



October 2011 Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

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DEADLINES

- Sept 18 Kansas State Fair Photo Submission deadline.
- Sept 23 Dog Conference Registrations due online at Kansas4-H.org/Register.
- Sept 23 Dog Conference T-Shirt Designs due to State 4-H Office.
- Sept 25 Kansas 4-H "Healthy Living" Ambassador submission deadline.
- Sept 30 Deadline to submit club/group for 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador/Pilot.
- Oct 1 "CATS" Cameras at the Springs Registration deadline.
- Oct 1 Camp Chair Meeting RSVP deadline.
- Oct 1 Plant Science Project Pilot Application deadline.
- Oct 1 Access Training Registration deadlines for all October sessions.
- Oct 17 Kansas Volunteer Salute to Excellence application deadline.
- Oct 17 KYLF and Kansas Volunteer Forum Online Registration deadline.
- Oct 17 Kansas Youth Leadership Council Google Application
(including signature page and two letters of reference) must be postmarked by this deadline.
- Nov 1 ES-237 2011 Group Enrollments/Data entries and updates due in Access.
- Nov 1 Outbound Exchange Applications due.
- Jan 12 NCR-SARE Youth & Youth Educator Sustainable Agriculture Grant Application deadline.
- Jan 15 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum Proposal forms due.

THIS MONTH'S TIP SHEET

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Waldren

4-H Plant Science Project Pilot Accepting Applications

Through a Grow 4-H Grant with the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Kansas 4-H will provide a group of 4-H Adult Volunteer Plant Science Project Leaders with knowledge, curriculum and Specialist support to provide positive project experiences for 4-H members. The Grow 4-H through 4-H Plant Science Webinars for adult volunteer leaders will include 7 monthly webinars by a K-State Research Extension Staff member that will be then be put into practice by participants at project meetings for their group. Applications are due October 1, 2011. For complete details on this project please check out this website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=44>

Gerhard, Hinshaw, Mack

State 4-H Dog Conference -- Oct. 15-16, 2011 at Rock Springs

Registration and T-Shirt Design deadline is Sept.23, 2011. You may register online at <https://4hyp-ts.oznet.ksu.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?~11DOGCONF>. Please check out flyer on What's Hot at www.Kansas4-H.org, for additional registration information on the Dog Care and Training Project home page before registering on-line.

Adams

NCR-SARE Announces 2011 Youth & Youth Educator Sustainable Agriculture Grants Call for Proposals

The 2011 North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Youth & Youth Educator Grant Call for Proposals is now available. These grants are a part of the Farmer Rancher Grant Program. Their purpose is to provide opportunities for youth in the North Central Region to learn more about Sustainable Agriculture. Sustainable agriculture is good for the environment, profitable, and socially responsible. A total of approximately \$34,000 is available for this program.

There are two options:

1. *YOUTH GRANTS*. These grants are for on-farm research, demonstration, or education projects by youth ages 8-18. Research and demonstration projects are for hands-on efforts to explore Sustainable Agriculture issues and practices. Education projects can involve teaching others about Sustainable Agriculture or attending a Sustainable Agriculture conference, workshop, or camp. \$400 maximum.
2. *YOUTH EDUCATOR GRANTS*. These are grants for educators to provide programming on sustainable agriculture for youth. \$2,000 maximum.

Interested applicants can find the call for proposals online as well as useful information for completing a proposal at <http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Types-of-Grants/Youth-and-Youth-Educator-Grant-Program> .

Proposals are due by 4:30pm; Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the NCR-SARE office in Jefferson City, MO. Potential applicants with questions can contact Joan Benjamin, Associate Regional Coordinator and Farmer Rancher Grant Program Coordinator, at benjaminj@lincolnu.edu or 573-681-5545 or 800-529-1342. A hard copy or an emailed copy of the call for proposals is also available by contacting Joan Benjamin. We make slight revisions to our calls for proposals each year, which means it is crucial to use the most recent call for proposals. For more information contact: North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education at 612-626-3113, www.sare.org/ncrsare , or ncrsare@umn.edu.

Van Horn

2012 Outbound Exchange Applications due November 1

While the application date for 2012 Outbound Kansas 4-H Exchanges is November 1, 2011, some complete application packets may be accepted during November if applicants will contact Mary Kay Munson and work with her to get required materials in to her in time to prepare for the December 2-3 required interviews in Manhattan, KS. For 2012 4-H members may travel to Australia, Norway or Japan through Kansas 4-H Exchanges. 4-H alumni 19-26 may participate in exchanges with a variety of countries in Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa and the South Pacific, where 4-H has a partner organization. These exchanges are arranged in consultation with the delegate. Adult staff and volunteers over 25 may apply to chaperone 4-H'ers to Australia, Norway or Japan. 2012 applications and forms may be found on www.Kansas4-H.org under Programs and World Citizenship, or visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=234> . Mary Kay may be reached at 785-238-3631, or e-mail, munson@ksbroadband.net .

Munson/Waldren

2012 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum, Kansas Hosts!

Proposal forms to apply to present a workshop/seminar at the 2012 Forum will be on the web starting October 1, 2011 and will be due January 15, 2012. For the form, please go to: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/p.aspx?tabid=314> . Volunteers, Agents, Teens, 4-H Parents and others are invited to submit proposals to present.

Just a heads up: We will also be looking 4-H entertainment talent to present during the Forum. Please be thinking about acts to nominate.

There are still plenty of roles for folks to contribute to the Forum. Help is always welcomed.

Check the website to see what you might be able to help with. <http://4-h.k-state.edu/p.aspx?tabid=314>

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2011 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum E-Forum

The 2011 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum will be an experiment in distance learning. The Forum will be an E-Forum, which is a Forum by electronic communications connection. Please join Kansas volunteers and volunteers from all over the central US in learning. The dates and topics are:

Monday, November 7 Positive Youth Development

The Teen Brain: A Work in Progress. Presenter Annette Haas, University of Wisconsin-Extension

Quality Matters: In Chocolate and 4-H Programs. Presenter Brenda Shafer, University of Minnesota

Thursday, November 17 4-H Program Management

Keeping Your Cool While Working with Youth. Presenters Pat McGlaughlin and Sheri Seibold, University of Illinois

Reducing the Risks of 4-H Club Meetings. Presenter Vicki Schwartz, Ohio State University

Tuesday, November 22 New & Emerging Curriculum

Get Connected in Your 4-H World. Presenter Rachelle Vettern, North Dakota State University

4-H Science. Presenter Dixie Sandborn, Michigan State University

Community Service Learning. Presenter Steve McKinley, Purdue University

Volunteers may participate in any or all sessions. Some local offices will be hosting local group sessions. Check with your local office and volunteer to host a session. Registration information will be coming out soon. Please plan to join in this opportunity for learning.

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Volunteer Leadership Review

Something to put in your time plan for the next couple of months' time to is visit with each club's leadership team. Following are starter questions; review what the club has done the past year, what was successful, what could have been done better, what did we learn, what leadership goals do we have for the next year, what leadership support does the club need (in general and from the Extension Office), what is one new way to involve new volunteer leadership in the club? These are just starter questions, follow where the conversation leads. The main thing is to meet with the club leadership team. You will learn a lot and they will appreciate the attention.

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Volunteer Development in your Professional Development Plan

Each Extension Agent is to develop a professional development plan as a part of the action planning (and performance evaluation) process. I would urge you to put in some time for developing your volunteer engagement knowledge, skills and practices. One really valuable option is the Everyone Ready online training. There are other options available also, the main thing is plan and take some time to build your capacities and then use the knowledge to improve your practices.

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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

Attend Everyone Ready®

Everyone Ready® is a professional development program in volunteer management delivered via Online Seminars, electronic Self-Instruction Guides, interactive discussion boards, and other online resources. Everyone Ready® is conducted by Energize.Inc., a leader in the field of Volunteerism and is sponsored for Extension by Monsanto.

The next seminar starts September 19th and is: Designing Work for Today's Volunteers. This seminar helps you identify and define tasks for volunteers that benefit the organization, provide the volunteer with a significant and appealing way to make a positive contribution, and still fit within the abilities of today's time-challenged population. To get started go to: <http://nextgeneration.4-h.org/volunteerism/>

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Leadership Forum Weekend (Youth and Volunteers)

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf) and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum information is up and 4-H Online Registration is open! The Forums will be held November 19-21, 2010 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.

This year participants in both forums will register through the 4-H online registration system for the Leadership Forum Weekend event. Some of the features of the leadership weekend will include:

*Speaker and Leadership Specialist Joe Richards sharing his message, "Bring Yourself to Every Moment", as the Keynote for both groups.

*Joint consulting groups where youth and adults will share their passion for 4-H and "How do you catch the attention of 3rd Graders and their Mom's?" with the message to grow the 4-H program.

- *Workshops for youth and adults
- *A “hands on” service opportunity for all.

The theme for KYLF this year is “Whoa, the Place You Will Go”. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. For KYLF information go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=48>

The theme for Volunteer Forum: “There’s No Place Like 4-H”. Volunteer Forum will feature the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers, adult leadership workshops, idea sharing time and the annual silent auction. Volunteer Forum will be fun for all and all will go home with new ideas and excitement for 4-H. For information on Volunteer Forum go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=47>

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CATS – “Cameras At The Springs”, October 21 - 23, 2011

CATS is an informal photography retreat for adults at the beautiful Rock Springs 4-H Center. Sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Photography Action Team,. All adult photography project leaders and enthusiasts are invited to attend. Formal classes will not be held. Photo Action Team members will be in attendance to lead photo excursions and answer questions relating to photography and the 4-H Photography Project.

The cost for the retreat is \$115 per person. Every individual attending must register (using a Google Docs form). Registration deadline is Saturday, October 1, 2011. Full information and the registration link on the web at: <http://4-h.k-state.edu/p.aspx?tabid=191>

Questions? Contact Rachel Harmon, CATS Chair at 785-222-3313 or Rachel@sagebrushvideo.com

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Snapshots from The Fair!

Once again The Hutchinson News will have a photo contest for 4-H’ers and FFA members. They should submit a photo of either a county or state fair project. The photo entry could have been taken during a recent county fair or as they prepare for the state fair.

How does it work? Submit your 4-H, FFA or Kansas State Fair exhibit photos for a chance to win a \$100 Cenex gas card from Nickerson Farmer's Co-op. Readers will then vote from September 19 - September 24 to determine the winner. Photos can be submitted through Sunday, September 18, 2011.

Here is the link to submit photos. Registration is required <http://www.kansasagland.com/snapshots>
There are prizes as listed on the information site at the above link. Check the official rules link for further information.

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Out-of-School Program Idea Conference, October 4

The “Out-of-School Program Idea Conference” has been set for Tuesday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st. Street N., Wichita. The “Out-of School Program Idea Conference” provides an excellent opportunity for sharing and networking with professionals that are planning, organizing and

facilitating educational activities for out-of-school youth participants. This one-day event highlight hands-on curricula that adapts easily for any out-of-school setting whether it's an organized afterschool program, camp setting or summer recreation the idea sharing with other youth serving professional . To register check out the form available on the Kansas 4-H Web Site at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx> under "What's Hot".

For more information on the Out-of-School Program Idea Conference contact Pam Van Horn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

Van Horn

Camp Chair Meeting and Training

Camp Chairs make your plans today to attend the Camp Chairs Meeting, Thursday, October 13, Rock Springs. Please send me an e-mail to let me know if you will be attending by October 7. Rock Springs will provide snacks and lunch.

Van Horn

2012 Tentative Camp Dates

Listed below are the 2011 tentative Camp dates. The schedule is very tight with nine camp groups to fit into a time frame of after Discovery Days and before July 4. Happy Camping!

Pioneer Trails	June 3-6
Sunny Hills	June 6-9
Far Points	June 9-12
Purple Power Pack	June 12-15
Heart of Kansas	June 15-18
Dirty Dozen	June 18-21
Fantastic Four	June 21-24
Ozsome	June 24-27
Northwest	June 27-30

According to the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Policies, Best Management Practices, and Information, if extension units have the flexibility to renegotiate camp group affiliation after the close of their camp session and no later than September 30, in any given year. Questions can be forwarded to Pam Van Horn.

Van Horn

2012 4-H Camp Rates at Rock Springs

Gordon Hibbard, president of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, has announced the new rates for the 2012 camping season at Rock Springs 4-H Center as follows:

8 Meals and 3 Nights = \$137. A 5% discount will be applied for groups bringing 350-399 campers. Discounted rate: \$130.15. A 10% discount will be applied for groups bringing 400 or more campers. Discounted rate: \$123.30.

9 Meals and 3 Nights = \$140. A 5% discount will be applied for groups bringing 350-399 campers. Discounted rate: \$133. A 10% discount will be applied for groups bringing 400 or more campers. Discounted rate: \$126.

Rock Springs will continue to offer a discount of \$1/camper per night for those campers staying in the Stoneybrook cabins. Contracts and 4-H Camp packets will be provided to each camp group at the Camp Chair meeting on October 13. For more information, please contact Rock Springs 4-H Center at 785-257-3221.

Van Horn

New 4-H Recruitment Campaign Promotes Kansas 4-H as “Network of Families That Grows Great Kids”

The campaign first appeared at the Kansas State Fair, then it will roll-out online and in local communities throughout the year.

“Aspire to be a fashionista?”

“Kids just convinced you to get a pet?”

“Cooking up a storm results in a kitchen tornado?”

These are just a few of the questions posed in a new Kansas 4-H recruitment campaign targeting third graders and their parents. Last spring the Marketing Action Team interviewed non-4-H moms from across the state to learn what would prompt enrollment. The result was two key messages: (1) 4-H is a network of families rather than a group of kids, and (2) it’s for city/town families, too.

If you missed the webinar that unveiled the new 4-H recruitment plan it is archived at

<http://connect.ksre.ksu.edu/p42398391/>

Diane Mack and 4-H Marketing Action Team Members

National 4-H Week, Oct. 2 – 8

Gear up your local 4-H recruitment efforts during National 4-H Week, Oct. 2 - 8. You have two sites for resources to use - 4-H Marketing Action Team resource page and National 4-H Brand Network.

We recommend that you use the Growing Great Kids flyer that we made available for county fair promotion. Add the list of local clubs and contact information. These are available to order or to download at:

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

National 4-H Brand Network also has their Promotional Tool Kit available at: <http://www.4-h.org/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2011-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/>

Best wishes in growing your local 4-H program.

Diane Mack and members of the 4-H Marketing Action Team

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Be a Partner to Pilot Kansas 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador/Officer Program

The results of this 6-month (Oct., 2011 – April, 2012) pilot will help determine if a 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador/Officer program is a good idea for Kansas!

Kansas 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors/Officers can motivate others to be more healthy, they can educate others about alternatives to unhealthy behavior and support healthier communities. Ambassadors/Officers (individuals or teams) can also lead health activities, undertake group health events and improve their community's health.

Selected 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador/Officer pilot clubs/groups receive:

1. Supply of selected curriculum which may include:
2. Training (on-site, teleconference) and support of the Ambassador/Officer(s), and adult mentor(s).
3. \$350 mini-grant for costs related to club/group implementation and community outreach.
4. Training for local youth to evaluate the Ambassador/Officer pilot along with a \$50 stipend disbursed to the partner club/group if evaluation results are received by May 30, 2012.

After a brief phone interview, pilot Ambassadors/Officers will be announced by Sept. 30, 2011.

The first training of the Ambassador/Officer(s) will take place locally in early October. Participating clubs/groups are also invited to Extension's annual HealthFest!, March 30-31 at Rock Springs, 4-H Center.

To submit the name of your club/group by Sept. 25 to be selected for the 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador/Officer Pilot, contact:

Linda Biles (state 4-H representative to the FCS Action Team); <sewandsewbiles@aol.com>, or
Elaine Johannes (designated Kansas 4-H Healthy Living Liaison); <ejohanne@ksu.edu>, 785-532-7720

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October 3-9th Designated as Anti-Bullying Awareness Week

By resolution, the Kansas State Senate and the Kansas State Board of Education have declared the first week of October Anti-Bullying Awareness Week. Awareness week information, resources and samples for local resolutions will be made available on the KS Dept. of Education "Safe Schools Resource Center" <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3878>.

Kansas State Research and Extension has its own bullying prevention lesson for community-based youth clubs, groups titled, "Breaking the Code: Understanding and Intervening in Teen Bullying". To access copies of Breaking the Code, log onto:

Breaking the Code - leader's guide: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/famlf2/mf2777t.pdf>

Breaking the Code - fact sheet: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/famlf2/mf2776t.pdf>

For more information about bullying and how it impacts young people, see the federal government's website: www.stopbullying.gov

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2012 Kansas Youth Leadership Council

Applications are available on the KYLF page. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2012 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 and educational activities.

Find the application and information here: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=48>

Please encourage those outstanding and committed young leaders in your local unit to apply. Applications Youth Council applications must be submitted online and photos should be emailed by 5:00 pm CDT, October 17, 2011. The signature page and two (2) letters of reference must be postmarked by October 17, 2011. 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.

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K-State Junior Beef Day

Mark your calendar and watch for more details on the upcoming K-State Junior Beef Day which has been scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Weber Hall/Arena on the K-State campus.

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Kansas Award Applications

Friday, February 3, 2012, 5 p.m. Area KAP finalists and 4-H scholarships are due into the State 4-H Office. Please contact Pam Van Horn for more information.

Van Horn