

September 2008

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National 4-H Conference Applications Available

Applications are available now for the 2009 National 4-H Conference to be held Saturday, March 28 through Thursday, April 2, 2009 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Each Extension unit is allowed to nominate one teen per county for this opportunity so time must be allowed for screening if multiple applications are received in your county or district. Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old by January 1, 2009. Up to six Kansas youth and one adult chaperone may be selected. Selected applications and letters of recommendation are due in the State 4-H Office no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, October 1, 2008 to allow for screening and scheduling of interviews to be held at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. Attendance at KYLF is required for interviewees.

The application and additional information is available on the Kansas 4-H web site at:

<http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Events/NatConf/Wiebers>

Greeting Card Workshop

At the Kansas State Fair Sept 13, Kansas 4-H is offering a make-your-own greeting card workshop to help fairgoers create a personalized greeting for family members, friends and neighbors who are serving in the military. We will have 5 computer stations, a digital camera for taking pictures to include on personalized greetings, and supplies needed to help fairgoers create a card they can take home and mail.

The workshop is free, begins at 10:00am and will continue until 2:00pm at the west end of 4-H Centennial Hall, which is located at the north end of the fairgrounds. Greetings-to-Go is sponsored by Kansas 4-H and OMK, an outreach effort sponsored by the U.S. Army Child and Youth Services that focus on helping communities develop support systems for military families.

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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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Out-of-School Program Idea Conference - October 27, 2008--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 a first of it's 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!

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.kansas4h.org/>. The cost is \$10 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](#)

4-H Brand Network

<http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/default.aspx>

Take a look at the 4-H Brand Network intranet site. This Web site is a resource for you to learn about the 4-H brand, share tips and ideas and apply what you've learned using ready-made resources for you to promote 4-H throughout your community. It is meant for 4-H professionals, members, and volunteers to assist you in your promotion of 4-H.

[Buchele](#)

4-H Sponsors National Youth Science Day October 8, 2008

As a part of our National 4-H Week celebration, the 4-H movement across the country will sponsor National Youth Science Day on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. National Youth Science Day will be the keystone in providing young people with opportunities to explore science, engineering and technology. A significant part of the National Youth Science Day activities will be participation in a national youth science experiment and then reporting the results to a common website. 4-H Clubs, classrooms, and other youth groups will be able to participate at their regular meetings during the month of October and upload their findings and even video footage and reports of their experiment. Additional promotional information will be available from the National 4-H SET website. Look for the latest details about the experiment in future Tuesday Letters and at the Kansas 4-H website.

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AMBASSADOR ACTION TEAM

Ambassador Action Team Meeting at the Kansas State Fair

The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team will meet Sunday, September 14, 1-3 p.m. during the

Kansas State Fair to begin planning for the 2009 Ambassador Training to be held February 20-21, 2009, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This planning meeting will be held in the Kansas Farmer Service Room in the 4-H Encampment Building on the KSF grounds in Hutchinson. The meeting is open to anyone interested in helping with the 2009 training. The group is also seeking new members for the action team. For details on how to join or for questions about the meeting, contact Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu or call 785-462-6281.

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BASIC 4-H OPERATIONS TRAINING

Basic 4-H Operations Training ([flyer](#)) is set for September 22-23 in Manhattan. We invite you to attend this training where we share critical information for handling 4-H managerial issues that may and often do arise.

Basic 4-H Operations training begins at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 22 and goes through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23. All sessions will be held in Throckmorton Hall, Room 2002 on the K-State campus. This training is now part of the New Agent Training Cycle, but anyone in the system that would like a refresher course is welcome.

Topics to be addressed include: 4-H Financial Management, VIP, Accountability to the 4-H mission, Learning through Events, Risk Management, Program Planning, Program Management and more. You will find the Basic Operations brochure under "What's Hot" on the state 4-H website.

Diane Mack, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, NE and Beth Hinshaw, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, SE are co-presenters for this training. If you have questions, please contact Diane or Beth. Cost to attend is \$20 payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Please contact Diane Mack at: dmack@oznet.ksu.edu by September 8 if you plan to attend.

[Mack/Hinshaw](#)

BUILDING STRONG 4-H CLUBS

Creating a Welcoming Club Environment

The new 4-H year is quickly approaching! Agents as you prepare 4-H newsletters, club leader trainings, and new year kick-offs, remember to stress with leaders the importance of making a great first impression. Encourage the leaders to create a welcoming environment for visitors as well as club members.

As you think about 4-H clubs, most members, volunteers and parents sit next to people they know when they attend 4-H meetings because it's comfortable. Encourage leaders to promote club members to become better acquainted with members they may not know as well as their buddies by adding one of the following tips to the regular club meeting.

- Get acquainted activities or icebreakers
- Roll calls that ask questions about member's interests
- Mix club members by encouraging small group or committee work
- Pair up 4-H members: older and younger; experience and inexperienced; differing projects.

When youth and adults "feel" as if they belong, they are more eager to attend and participate.

[Van Horn](#)

CAMPING

Camp Chair Meeting and Training

Camp Chairs make your plans today to attend the Camp Chairs Meeting, October 28, Rock Springs. Then for all camping enthusiasts come participate in the Camp Training, October 28-29, Rock Springs. Everyone is sure to have fun! Registration to be available by mid September.

[Van Horn](#)

CHARACTERCOUNTS!

CHARACTERCOUNTS! - Teaching Character is a TEAM Effort

The CHARACTERCOUNTS! strategy is built on the word "TEAM." Character education works best as a team effort with the home as the center aided by schools, youth organizations like 4-H and faith communities. TEAM is also an acronym. The T stands for "teach" E for "enforce," A for "advocate," and M for model." First we must *teach* young people about the nature of good character. We should be specific, concrete and repetitive in defining, illustrating and demanding the traits embodied in the "Six Pillars of Character" (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship). Next, we have to *enforce* the principles by establishing clear rules of behavior and consistently imposing fair, firm and timely positive and negative consequences that demonstrate our own commitment to ethical conduct. Third, we must boldly *advocate* adherence to moral principles, constantly exhorting, encouraging, and inspiring a belief in the desirability of good character. Finally, and most importantly, we have to *model* ethical behavior in all we say and do. Everything we do sends a message that will either bolster or undermine our attempts to build character in others.

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CURRICULUM CORNER

New Publications to Help Begin the New 4-H Year -- The "Kansas 4-H Project Curriculum Guide" for 2008-2009 is an electronic version only posted and linked on the front page of www.kansas4-h.org. Look for the link in the center of the page under the photo. This document lists the most current project curriculum with a brief description of each manual. Additional project and support materials are also listed for those interested in more in-depth study. Extension Units can download and use the information desired. The "Kansas 4-H Project Selection Guide" will be printed in the next issue of the Kansas 4-H Journal. Check out the new look with project phase descriptions coordinated with the Enrollment Form. Members will be able to see what they can expect to Learn/Do at various age/skill levels in each project.

[Adams](#)

Kansas 4-H Resource Library -- The Curriculum Action Team plans to further develop this resource by asking all Extension Units to share their successful local programs. Please submit your successful lessons, activities, brochures, etc. to rcurry@ksu.edu for posting in the Kansas 4-H Resource Library. Sharing your successes will keep other colleagues from wasting their time developing something already done. The Action Team is particularly interested in the listing of successful School Enrichment programs and lesson plans. We know several counties have school enrichment coordinators that have many lessons that are popular and proven. Please send these lessons in a format that can be easily downloaded and modified by colleagues to fit their situation. Sharing your successes will help other Extension Units "Grow 4-H". [Adams](#)

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 4-H members ages 14-18 before January 1, 2009. Registration will be through the online system and is due by October 15.

There are many new exciting workshops and we are thrilled to have Patty Hendrickson as our guest

speaker.

[Oram/James/Hinshaw](#)

2009 Kansas Youth Leadership Council

Applications are available in the KYLF registration material posted on the web. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2009 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, 2008.

[Kyla Clawson/Hinshaw/Wiebers](#)

HEALTHY LIVING

Healthy Living Mission Area – Physical Activity standards to change:

On June 11 the HHS Secretary announced in the Federal Register proposed changes to the nation's physical activity standards for children and youth. Should the changes, as recommended by a blue-ribbon expert panel, become effective next year they will read:

". . .fitness benefits can be expected to accrue to most children and youth who participate daily in 60 or more minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity. . . .include regular participation in each of the following types of physical activity on 3 or more days per week: resistance exercise to enhance muscular strength in the large muscle groups of the trunk and limbs, vigorous aerobic exercise to improve cardio-respiratory fitness and cardiovascular and metabolic disease risk factors, and weight-loading activities to promote bone health. Experiences consistent with these goals involve participation in physical activities that are developmentally appropriate, that minimize the potential risks of overtraining and injuries, and that provide children and youth with opportunities for enjoyable participation in a wide range of specific forms of physical."

For more information about Health Rocks contact:

Carol Fink <cfink@ksu.edu> or Elaine Johannes <ejohanne@ksu.edu>

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HORTICULTURE

The 2008 State Horticulture Judging Contest

The State Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 23 in Throckmorton Hall on the KSU Campus in Manhattan. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the contest orientation at 10:00 a.m. The awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m.

Remember no parking permit is needed for Saturday parking on campus. Please plan ahead for extra traffic, since this is the same day as KSU Residence Hall move in.

[Hinshaw/Neier/Crouse/Janke](#)

MARKETING ACTION TEAM

Marketing Kansas 4-H

A new 4-H year begins soon! How will you invite others to be a part of Kansas' greatest youth organization? The Marketing Action team developed items to help you market Kansas 4-H.

NEW Items:

(To view the items, go to <http://www.kansas4-h.org/ActionTeams/Marketing/>)

4-H Promotional Postcards: 6 designs. Great for reminders, thank-you notes or other notes. Each 8.5 x 11" sheet of cardstock, will have 2 full color postcards printed on it. This will allow you to run them through your printer to customize the back with a local message. After cutting the finished size will meet postcard regulations. Cost is \$2.50 per package of 25 sheets which is 50 postcards. (4-H959, 4-H960, 4-H961, 4-H962, 4-H963, 4-H964)

4-H Activity Page: New games to play, 2 color, pad of 50, 11 X 17- inch size. Cost is 3.08 for a pad of 50. (4-H931 Rev)

4-H Table Tent: 4-H Clover Table Tent, green and white, two sided, 10.5 X 17-inch. Cost is 69 cents each. This made it's debut at the 4-H Program Rally I in January. (4-H958)

Still Available to order:

*4-H Marketing Brochure: Cost is 45 cents per brochure. (4-H839)

*4-H Promotional Posters: Set of 5. 11 X 17- inch size. Cost is \$4.00 per set. (4-H934)

*4-H Power of Youth Display: Cost is \$26.85. (S141)

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MEATS JUDGING

State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

The State 4-H Meats Judging Contest has been rescheduled again to Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 due to delays in repairing the coolers in Weber Hall. Contest will begin at 1:pm with check-in in Weber Hall room 111. Details will be posted soon under "What's Hot" on the State 4-H Website. Pre-registration will be online.

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NORTHWEST AREA 4-H SpaceTech EDUCATORS' WORKSHOP

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team and K-State Research and Extension are sponsoring a Northwest Area SpaceTech Educators' Workshop on Saturday, September 20th, at the K-State Ag Research Center, 1232 240th Avenue, Hays, 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 Northwest 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 is hard copy only from forms downloaded from the Kansas 4-H website. Visit:

www.kansas4-h.org. Click on "What's Hot" after August 15, 2008. Registration is due by September 10, 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.

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 September 11-14, 2008. No registration will be accepted beginning on September 15, 2008. Registration fees are non-refundable. The workshop will be held at K-State Research Ag Extension Center in Hays, so dress appropriately. Remember, the Kansas 4-H Dress Code will be in place. Participants will be representing themselves, Kansas 4-H, and all youth in general. We expect they will model the six pillars of Character, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

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, state fair rules, National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and FAA rules will be shared.

Schedule: Saturday, September 20, K-State Ag Research Center Auditorium, Hays, 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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NWYLF AND DAY CAMP TRAINING

Northwest Youth Leadership Forum and Day Camp Training

Sixty youth and adults participated on August 11th in the Second Annual Northwest Youth Leadership Forum and Day Camp Training on the Fort Hays State University campus in Hays. Participants went through the Smoky Hills Ropes Course located on the FHSU campus. Nadine Sigle of Post Rock #1 District, Osborne Office directed the delegates to fix their own lunch of a delicious outdoor cookery meal of pork loin, potatoes and veggies, upside down pineapple cake, apple crisp, and garlic bread. The 60 attendees chose two workshops offered from six. Educational sessions offered included:

- Putting the Zip Back in Your Club Meeting – Andrew Dempewolf, Claire Thiesen and Kyla Clawson, Kansas 4-H Youth Council Members
- Games and Challenge Initiatives with the Big Black Bag – Deryl Waldren, Extension 4-H Specialist, Colby, KS
- Day Camp Nuts and Bolts: Committee, Promotions, Planning and Risk Management – Robyn Deines, 4-H Agent, Walnut Creek District #2
- Improve Your Interviewing Skills – Lenae Lang, Hays
- Character Counts – Kyla Clawson, Kansas 4-H Youth Council Member
- Day Camp Activities, Theme Planning, High level and hands-on – Robyn Deines, 4-H Agent, Walnut Creek District #2

The training was partially funded by the Dane Hansen Day Camp Grant awarded to Northwest Kansas

4-H. Planning team members were: Robyn Deines, Susan Schlichting, Andrew Dempewolf, Jared Marcuson, Claire Thiesen, Berny Unruh, Nadine Sigle, Audrey Werth and Deryl Waldren.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Computer Manipulated Photos

We have had several questions about computer manipulated photos. Following is the definition the Photo Action Team is using: Digital images that have had objects added or removed, filter effects applied or black & white and color combined must be entered in the class for Computer Manipulated Photos (class 4805). Additional information is:

Class #4805 - Computer manipulated photos: The judges will want to compare the original photo with the computer enhanced or manipulated photo entry. Exhibitor must include a second 11 x 12-1/2 matte board mounted with a standard size print (or prints if more than one photo was used) of the original photo(s) and 3 x 5 card explaining what manipulation was done. May include additional photos (standard size and may be layered) showing editing steps. Place both matte boards in the same two gallon freezer type bag to protect the photo during transportation, handling and display at the State Fair.

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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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SpaceTech ACTION TEAM

SpaceTech Action Team Meeting at the Kansas State Fair

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team will meet Saturday, September 6, 5-7 p.m. during the Kansas State Fair to plan for the 2008 Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Educators' Workshops to be held September 20 in Hays and November 8 in Holton. This planning meeting will be held in the Kansas Farmer Service Room in the 4-H Encampment Building on the KSF grounds in Hutchinson. The meeting is open to anyone interested in helping with the 2008 workshops. The group is also seeking new members for the action team. For details on how to join or for questions about the meeting, contact Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu or call 785-462-6281.

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SHOOTING SPORTS

SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR ACTIVITY REPORTS & RENEWAL FORMS DUE

It's that time again! Instructor Activity Reports & Renewal Forms are due from all current certified instructors, certified Junior Apprentices, and Assistant Instructors for which units want liability insurance. The activity report is for project year: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. A fee of \$5 per instructor, junior apprentice, and 4-H assistant instructor (i.e. non-certified) that Extension units want to have covered by the \$1 million supplementary liability insurance is required for renewal. Please consolidate your reports together and send one check per Extension unit. The Instructor Activity Report & Renewal Form is DUE to the State 4-H Office by September 2, 2008. Even if an instructor did not conduct any sessions in the past year but wants to remain on the active instructors roster, please have them submit a report and check the box indicating no teaching in the past year. The new Instructor Activity Report & Renewal Form may be found at the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports website homepage: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/shootingsports/Default.htm>

Thanks to all for your help with this paperwork.

If Coordinators have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:

Gary Gerhard at ggerhard@ksu.edu or (785) 532-0747

Mary Beth Strong at mestrong@ksu.edu or (620) 218-3957

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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 22, 2008)

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SHOOTING SPORTS FALL MATCH T-SHIRT ORDERS

All State 4-H Match t-shirts for Fall 2008 events must be ordered by September 15, 2008. This will help us assure a sufficient quantity to receive the lowest prices. The Fall Match T-Shirts are identical to those offered for the Spring Match in Great Bend, in April.

Please check the website for any order forms and additional information at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/shootingsports/Default.htm>

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Shooting Sports NWTF Grant Applications

(This message is for all Extension Units with Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Programs.) Kansas 4-H has been notified that our national application for National Wild Turkey Federation funds has been approved. The applications are due Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 5 PM in the State 4-H Office. Additional information is available on the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports website (<http://www.kansas4-h.org/ShootingSports/Default.htm>) and will be sent to Coordinators and Extension Agents. Grants are awarded to assist in establishing new shooting sports disciplines in units. Consumable supplies and precision shooting equipment are not funded.

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Shooting Sports Action Team Applications

(This message is for all Extension Units with Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Programs.) The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Action Team is looking for teen and adult volunteers and Extension Agents to fill several openings becoming available in January 2009. The Action Team provides direction for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in Kansas through the implementation of the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports

Plan. Application forms are available via the "Forms" button on the Kansas 4-H home web page (Kansas4-H.org). For information about terms and expectations, please see the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Plan (<http://www.kansas4-h.org/ShootingSports/Default.htm>). The application deadline for consideration for appointment is September 2, 2008.

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Kansas 4-H'ers Excel at National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Match

Congratulations to the entire squad of Kansas 4-H members who participated in eight disciplines at the recent National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Match in Grand Island, Nebraska. In Air Rifle, Stephen Buntain of Fort Scott once again demonstrated his skills as 1st place marksman in the nation. Last year, Stephen won first place in Small Bore Rifle at the National 4-H Match. Joining him in the top slot in Smallbore Pistol was teammate Lindsey Ewert of Leavenworth County. Lindsey, along with Sam Leighton (Quinter), Andy Swoyer (Winchester), and Logan Mattheyer (Ellis) comprised the 1st Place Smallbore Pistol Team in the country.

Additional youth recognized included:

- Air Rifle 9th Place Individual Jason Eslick, Andover
- 2nd Place Team Stephen Buntain, Fort Scott
- Jason Eslick, Andover
- Shanee Gideon, Paxico
- Katey Taylor, Valley Center
- Smallbore Pistol 7th Place Individual Sam Leighton, Quinter
- 9th Place Individual Andy Swoyer, Winchester
- Smallbore Rifle 4th Place Individual Millissia Tomlinson, Oskaloosa
- 3rd Place Team Millissia Tomlinson, Oskaloosa
- Jacob Correll, Valley Falls
- Jacob Stroda, Manhattan
- Cody Hoagland, Meriden

Results and photos may be seen at: <http://shootingsports.unl.edu/index.html>
<http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsports/results/tuesdayresults.htm>

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VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Recruitment Resources

Now is a good time to check out the 4-H Brand Network 4-H Volunteer Recruitment promotional kit at: <http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/apply/kitsvolunteer.aspx> There are sample brochures, bookmarks, posters, Web banners and Public Service Announcements, (including in Spanish). The Recruitment promotional kit has quick and easy tools for 4-H staff, youth and volunteers to promote 4-H and the satisfaction of the 4-H volunteer experience in their communities. To access the resources you will need to have an account with the 4-H Brand Network. If you do not have an account, follow the link for new user to create an account. There are lots of great resources on this site. <http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/apply/kitsvolunteer.aspx>

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4-H Volunteers USA

<http://www.4hvolunteersusa.org/>

This site has a lot of great resources for 4-H Volunteers. Check out the resources section, also the

resources in Spanish section: <http://www.4hvolunteersusa.org/spanishResources.aspx>
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Master 4-H Volunteer

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

The overall purpose of the Master 4-H Volunteer program is to increase the resources available to the local 4-H program. The Master 4-H Volunteer program does this by training that equips the Master 4-H Volunteer to accept additional responsibilities in the program. Master 4-H Volunteers fulfill a role mutually determined with their agent. This role could be many different things depending on the needs of the local 4-H program and the interests of the Volunteer. The key is Master 4-H Volunteers do things that are important to the local program. The Master 4-H Volunteer Training will be November 21 – 22, 2008. It will start on campus in Umberger Hall the morning of November 21, 2008, then transition to Rock Springs 4-H Center that afternoon. Registration is due Oct. 20, 2008 and is by hard copy to the Southwest Area Office.

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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 Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers (KA4-HV) is pleased to announce the 2008 Kansas 4-H Volunteers Forum November 21 - 23, 2008, 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:

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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)**. 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 on line at: http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/documents/RegistrationBooklet_000.pdf. The main Forum information web site is: <http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/Buchele>

Say Thanks to Volunteers (and others too)

"You can never thank people enough." ~ Jeff Zucker, president, NBC television, from T4D from Kirk Weisler.

Say Thanks, it makes you feel better and makes others feel better too.

Following Fair is a great time to say thanks. Our fairs could not happen without lots of help from lots of great folks. The (often only) pay they get for what they do is the satisfaction in doing a good job and maybe a few thanks. You can double their pay right away by saying thanks to them. You will stand out because your thanks might be the only one they get. Maybe you will start a thanks cascade; you say thanks to someone, they feel good and say thanks to someone else who says thanks to someone else and so on and on.

There are a thousand ways to say thanks, pick one and say thanks to someone today.

[Buchele](http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/Buchele)

WORLD CITIZENSHIP

Outbound 4-H International Exchanges

As of August 15 all eight of our 2008 International Exchange delegates will be back in Kansas when Genna Gehrt returns from her 8-week International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Representative experience in Germany. Genna has had a great time living with host farm families in several areas of Germany. We encourage 4-H'ers to read her accounts from Germany posted on the state 4-H web site at <http://Kansas4-H.K-State.org/worldcitizenship/experiences> and read her articles in upcoming issues of the *Kansas 4-H Journal*. We hope to add reports and photos from our delegates to Japan, Finland, Costa Rica and Australia to the site soon.

As we begin the new 4-H year, please let 4-H'ers, their parents and alumni know that we will have all the same opportunities for summer travel exchanges abroad as last year with one exception. The exchange with 4-H Norway alternates traveling and hosting from one year to another. This year U.S. 4-H'ers traveled to Norway, while in 2009 Norwegian 4-H'ers travel to the United States. 4-H alumni and staff 19-25 may apply for an IFYE Representative Exchange Program for time periods ranging from 6 weeks to 6 months which can be tailored to the applicant's interest within the range of partner countries available on several continents. Adults may apply as chaperones from the 4-H age exchanges.

Applications for 2009 Outbound Exchanges will be due **November 3, 2008**. Application materials and information may be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/WorldCitizenship/>. We plan to have an updated application posted on the web site by September 1, but all details such as costs may not be updated that soon. Inquiries may be directed to Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munsonm@nqks.com and Beth Shanholtzer at bshanholtzer@gmail.com. Munson will not be accessible between September 14 and October 12. Please refer all queries to Shanholtzer during that period.

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