

October/November 2009

Clover Connection

Johnson County 4-H



Johnson County Ambassador Program—Apply Today!

Are you in the 8th – 12th grades and an active 4-H member? Do you enjoy **speaking** in front of others? Would you like to promote the Johnson County 4-H program? If you have answered “yes” to all of the above questions, then the **Johnson County Ambassador program is for YOU!** Aside from various promotional events, Ambassadors primarily focus on promoting the Johnson County 4-H program to local 3rd-5th graders during 4-H Week in February .

In addition, Ambassadors help organize and staff the 4-H Project Fair on February 14th, 2010. If these activities sound interesting to you, I encourage you to apply for a 4-H Ambassador position today! Applications are enclosed and available on the website:

www.extension.purdue.edu/johnson

Click “4-H Youth” then “4-H Forms”.

Mark your calendar, applications are due **NOVEMBER 30th**!

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Junior Leader Updates:



- Rake 'n Run --November 10th, join the fun at the Masonic Home as we serve our community by raking leaves. Meet at the Masonic Home at 5:00 pm. Bring your own rake! **If it rains, we will still have a meeting at 5pm!!**
- Poinsettia Delivery--November 21st, more details to come! All poinsettias were pre-ordered!
- December Meeting: December 8, 2009 - Shopping for Christmas Angels!!

4-H Club officers:



Please make note of the training on March 23rd! A group of older 4-H members and leaders will be presenting a great program including: examples of mock ‘bad’ & ‘good’ meetings, breakout sessions with each officer position, recreation, and light refreshments will be provided!! 4-H Clubs with perfect officer attendance will receive a prize!



CLOVER SPOTLIGHT



The **outstanding Junior Leader for 2009** was recognized at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet in September. Selected by the Junior Leader Club members and leaders, the outstanding Junior Leader in 2009 was **Codi Morrison**. Codi was a 10-year 4-H member and a 5-year Junior Leader. She has been an active member and officer for the Johnson County Junior Leaders. Codi served as a 4-H Ambassador, participated in the 4-H Honor group, and was a member of the 4-H Lancers 4-H club. Codi graduated from Indian Creek High School in the Spring of 2009. Her parents are Dale and Becky Morrison. Congratulations on a successful 4-H career and best wishes with college, Codi!

Also recognized at the Fall 4-H Achievement Banquet was the **2009 Outstanding 4-H Leader**. Selected and presented a plaque by the 4-H Council, the outstanding 4-H volunteer leader for 2009 is **Becky Morrison**. Becky, a 7th year Johnson County 4-H volunteer leader, is a true ambassador for the Johnson County 4-H program. Becky is a leader for the 4-H Lancers 4-H Club.

Congrats Becky for being named the 2009 Outstanding 4-H Leader! Your hard work and dedication to the program is extremely appreciated and valued!

THANK YOU!!!



* SCHOLARSHIPS *

Attention seniors and beyond – Scholarship applications will soon be available on the Johnson County 4-H website: www.extension.purdue.edu/johnson "4-H Youth," 4-H Scholarships." Make sure you keep up to date on deadlines for the 2010 year!!!

AVAILABLE IN JANUARY

4-H Handbooks and project manuals will be available in January. Due to changing 4-H projects and revisions to the handbook, 4-H materials **WILL NOT** be handed out prior to January.

Leader Line

The 4-H Council approved **rule changes** at the October meeting, and the handbook will be taken to the printer shortly! To view changes, check out our website www.extension.purdue.edu/johnson. Click "4-H Youth" then "Rule Changes"

Reminders:

- ◆ Please turn in your completed leader contract form for 2010!
- ◆ Sign an adult behavioral expectations (ABE) agreement. By signing this agreement, you will comply with the guidelines at any and all 4-H related functions.

Activity Corner:

Choose one person to be "it" and invite him or her to leave the room. Choose a second person to lead the remaining players sitting in a circle. The leader starts a simple motion that everyone else follows together, such as slapping hands against the knees. The motions are changed periodically, and everyone else in the group is to follow along. Direct players (before "it" returns) to avoid staring at the leader and revealing his or her identity. "It" comes back to the circle and has 3 guesses to try to name the leader. If "it" guesses correctly, the leader becomes the new "it." If "it" doesn't guess correctly, he or she remains "it" for a second round.

Dates:

- ◆ March 2nd, VolunteerIN, 4-H Toolkit for Success - Extension Office, 7:30-9:00pm - You ***MUST RSVP*** for this event!!!



The **4-H National Youth Science Experiment** gives young people nationwide the opportunity to experiment with biofuels to discover which ones will lead us to a sustainable future. Biofuels are renewable sources of energy obtained from recently harvested plant materials, and they are at the forefront in the discussion of alternative energy sources. Currently our nation relies mainly on fossil fuels, which are non-renewable energy sources that take millions of years to form and release large amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

The 4-H National Science Experiment explores the production of the bio-fuel ethanol. If you'd like to learn more about the 4-H National Science Experiment, check out the Web site: <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/index.php>.

Congrats to the Junior Leader officers for completing a successful experiment!

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Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Application

****Must be 8th - 12th grader****

(Please type or print neatly. Feel free to add additional pages as necessary.)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Phone _____

Email _____ School _____ Grade _____

Year in 4-H _____ 4-H Club _____ Age _____ Shirt Size _____

1. Have you been a 4-H Ambassador before? Yes No (Please circle one)

2. If yes, for how many years? _____

3. What experience do you have in public speaking?

4. Why do you want to promote 4-H?

5. Why should you be chosen as a 4-H Ambassador?

6. What do you expect to get out of being a 4-H Ambassador?

Thank you for your interest in the Johnson County 4-H Ambassador program; you will be notified once the selection process is complete. GOOD LUCK!

**DUE TO THE JOHNSON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
Monday, November 30th at 4:30pm**