

May 2010 Tipsheet

April 15 Discovery Days Registration Due
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WORKING WITH YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SEMINAR

We invite you to attend a seminar on “Why Did He Do That? Why Can’t She Get It? Working with Youth with Special Needs,” on Tuesday, May 11, 10 a.m. until noon, at the College Center Conference Room at K-State Salina.

No registration fee will be charged, but please register by e-mailing Corrine Huse at chuse@ksu.edu by May 7. There is a \$1 parking fee. We will have parking permits available at the door.

Please feel free to pass this information on to your community partners who would be interested in attending the seminar. We just ask that everyone pre-register.

Seminar Details: The seminar will be presented by Leia Holley, parent information specialist with Families Together, Inc. Leia is also the parent of two teens. JP, her oldest, is a freshman at K-State. He has dyslexia. Her younger son, Sean, is a junior in high school. Sean has autism and several other diagnoses.

Ever wonder why a kid just can’t ‘get it’? You’ve shown them over and over and still they struggle with the basic steps. What about those kids who are always telling on another kid. “He hit me. He hit me.” You didn’t see anything. So why is this kid always saying someone hit him. Think about these everyday frustrating events that occur when we are working/playing with kids. We will walk through many of these same ‘events’. You will be in the hotseat. Do you learn differently? What about the kids you will spend time with at camp or other youth activities. Leia’s interactive presentation will help you in your role as you work with youth in all aspects of your program including camp.

Leia has been with Families Together for more than 10 years. Families Together, Inc. is the Parent Training and Information center serving Kansas families who include a son/daughter with disabilities.

This seminar is sponsored by Operation Military Kids. If you have questions, please contact me at dmack@ksu.edu
[Mack](#)

4-H Membership Campaign Web Seminar, May 14

The 4-H Marketing Action Team is excited to bring you a new 4-H Membership Campaign for this fall. To help you in the planning process, we will be hosting a webinar on Friday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

We will use Adobe Connect web conferencing. Start connecting 5 minutes prior to the start time. You need a computer with Internet access and speakers. At the meeting time, copy and paste this URL into your browser to enter the meeting: <http://connect.ksre.ksu.edu/ks4hne/>

At that URL you will find a login page. "Enter as a Guest" with your name and county/district, then click "Enter Room." The audio portion of the meeting will be come through your computer speakers.

As a participant test your computer "before" entering the meeting room at http://connect.ksre.ksu.edu/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm This will resolve most connection and interface problems.

Prior to the seminar, please review the new 4-H marketing items that are available at <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=56>

Please e-mail Corrine Huse at chuse@ksu.edu by May 10 if you plan to join the webinar.
[Mack](#)

Operation Military Kids Wants to Help Youth Attend Camp

OMK will fund \$100 towards camp registration fees for military connected youth. An OMK session must be offered at your camp to receive the funds. Military connected means that a child's parent is Active Duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, Air Guard or any other branch of the military. Last year OMK helped 26 youth attend camp.

Not sure who is military connected. The Kansas 4-H enrollment card now asks for members to check a box if they are a military family.

Ann Domsch, OMK Project Coordinator, has many creative OMK sessions to offer for your camp. Camp groups have had campers donate items for Hero Packs. For more information contact Domsch at adomsch@ksu.edu, 785-532-2276.

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4-H Enrollment Form

We are taking input for updates, changes etc. for next year's 4-H Enrollment Form. If there is something you would like to see changed to better serve 4-H families, send me an e-mail (jadams@ksu.edu). We are particularly interested in items that might also help counties as we transition to the online Access enrollments over the next year or two. Please send you thoughts and ideas by May 1, 2010.

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KSU College of Veterinary Medicine Open House



In conjunction with Kansas State's All-University Open House, the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine would like to invite you to attend our Open House event on Saturday, April 24th, between 9 AM and 3 PM at the Veterinary Medical Complex in Manhattan, KS. Vet Med Open House 2010 promises to be a fun and educational event for the entire family! Activities will include faculty speakers, live animal exhibits,

guided tours of the veterinary college, Vet Med Pet Show, mock surgical suite, canine treadmill demonstration, face painting, balloon animals, and much more. For a full schedule of events and more information, please visit <http://consider.k-state.edu/openhouse>.

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KFAC 2010 Summer Graduate Courses

Do you need a few more graduate school credits or know someone who does? Please consider the excellent

hands on learning opportunities offered by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. All you pay is an application fee and KFAC secures scholarship money for the rest of the cost. Courses offered are:

June 7-11, 2010 -- "Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture" (General Agriculture - 3 credit hours) held on the Kansas State University campus, Manhattan

June 14-15, 2010 - "Plants Have a Place in the Classroom" (Plant Science - 1 credit hour) held by Wichita State University in Wichita

June 17-18, 2010 - "What You Can Learn from a Tomato" (Food Science - 1 credit hour) held at the American Royal Complex in Kansas City, MO.

Download an application from www.ksagclassroom.org and return it by May 1, 2010 to be included.

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2010 Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show in Larned

You “knead” to share one of the best kept secrets that Kansas 4-H has to offer! It’s the annual Kansas 4-H and FFA State Wheat Show. Kansas is famous for its golden wheat fields all across Kansas. Families have been participating with this fun and educational show for decades. Join us in Larned on Friday, August 6th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the J. A. Haas Building on the Pawnee County Fairgrounds. The wheat show is open to all 4-H and FFA members, family members, 4-H leaders, Extension staff and Vocational Agriculture staff. There will be nine contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include: 1 lb. bin run for crops members; 1 lb. bin run for “adopt a producer” (samples will be due in Manhattan in mid-July for testing); 1 quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; loaf of yeast bread; four cookies; wheat photography contest; wheat centerpiece contest; and a Cloverbuds division (ages 5-6) awarding participation ribbons. A new class in 2010 will be wheat educational posters (22” X 28”). Tours will be to the Fort Larned Museum or a combined tour to the Pawnee County Co-op, Alfalfa Mill and Ward Feedlot. There is no registration cost. Pre-registration will be required by July 29th on the Kansas 4-H web site registration system to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. For more information contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at:

dwaldren@ksu.edu.

[Waldren](#)

Discovery Days – Pizza and Slushies to Benefit Campference

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Campference Committee will once again sell pizzas and slushies one evening at Discovery Days 2010. The prices of these items will be approximately \$2 for slushies and \$10 for pizza.

Please inform any 4-Hers attending Discovery Days that extra cash will be needed to purchase pizzas and slushies if desired. The profit from this fundraiser will go to help with Campference, the state wide 4-H leadership training event for middle school youth, June 12-15, 2010. Thank you for helping us get the word out about this opportunity for delegates attending Discovery Days!

[Wiebers/Hinshaw](#)

State 4-H Program Rally

It is time to mark your calendars for the 2010 Kansas 4-H Program Rally which will be held at the Rock Springs 4-H Center on December 7-8, 2010. More information will be available this fall, for now please save the dates.

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Out-of-School Program Idea Conference, October 4

Mark you calendars for the “Out-of-School Program Idea Conference”, Tuesday October 4, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st. Street N., Wichita for learning new ideas for

educational activities for your out-of-school educational events. This one-day event will highlight hands-on curricula that adapts easily for any out-of-school setting as well as networking with other youth serving agencies.

Call for Proposals-- Do you have an exciting hands-on 50 minute programs? Submit your Out-of-School Program Idea seminar for the conference? Check out the Call for Proposals under What's Hot! Proposal applications due August 1. For more information contact Pam Van Horn.

[Van Horn](#)

Camp

Kansas 4-H funding opportunity for resource families and children in care

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, Kansas 4-H Foundation and Saint Francis Community Services are working together to provide funding opportunities for children and families involved with foster care. 4-H camp grants, new this year for Kansas Resource Families that are already involved in a 4-H club or are interested in joining a 4-H club. Resource Family are encouraged to complete the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Grant Application by May 15 and submit to Pam Van Horn, 201 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. For grant application check the Kansas 4-H Web page <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17>

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Summer Camp at Rock Springs

Family Style Meal Service at Rock Springs 4-H Center

Family has been the center stone for the Kansas 4-H program - youth and parents working and learning together to "make the best better". Over sixty years ago Rock Springs 4-H Center stressed the importance of family by instituting family-style service for meal time. The traditional value of sharing and eating together has become a founding quality of Rock Springs' charm.

During fall of 2009, the discussion began concerning meal service during 4-H Camps followed with further discussion among the Camp Action Team and Rock Springs Staff. The outcome of the group's discussions lead to a decision of all 4-H Summer Camps to offer Family Style meal service. Many points were shared, however, the thoughts were today, the importance of the family tradition is more evident than ever in our fast-paced, drive-thru culture as a means for creating a learning environment for youth to learn. Many youth do not experience the family gathering to share a meal and discuss the day's events. By setting and sharing a meal together the campers learn about each other and can develop friendships. However, beyond building friendships, the campers learn the value of serving others through their participation in setting the table, serving food and cleaning the tables. The citizenship gained through a simple kind act builds character for tomorrow's citizens.

The Camp Action Team acknowledges challenges come with change. However, if we take heart in what last week's key note speaker pointed out there are two ways to view change - fact or fiction. So let's work together to make family style meal service a positive experience for our campers. Please check out the Family Style Meal Service at Rock Springs 4-H Center paper for idea on manners and scheduling at

<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17>

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Camp Counselor Recognition

The Camp Counselor Recognition Information is on the Web. Farm Bureau is again sponsoring this recognition. Camp Groups need to send a list of camp counselors to the State 4-H Office by July 15 for counselor to be recognized. The certificates will be in the State Fair packets.

<http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=17>

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Camp Promotions

As you plan for summer camp...remember to take pictures during camp and submit pictures to Pam Van Horn for use in the 2011 Camping Issue. Campers enjoy seeing their pictures in the Kansas 4-H Journal.

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Campference

2010: Fit + Fun + Fabulous = 4-H Campference!

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to promote Campference! This event is focused on youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2010), and will be held June 12-15, 2010, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the “camp” activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences.

Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, healthy living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Registrations are due May 3 in local Extension Offices. Register early as the space will fill! Registration and detailed information are now on the web at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=30>
[Hinshaw/Maass](#)/Youth Leadership Council Campference Committee Members

CloverBuds

4-H Cloverbuds - May - Weather Fun

Spring has sprung and with May our attention heads toward the sky. Helping children discover the importance of weather and seasonal changes can be exciting for 5- and 6- year olds. Look closely at the Weather Fun lesson found in the 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum to learn about basic weather concepts and help Cloverbuds develop a respect for weather safety.

Objectives for 4-H Cloverbuds

- Understand basic weather concepts;
- Become aware of how weather changes affect daily decisions (clothing choices, outdoor activities, etc)
- Realize the importance of weather safety.

Life skill development for 4-H Cloverbuds:

- Social skill learned through group discussion, games and role playing;
- Decision making opportunities provided through games;
- Fine motor skills and eye-hand coordination practiced by cutting with scissors;
- Large motor skills fostered through creative movement activities and games.

Activities available for 4-H Cloverbuds:

- 1) “Weather Mystery Bags”

- 2) "What Should I Wear Today"
- 3) "Safe of Not Safe" Weather Safety Game
- 4) "Stovetop Rainstorm"
- 5) "A Moving Experience with Weather"
- 6) "Rain Paint"
- 7) "Thermometer Fun"
- 8) "Make Your Own Thermometer"
- 9) "WBUD, The Cloverbud Weather Channel"
- 10) "What Can You Do with a Snowball"
- 11) "After the Rain Scavenger Hunt"

After the Rain Scavenger Hunt

Materials: none

Take a hike outside after a rainstorm. Look for clues that let you know it has rained.

Can you find:

-a puddle - raindrops on leaves - leaves that have blown off during the rain - a dry spot protected by leaves and branches - raindrops on a spider web - earthworms on the ground - birds looking for food
- a watermark left after water drained away or evaporated - insect or worm trails in the mud - an asphalt "rainbow" (oil and water)

Application: Try this activity after a snowfall in the winter. What kinds of things can you find caused by the snow?

For detailed information checkout the Weather Fun available in the 4-H Cloverbuds Curriculum. The lesson targets science, engineering and technology.

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Curriculum Corner

- * National 4-H Curriculum Pre-Press Orders due April 15, 2010.
- * Curriculum Action Team meeting May 8 in Manhattan. Looking for some new members (Agents, Adult or Teen Volunteers). If interested contact Jim Adams (jadams@ksu.edu).
- * Action Team will be studying ways to promote more use of national materials. Please share how you use and promote the use of 4-H curriculum.
- * Annual revisions of the 4-H Enrollment Forms, Project Curriculum Guide and Project Selection Guide will be taking place this summer. Send us any suggestions you may have.
- * 4-H National Directory is a website of approved 4-H materials. If you would like to send materials you have developed to be included, send a pdf file to jadams@ksu.edu

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Dogs

DOG CARE AND TRAINING

- * Newly trained judges will be posted on the web soon.
- * Rally Obedience Levels 2 and 3 will be added to the State Fair 4-H Dog Show on September 18, 2010.

* State 4-H Dog Conference - Oct.16-17, 2010 at Rock Springs

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Healthy Living

CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY - JUNE 5

Since 1993 the American Hiking Association (www.americanhiking.org) has been supporting the development, use and maintenance of walking/hiking trails through National Trails Day. Held the first Saturday of June each year, June 5, 2010 is a time to take your youth for hikes, go geocaching, clean a local trail and encourage others to get out and get active! Supporters of the 2010 National Trails Day include: Nature Valley; YMCA of the USA, REI and American Park Network, Bureau of Land Management, Federal Highway Administration, National Park Service, USDA Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Also, the economic benefit of trails is described on an American Hiking fact sheet located at: carolinathreadtrail.org/assets/files/Econ%20Benefits%20Handout.pdf

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also encourage the use of trails for long-term health, physical activity and stress reduction. See their website at: www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpha/physical/health_professionals/active_environments/trails.htm

K-State Research and Extension's "Trail Mixx" materials will soon be posted to www.youthboost.org
For more information contact: Elaine Johannes <ejohanne@ksu.edu>
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Horse

State Fair 4-H Horse Show

The 2010 State Fair Exhibitor Handbook is now available on the 4-H website. Please note, the following correction to the Handbook for the 4-H Horse Show. This is due to late changes that were made to the Halter classes.

The Halter classes 3001-3008 should read as follows:

- 3001 3 and under Stock type Geldings
- 3002 3 and under Stock type Mares
- 3003 3 and under Non-Stock type and Pony Geldings
- 3004 3 and under Non-Stock type and Pony Mares
- 3005 4 and older Stock type Geldings
- 3006 4 and older Stock type Mares
- 3007 4 and older Non-Stock type and Pony Geldings
- 3008 4 and older Non-Stock type and Pony Mares

Please contact Sarah Dick (sarahdd@ksu.edu), Kansas 4-H Horse Program Coordinator with any questions.
[Dick](#)

Photography

If you liked the new plastic bags used for the photography exhibits at the State Fair, and wish to get them. You can, they are available from Clearbags.com. The bags used at the fair are number B11. An alternative bag is the HB11, this bag has a built-in Hanger.

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“Explorer of Light” Seminar

4-H has been invited to the Canon "Explorer of Light" Seminar featuring: GEORGE LEPP presented by the Central Kansas Photography Club, June 26th, Great Bend. For the information flyer, see: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=8676>

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Photo Adventure Camp

The Kansas 4-H Photography Action Team is proud to announce the 15th Annual 4-H Photo Adventure Camp, June 27-30, 2010, Rock Springs 4-H Center. Photo Adventure Camp 2010 – Jump Into the Lion’s Den” is the theme of camp. Registrations are limited and due by May 15, 2010. Cost is \$165. Camp will include camera work, photo shooting, photo evaluation, photo editing, trick photography, still life photography, group presentations and more photo shooting. Workshops will cover; understanding your camera, lighting, composition, motion, macro photography, texture, photo editing and more.

For more information and the registration flyer, go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=191>

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State Fair Changes, photography

Class 4806 – Photos with special effects (now available for digital or film)

Special effects are done using in-camera and/or printing techniques. The original photo is mounted on one board, there may not be any additional photos. Examples include: zooming the lens during exposure, illusions, kaleidoscope , double exposure, etc. In addition, neon and solarization are considered special effects.

The following change brings us In line with CHARACTERCOUNTS! and copyright law.... If there are questions, please feel free to contact Rod Buchele.

4807 Videos. Must be on DVD in .wmv or .avi format. All video content must have been done during the current 4-H year. All video content including moving and still images, music and graphics must be created by the 4-H member unless a signed copyright, use and/or performance release accompanies video exhibit.

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Photo Judging Training kits

The Photo Action team has two Photo Judging training kits available for loan to Extension Units to help train Photo Judging teams. To borrow a kit, please contact the Southwest Area Office, Rod at rbuchele@ksu.edu, or Rita at rsdome@ksu.edu. The only cost is the shipping.

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Positive Youth Development

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Suicide Is the Third Leading Cause of Death Among 15 to 24-Year-Olds

The US Substance Abuse, Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), along with the Ad Council and the Inspire USA Foundation, have launched a new Teen Suicide Prevention national public service campaign, the first teen suicide prevention effort from SAMHSA to utilize a national mass media strategy, as well as a robust digital outreach program.

The public service announcement (PSA) campaign We Can Help Us empowers teens by reminding them that there are ways to get through whatever problems they face and directs them to visit reachout.com to hear stories from others who successfully conquered their tough times.

Kansas, which has historically had a higher-than-the-nation's rate of suicide, has established an information fact sheet at the nation's Suicide Prevention Resource Center located at:
www.sprc.org/stateinformation/PDF/statedatasheets/ks_datasheet.pdf

Effective suicide prevention involves everyone and quality materials are available to help young people join prevention efforts. Though it is a private entity, The Jason Foundation <<http://www.jasonfoundation.com>> has produced quality materials and information in support of the prevention of teen suicide.

For more information contact: Elaine Johannes <ejohanne@ksu.edu>
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Shooting Sports

State Fair Exhibits Re-defined

Class 6200 - Educational Display - Must be directly related to 4-H Shooting Sports. (Size must be 36"x24" and only 3 1/2" deep when open and standing)

Class 6201 - Promotional Poster - Must promote 4-H Shooting Sports (Flat poster no larger than 22"x 28").

Instructor Workshop - August 27-29, 2010 - Larned, Kansas

Will feature Shotgun discipline and any other discipline having a registration of 5 or more.

Instructor Renewals for all Coordinators and discipline instructors trained in 2009 and before are \$5/person and due to State 4-H Office by September 1, 2010. This is required to keep the local shooting sports program certified and covered by liability insurance.

State Match for Archery, Small Bore and Muzzle Loading will be October 2, 2010 at the Capitol City Gun Club in Topeka.

State Match for Shotgun and Hunting Skills will be October 9, 2010 at the Hays City Gun Club in Hays.
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SpaceTech

SpaceTech Resources and Opportunities

2010 GEAR-Tech-21 Camp Opportunities:

In 2010, GEAR-Tech-21 camps will take place across the USA. Each camp will include GEAR-Tech-21 robotics, GPS and GIS activities including robotics building and programming challenges, geocaching making a local map and more.

Because camps will be led by local volunteers and camp staff, each camp will have unique opportunities including traditional camp activities, local speakers and maybe even field trips. Generally camps are open to youth aged 10-14, though individual camps may have specific age requirements. Some camps are currently full, but registrations will be

taken until camps are full. To learn more about the specific camps, visit the University of Nebraska-Lincoln 4-H camp listings and camp contacts web site at: <http://4hset.unl.edu/4hdrupal/node/109>.

General: The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team works to assist counties with advice and tips concentrating in these core areas: astronomy, aviation, robotics, rocketry, and GPS/GIS. In addition, the action team works with counties/districts to provide multi-county or area trainings for older members, leaders and Extension staff on a requested and feasible basis. To contact the 4-H SpaceTech Action Team with your questions or requests, contact Deryl Waldren at dwaldren@ksu.edu or call, 785-462-6281.

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Volunteers

Kansas Extension Conference on Volunteerism

Mark your calendars and save November 9 - 11, 2010 for the next Kansas Extension Conference on Volunteerism. The theme of the conference will be "Engaging Volunteers in New Ways". The conference will include a focus on Engaging Volunteers in Districts. The conference is for all Extension personnel who work with volunteers, in any geographic area and any subject matter area. The conference is co-sponsored by an ESP program grant and the Volunteer Development Program Focus Team. Hold the dates!

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VIP at Camp

As we are planning and staffing our summer camps, now is the time to be proactive in making sure all adults staying overnight in camp are VIP registered. Episodic volunteers coming in for the day or part day, do not need to be VIP registered. However, we do suggest that a VIP registered person be with the groups with the episodic volunteers.

Teen in leadership roles should also be VIP registered. For teen counselors, the counselor training serves to fulfill the VIP Orientation requirement.

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Who is responsible for confirming that all chaperones at events outside a local unit have been VIP registered?

Each Unit is responsible to see that the chaperones they send to 4-H events are VIP registered. As the volunteer is serving at the request (for the benefit) of the local Extension Unit, the local Extension Unit is responsible to insure the volunteer is VIP registered.

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Registered Volunteer(VIP) Appointment

To complete the VIP process the last step is appointment by the local Extension Board. The VIP resources page contains a file with instruction on the appointment process: Registered Volunteer (VIP) Appointment Process <http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=5470>. The file is in the password protected Staff Resources section. For other VIP resources go to the main VIP Information page:

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=189>

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Volunteerism Resources

The National Volunteerism for the Next Generation site: <http://nextgeneration.4-h.org/Volunteerism/EveryoneReady.aspx> is a great place to start when you are looking resources to upgrade your knowledge base and skills in the area of Volunteerism in 4-H Youth Development. Go to:

<http://nextgeneration.4-h.org/volunteerism/> if the link above does not work. This is the sign in page.

The resources to check out are:

Framework for 4-H Volunteerism

National Framework Assessment

Rubric and Syllabus

Logic Model

Self-Assessment

Personal Professional Development Plan

VRKC Model (Volunteer Research, Knowledge and Competency Taxonomy for 4-H Youth Development)

While you are there, sign up for Everyone Ready, the online Volunteer Management training. It is a great series and well worth your time.

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National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 18 - 24. The theme is “Celebrating People in Action” The web site has great resources: <http://www.handsonnetwork.org/events/nvw2010> Plan to take some time to recognize our outstanding Volunteers during National Volunteer Week. Check out the “Tell Your Story” link (at the top of the page), <http://www.handsonnetwork.org/tell-your-story> and send in a 4-H Story. We need 4-H to be represented at this level.

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Kansas Master 4-H Volunteers

Five great Kansas 4-H Volunteers completed the recent Master 4-H Volunteer Training.

Ruby Brower, Riley; Donnell Scott, Riley; Donna Parks, Riley; Jessica Coen, Franklin; Kirk Waymire, Morris, serving with the Kansas 4-H Space/Tech Action Team

Congratulations to all. You are a great group and the training was a blast.

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North Central Regional Volunteer Forum

Head to Michigan October 7 to 10, 2010, for a “Heads On! Hands On!” experience when Michigan 4-H Youth Development hosts the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum!

A fast paced, educational and fun event awaits you on the MSU campus in East Lansing! Lodging and events will be conveniently located at MSU’s Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. You may also choose from several pre-conference tours to Michigan’s historical attractions that will be available on Thursday October 7. The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is a great opportunity for Extension staff and 4-H volunteers (adult and youth) to:

- Gain knowledge and insight.
- Learn new teaching skills to take home and share within their 4-H clubs.
- Develop healthy youth and adult educational partnerships.
- Have a great time making new 4-H friends and exchanging ideas

For more information, go to: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/ncr4hvf/index.html>

Registration is planned to be live soon.

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Venturers

2010 4-H Venturers Backpacking: Pecos Wilderness, New Mexico

Looking for fun and outdoor adventure in your life? Are you seeking a challenge that requires skills in backpacking, rock climbing, communications, decision making, safety, leadership, teamwork, outdoor cookery, first aid and coping with nature's elements? If you are in high school and want to have fun doing outdoor adventures with other high school students from all over Kansas, this is a great opportunity for YOU!

May 1 - On-line Registration Due

May 1 - \$250 deposit due at state Kansas 4-H office

June 4 - \$250 (approximate) fee payment and other require forms due

June 4 - Medial Physical Form Due

June 4, 5, 6 - Shakedown Training C Rock Springs 4-H Center (required)

July 27 to August 4 - Backpacking Trip

Information can be found on <http://www.kansas4-h.org/Venturers/>

For additional information contact Gerry Snyder gsnyder@ksu.edu (785) 532-6270 or Jo Ellen Arnold jearnold@ksu.edu (785) 229-3520
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World Citizenship

Update of International Hosting Needs

The Discovery Days issue of the *Kansas 4-H Journal* is reaching subscribers at the time of this writing. Some of the information in the "Host Families Needed" article is no longer accurate. First of all, while the deadline for hosting **Costa Rican** 4-S members was March 1, there is still a need for hosts with teen-aged boys. This selection is made by States' 4-H International Exchange Programs, and Kansas can still submit prospective host families, but we need to move them along quickly. Contact Mary Kay Munson for current information. Counties/Districts planning to host **Japanese** are near their quotas to cover the Kansas delegation. Contact Host Family Coordinators in participating units or Rose Scott <rose@threeriversinc.org> if you have a prospective host. In addition, International 4-H Youth Exchangees (IFYE) will stay with multiple families each an families are still needed for most of them between June and December.

Swiss IFYE Matthias Gfeller has been placed in Meade, Ellis, McPherson and Geary Counties pending completion of some In Home Interviews. He will be in Kansas from June 21 to September 19. **Swiss** IFYE Caroline Eggenschwiler (19) who will be in Kansas September 19-December 7 has the first and last families committed, but needs two more hosts between October 10 and November 21. She is from the French speaking part of Switzerland and speaks excellent German, as well. Here is a chance to practice language skills for family members. She plans to work in hospitality, likes sports and would like to learn about agriculture.

Taiwanese Yin-Yu Chen (male 4-H alumnus & leader, 25) is expected in Kansas June 21-July 30. He needs three hosts and would like to be involved in 4-H activities during his stay. More information will be available soon. He will need three host families.

Austrian Elisabeth Långlacher (23) has been placed with families in Saline and Geary Counties pending

completion of In Home Interviews between June 30 and August 6. Fellow **Austrian** Christina Altenhofer (19) has a family committed in Cherokee County, but needs one more family for either the first or last half of her stay between June 30 and August 10.

Swedes Emma Hedin (25) who grew up on a small farm with beef breeding and who loves horses is now a research assistant (medical physics). She still needs three families, after one committed in Thomas County, between October 10 and December 6. Maria Eklund (19) who has been active in 4H for 11 years and works at the 4H farms in her area where she teaches younger children to care for animals and says horses and other animals are her hobbies. Both Swedes are interested in learning about the 4-H program and agriculture. Both have good English skills. Maria needs four families from September 19 until December 6.

Please think about 4-H families who like to have new experiences and get to know someone from a different country. We are especially in need of families who have a female adult who can host during the day after school starts. The Swedes and Caroline from Switzerland can visit schools and spend time at other youth activities, but should not be home alone (or with just an adult male) all day. Home school families might make good hosts. Agents who have ideas for possible hosts may contact the families and give them the contact or provide Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munsonm@nqks.com with the information, and she will contact the family to discuss options. Host Family Application and information is posted on the 4-H web site www.Kansas4-H.org. Follow links to Programs, World Citizenship and Kansas 4-H Exchanges Info and Forms, then scroll down to Host Families.

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