

The 4-H Newsletter



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Happy 4-H New Year!

Just as Summer ends and Fall begins, so does the old and new 4-H Year! As we wave farewell to the 2020-2021 4-H Year, if you haven't already, reflect on the entire year, make some notes and use those to embrace the new year. Our office is also excited to announce that we will have a new 4-H agent starting November 1st. Look for more information to come out soon!

As we begin the New Year, I challenge the adults to remember what the basis of 4-H is about. While competing can be fun, the foundation of 4-H is about teaching our youth life skills that they can carry with them for life. We want to help them to develop into competent, capable, caring adults. As we move through the year, also keep that on the forefront of your mind in what we are teaching the youth of tomorrow.

National 4-H Week

As the New 4-H Year begins, National 4-H Week is almost here! While this week is popular for promoting and spreading the knowledge of 4-H, there is no wrong time to spread the word, recruit your friends and family, and Find Your Spark!

48 Hours of 4H

I hope you will take an active part in 48 Hours of 4H. Whether it is a weekend event you participate in, or if your club will capitalize at another time during the month of October— please give of your time to your community. One of the things we pledge in 4-H is our "Hands to Larger Service". Let's put that pledge to work!

~Charlene

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Leader's Lounge

October Check-Up

- ☐ Celebrate the current 4-H year. Begin planning for the club achievement party.
- ☐ Hold an Officer Installation activity
- ☐ Continue recruiting new members

Review

- ☐ Read the *4-H Newsletter* and mark important dates on the calendar.
- ☐ Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at your club meeting.

To-Do

- ☐ Project leaders notified of their specific responsibilities.
- ☐ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- ☐ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- ☐ Begin planning for election of club officers.
- ☐ Have members think about projects for the new year.
- ☐ Check club's progress toward goals.
- ☐ Complete Officer Training with new Club Officers
- ☐ Notify Extension Office of new club leaders, project leaders, and club officers.
- ☐ Turn in Club Financial Review to the Extension Office by October 29th

If your Club is planning to have a bake sale, fundraiser, etc., please contact our office prior to doing so!

Promote/Recruit

- ☐ 4-H Achievement Celebration on October 30th

Remember

- ☐ Make it a fun and rewarding year!

Photography Leaders WANTED!

Photography Leaders WANTED! In 2019, pre-pandemic, the State Photography Action Team applied for and received a grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation to help increase the number of volunteers serving as Photography project leaders in Kansas 4-H. The grant funds C.A.T.S. (Cameras at the Springs) which is a training, networking weekend (Saturday morning through Sunday morning) designed to provide leaders with hands on shooting activities, resources from print, web resources, mentors and materials to take back to home county to use with youth. If you would serve as a photography volunteer leader, you could attend C.A.T.S. at no cost to you beyond transportation to Rock Springs. Up to 24 volunteers are eligible to attend with full scholarship joining with those who attended the 2019 session. Adults and youth age 16 and older are welcome to attend for training.

Interested? Contact C.A.T.S. chair, Pansy Fryman at pansyryman@gmail.com and submit your name on or before Friday, September 24th, 2021. C.A.T.S. 2021 will be held Saturday, October 9 starting at 10 am through Sunday, October 10, dismissal at 10:30am at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Plans are already being made to provide fun, learning and lots of sharing about photography.

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Important Dates and Deadlines

October

- ☐ **October 1st:** 2021-2022 4-H year begins
- ☐ **October 1st-3rd:** Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
- ☐ **October 3rd-9th:** National 4-H Week
- ☐ **October 5th:** Project Leader Webinar Training: Service Learning
- ☐ **October 7th:** Project Leader Webinar Training: Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
- ☐ **October 8th:** Buyer's Cards are due to the Extension Office
- ☐ **October 8th:** Club Quarterly Report Due to Extension Office
- ☐ **October 9th-10th:** Kansas 4-H Fall Shooting Sports Shotgun Match
- ☐ **October 9th-10th:** 48 Hours of 4-H
- ☐ **October 12th:** Project Leader Webinar Training: Financial Literacy
- ☐ **October 14th:** Project Leader Webinar Training: Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife
- ☐ **October 24th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- ☐ **October 29th:** 4-H Club Financial Reviews Due

- ☐ **October 30th:** Achievement Celebration

November

- ☐ **November 1st:** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Registration Deadline
- ☐ **November 20th-21st:** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (14-18 yrs.)
- ☐ **November 26th-30th:** National 4-H Congress

December

- ☐ **December 15th:** Toy Drive Drop Off

See the 2021-2022 Yearly 4-H Calendar for all event dates
Find it [HERE](#)



Butler County 4-H Enrollment Quick Tips

- ☐ [4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)
- ☐ [Butler County 4-H Website with Enrollment Information](#)
- ☐ **New 4-H Year starts Oct. 1st:** All youth participating between Oct. 1, 2021 and Sept 30, 2022 need to enroll (including shooting sports youth). Any enrollment prior to Oct. 1, 2021 needs to reenroll.
- ☐ We are working to align with the State Project list so there are a few changes:
 - ⇒ Visual Arts: General Arts & Crafts along with Visual Arts: Leather Craft will all enroll under the common name Visual Arts.
 - ⇒ Pigeons will enroll in Animals, Others
 - ⇒ Public Speaking will enroll in Communications
- ☐ Clubs and Projects will not automatically populate when you reenroll. You will have to select your club and all projects you want to enroll in. Years in project are supposed to automatically populate when you reenroll in a project you were enrolled in the previous year.
 - ⇒ If you have projects that you previously enrolled in, did not enroll in last year, but are reenrolling for the new year and need to know your 4-Her's years in the project – please give us a call and we can look up the years for you.
- ☐ State Project list can be found [HERE](#)



Record Books, Pins, and Awards



Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit Club Summaries, Record Books, Pin Applications and Special Awards.

32 Junior and 14 Intermediate Record Books were submitted, as well as 14 in the Senior Division. We also had 44 Pin applications turned in!

The 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC) finalized the special awards and the pin applications. Thank you to the 4-H PDC

members and volunteer for helping with the process.

The Junior and Intermediate Record Books will be handed back over to the leaders (minus the comment sheets)! The comment sheets, along with the Senior Record Books will be returned during the Achievement Celebration.

I am proud of everyone that submitted Record Books, Ambassador Applications, Pins, Special Awards, and Club Summaries! You should be proud of your accomplishments!

See you at the Achievement Celebration!

Shooting Sports

Congratulations to our Archery Participants on their efforts at the State Archery Match on Sept. 25th!

Adrian Baca (*Jr Barebow*)

3rd in FITA

14th in Trail

5th Overall in Jr Barebow

Kendra Gresham (*Jr Bowhunter*)

34th in FITA

38th in Trail

37th Overall in Jr Bowhunter

17th in Jr Bowhunter Team

Taylor Gresham (*Jr Bowhunter*)

3rd in FITA

6th in Trail

5th Overall in Jr Bowhunter

17th in Jr Bowhunter Team

Shooting Sports Instructor Training Planned

The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory and State 4-H Office are planning for Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor training to be held March 25th - 27th, 2022, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines will be offered.



Kansas State Fair Highlights

Great job to all of our 4-H State Fair Participants!

Many of our 4-Hers found great success at the state fair in the Grand Drive and in the Static Division. We would like to congratulate all of our hard working 4-Her's on their efforts ! All State Fair static results can be found [HERE](#)

Photography Judging Team Results

<u>Intermediate Team:</u>	1st Place
Ella Amend	24th Place
Kendra Gresham	60th Place
Taylor Gresham	2nd Place
Brenna Sommers	1st Place

Senior Team: **11th Place**

Sarah Hinnen	81st Place
Kaleb Mashke	15th Place
Emily Scribner	12th Place

Family Consumer Science Judging Team Results

<u>Intermediate Team:</u>	10th Place
Cora Brackenridge	10th Place

<u>Senior Team:</u>	13th Place
Kylee Barlett	13th Place



Save the Date!

Achievement Celebration

We want to take time to recognize all of our amazing 4-Her's and everything they have accomplished throughout the year. We also want to show our appreciation to our incredible volunteers who work tirelessly to "Make The Best Better!" Please come out and help us celebrate all of our 4-Her's and Volunteers!



Saturday, October 30th | 10:00 AM

Located at the Butler Community College Welcome Center
901 S Haverhill Rd, El Dorado, KS 67042

If you know you will be attending the Achievement Celebration, please let us know by RSVP'ing [HERE](#) by October 15th. RSVP is not required, but appreciated so that we have an idea of how many snacks and drinks to purchase.

4-H Service Challenge

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 can share all the great things that happened across Butler County with the state 4-H office. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to **#InspireKidstoDo!**

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Kansas State 4-H News

4-H programs teach leadership, civic dialogue to Kansas youth

Community vitality team pushes on with numerous efforts to engage youth-facilitated dialogues

By Taylor Jamison, K-State Research and Extension news writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The youth coordinators for the [Kansas 4-H](#) community vitality project said recently that the programs they offer are helping to foster leadership and dialogue among youth. Jacklyn Hernandez, A K-State freshman and the project's coordinator, noted one program – Conversation Boot Camp – focuses on such important topics as empathy, critical communication styles and conflict styles. “The Conversation Boot Camp is a 2-3 hour session that arms youth with the baseline knowledge for handling difficult conversations,” Hernandez said.

Chase Jordan, the assistant coordinator for the Kansas 4-H community vitality project who is a junior at K-State, pointed to another program currently being offered in partnership with Kansas State University's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, called Visual Thinking Strategies. That program, Jordan noted, helps youth think critically about a piece of art or illustration. “Along with increasing youth's knowledge of art, the project also functions as a great team building exercise and icebreaker,” he said.



Jordan also said other programs help to increase youth's skills in civic discourse. Kansas 4-H provides facilitator training through K-State's Institute of Civic Discourse and Diplomacy. The program centers around deliberation and dialogue from materials developed by ICDD. “From them, we get their principals of civic discourse,” Jordan said. “It really allows students to connect with ground rules that we can have them remind each other of throughout the community conversation series. So, being respectful, allowing for time limits to be respected, and sharing in an environment they feel safe in.”

Another program, Community Conversations, encourages youth to spark dialogues about relevant issues within their own community. The topics range from mental health, economic issues, agriculture related issues, social issues or civic engagement. “We reach out to extension agents and offer them to lead a Community Conversation,” Hernandez said. “We'll train [the youth] about two weeks before...then they learn how to become facilitators.”

Jordan said the community vitality team provides resources and support to help youth feel prepared to host a productive conversation. A new program offered for extension agents and local

community organizations is the Leadership Summit – a culmination of the community vitality team's communication projects. The program offers an array of resources to those outside 4-H, such as leadership training and fostering youth connections. “They are really able to personalize the experience to what they are hoping to accomplish,” Jordan said. “We like to incorporate some team-building exercises that the extension agents produce to keep the youth engaged. They'll be able to really have a great time.”

Hernandez said that youth participating in the Leadership Summit benefit by learning about their leadership style, exploring how to approach difficult conversations, and sharing their thoughts in ways they didn't expect. “With these deliberations, it's much more dialogue-focused,” Jordan said. “(It becomes) more a conversation centered around respect and charity, as opposed to hostility and aggression.”

State Volunteer Policy Information



While volunteerism is crucial to the success of 4-H, it is a privilege, not a right to be a 4-H volunteer. Volunteers are expected to adhere to the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Code of Conduct. Volunteers may be dismissed from service at any time.

Volunteer Enrollment

All 4-H volunteers must enroll annually in the unit in which they serve and complete the following initial steps: 4-H Online profile, References, Criminal History, Interview, Orientation, and Approval.

Required Volunteer Screening

All individuals who work directly with youth are required to complete the Kansas 4-H volunteer screening process, which includes a criminal background check. Volunteer screening is done in order to ensure a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Kansas 4-H program and provide protection for the child, the volunteer, the K-State Research and Extension professional, the extension board, and K-State Research and Extension.

Kansas 4-H Volunteer

The following guidelines should serve to ensure adequate screening of volunteers:

Adults providing direct supervision to youth at a 4-H program; make decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; have access to private data of 4-H youths or volunteers; and/or handle funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Process steps include: 4-H Online profile, References, Criminal History, Interview, Orientation, and Approval

These roles will include, though may not be limited to:

- ◆ Organizational (project) club leaders
- ◆ Chaperones for any overnight events
- ◆ Camp volunteers
- ◆ Volunteers who will have access to funds raised on behalf of 4-H
- ◆ Volunteers who will have access to confidential records or information

Youth Participants

Youth in the 4-H program often engage in leadership and volunteer experiences as part of their 4-H program participation. When participating in a defined role where additional vetting is needed, best practice for process steps include the creation of an application (4HOnline profile), reference checks, an interview, a defined position description, and orientation. The camp counselor role is one example of a defined leadership role where a defined vetting process has been established.

Other News and Events

Youth Council National Conference Applications

The [Youth Council Application](#) and [National Conference Application](#) will be combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

Any Kansas 4-H member ages of 14-18 before January 1, 2022 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2022 may apply for National Conference.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two year term on council. The deadline will be October 1, 2021.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is planned for November 20-21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. We also will plan for an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

Registration will open sometime after the State Fair. Registration deadline is October 15, 2021 at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate.

Out of County Forms

Out of County forms will no longer be needed starting in the new 4-H year! All youth enrolling in Butler County 4-H will be accepted regardless of the county they live in.

Butler County Fair Pre-Entry System Change

Starting in 2022, we will no longer be using ShoWorks for 4-H pre-entries at the county fair. We will be going to FairyEntry; please note that with this change, we will begin requiring pre-entry for **ALL** 4-H exhibits at the fair. This will be a significant change from years past, so please make note of this as you prepare for the 2022 Butler County Fair.



Parliamentary Basics

Did you know that Parliamentary procedure is an orderly way to conduct a meeting, a fair way to make a group discussion, respects everyone, gives everyone a chance to speak, used in groups everywhere, and majority rules while minorities are protected....

The proper way to make a motion is to say "I move...". The proper way to second a motion is to say "I second the motion."

If you want to amend (change) a motion you should say "I move to amend the motion by...."

A motion to adjourn the meeting is done so by stating "I move to adjourn this meeting." A motion to adjourn needs a second, no discussion needed, and must be voted on right away!

Did you know there are over 30 different types of motions! These are some simple ones and the majority of the ones that you will utilize in your 4-H Club meeting.

Remember, STAND UP when you are speaking and only person speaks at a time!

Welcoming New Families



It is the time of year when our office starts getting more calls and web inquiries of people wanting to join 4-H. When you have visitors, remember, impressions last. Here are a few helpful tips for you:

- ☐ Greet your visitors at the door when they arrive.
- ☐ Introduce them to your family and other 4-H members.
- ☐ Tell them about the opening ceremony of your club so they know what to expect and give them a copy of the 4-H Pledge to follow along.
- ☐ Introduce them to the club. You can do this during roll call. If they are joining another club member, have that club member help introduce them.
- ☐ Involve them in the recreation activities.
- ☐ Invite them to go first with refreshments.
- ☐ After the meeting, send a Thank You note for attending and invite them to the next meeting.
- ☐ Have a New Family Coordinator who can sit next to them at meetings and answer any questions they have.
- ☐ Develop a buddy system. Team a new 4-H family with a current 4-H family who can help explain and understand 4-H.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call our office and ask! Let's help make new families feel welcome, as least confused as possible, and continue to grow the 4-H program!

Creative Ideas

To add zest to your meeting

Dress Silly Day:

One meeting could be jazzed up by a dress theme. Members can create costumes from their clothing at home. You can have a mismatched day, green day, hat day, pajamas day, crazy shoe day, tie day, sunglasses day, backwards clothing day and dress as your parents day. These are just some examples. Have the club help you create more, or add more yourself.

Backwards Meeting:

Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!

Draw Your Name Out of a Hat Day:

Cut up the order of the club meeting. Place the slips of paper in a hat. Draw out a slip of paper. That is the first item of the meeting. Continue until every item has been drawn out of the hat. This should make for a most interesting meeting!

Move To a New Seat During a Meeting:

This is another seating adventure. The President could give the command. "Move two seats to your left." "Rows one and two switch seats." "End seats switch with each other." The command can be different each time. The club members will definitely be paying attention to the meeting to hear where they need to move next.

Roll Call Ideas

*Name a County in KS

*Name 1 food you do not like

*What is your favorite gum?

*How and why do you usually end up in trouble?

*Name your favorite 4-H activity

*Tell us your favorite summer sport.

*What is your favorite snack?

*Name your favorite TV Show

*Tell us a 4-H achievement you are proud

*Tell us a pets name.

*What is your middle name?

Outbound 4-H Exchanges

Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs for 4-H members next summer are now (9/20) described on the Kansas 4-H web site: [States' 4-H International Exchange Program \(kansas4-h.org\)](https://kansas4-h.org). Countries offered to 12-18 or 15-18 year-olds are Argentina, Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, Romania, South Korea and Taiwan. All these exchanges are 3-4 weeks except the extended exchange in Japan which adds a language and culture study program before the home stay for an additional 4 weeks in Tokyo. All except Argentina include home stays with local families. Flyers describing each exchange are posted on the web site as well as comparisons between the exchanges. A link to the online application for States' 4-H Exchanges is found on the Kansas 4-H web page. Completed applications will be forwarded to Kansas.



Numerous countries are offered to individuals beyond 4-H age exchanges through the IFYE program managed by IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. Individuals can participate beginning in June for 2, 3 or 6 months. A three-month option is offered in a few countries beginning in September. This year IFYE USA is offering a special exchange in partnership with United Soybean Board for IFYE exchanges in Europe and East and Southeast Asia. They will offer typical home stays as well as in country programming with government and commodity representatives on commodity marketing. Kansas Soy is participating in these special IFYE exchanges. To be selected for these special IFYE exchanges applicants need be approved as an IFYE, have a connection with soybeans and plan a career related to agriculture. Those selected receive paid expenses. For current information on IFYE exchanges go to [International 4-H Youth Programs \(IFYE\) \(kansas4-h.org\)](https://kansas4-h.org).

Applicants for Kansas 4-H International Exchanges through States 4-H or IFYE will find applications on the web page for their age group. **All Kansas Applications are due November 1, 2021 exchanges.** They will receive information about required **state interviews on November 21, 2021 in Junction City.** Contact Mary Kay Munson, State Coordinator, at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu for information.

Extension Office Updates

⇒ The new 4-H Agent will start November 1st. Look for more information to come out soon!

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