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Dear 4-H members and families,

As some of you may know, Kansas 4-H has been looking at ways of securing strong and stable sources of funding to they can continue to provide positive educational experiences to young people across Kansas. We remain committed to teaching life skills so all youth can reach their full potential. While we continue to celebrate – and appreciate – the dollars that are entrusted to Kansas 4-H, declining state funding for K-State Research and Extension and 4-H makes it difficult to create and sustain high quality and relevant 4-H youth development programs.

Beginning October 2, 2017, Kansas 4-H will implement an annual K-State Research and Extension 4-H program fee of \$15 per member to be collected at the time of enrollment. Funds generated will strengthen the Kansas 4-H program's priorities of volunteer development, project support and program enhancement. We understand you will have questions about methods of payments, how and when to pay, and we encourage you to read the *"Investing in the Future of Kansas 4-H; a Guide to the 4-H Program Fee"* we have posted on our webpage. This document is provided by the State 4-H Office We feel this guide will be most helpful in answering many of your questions.

We want to thank the Morris County 4-H Foundation for their support of the 4-H program and its members. They have committed to paying the Program Fee for first time members. This allows them to join their first year of 4-H at no cost to them. They are also offering an incentive to our current members. For members who turn in a completed record book for the previous year, 4-H Foundation will pay their program fee for them. For the enrollment period starting October 2, 2017 for the 2017-2018 4-H year, a completed record book for the 2016-2017 4-H year will need to be submitted by the deadline.

The #1 goal is for Kansas 4-H to continue to enrich the lives of its youth members, families and adult volunteers. We want the implementation of the program fee to be as easy and smooth as possible. Please read your newsletters and emails as we continue to roll out information regarding the enrollment process for October 2017.

Thanks for always "making the best better!"

Sincerely,

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