-School Program Idea Conference". This conference is open to anyone : teachers, after-school/summer program providers, community or faith-based organizations, recreation programs and extension staff and volunteers.

This one-day conference sponsored by K-State Research and Extension 4-H highlights hands-on, ready to use curricula that adapt easily for out-of-school settings. Kansas 4-H youth development professionals will share favorite hands-on educational activities and resource ideas that are sure to keep youth excited .

The breakout sessions include: Environmental Education; Health Rocks; Walk Kansas for Kids; Kids-A-Cookin'; Science Engineering and Technology; Math Tessellations; Junior Master Gardener; Leadership Initiatives; Programming for 5 and 6 year olds; and "how to" make learning activity kits.

Registration is available at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/AfterSchool/OOSPConference.htm>. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch and activity materials. Send completed registrations to Sedgwick County Extension 4-H, 7001 W. 21st. Street N, Wichita, KS 67205. Further questions may be directed to Pam Van Horn, [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu) or Beth Drescher, [drescher@ksu.edu](mailto:drescher@ksu.edu)

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## Changes in Program Assignments for State 4-H Specialists

In order to meet the challenging opportunities for the Kansas 4-H Program in Science, Engineering and

Technology, we have made the following changes in staff assignments:

**Science, Engineering and Technology --- Gary Gerhard**

Gary will serve as the State 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Specialist and provide leadership to this rapidly growing and dynamic programmatic effort taking place in Kansas. This assignment will consume a great percentage of his time as he builds networks, collaborations and connections with a diverse array of academic units, businesses, agencies and organizations. You can expect a incredible array of SET opportunities throughout the coming years which will be of high interest to your 4-H youth development SET program efforts.

**Recognition Program -- Gary Gerhard and Pam Van Horn**

Gary will continue to give leadership to the general Recognition System, including KAP, Project Medals, State Project Awards, National 4-H Congress and other award programs. Responsibility of the scholarship component will be transitioned to Pam Van Horn during the coming months, to be completed by January 1, 2009. In the future, please contact Pam if you have questions pertaining to 4-H Scholarships.

**Shooting Sports -- Jim Adams**

Jim will assume leadership as the faculty advisor for the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Program. This will be a transitional process during the coming months, to be completed by January 1, 2009. In the future, please contact Jim if you have questions pertaining to the Shooting Sports Program.

**Space Tech Action Team -- Deryl Waldren**

Deryl will continue to serve as the faculty advisor for the Space Tech Action Team. For the past year, he has been serving as the Kansas 4-H SET liaison, which will now be assumed by Gary Gerhard.

**Program Coordinator, CHARACTERCOUNTS!**

We plan to hire a part-time program coordinator for CHARACTERCOUNTS! This individual will work closely with the CHARACTERCOUNTS! Committee (Rod Buchele, Justin Wiebers and Susan Schlichting) to design and conduct a variety of educational experiences and tools (including, but not limited to agent and volunteer training, incorporation of CC! curriculum and resources into current programs).

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**Fiber Arts Extravaganza!**

The 4-H Fiber Arts Extravaganza ([flyer](#)) will be held on Oct. 11. 2008 in Salina at the Trinity United Methodist Church. The program is open to all 4-H age youth. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the Fiber Arts projects of their choice. Which might include: Crochet, Knitting, Needle Arts, Patchwork and Quilting, Rug Making, Spinning, Weaving, Ethnic Arts and Macramé. The costs of the program is \$5.00 and should be sent with the registration form to Kingman County Extension, 125 N. Spruce, Kingman, KS 67068. There is a minimum of 10 participants in each session to hold that session. We are still looking for volunteers to help in all areas, please let us know if you or someone you know would like to help.

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**Update on 4-H Tax Exempt Status and the IRS**

All chartered 4-H clubs and qualified affiliate groups earning less than \$25,000 will not be penalized for not filing an ePostcard in 2008. [Those earning more than \$25,000 will continue to be subject to the 990 requirements for filing]. We anticipate having more details from the IRS when the IRS has completed processing the database. NEW ---- All Kansas chartered 4-H clubs and qualified affiliated groups that are subsidiaries under GEN 2704 should be contacting Jim Adams ([jadams@ksu.edu](mailto:jadams@ksu.edu)) with your tax exempt issues. Do not contact National 4-H Headquarters or the IRS.

Please destroy the 1993 4-H Tax Exempt Guidance booklet (or previous versions) and the "Kirby" letter dated from 1973 as they are no longer valid.

IRS Encountering Delays in Processing Lists: In March 2008, National 4-H Headquarters forwarded to the IRS the listings they had received from states, of all authorized 4-H entities in Kansas programs. The IRS has encountered delays in completing the processing of our lists because:

- 1) There are far more entities requesting inclusion as subsidiaries than the IRS anticipated;
- 2) there continue to be significant errors with Employee Identification Numbers (EIN) listed for thousands of the 4-H entities certified;
- 3) the IRS is questioning the inclusion of some affiliated organizations which typically are considered independent organizations rather than program groups; and
- 4) there are questions on both the part of the IRS and National 4-H Headquarters regarding which requirements apply to 4-H, given that 4-H is a unique entity unlike any other organization.

Clarification of 4-H Tax Exempt Status:

We anticipate further delays with the existing data set. Since our current ruling dates back to the 1970's and was based on a 1946 ruling that referenced the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, National 4-H Headquarters has requested a new ruling from the IRS. Our unique status has caused much confusion in our system as volunteers and

others mistakenly assume that either 4-H is a 501(c)3 organization or it's just a governmental entity. Neither of these is true from an IRS perspective, thus some 4-H subsidiaries are not compliant with IRS expectations for our group. We anticipate that the Cooperative Extension System will continue to be subject to requirements to certify the lists of subsidiaries, and that all subsidiaries will be required to electronically file, however, 4-H entities may not be subject to other requirements of 501(c)3 entities.

Again, National 4-H Headquarters has negotiated with the IRS that there will be no penalties for 4-H subsidiaries earning less than \$25,000 who do not electronically file for the remainder of 2008.

We thank all counties and volunteers as we transition to meet the IRS' requirements and increased accountability at the national and state levels for those authorized groups under Cooperative Extension raising money in the name of 4-H. We appreciate that clear guidance is critical in managing your 4-H Youth Development Program, and we will provide additional information as soon as we can. Thank you.

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## CAMPING

### Camp Chair Meeting--October 28, Rock Springs

Camp Chairs...please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 28, 9:30 a.m., Rock Springs for Rock Springs 4-H Camp Chair's meeting. This will be a one-day event rather than the two-days previously announced. Camp Chair's meeting is open to 2009 Camp Chairs and Chair-elects. For more information contact Pam, [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu) or 785-532-5800.

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## CHARACTERCOUNTS!

### CHARACTERCOUNTS! ~ Five Birds and Good Intentions

Five birds are sitting on a telephone wire. Two decide to fly South. How many are left? Most people would say three. Actually, all five are left. You see, deciding to fly isn't the same as actually doing it. If a bird really wants to go somewhere, it's got to point itself in the right direction, jump off the wire, flap its wings, and keep flapping until it gets where it wants to go.

So it is with most things. Good intentions are not enough. It's not what we want, say, or think that makes things happen; it's what we do. I frequently think of writing thank-you, birthday, and congratulatory notes. Unfortunately, only a sad few of these good sentiments ever make it to paper. Still, if I don't look too closely, I can delude myself into thinking that based on my good thoughts I'm a gracious and

grateful person. A truer and less admirable picture of my character is drawn by my actions. In the end, we either do or don't do. We either make the time to do the things we want to and should do, or we make excuses. As Alfred Adler said, "Life happens at the level of events, not of words. Trust movement." What do you want to do? Do you want to take a new project, change how you use your time, service your community, make new friends, or spend more time with and appreciate more the ones you have? What's stopping you from jumping off the wire and flapping your wings? (Michael Josephson, September 3, 2008)

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## DOG CONFERENCE

State 4-H Dog Conference will be held at Rock Springs Nov.1-2, 2008. On-line registration is up and running. Registrations are due by Oct.10, 2008! T-Shirt design entries are due to state 4-H office by Oct. 1, 2008. Winning design will receive a free registration to dog conference.

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## FCS

### 4-H FCS Judging

Thanks to everyone who helped with FCS judging at the Kansas State Fair. It takes many volunteers for judging events to take place.

The study topics for 2009 the contest have been placed on the 4-H FCS Action Team website

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/ActionTeams/FCS>

The Action Team is looking for additional people that would like to help design educational programs, events and activities. Application forms can be found on the 4-H website under forms.

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## KAP

### NEW KANSAS 4-H AWARD PORTFOLIO & RECORD KEEPING INFO

The posting of information and resources related recognition, to the revised Permanent Record and the Kansas 4-H Award Portfolio (KAP) will go public on October 1, 2008, at the beginning of the new 4-H year. It was decided to wait for the new program year so as not to confuse youth who would be filling out applications and record books this Fall.

I know that there are some units very anxious to get to them and we applaud their enthusiasm and planning but for uniform consistency across the state, we are waiting for the 2008-2009 4-H program year to begin.

Youth will record their experiences over the next year and prepare the KAP for state project awards submitted to area/state in 2010. Of course, we hope that many counties/districts adopt the KAP as their local award selection tool, too.

The web package will include three, interlinked, sites.

#1. Recognizing Youth-Explaining the National 4-H Recognition Model

#2. Record Keeping-How to keep track of your 4-H experiences. (revised Permanent Record will go here).

#3. Kansas 4-H Awards-Detailed information and resources for Achievement Pins (state recommendation); 4-H Key Award; State Project Recognition (using the Kansas 4-H Award Portfolio (KAP); State Scholarship Awards; Alumni Recognition, Family of the Year Recognition and Reporters Books.

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## KYLF

### Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The [KYLF registration materials](#) are on the web. KYLF will be November 21-23, 2008 at Rock Springs 4-H Center and is for those youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2009. Registration is due online by October 15.

We are pleased that KYLF and the Volunteer Forum will be held at the same time again this year. Anyone chaperoning for KYLF needs to register with KYLF. Volunteers or staff registering as a KYLF chaperone will attend the volunteer forum workshops unless they are teaching a KYLF workshop.

Participants should register online, then bring payment and a completed participation form to the local Extension office to send in to the State 4-H Office. Those unable to register online may bring paper registration materials to the local Extension office, who may register them online. For information or for questions on KYLF, contact Beth Hinshaw; for questions on 4-H Volunteers Forum, contact Rod Buchele; and for assistance with the online registration procedure, contact Justin Wiebers.

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### 2009 Kansas Youth Leadership Council

Youth Council applications and complete candidate information is available on the KYLF web page. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 by January 1, 2009 may apply. This year's delegation will elect representatives from the four Extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW). Please encourage those outstanding young leaders in your county or district to apply. Application materials are due October 15.

[Hinshaw/Kyla Clawson](#)

## MARKETING ACTION TEAM

### Marketing Kansas 4-H

Make plans to market 4-H as we kick off a new year! Kansas items can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/ActionTeams/Marketing/>

#### National 4-H Week Promotional Kit

The 2008 National 4-H Week promotional kit is now available for download and customization for use in your communities. Visit [www.4-HBrandNetwork.org](http://www.4-HBrandNetwork.org) to access templates for bookmarks, flyers, certificates and much more! This year's theme, "Keeping it Green", shows how 4-H is bridging old ideas with new to teach youth environmental stewardship and connecting youth to science-related issues. The green theme also showcases 4-H pride and is a direct connection to our well know brand emblem.

This year's National 4-H Week also includes the first annual 4-H National Youth Science Day on October 8, 2008. A promotional kit along with details on the 4-H National Science Experiment will be added to [www.4-HBrandNetwork.org](http://www.4-HBrandNetwork.org) next week for you to use in your communities. The 4-H National Science Experiment, created to help youth learn more about science while having fun, features concepts about water conservation using hydrogel polymers. Additional interactive activities will be available online during National 4-H Week with the launch of the new [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org) - 4-H's new online Internet platform.

Stay tuned to Clover Corner News and [www.4-HBrandNetwork.org](http://www.4-HBrandNetwork.org) throughout the month of September to get involved in 4-H National Youth Science Day and National 4-H Week.

If you have any National 4-H Week promotional kit questions, please direct them to Jeanine Goldsmith,

Marketing Assistant, National 4-H Council at (301) 961-2913 or [jgoldsmith@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:jgoldsmith@fourhcouncil.edu). Any National Youth Science Day or experiment questions, direct them to Allyson McMahan at (301) 961-2915 or [amcmahan@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:amcmahan@fourhcouncil.edu) at National 4-H Council.  
[Mack](#) and Marketing Action Team Members

## MIGS

### 4-H Member in Good Standing Final Report

The following is the recommendation from the MIGS Task Force. The Member in Good Standing Task Force believes 4-H club participation is essential for youth to have the opportunity to develop positive life-skills, however implementing a plan that forces participation does not provide an environment for positive life-skills to flourish. Therefore, upon reviewing the MIGS reports from the 4-H club leaders the Task Force recommends:

- 1) Dissolve the current Member in Good Standing Task Force and proceed into establishing an Action Team that includes agents, volunteers and teens for contributing ideas that positively enhance the 4-H clubs environment for achieving the maximum youth development opportunities for 4-H club members.
- 2) Strengthening the 4-H club by establishing and enhancing club by-laws which clearly define expectation of members and parallel the ***Kansas 4-H Youth Development Policies***.
- 3) Post the Member in Good Standing tools on the Kansas 4-H Web Site for Extension Units interested in establishing Member in Good Standing requirements.

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## NORTHEAST AREA 4-H SpaceTech EDUCATORS' WORKSHOP

### Northeast Area 4-H SpaceTech Educators' Workshop

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team and K-State Research and Extension are sponsoring a Northeast Area SpaceTech Educators' Workshop on Saturday, November 8th, at the Jackson County Fair Building in Holton, KS.

4-H teens (12-19-years-old), parents, volunteer 4-H leaders, Extension staff, and educators working with youth who are interested in 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) project areas. This training is being held in the Northeast Area, but it is open to any Kansas resident on a first-come, first-serve registration basis. Registration is limited to 15 per each session with a minimum of 10 required for each workshop session to be taught. No youths 11 and younger will be accepted to this training. Consider sending a team of youth and adults from your county/district to be trained to take home valuable information.

Registration will be hard copy only from forms downloaded from the Kansas 4-H website. Visit: [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org). Click on "What's Hot after September 24, 2008. Registration is due postmarked by October 24, 2008. Payment of \$20 made payable to KSU, and a current copy of your Kansas 4-H Participation Form must be sent in with your registration. The registration form requires a local Extension Office signature. Return the registration form, Kansas 4-H Participation form and payment to Deryl Waldren, Northwest Area Extension Office, P. O. Box 786, Colby, KS, 67701. Telephone: 785-462-6281, or e-mail, [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu). The \$20.00 registration fee includes lunch, breaks, two workshops, workshop materials and training team costs. A late registration fee of \$30.00 will be accepted from October 25-31, 2008. No registration will be accepted beginning on November 1, 2008. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Participants will get to attend two of the following in-depth workshops:

- **Basic Astronomy**—Work with a mother-daughter team as they make stars enjoyable for all ages. Learn how to make a mobile planetarium, and take star gazing to a new level of enjoyment.
- **Basic Robotics** - Talk with experienced youth about the NXT Robot® from the minds at Legos®. Learn how to program the Mindstorms® robots with the help of the SpaceTech youth.
- **Basic Rocketry**—Learn how a rocket works, and learn skills to teach in beginning rocketry. The session will include construction of simple rockets and kit rockets. Basic judging information, Kansas State Fair rules, National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and FAA rules will be shared.
- **Basic GPS, GIS and Community Mapping** – Learn about geo-caching and the Global Positioning System (GPS), how to apply and to effectively use the information gathered with community mapping and GIS (Geographic Information Systems).

**Schedule: Saturday, November 8, Jackson County Fair Building, Holton, KS**

8:15 a.m.	Check-in and refreshments
8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Overview
9:00 a.m.	Workshop 1
Noon	Lunch on site
1:00 p.m.	Workshop 2
4:00 p.m.	Closing and Evaluation
4:15 p.m.	Safe Journey Home

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Photo Selections Information

At the State Fair several categories of photos were selected for special recognition:

**Best of Show Rock Springs Display**, these photos will be on display at Rock Springs 4-H Center for the next year. These photos will be returned at the end of the display period.

**DC Display**, these photos will be on display in Kansas Congressional Offices in Washington DC. These offices are Senator Brownback, Senator Roberts, Representative Boyda, Representative Moran, Representative Moore and Representative Tiahrt. These photos will be returned at the end of the display period.

**Kansas Governors Office Display (NEW)**, these photos will be on display in the Kansas Governors Office in Topeka. These photos will be returned at the end of the display period.

**State 4-H Department Display (NEW)**, these photos will be on display at the State 4-H Department Office 201 Umberger Hall, K-State campus, Manhattan. These photos will be returned at the end of the display period.

**Kansas 4-H Traveling Display**, (formally known as Centennial Photos), one per county selected. The collection will be on display at various state 4-H events. Photo judging resource kits will be selected from these photos and be available to counties/districts to borrow. Contact Rod Buchele or Eric Otte to arrange for use. The photos will be returned at the end of State Fair 2009.

**Kansas 4-H Foundation Selections**, these photos have been selected for possible use in Kansas 4-H Foundation publications. These photos will be returned at the end of State Fair 2009.

**Sunflower Selections**, are selected by the teens of the Photo Action Team and exhibit outstanding use of one or more photography composition elements.

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## PROGRAM RALLY

### **Kansas 4-H Program Rally – December 11-12, 2008**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Kansas 4-H Program Rally. Again, Area 4-H Updates will be combined into one statewide opportunity, the Kansas 4-H Program Rally, December 11-12, 2008 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Be watching for more program details. You will not want to miss it!!

Committee members are Melinda Daily-Sunflower District, Bill Haney-Edwards County, Aliesa Woods-Post Rock District, Tara Solomon- Neosho County, Ginger Kopfer-Geary County, Rod Buchele-SW Area, Diane Mack-NE Area, Deryl Waldren- NW Area, Beth Hinshaw-SE Area and Pam Van Horn-State 4-H Office.

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## SET

### **Team America Rocketry Challenge**

Registration Opens

As school doors swing open, students have a terrific opportunity to look forward to -- the Team America Rocketry Challenge. Registration is now open for the world's largest rocket contest challenging participants to compete for \$60,000 in prizes and scholarships and a trip to next year's international air show in Paris. The contest rules and registration are at [www.rocketcontest.org](http://www.rocketcontest.org). Participants must design and build a rocket that will climb to 750 feet and stay aloft for 45 seconds. This year's new task is transporting the one-egg payload lying on its side rather than positioned vertically, mimicking the position of an astronaut. Teams have until Dec. 1 to register. April 6 is the deadline to conduct a qualifying launch and earn a trip to the finals, scheduled for May 16 at the Great Meadow in The Plains, Va. The registration fee is \$105. AIA sponsors the contest with the National Association of Rocketry, NASA, the Defense Department, the American Association of Physics Teachers and AIA member companies. Students in grades 7-12 in any U.S. school or non-profit youth organization are eligible to compete. About 7,000 students from across the country took part in the contest last year, and since TARC's first contest in 2003, almost 50,000 students have taken the challenge. A team from Enloe High School in North Carolina was crowned champion in 2008. The contest gives future engineers the opportunity to demonstrate their math and physics skills. Working together in a team environment, they will design a real aerospace product, which will be put through the rigors of testing and evaluation. The aerospace industry is actively looking for young people to join its ranks. The industry is facing a potential workforce crisis as scores of employees reach retirement age. According to AIA statistics, almost 60 percent of the U.S. aerospace workforce was age 45 or older in 2007. For more information on careers in aerospace, visit [www.launchintoaerospace.org](http://www.launchintoaerospace.org).

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## SHOOTING SPORTS

### **STATE SHOOTING SPORTS MATCH DATES**

Please check the website for any additional matches and match information/flyers at

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/shootingsports/Default.htm>

September 27, 2008 Fall State Match (Archery, Small Bore Rifle, Small Bore Pistol, & Muzzleloading) at Fancy Creek State Park, Randolph (RL), KS (Registration due September 15, 2008)

October 11, 2008 Shotgun State Match at KTA Fields in Newton (HV), KS (Registration due September



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# VOLUNTEERING

## VIP

As the new 4-H year starts is a good time to review VIP files and status of volunteers. To continue their VIP registration each current volunteer needs to fill out the annual VIP renewal form <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Volunteer/VIP/4H953%20Annual%20renewal%20revised.pdf>. The form is short, one page (two side). It should not take volunteers more that a few minutes to complete. After you get it back, place the form in the volunteer's file and mark it done for another year.

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## Master 4-H Volunteer

As we think about building capacity in 4-H and building our own capacity in Volunteer Development, the Master 4-H Volunteer program comes to mind as a win win opportunity. The Master Volunteer contributes to the 4-H program and we grow in our ability to utilize volunteers.

Here is the link to information on the Master 4-H Volunteer program: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Volunteer/MasterVolunteer.htm>

Applications are due soon (Oct 20), however there is plenty of time to recruit one or more from your county/district. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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## Kansas Extension Conference on Volunteerism

This conference sponsored by the Volunteer Development Program Focus Team is for everyone in Extension who works with volunteers. The conference will be Nov. 4 - 5, 2008 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. We have three outstanding speakers scheduled, Jim Rutledge, former State 4-H Leader in Oregon will present on "Getting Agents and Volunteers on the Same Page", Rachelle Vattern, North Dakota Volunteer and Leadership Specialist will present on "Extension Programming with Next Generations Volunteers", Marcia McFarland will conclude the conference with the "Now What?" question and challenge. There will also be workshops and seminars on successful programs utilizing volunteers. For the information/registration flyer see this link: [http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/Employee\\_Resources/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=206](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/Employee_Resources/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=206). Click on the Poster Registration link in the middle of the page.

Registration is due Oct. 1, 2008 and will be by hard copy to the Southwest Area Office.

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## Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum

<http://4-h.k-state.edu/Volunteer/Forum/Default.htm>

The 2008 Kansas 4-H Volunteers Forum sponsored by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers (KA4-HV) is November 21 - 23, 2008, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

The 2008 Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum theme is "Building Strong 4-H Clubs". The Forum will feature presentations and workshops sharing resources and activities for strengthening local 4-H clubs. The Forum is designed for and open to all 4-H volunteers. Registration is available now through the 4-H Online Registration System. Registration deadline is Oct. 15, 2008. Full information is available at:

<http://4-h.k-state.edu/Volunteer/Forum/Default.htm>

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## North Central Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum (NCRVF) November 6 - 8, 2008

## Columbus Ohio

The Ohio team is working hard to help each volunteer Realize – Energize – Visualize your Unlimited Potential (REV-UP). Early Bird registration due Sept. 19, 2008, hurry, save money.

The Forum will feature:

Speakers that will make you laugh, reflect on your talents and help you recognize your unlimited potential.

Educational tours highlighting companies, camp programs and attractions unique to Ohio.

Native Ohioans for your entertainment and listening pleasure.

A variety of educational experiences to share with your local clubs, counties, regions and state counterparts.

Evening hands-on sessions to learn new and exciting ideas.

The program and registration booklet for the '08 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum is online at: [http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/documents/RegistrationBooklet\\_000.pdf](http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/documents/RegistrationBooklet_000.pdf). The main Forum information website is: <http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/Buchele>

## WHEAT

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

Over 75 Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, friends and Extension staff attended the 2008 Kansas 4-H and FFA State Wheat Show in Great Bend on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was held at the Barton County Community College. Attendees were welcomed with refreshments and a chance to judge classes of wheat, breads, photographs and weeds. All participants attended a tour of the Stafford County Flour Mill in Hudson, Bread Art on campus, or the Ellinwood Tunnels and Dozier Winery in Ellinwood. Thanks go to our 2008 sponsors: Cargill Cares – Wichita Council, Barton County Community College, KSU Department of Grain Science and Industry, KSU International Grains Program, Kansas Wheat Quality Lab, Stafford County Flour Mill Company, Kansas 4-H Youth Development and K-State Research and Extension in Barton County. Additional planning team members included Bob Bennett, Bob Frisbie, Phyllis Kriesel, Greg McClure, Glenn Newdigger, Jeremy Nelson, Mark Ploger, Rick Snell, Berny Unruh, Todd Whitney and Deryl Waldren. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's wheat show the success it was.

Awards were given in seven divisions and the judging activity. Premium monies have been awarded and mailed to participants for the seven divisions. The major results in each division are:

#### Division 1 – 3# bin run sample of wheat, 4-H member

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Adam Brobst, Phillips-Rooks District, Overlay variety
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Colin Tipton, River Valley District, Santa Fe variety
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christian Tipton, River Valley District, Santa Fe variety

#### Division 2 - 3# bin run sample of wheat, adopt a wheat producer

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Luke Garrison, Shawnee County, Fuller variety
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Taylor DeWeese, Pratt County, Fuller variety
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Adam Brobst, Phillips-Rooks District, Tam 111 variety

#### Division 3 – 1 Quart jar of cleaned wheat

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Luke Garrison, Shawnee County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Blake Garrison, Shawnee County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kyle Grant, Pawnee County



4<sup>th</sup> – Greg Schlichau, Reno County

**Division 4 – Loaf of Yeast Bread**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kyle Grant, Pawnee County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kyle Grant, Pawnee County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Samuel Fishburn, Reno County

**Division 5 – Cookies**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Phillip Underwood, Cherokee County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Logan Waite, River Valley District
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Samuel Fishburn, Reno County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Samuel Fishburn, Reno County

**Division 6 – Wheat Photography Contest**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – A J Carlson, River Valley District
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thomas Harmon, Walnut Creek District
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kyle Grant, Pawnee County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Adam Sheets, McPherson County

**Division 7 – Wheat Center Piece**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Danette Unruh, Pawnee County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kristin Ekholm, McPherson County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Janae McKinney, McPherson County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Thomas Harmon, Walnut Creek District

**Judging Activity**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Taylor DeWeese, Pratt County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Fishburn, Reno County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kyle Grant, Pawnee County



For more information about the Kansas 4-H and FFA State Wheat Show, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail: [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).

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**WORLD CITIZENSHIP**

### Counties/Districts Needed for 2009 4-H Japanese Exchange Program

It is not too late to participate as a host Extension Unit for the 2009 Japanese Exchange. Based on the county/district responses, Kansas has committed to hosting a specific number of youth and adult chaperones for the 2009 summer inbound program. We know this is a bit hard to plan ahead so many months in advance.

The Japanese will arrive in counties about July 20, 2009, and stay with one family each for around 3 ½ weeks. To participate, a county or unit will agree to locate a volunteer coordinator who will manage the recruitment and screening of six host families, plan orientation and organize local activities during their stay. Training, resource materials and some expense money are available for the coordinators and agents. Extension agents oversee the program and may be as active as they wish in its conduct.

To get an "intent to participate" form or to find out more details about your county/district hosting Japanese youth from 12-18 years-old in 2009, contact Rose Scott: [rose@threeriversinc.org](mailto:rose@threeriversinc.org), or call **Rose at 785-388-2009 or 785-565-3197 (cell)**. Counties must commit to confirm their participation in 2009. Extension units that have not previously participated are encouraged and welcomed to come aboard. Please consider trying this popular program this upcoming year. **Please contact Rose Scott by October 15 for information or details.**

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### 2009 Kansas 4-H International Exchange Opportunities

4-H members between ages 14-19 have exciting 4-H International Exchange opportunities to choose from in 2009. 4-H groups will travel to **Australia, Finland, Japan, Costa Rica and Mexico** under management of the States' 4-H International Exchange and Wisconsin 4-H from participating states. All groups will have chaperones and include home stays arranged by 4-H's partner organizations in the host countries. Most run a month from mid June to mid July. Japan includes a longer program option that includes a class on Japanese language and culture while staying with a Tokyo family preceding the four-week home stay beginning mid July.

**For any of these trips, applications are due November 3, 2008.** One application may be used to apply for all trips in which a member has interest. He or she may decide at the time of interviews which destination is preferred. Late applications, with prior notification to Mary Kay Munson will be accepted until November 30, 2008. Required interviews and the first orientation will be December 5-6, 2008, in Manhattan. A deposit of \$175.00 is due at the time of application. Chaperones are needed for these groups, and these applications will be accepted until the first of the year. Selections of chaperones are made at the States' 4-H International Exchange level and supervise the whole U.S. delegation. For application forms and details about each program, check out the Kansas 4-H website <http://4-H.k-state.edu/worldcitizenship> or contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, at 785-238-3631 (after October 13<sup>th</sup>) or [munsonm@ngks.com](mailto:munsonm@ngks.com).

Older youth and young adults can share their 4-H experience with rural youth in other countries as IFYE Representatives. 4-H alumni between 19 and 25 in summer 2009 have the opportunity to choose individual international exchanges to a wide variety of countries where Kansas 4-H has 4-H or rural youth organization partners. International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) experiences can be arranged in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America or the South Pacific for six weeks to six months. All include multiple home stays in rural areas or on farms. Some provide an opportunity to help strengthen 4-H in the host country. Country placements are tailored to each person based on availability of partner organizations, interests of the U.S. delegate, and the compatibility of the delegate's interests and skills with the host

country's programs. Earning academic credit at the delegate's college or university is usually an option. See the World Citizenship pages on the Kansas 4-H website <http://4-H.k-state.edu/worldcitizenship> or contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, (after October 13) at 785-238-3631 or [munsonm@nqks.com](mailto:munsonm@nqks.com) for an application and information. **Applications are due by November 3, 2008.** A deposit of \$175.00 is due at the time of application. After the due date, contact Mary Kay Munson to assure full consideration. Applicant interviews will be conducted December 5-6, 2008.

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