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Greenwood County 4-H News

4-H is an organization that grows great kids!

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September

- 1 Labor Day Extension Office Closed!
- 2 Ambassador Applications due
- 4 Bring KSF Foods & Hort exhibits between 7:30 & 8am
- **5-14** Kansas State Fair
- 15 Leader's Mtg @ 6pm—4-H Council Mtg @ 7pm
- 20 Entomology Project Meeting—Iola @ 1 pm
- 24 Carcass Contest Results Meeting Hamilton

October

- 1 Record books, Pin apps, and Officer books due to the Extension office
- Nominations for County Awards and Club Seal Apps due to Extension office
- **1** 4-H Online opens for reenrollment/enrollment for 2025-2026
- 1 Youth Council application deadline
- 3-5 Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- **11-12** 48 hours of 4-H
- 15 KYLF Registration deadline
- 18-19 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl
- **TBD** Officer's Training

November

- 1 2024-2025 Financial Reports due to the Extension office
- 1 2024-2025 Organization Reports due to the Extension office
- 4 4-H Photos for Achievement Banquet due to Extension Office
- **22-23** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum/Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum
- **TBD** Achievement Banquet



4-H Ambassador Application Process

If you are interested in helping develop a dynamic program to promote, grow, and be the face of our county 4-H program in our communities, we strongly encourage you to apply!

Applications and position description may be found at https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4-h/ ambassadorprogram/ or may be picked up at the Extension office. Completed application along with two recommendation forms are due back to the Extension office by Tuesday, September 2nd. Ambassadors will be announced at the Achievement Banquet. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension office.

Talk to one of your Ambassador's to find out more information: Sydney Lindamood (FM), Savannah Bruno-Pelky (WVGG), and Brynn Roth (MPS).

Record Books & Awards Applications

Record Books and Pin applications are due in the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 1st at 4:30pm. Check with your leaders for the date you need to have your books/applications to them.

All information on Record Books can be found (including how-to videos and a how-to guide) on our website: https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4-h/recordbook/ index.html

Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl

Save the date! October 18-19. The theme this year is "Trails and Tails". Conference sessions will include topics on obedience skills, photography of dogs, and vet advice. Contests will include a quiz bowl and presentations with lots of fun with your dog at Rock Springs Ranch! Registration will open September 15th and is due by Oct. 3. Information is available <u>HERE</u>.

State Youth Council Applications

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2025, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2025, may apply for National Conference. More information was emailed to families.

48 Hours of 4-H



Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult

volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information here and start planning your projects. Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to #InspireKidsToDo

When: October 11-12, 2025

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

Go to the website for helpful information. https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html

National 4-H Week

October 6th is Beyond Ready: Go Green Day!

We encourage 4-Her's to Go Green to celebrate National 4-H Week! Green shirts, pants, hats, socks, and where ever your imagination takes you. Have fun with it!



4-H Council Corner

4-H Council Meeting will be Monday, September 15th at 7pm at the Courthouse Meeting Room.

Discussion Items:

- Officer Training Date (Suggested Oct. 15th or Oct. 16th)
- Achievement Banquet Date (Suggested Nov. 12th or 13th)
- Cattlemen's Day Volunteers

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum November 22-23rd

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2025 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other.

All Info can be found here: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html

4-H Photos Needed for Achievement Banquet

Please send any of your 4-H photos taken throughout the year so we can create a slideshow to enjoy during our achievement banquet celebration! Please send all your photos to Kim (kjfogle@ksu.edu) by Tuesday, November 4th.

Carcass Contest Results Meeting & Dinner

The meeting will begin at 7 pm at the Hamilton Community Building. Youth must attend this event to receive carcass data and contest award for their placing. The results of Flints Hills Carcass Clash between Lyon, Cowley, Butler, and Greenwood Counties will also be announced at this meeting.

Entomology Project Meeting

The next Entomology Project meeting will be on Saturday, September 20st at the Allen County Extension Office beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning boards and pinning supplies. Questions: call Vicky at (620) 804-9170.





Leaders Notes

- 1. The process for those clubs that pay for their members' enrollment fees will remain the same as last year. The Extension Council will write a check to the State 4-H Office based off of estimated enrollment and a coupon code will be shared with Club Leaders.
- 2. Living the Pledge Challenge: This is just a general reminder that this is available for clubs wishing to participate, or looking for community service ideas.
- 3. We will be having a Club Leaders meeting on Monday, September 15th @ 6 pm prior the Council meeting in the Courthouse. Please let Alisha know if there is anything that you would like to have discussed during this meeting.
 - The invite is open to all incoming and outgoing 4-H Club Leaders.
- 4. Please be sure to use the January 2024 updated Treasure's Office Book.
- 5. 4-H Online will be down to all members starting on September 20th for annual maintenance in order to begin the new 4-H year. It will open back up for new year enrollment on Wednesday, October 1st.





<u>Live the Pledge</u>

A year of community service ideas for your club!

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



January: Fresh Start

Gather hygiene care supplies like soap, shampoo, razors and other items to make hygiene kits to donate. Donations can be dropped off at the Extension office or a donation center of your club's choice.

February: Send Some Love

Send Valentine's Day cards to the nursing home or assisted living center.

March: Main Street Makeover

Do some kind of beautification project on your own in the community.

April: Club Choice

Find a need in your local community and volunteer your time to help out.

May: Military Appreciation

Celebrate Military Appreciation Month. As a club, write appreciation letters to our military service men and women. You could also provide care packages.

June: Family Time

Brainstorm on some creative activities your family can do together.

July: Fair Time

It's fair time! Get everything finalized for the fair. In preparation for the fair, there are several things that will need done. Ask your leaders or agents how you can help.

August: Acknowledgements

Write thank you notes to anyone that helped you at the fair. Remember to sign them and let the people know who you are.

September: Support Our Schools

Collect tissues and sanitizing wipes to donate to our local schools.

October: It's Fall!

Fall brings lots of leaves and chores to be done. Consider helping out a neighbor by doing some yardwork for them.

November: Service Shout Outs

Consider taking the time to remember all of our service men and women; as a club you could write letters, provide a meal, or even just a goody basket to police, firefigthers, and hospital workers.

<u>December: Deck the Halls</u>

With holidays around the corner, consider making some holiday cards for the elderly, making a holiday display, or even caroling around town. What a fun idea!