

# THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER  
2024

## A Minute with Madeline



What a month we are looking back on! Our Butler County 4-H members excelled at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson during the month of September. We had over 55 exhibitors in the 4-H Divisions who brought more than 150 exhibits to be judged. Our members were more than successful at bringing home ribbons and special awards. We are proud to call them members of Butler County 4-H!!

As we look ahead to what October will bring, the list is almost endless! Enrollment for the new 4-H year will open on October 1, 2024. Make sure to enroll as soon as possible to get the most out of your meeting attendance and meet the two meeting requirement to be eligible for the Livestock/Project Auction at the 2025 Butler County Fair. Remember, you are a guest at all meetings until you enroll in 4HOnline.

Other fun things coming in the month of October include National 4-H Week beginning on the 6th and ending on the 12th. Check social media and in the newsletter for daily activities to promote 4-H in your community! 48 Hours of 4-H will be October 12th and 13th. Don't forget to register your clubs service project! Finally, make sure your calendars are blocked off for Achievement Celebration on October 26th at 10 a.m. at Butler Community College!

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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.
- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting & join 4-H!
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved.

## Review

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

## Promote/Recruit

- Club participation at the Achievement Celebration October 26th.

## 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 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 1st
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

## Remember

- Pick-up of buyers cards, ribbons, and returning by deadline
- 4-H Families to get enrolled for the new 4-H year.
- Make it a fun and rewarding year!



# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## October

- October 1: The 2024-2025 4-H Year Begins!
- October 1: Youth Council & National Conference  
Application Deadline
- October 4: Hunting Skills Sportsman's Acres – Junction City
- October 5: Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug Event, Oskaloosa
- October 7: 4-H Council
- October 6-12: National 4-H Week
- October 12-13: State 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Match
- October 12-13: 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- October 15: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Registration Deadline
- October 19-20: 4-H Dog Conference- Rock Springs
- October 18-20: Shooting Sports Volunteer Training Full and Update – Goodland
- October 26: Achievement Celebration 10 a.m.
- October 26: Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug Event - Hays



## December

- December TBA: Christmas Drive Drop Off

## November

- November 1: 4-H Club Financial Reviews Due
- November 9-10: Volunteer Shooting Sports Update Only Training – Rock Springs Ranch
- November 23-24: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) - Rock Springs Ranch
- November 23-24: Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum - Rock Springs Ranch
- November 29-December 3: National 4-H Congress



\*See the full 2023-2024 Calander [HERE](#)\*

# Achievement Celebration

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## “Awards Galore in 2024” Achievement Celebration



**Saturday, October 26**



**10:00 a.m.**



**Butler Community College  
Clifford/Stone Community Center**



**Refreshments Provided**

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## 4-H Online Enrollment Opens October 1st!

### 4-H's Long-reaching Effects

Compared to other youth, 4-Hers are:

**4x** more likely to contribute  
to their communities



**2x** more likely to be  
civically active

**2x** more likely to make  
healthier lifestyle choices



### The Top 5 Project Areas in Butler County:

1. Photography
2. Visual Arts
3. Foods & Nutrition
4. Clothing & Textiles
5. Floriculture & Horticulture

### Find more information here:



### What does Butler County 4-H have to offer?

- 9 Community 4-H Clubs across the County
- Butler County 4-H Shooting Sports
- Over 70 Projects
- Cloverbud Program for ages 5-6 yrs.

Visit Our Website

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/>

Call Us

316-321-9660

# 2025 Horse ID Update

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) has been updated for the 2025 4-H program year. Beginning with the 2025 4-H program year, please use the new form and destroy previously used 4-H Horse ID Certificates. As a reminder, to properly identify your horse, complete the 4-H Horse ID Certificate, have your Extension Agent sign it and copy it. A COPY of the Horse ID Certificate is kept on file in the Extension Office and the 4-H Horse member maintains the ORIGINAL certificate. The original certificate is presented by the 4-H member to show staff for check-in at the local 4-H horse shows. **Beginning in 2025, registration papers WILL NOT be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse project.** An example of the Horse ID Certificate is available online.

Additionally, the 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (S133) is currently being revised. It will be released in mid-October. This will not affect any deadlines within the 4-H Horse project. Supplemental educational materials will also be released throughout the year to assist 4-H members, leaders and Extension staff with the 4-H Horse program.



# Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 23-24, 2024 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2024. Registrations will be due Monday, October 15, 2024. This event will include: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the State 4-H Council and is a great opportunity for youth to build their leadership skills! Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14-18 by January 1, 2024 may apply to be a council member. The duties of the Council Members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum and other events, and may include assisting the State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement program, forums, and other workshops or conferences. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council will be available in the registration materials on the State 4-H website at [www.kansas4h.org](http://www.kansas4h.org).

**KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM**  
KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND  
NOVEMBER 23-24, 2024

**REGISTER TODAY**

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# Prepare For The New 4-H Year!

The new 4-H year will begin on October 1st, 2024! From hands-on exploration to project-based skill building, young people thrive through participation in 4-H and find their way to success in life and future careers. We are excited to offer over 35 projects, ranging from Foods and Nutrition, to Robotics and Geology, to Livestock. There truly is something for everyone! We focus on exploration, learning, and experiencing the world around us through hands-on activities lead by our qualified volunteers and mentors. Any Butler County youth ages 7 to 18 is eligible to join 4-H! Our learning pathways support 21st century learning skills to help our youth grow and develop into productive citizens within their community! I encourage you to visit our website: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/> to learn how to enroll in 4-H!

## 4-H'ers

- Try a new project! Find a list [HERE](#)
- Invite a friend to a 4-H meeting!
- Consider running for an office in your club!
- Plan a presentation for a club meeting!

## Parents

- Don't forget to enroll in 4-H Online beginning October 1
- Sign up to become a volunteer! Contact the Extension Office for more information
- Verify that the family email address on file is the best for us to use to communicate with you
- Encourage 4-H'ers in your family and club to try something new, such as a project or presentation. Getting out of our comfort zone fosters growth!
- Invite another family to a meeting or 4-H event to learn about our program





# 4-H Council Event Scholarships

Did you know that the Butler County 4-H Council has event scholarships available to all Butler County 4-H members?!

## Scholarship Requirements:

- Any current 4-H member is eligible to apply for a scholarship.
- 4-H'ers are limited to 2 event scholarships per 4-H year.
- Completed forms are to be submitted to the Butler County Extension Office with event payment prior to event registration deadline.



## Scholarship Details:

- If you did not submit a KAP and pin application or did not receive a pin within the past year for a \$100 scholarship
- Submitted a KAP and received a pin within the past year for a \$200 scholarship. Those that have already received their 10-year pin are exempt from pin requirement.



You can find the scholarship application here:  
<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/Scholarships.html>

You can find more Kansas 4-H State Event Opportunities here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/index.html>



# National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week 2024 is coming up—October 7th-12th! Get ready for a week of learning, exploration, creativity and connection. Discover more and share what 4-H has to offer!

**Sunday – Selfie Sunday** – Post those selfies and share your 4-H Story!

**Monday – Monday Motivation** – How do you make the best better?

**Tuesday – Trivia Tuesday** – Did you know? Tell us something we don't know, a fun fact you learned in 4-H. For example:

- Did you know that rabbits' ear length can be affected by heat?
- Did you know that you can tell a goat's age by the number of teeth they have?

**Wednesday – 4-H Spirit Day!** Wear the clover with pride!

**Thursday – Throwback Thursday** – Throw it back old school


**Friday – Friday Night Lights** – Spotlight a 4-H Alum

**Saturday – Saturday Service** – 48 Hours of 4-H – how do you serve your community?



**4-H PROUD, 4-H GROWN!**

OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

Sunday	Selfie Sunday	
Monday	Monday Motivation	
Tuesday	Tuesday Trivia	
Wednesday	4-H Spirit Day!	
Thursday	Throwback Thursday	
Friday	Friday Night Lights	
Saturday	Saturday Service- #484H	

# State 4-H News

## Kansas 4-H gears up for weekend of community service Oct. 12-13

### ***'48 Hours of 4-H' caps National 4-H Week in the U.S.***

*Kansas 4-H will celebrate its long-standing commitment to community service when members across the state participate in 48 Hours of 4-H, Oct. 12-13.*

*Beth Hinshaw, a 4-H youth development specialist in the southeast region, said the 11th annual event wraps up National 4-H Week in the United States.*

*"In our (4-H) pledge, we say we commit our hands to larger service to my club, community and world," Hinshaw said. "48 Hours of 4-H helps fulfill the pledge that 4-H members make every time they meet together."*

*48 Hours of 4-H is a project that encourages clubs in the state to plan a community service project. "It's not a 48 hour project," Hinshaw said, "but rather a project that you do sometime during that 48 hour timeframe."*

*"We want the service to be meaningful and we want it to make a difference in their community," she added. "This gives young people an opportunity to look at what is needed in their community."*

*In the past, Hinshaw said groups have been very creative in how they have chosen to help their community, including such things as:*

- Planting flowers and bulbs, and cleaning up community gardens and parks for community beautification.*
- Collecting non-perishable food, hygiene items and pet supplies for local agencies.*
- Partnering with community events.*
- Showing appreciation to local law enforcement, fire department and 9/11 heroes.*

*"They've found something to do that will make a difference in the community where they live," Hinshaw said.*

*"Some groups have long-time partners that they work with, and others try new projects. One local unit is making harvest snacks for elevators to show appreciation to farmers, and another is re-painting the trash cans at the fairgrounds with 4-H themes."*

*Hinshaw added that the Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City will host a statewide 48 Hours of 4-H project in conjunction with the Live Well, Lead Well health workshop on Saturday, Oct. 12.*

*The service project will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., followed by lunch and scheduled workshop. Registration is available online at [www.kansas4h.org](http://www.kansas4h.org) and must be received by Oct. 8.*

*In addition to asking local media to cover their project, Hinshaw urges Kansas 4-H clubs to post pictures to Instagram, Facebook and Twitter with the hashtag, #484H.*

*More information about 48 Hours of 4-H and how to register a project is available online.*

*Hinshaw also said that the new 4-H year begins Oct. 1, noting that 48 Hours of 4-H is often an opportunity for those considering membership to see what 4-H is all about. More information about 4-H, including how to get involved, is available online, and from local extension offices in Kansas.*



# BUTLER COUNTY 4-H

## Kansas State Fair Results



### Static Projects

- Grace - Res.  
Champion Senior  
Shopping in Style  
Fashion Review

### Chosen for Display

- Madelynn - Photo  
selected for State  
4-H Office
- Brenna - Photo  
selected for Rock  
Springs Ranch
- Madison - Photo  
selected for  
Director of  
Extension
- Madison - Fine Arts  
selected for Kansas  
4-H Foundation

### Open Class

- Brenna - 1st in Class,  
Photography
- Kenzie - Division  
Champion, Foods
- Jackson - Dairy  
Goats, Champion  
Sr. Showman, Best  
in Show Youth  
Division

### Livestock

- Addison - Rabbits,  
Best of Breed  
Senior Buck
- Janelle - Horse  
Show, Champion  
Stock Type Mare
- Cally - Market Meat  
Goat, Res. Division II

### Judging Contests

- Int. Photography  
Judging - 2nd Place
- River - 1st Individ.
- Ella - 18th Individ.
- Lorelai - 21st Individ.
- Sen. Photography  
Judging - 16th Place
- Mikalyn - 35th Individ.
- Taylor - 57th Individ.
- Kaleb - 71st Individ.
- Int. FCS Judging - 1st  
Place
- Ella
- River
- Allison
- Valerie
- Sen. FCS Judging -  
9th Place
- Kendra
- Jadon
- Grace
- Rabbit Judging
- Madelynn - Blue
- Lane - Blue
- Cole - Blue

# TWO 4-H EVENTS - ONE DATE!



## SATURDAY, OCT 5 OSKALOOSA, KS

### SHUTTERBUGS

#### Who should register:

4-H members in the north east area enrolled in the photography project who are interested in learning new skills and photography techniques!

**Location: Old Jefferson Town, Oskaloosa, Ks.**

Similar events will be held in Hays, Garden City & Wichita this year.

### LIVE WELL, LEAD WELL

#### Who should register:

All 4-H youth age 7 to 18 are asked to join us for an exciting afternoon (1 p.m. – 5 p.m.) packed with interactive, hands-on activities designed to help you build a Strong Mind, Active Heart, Helping Hands, and Healthy Lifestyles.

**Location: Little Red Barn, Oskaloosa, Ks.**

#### Registration for one or both events:

Please use the QR code below to register or the link up above to sign up by October 2, 2024

### Event Topics:

- Black & White photos
- Composition
- Tricks with light--colored bottles
- Macro
- Reflections/Avoid reflections in glass
- Bubbles

### Event Objective

Participants will learn and practice Yoga movements & breathing techniques, resting & active heart rates, become aware of benefits of helping others, and create a healthy smoothie.



#### Accommodations:

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# NOSTALGIC CHRISTMAS TREE WORKSHOP



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Paint, Wire, and Light-Up  
Your Very Own Nostalgic  
Christmas Tree!

**Registration and Payment Due Prior to  
Start of Workshop.**

**\$60**

- Glaze colors: White, Dark Green, or Pink
- Peg light colors; crystal (clear) or multi colored lights
- Topper colors; crystal or red
- Ask about other color options when you register!



**Friday,  
November 1st & 8th  
Beginning at 5 p.m.**



**Butler County  
Community/4-H Building  
200 N. Griffith  
El Dorado, KS**

For more information or to register, contact  
Calla at [callae@ksu.edu](mailto:callae@ksu.edu) or call 316-321-9660

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# Mug Mingle



**Grab a mug and mingle with your local  
Butler County Extension Staff**

Friday, October 11th from 7:45-9:00 a.m.

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