

October 2009 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

Deadlines:

- Sept 18 Basic Operations Registration Due
- Sept 25 Camp Chair Meeting & Training Registration Due
- Oct 1 Dog Conference T-Shirt Design Entries due to State 4-H Office
- Oct 15 Registrations for KS 4-H Volunteer Forum Due
- Oct 15 Registration for KYLF Due
- Oct 15 KS Youth Leadership Council Applications Due
- Oct 16 Dog Conference On-line Registrations due
- Nov 1 National Camping Institute Scholarship Applications Due
- Dec 1 International Exchange Chaperone Applications Due
- Dec 1 Volunteer Salute to Excellence Nominations Due
- Dec 18 National 4-H Camping Institute Registrations Due

Vibrant Video Clip Making & Learning Grant

Introduction: Kansas 4-H has been awarded a grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation to teach the skills needed to make vibrant video clips to support the Kansas 4-H Program. Deryl Waldren and Rod Buchele, Area 4-H Specialists in the Northwest and Southwest Areas, respectively will head up this training that the grant will provide. This is the first article about this exciting new training. **Please reserve these dates on your calendar – February 9-11, 2010, Rock Springs 4-H Center.** We'll plan to start early afternoon on the first day and end before noon on the third day. We will be using the "Terrapod" curriculum and will be bringing in trainers from Montana State to teach the video-making skills to up to 30 individuals. Stay tuned for future updates.

Background material: Kansas 4-H is not unique in the challenges that the 4-H program across America faces in the 21st Century. The challenges that youth and adults face today are more complex than ever before. For most, life has become a bombardment of daily communication stimuli that are expected and perceived essential: cell phones, social networking, (myspace, facebook and more), instant messaging, ipods, podcasting, vodcasting (video podcasating), computers, texting, television, twittering, video gaming, You Tube, digital cameras, internet use, e-mailing, to mention but a few.

We know that each generation learns differently and is motivated differently. Baby Boomers are more likely to prefer print, talking face-to-face or communicating by telephone to stay connected at work and with families. Generation Xers and Millennials generally prefer using their computers, and other affiliated electronic media to stay connected at work and with families. It's a given today that youth expect and rely on the computers, television, and other affiliated electronic media to function on a daily basis. This creates a unique challenge in how Kansas 4-H in the future will teach its 4-H members, and will train and utilize its volunteer leader base and Extension staff. At present, most 4-H materials exist as static print-only.

Grant focus: The target audience is teen and adult volunteers and Extension staff. As such, this grant will be used to train teen and adult volunteers and staff in the developing and making of hands-on, experiential, dynamic, shorter length (3-5 minute) lower tech, mid-quality video clips that will be uploaded to the Kansas 4-H website to meet 21st Century program, project, club and training needs of Kansas 4-H. These trained teen and adult volunteers and staff will then teach video-making skills to 4-H youth. An additional outcome will be the creation of an increasing number of short and subject-matter 4-H Science-based, civic-science based, strengthening club resources, 4-H project and/or 4-H marketing/promotional video clips for use in Kansas 4-H. [Waldren/Buchele](#)

National 4-H Week, Oct. 4-10

Make plans to market 4-H as we kick off a new year! Kansas items can be found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>

Out of ideas? Download "Possibilities for 4-H Promotion," a four page document loaded with creative ideas to help you market 4-H.

The Marketing Action Team is creating Kansas 4-H marketing items that will be available for sale on the KSR&E marketing site at <http://www.communications.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=707>
We will let you know as soon as they are available.

The 2009 National 4-H Week kit is available on the Brand Network: <http://4-h.org/d/Pages/Layouts/brandnetwork.html>

The theme is "Meet the Future." The kit includes flyers, bookmark and certificate templates, newspaper and newsletter ads, a suggested proclamation, and a variety of media outreach materials.
[Mack](#) /Marketing Action Team Members

Out-of-School Program Idea Conference - October 13, 2009--Sedgwick County Extension Education Center

Do you partner with teachers, afterschool program providers, or recreation directors? If yes, would your team want to engage youth in long-term, structured learning-environments that address their interests and help develop their physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills and abilities? You're invited to come participate in this one-of-a-kind "Out-of-School Program Idea Conference" open to anyone - certified teachers, afterschool program directors, community or faith-based afterschool providers, summer recreation providers and extension agents.

This one-day conference sponsored by K-State Research and Extension 4-H highlights hands-on 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 and centered.

The breakout session include: "Biofuel BLAST!"; Acres of Adventure; Reading Makes Cents; Photography; Kindling Kid's Creativity; Programming for 5-and 6-year-olds; Health Rocks; Literature in the Garden; Science in the Kitchen; and more!

Additionally, following the "Out-of-School Program Idea Conference" a two hour post conference to answer questions on how to get afterschool educational opportunities started and community networking. Registration is available <http://www.kansas4h.org/> under "What's Hot". The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and activity materials. Further questions may be directed to Pam Van Horn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu or Beth Drescher, drescher@ksu.edu.

[Van Horn](#)

Reporter Book's Due In State 4-H Office November 2, 2009

If you have 4-H club Reporter's Books to submit for state recognition, please send them to the State 4-H Office to arrive by 5 PM, Monday, November 2, 2009. If your Extension Unit includes only one county, you may submit one Reporter Book. Districts may submit one Reporter Book equal to the total number of counties comprising the Extension Unit. The books will be judged and the Kansas 4-H Foundation recognizes excellence with new writing resources.

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4-H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium, Oct. 3 & 4

Kansas 4-H is joining Iowa 4-H for 4-H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium. If you have 4-H families who love football, both Big 12 and NFL, this is an event for them. The weekend starts with K-State playing Iowa State on October 3. Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$50. 4-H families will also be able to watch the Chiefs play the Giants on Oct. 4. Tickets range in price from \$39 to \$54. Families may attend one or both games.

There will be no organized 4-H pre-game activities. 4-H families should wear their favorite 4-H t-shirt to the games.

Order tickets online at www.kcchiefs.com/mygroup and click on 4-H Weekend. Or complete the order form found at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=14>

For more information contact BJ Supple at bsupple@chiefs.nfl.com or call 816-920-4817.
[Mack](#)

2010 National NACAA Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma

We are making plans for the 2010 National NACAA meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Attached is an entry form we are asking that you share with your 4-H members that would want to participate in the 4-H Talent Revue during the meeting. The 4-H member would need to arrive in Tulsa on Saturday July 10, 2010 and would be available to depart on Tuesday July 13, 2010. The 4-H Talent Revue will be held on Monday July 12. The entry form is due to the Wagoner County Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Center by November 1, 2009. The 4-H Talent Revue committee will begin reviewing the audition tapes and begin notifying those acts that are selected on December 1, 2009 so that we can all begin finalizing travel plans.

Acts that are selected and desire to fly to Tulsa will be reimbursed for air fare and motel rooms for one adult chaperone and 4-H member/s. Those acts which choose to drive in will be reimbursed for actual fuel costs and motel rooms for one adult chaperone and 4-H member/s. The committee is looking forward to putting together a fun and entertaining evening for the 2010 meeting. Please help us by sharing this information with your 4-H families.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Jim Rhodes at the Major County Extension Center (580) 227-3786; jim.rhodes@okstate.edu or Alan Parnell at the Wagoner County Extension Center (918) 486-4589; l.a.parnell@okstate.edu.
[Schlichting](#)

Lights On Afterschool

The 10th annual nationwide celebration of afterschool programs will take place October 22, 2009 in more than 7,500 communities. Join the 1 million Americans who take part in Lights On Afterschool to call attention to the afterschool programs that keep our kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families. 4-H is one of the partners for Lights On Afterschool. For more information and to register to receive email updates and 10 free posters check out the following link <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm>.

[Van Horn](#)

2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

All counties should have received a mailing from Don Floyd, President of National 4-H Council, announcing the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. With our commitment to community service learning, many 4-H'ers from across the nation have been recognized by this program. For additional information, please go to: <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Each county 4-H program can select one middle level Local Honoree for every 1,000 members (or portion thereof) in grades 5-8 and one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 members in grades 9-12. Applications are made electronically. You MUST certify your Local Honorees' applications online by November 9, 2009, for them to be considered for distinguished, state, and national honors. Please contact me if you have further questions.

[GERHARD](#)

American Royal Book Writing Contest

The American Royal and the BOTAR's would like to help you! Student divisions are K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grades. The overall winner of the contest will be the featured author for our 2010 "Reading Round-Up" program and their book will be submitted for publishing. The book should be written at no more than a 4th grade level and based on the American Royal experience. This is a short story and may not exceed 1,000 words. The first book in the series is "Diesel's Day at the American Royal" written by Ashley Noblit (available at the American Royal). This years winner will be the second in this series as it grows with each year's winner. Stories should be submitted to Al Davis at ALD@americanroyal.com no later than October 1, 2009. More information can be found at www.americanroyal.com.

[Adams](#)

2010 4-H RECOGNITION LETTER

This is a reminder to Extension Units to please be watching in your weekly mailing from Distribution after October 15, 2009, for the 2010 4-H Recognition Letter. This letter will contain information regarding Area KAP Screenings, State KAP Judging, Project Finalist Interviews, as well as applications for Family of the Year, State 4-H Scholarships, and Alumni recognition.

Remember to mark your calendar for NEW due date. Rather than on Cattleman's Day in March, ALL 4-H AWARD APPLICATIONS for recognition at the 2010 Emerald Circle will be due in the State 4-H Office no later than 5 PM on Friday, February 5, 2010.

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American Royal Photography Contest

The American Royal and the BOTAR organization is pleased to announce the Children's Photography Contest. Student divisions are K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grades. Categories include 35mm, Digital, Black & White, and Special Effects. Photographs should be based around the American Royal Mission of Agriculture, Animals, Education, Farming and Youth. The top 10 photographs from each division will be displayed at the American Royal during the week of October 19-24 (School Tours/Family Day). The overall Grand Champion photographer will receive a \$300 savings bond, first runner up will receive a \$200 savings bond, and second runner up will receive a \$100 savings bond. All entries should be submitted to Al Davis at the American Royal no later than October 1, 2009. Also with return postage and packaging enclosed to be returned. For photo size and guideline and registration form, go to www.americanroyal.com.

1. Single Photo Entry – Mounting and Photo Placement: a. Use only 11x12.5 white or tan studio mount/matt (cardboard, foam or poster board not permitted). Studio matt board may be purchased from the County Extension Office. b. Photos are to be mounted across the narrow (11") dimension of the 11x12.5" matt board. If matt board has two colors, mount on WHITE side of board. c. All photos must be no larger than 8x10" and no smaller than 7x9", after trimming. Remove all white borders from print before mounting. d. Photos must be mounted with the top edge of the print below the top (11") of matt. The sides of the print must be equal distance from the two sides of mount (horizontal photo's will have more space at bottom of matt board) e. A Permanent mount must be made using Photograph Adhesive. Spray adhesive is desirable. Do not use white glue, contact cements or tape. These will damage photo and not provide permanent bond in humidity. f. No lettering is permitted on the front of the mount or on the photo. Entry Form must be attached on back of photo. Form may be obtained from AmericanRoyal.com. Using 1" wide masking tape – fold tape and adhere to left edge of Entry Form, stick tape to back mount board. Wrap ID card to front and tape right edge to front of mount. g. To protect exhibits from dust or moisture, place photo in a two-gallon freezer bag. Enclose postage and addressed packaging for return.

Entry Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
School: _____ Teacher: _____

[Adams](#)

AMBASSADOR ACTION TEAM

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team News

The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team is a group of 4-H member, volunteer leader, parent and Extension staff enthusiasts who give leadership and guidance to presenting the annual Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training.

The 2010 training is set for February 19-20 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all county/district 4-H Ambassadors, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H web site later in November.

Changes for 2010 include:

- The Kansas 4-H Marketing Action Team and the Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team will be co-sponsoring a "Clover Challenge" where county/district teams may submit new 4-H promotional ideas for gift certificates to the National 4-H Supply/4-H Mall. The categories include: U-Tube, Other Electronic Media, Print Pieces, and Other Items/Objects. Full contest details will be announced later this fall.
- County/District Ambassador Teams will be invited to bring displays to the training. These displays might also work for the "Clover Challenge" depending how they are organized.
- If possible, counties/district please avoid scheduling county/district or regional 4-H days on Saturday, February 20th. We know it is a busy time of year with 4-H and school schedules.
- The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team will accept members year-round, but it is especially interested in getting more KSRE Extension staff as new members. For more information, please call Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281, or e-mail him at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

[Waldren](#)

AYD

4th Friday Y.D. Conversation (Sept. 25; 11am-12pm): Youth-Related Action Plans

Since most Extension agents are including youth development in some portion of their local action plans it's appropriate to launch this school year's 4th Friday Youth Development conversation with a discussion of the plans and how they contribute to Youth Development in Kansas.

Join us on Connect web-conferencing through the Youth Development PFT site. The informal conversation begins at 11am on Friday, Sept. 25 and will be facilitated by Elaine Johannes along with Jim Adams, Gary Gerhard. The Connect site is: <http://connect.ksre.ksu.edu/pftyd>

Remember, be sure to test your computer's connection to the Connect site prior to Sept. 25. Also, try out your head-phones to assure that you'll be able to hear and contribute to the conversation. :-)

Contact: Elaine Johannes ejohanne@ksu.edu
[Johannes](#)

CAMP

Camp Chair Meeting and Training

Camp Chairs make your plans today to attend the Camp Chairs Meeting, October 6, Rock Springs. Please send me an e-mail to let me know if you will be attending by September 25. Rock Springs will provide snacks and lunch.

[Van Horn](#)

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

Interested in attending NCI? Registration information is available at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/national-camping-institute-2010-march-1620>. Early bird registration is due December 18, 2009. Early bird registration costs \$375. The pre-conference workshops are an additional registration expense.

The Kansas 4-H Camp Action Team is sponsoring three \$100 scholarships for those interesting in attending. The scholarship application is available at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17>. November 1, 2009 is scholarship application due date. Applications submitted to Pam Van Horn.

You still have time to submit a presentation for the National 4-H Camping Institute by September 18, 11:59 p.m (PDT). The presentation proposal can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/national-camping-institute-2010-march-1620>. All selected presenters will be entered into a drawing to win a free registration to attend NCI X. Winner announced at the 2009 NAE4-HA Conference in Rochester, NY.

For more information concerning NCI X contact Virginia Bourdeau at mombear@proaxis.com. For the CAT scholarship contact Pam Van Horn at pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

CHARACTERCOUNTS!

Listening: A Vital Dimension of Respect

The virtue of respectfulness is demonstrated by being courteous, being civil, and treating everyone in a manner that acknowledges and honors their essential human dignity.

An important but often neglected aspect of respectfulness is listening to what others say. Respectful listening is more than hearing. It requires us to consider what's being said. That's hard when we've heard it before, aren't interested, or don't think much of the person talking. It's even worse when we act like we're listening but are just waiting for our turn to speak.

The fact is, most of us don't listen well, certainly not all the time, and especially with those closest to us. Kids are especially adept at tuning out their parents, but parents are equally skilled at ignoring or dismissing as foolish or irrelevant what kids have to say.

The disrespectfulness of not listening is most apparent when others ignore or patronize us (rolling their eyes in a show of impatience or contempt or faking interest with a vacant stare or wandering eyes).

We all want to know that what we say and think matters. But if we want others to care about what we say, we need to care about what they say. Like all the important virtues, we teach respect best by demonstrating it. So listen up! It'll make people feel better, and you may learn something. (Michael Josephson, September 9, 2009)

[Gerhard](#)

CLOVERBUDS

4-H Cloverbuds!!!

October 1, 2009, has arrived!!! The Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds program becomes the authorized 4-H education option for 5-and 6-year-olds. Former programs, such as tag-alongs, mini-4-H, etc., cannot be recognized as 4-H Youth Development programs. Kansas 4-H can celebrate a new program designed with the 5-and 6-year-old at heart. 4-H Cloverbuds is age appropriate for those children learning to learn, gaining self-understanding, making positive choices, getting along with others and mastering physical skills. Check-out the Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds Policies at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=264>. Missed the 4-H Cloverbuds Trainings? Watch the 4-H Tip Sheet for additional trainings coming soon!

[Van Horn](#)

CURRICULUM CORNER

Quick Poll

Would Kansas 4-H Project Leader Notebooks be used more if they could be purchased on a CD for \$10 or less?? Please e-mail your response to jadams@ksu.edu with 4-H Notebook CDs in the subject line. Poll will close Oct. 1, 2009. Thank you for participating in this poll.

[Adams](#)

DOG

Dog Conference, Rock Springs, Oct. 31-Nov.1. New this year is impromptu speeches and new categories in the dog photography contest. A flyer will be distributed at the State 4-H Dog Show at the State Fair. Lots of good sessions on Saturday plus Canine Good Citizen testing. Check State 4-H Website soon to register on-line. Winner of T-Shirt Design Contest will get a free registration for the conference.

[Adams](#)

FCS ACTION TEAM

Save the Date:

Family and Consumer Science Field Trip Saturday, March 27, 2010

The FCS Action Team is planning a state field trip in Kansas City this Spring.

There are endless possibilities in Family and Consumer Sciences! Join us and redefine your image with runway basics, experience delectable photography, taste everything chocolate, and much more!

Please look for a 'Save the Date' postcard in County/District packets that are given at the State Fair. Please contact Tara Solomon, tsolomon@ksu.edu, with questions.

[Solomon](#)

HEALTHY LIVING

Need ideas for project meetings? The state 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Action Team may have a solution for you! Each year the team develops a list of Project Meeting Topics for clothing, foods, fiber arts, home environment, health and family studies projects for both intermediate (9 to 13 years of age) and senior level (14 to 18 years of age) members. Resources, including project leader notebooks, CCS materials, FCS Fact Sheets and other materials that we believe provide up to date and accurate information, are identified. Most topics include several resources and can be used for three or more project meetings. The same topics are used for both intermediate and senior levels when the resources are available. When we select a CCS book, we use it for at least three years so that most of the lessons in the book can be used. Material with an assortment of topics may be used for two consecutive years. For example, "Meat and Beans" was a topic for the 2008-2009 club year, with an emphasis on all types of meat and beans except for beef. "Meat and Beans" continues as a topic for 2009-2010 with the addition of Beef. "Project Meeting Topics" was distributed to 4-Hers attending the state Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Judging Contest, was included in the county packets from state fair and is available on the 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=224>. If you haven't seen this information before, check it out. Project leaders might find that planning project meetings just became a whole lot easier!

4-H Family and Consumer Science Action Team

Cultivating Healthy Kansas

Every 10 years, the United States undertakes a comprehensive health promotion plan to improve everyone's health. No matter the age, background, location or health status, the up-coming "US Healthy People 2020" plan will establish goals and benchmarks (and program targets) associated with improved health and well-being for the next 10 years. Though the Healthy People 2020 plan won't be available until after November, Kansas is taking steps now to prepare the Healthy Kansas 2020 plan that will align with the national plan.

Be part of Kansas' health planning and promotion effort by participating in the Dec. 1-3 Cultivating Healthy Kansas Leadership Summit. Details of the summit are available at: www.cultivatinghealthykansans.org

Honorary co-chairs of the summit are Coaches Bill Self (KU) and Bill Snyder (KSU).

For more information, contact Elaine Johannes, ejohanne@ksu.edu who is a member of the Summit task force.

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KS YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2010 Kansas Youth Leadership Council

Applications are available on the KYLF webpage for the Kansas Youth Leadership Council. The application is also available in a form-fill format.

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2010 may apply. This year's

delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW). Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H and Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference and other events. Please encourage those outstanding young leaders in your local unit to apply. Applications are due on October 15, 2009.

This year the elections will include the written application, and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel at the beginning of KYLF. From those that interview, up to 6 candidates will be selected to be in the election.

Kyla Clawson/Seth Diehm/[Hinshaw](#)/[Wiebers](#)

LEADERSHIP FORUM WEEKEND

2009 Leadership Forum Weekend (Youth and Volunteers)

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum information will be held November 20-22, 2009 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for those 4-H members ages 14-18 before January 1, 2010 and K4-HVF is designed for any Kansas 4-H Volunteer. We are thrilled to offer these two outstanding opportunities together and Online Registration is now available.

This year participants in both forums will register though the same event on the Online Registration system, look for 2009 Leadership Forum Weekend

Some of the features of the leadership weekend will include:

* Speaker Rhett Lauback. Rhett's primary focus is the development of Personal Leadership Insight; our ability to positively influence people and situations to create value and growth. You will love Rhett's enthusiasm and dynamic style as he shares the message.

* Joint consulting groups where youth and adults will share their passion for 4-H and how to grow the program.

* A "hands on" service opportunity for all.

The theme for KYLF this year is "The Green is Right". KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, a 10 year anniversary celebration and opportunities to learn and have fun. You can find more information on KYLF here: <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=48>

The theme for Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum is "4-H Tackling Leadership". The event will also include workshops, opportunities for networking and resources for building clubs and programs.

Registration deadline is Oct. 15, 2009. You can find more on the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum here:

<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=47>

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LIVESTOCK

Join us for the second *Youth Livestock Listening Session* on November 12 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. Representatives from Kansas State Fair, Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Kansas FFA, Kansas 4-H, and K-State Research and Extension will be on hand to hear your comments and suggestions. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send written comments to Sharon Breiner. You can contact her with questions at (785) 532-1264 or sbreiner@ksu.edu.

[Breiner](#)

The boards of the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show will use *DNA based nominations* in 2010. It is our belief that this will be a simpler and more scientific alternative to nose prints, that more equally includes all species. Both shows will work together to determine how the specifics of the system will work at the conclusion of this show season. The timeliness of this change is understood, and we are confident the committees of both shows will work quickly to outline the new program. At this time it has been decided that hair samples will be used to collect DNA. A booth has been developed for exhibitors, parents, and agents at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show that will feature educational information on how

hair-based DNA works. We are also developing video modules and tip sheets for our website

www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

[Breiner](#)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the agents and volunteers who helped make the first *4-H Livestock Sweepstakes* a success. This all-around event, held August 22-23, featured contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. Belt Buckles were awarded to the champion all-around team from Crawford County, as well as the high all-around individual Garrett Kays, also of Crawford County. For complete results and information visit www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu

Congratulations Champion and Reserve Champion Teams!

Sweepstakes All-Around Champion: Crawford County
Res. Champion: River Valley District

Livestock Judging Champion: Crawford County
Res. Champion: River Valley District

Livestock Skillathon Champion: Barton County
Res. Champion: River Valley District

Livestock Quiz Bowl Champion: River Valley District
Res. Champion: Pottawatomie Co.

Meats Judging Champion: Crawford County
Reserve Champion: Montgomery County

[Breiner](#)

NYSD

4-H National Youth Science Day, October 7, 2009

4-H National Youth Science Experiment

In just a few days you will receive specific additional instructions about National Youth Science Day and the National Youth Science Experiment. You can bring yourself up to speed by going to: <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/>. In addition, in your State Fair Bags, look for cards that you can distribute to your 4-H clubs, schools, science teachers, home schoolers, families, community organizations, etc. If you need more cards, please contact me, I have lots. ANYONE can participate in NYSD and the National Youth Science Experiment "Biofuels BLAST!" It is not limited to 4-H members. It is a great tool to help grow 4-H. The experiment can be done and results recorded to the website throughout the month of October.

[GERHARD](#)

SHOOTING SPORTS

Renewal fees for shooting sports instructors and coordinators were due on a new one form per county on September 1, 2009! This \$5 per person fee covers trained instructors for liability for the coming 4-H year. We have not received very many county forms, so may have to charge a late fee beginning in October! Get them in today!!!

[Adams](#)

SPACETECH ACTION TEAM

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team News

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team is currently recruiting new members. The action team is a group of 4-H member, volunteer leader, parent and Extension staff enthusiasts who give leadership and guidance to Kansas 4-H SpaceTech projects. Currently the SpaceTech Action Team emphasizes robotics, rocketry, aviation, astronomy and GPS, GIS/Technology projects.

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team currently focuses on offering regionalized/area trainings for multi-county teams or district teams rather than larger statewide trainings. For example, the XYZ District or two-to-five counties (or perhaps even more counties) in an area might desire a rocketry, robotics or another type of project training. The SpaceTech Action Team is willing to travel to the training location and present the training for a guaranteed number of participants. It might be 20-25 per workshop. The district or counties would also have to pay a gas stipend, and pay for photocopying of materials and for the purchasing of workshop materials needed. It might also be possible to offer two specific subject-matter workshops, if there were enough participants. The counties and districts would need to help advertise and recruit participants based on that local area's needs and family and school schedules.

If you have specific training needs and ideas on how to make an area, multi-county and or district training happen or if you are interested in joining the SpaceTech action team, please call Deryl with details at 785-462-6281, or e-mail him at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

[Waldren](#)

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Salute to Excellence

Volunteers are the heart of the 4-H program and the 4-H Regional Salute to Excellence award is a great way to show our support of and gratitude for their dedication. I hope you will take the time to nominate the most deserving 4-H volunteers from your institutions as well as share this message with those who work with volunteer development.

Nominations will be due by December 1, 2009 (to Rod Buchele, Extension Specialist Volunteer Development). The recognition categories are: 4-H Volunteer of the Year (VOY - less than 10 years of service) and the 4-H Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer (OLV - 10 years or more). Nomination forms will be available on Kansas4-H.org very soon.

This is a national level program, nominations are being accepted from all fifty (50) states, District of Columbia, and U.S. territories for both the VOY and the OLV. Each state may submit one nomination in each category. An independent panel of youth and adults will review the nominations and choose the top volunteer in each category from each of the four regions. From those eight awardees, the top two winners are selected to receive the national awards.

The regional awardees will each receive \$200 to be donated to any 4-H program of their choice and the national winners will each receive \$1,000 to donate. In addition, the national winners will receive a trip (expenses paid) to the National 4-H Youth Conference Center for recognition at the 4-H National Hall of Fame Awards ceremony in Chevy Chase, MD.

[Buchele](#)

Volunteer Development Professional Development

Build your career in volunteer management
Get the right volunteers, in the right roles, at the right time
Be a powerful advocate for volunteers
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