

THE BUTLER COUNTY

4-H NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



**Beyond
Ready**



A MINUTE WITH MADELINE

It Takes a 4-H Family

As another 4-H year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to say something simple but important: thank you!

Behind every 4-H member who walks into the show ring, gives a presentation, completes a project, or displays an exhibit is a family and support system helping make it possible. From early mornings and late nights to countless trips to meetings, practices, workshops, and the fairgrounds, 4-H is truly a family effort.

Thank you to the parents and guardians who help members meet deadlines, gather supplies, practice presentations, care for animals, and get where they need to be. Your time, encouragement, and willingness to support your 4-H member create opportunities for them to learn and grow.

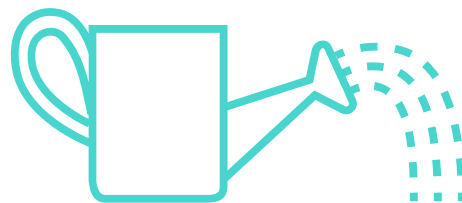
Thank you to the siblings, grandparents, extended family, and friends who cheer from the sidelines, attend events, and celebrate accomplishments. Those little moments of encouragement mean more than you may realize.

And a special thank you to our 4-H volunteers. Your willingness to lead clubs, teach projects, organize activities, mentor members, and lend a helping hand makes Butler County 4-H possible. You provide young people with opportunities to belong, lead, learn, and become Beyond Ready for whatever comes next.

Thank you, 4-H families, for being such an important part of the Butler County 4-H family. We are proud of what our members accomplished this year and excited to see where their skills and confidence take them next!

LEADERS

LOUNGE



SEPTEMBER CHECK-UP

- 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.
- Have a club information booth at your local schools.

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 Kansas State Fair
- Encourage older 4-H members to apply to be an Ambassador!
- Encourage 4-H members to prepare and submit record books, pin applications, and scholarship awards.
- Club participation at the Achievement Celebration
- Encourage participation in National 4-H Week in October

TO-DO

- Check in with Project Leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check the club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Check the club's progress toward goals
- Remind families to "Subscribe" to 4-H Online broadcast messages. This is where all newsletters and important information are sent out to families!
- Help 4-H members plan and prepare record books.
- Begin preparing your yearly Club Summary.
- Begin to discuss Club participation in 48 Hours of 4-H
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

REMEMBER

- Work with your co-leader!
- Pick up buyers' cards, ribbons, and return signed buyers' cards by September 1.
- If your Club is planning a bake sale, fundraiser, or making t-shirts, please contact our office prior to doing so!
- Remind 4-H families to enroll for the new 4-H year beginning October 1!

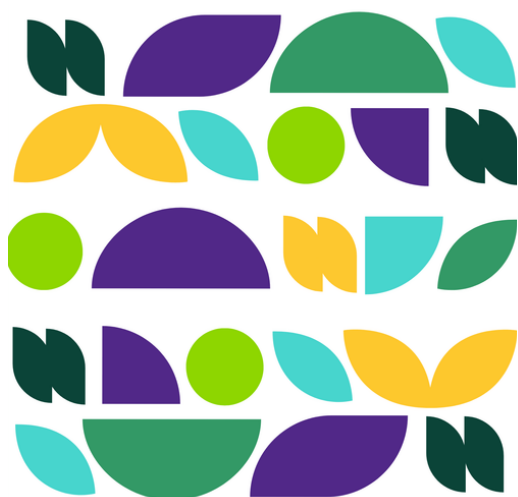
IMPORTANT DATES

& DEADLINES



SEPTEMBER

- September 5: State 4-H Dog Show - Hutchinson
- September 7: Labor Day - Extension Office Closed
- September 8: State Fair Project Drop Off from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- September 8: 4-H Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- September 9: State Fair Project Drop Off from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- September 11 - 20: Kansas State Fair - Hutchinson
- September 21: All KAP's and Pin Applications due by 5:00 p.m.
- September 26: State Small Bore/Muzzleloading Match - Topeka
- September 28-29: Record Book Judging



*See the full 2025-2026
Calendar [HERE](#)*

OCTOBER

- **October 1: 2026-2027 4-H Year Begins!**
- October 1: Kansas Youth Leadership Council Applications DUE by 11:59 p.m.
- October 2-4: Kansas Junior Livestock Show - Hutchinson
- October 4-10: National 4-H Week
- October 10-11: 48 Hours of 4-H
- October 10-11: State Shotgun Match - Sedgwick & Augusta
- October 12: 4-H Open House at 6 p.m.
- October 13: 4-H Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- October 15: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Registration Due
- October 17: State 4-H Hunting Skills Match - Junction City
- October 17-18: 4-H Dog Conference - Rock Springs
- October 24-25: Shooting Sports Discipline Leader Training - Fort Scott
- October 30: Club Financial Reviews DUE
- October 31: Achievement Celebration at 10 a.m.
- October 31: Officer Training at 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- November 10: 4-H Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- November 11: Extension Office Closed - Veterans Day
- November 21-22: KYLF - Rock Springs Ranch
- November 26-27: Extension Office Closed - Thanksgiving

4-H MEMBER

SPOTLIGHT



Evie B. Lily Lake 4-H Club

"Evie took the opportunity to share a little extra gratitude following the Butler County Fair by delivering goodies to the buyers who purchased her horticulture project, and also made a few special deliveries on behalf of herself and the Lily Lake 4-H Club.

She delivered baked goods to the Butler County Conservation District in appreciation of their continued sponsorship of the Conservation Banner Project at the fair. Their support gives 4-H members the opportunity to learn about conservation while sharing that knowledge with others.

Evie also delivered a gift and food basket to Sundgren Realty & Auction as a thank-you for their many years of continued support of Butler County 4-H and the fair auctions.

We are incredibly fortunate to have businesses, organizations, and individuals in our community who continue to support 4-H year after year. It was a wonderful opportunity for Evie to personally say thank you to just a few of the people who help make these experiences possible for our 4-H members."

-Evie and Terri B.



KANSAS STATE FAIR

INFORMATION



Project Drop Off Information

- Entry drop-off will be Tuesday, September 8, from 3:00–5:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, September 9, from 12:00–6:00 p.m.
- There are two options for getting entry cards:
 - Entry cards can be picked up from the Extension Office
 - Cards will also be available at entry drop-off
- Score sheets need to be labeled and attached to your projects. If you do not have them at entry drop-off, we will have a limited number of them.
 - Score sheets can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/>
- If you plan to transport an item yourself to the State Fair, you have additional steps:
 - Pick up your entry cards from the Extension Office
 - Email dsratlif@ksu.edu and mgwallac@ksu.edu with the youth's name and extension unit, a contact phone number, a planned time to deliver, and an item description.
 - Entries will be accepted on Thursday, September 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Entries need to check in at the information counter in Centennial Hall when arriving, so staff are aware.
- If you are retrieving your own entry from the State Fair after it has been judged, please let Madeline know.
 - NO exhibits are to leave the building prior to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20
 - You need to let a contact at the Information Counter in Centennial Hall know they are picking up items.
- Entries will be picked up on September 21. They will be available for you to pick up at the Extension Office after 2:00 p.m. that day.
- Make sure to consult the Kansas State Fair book for information regarding what is required for your specific project. The Kansas State Fair book can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/>

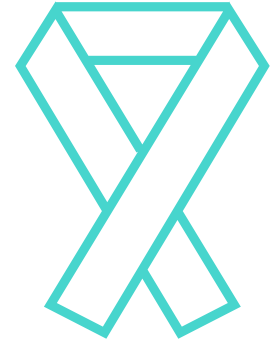
RECORD BOOKS, PINS, AND AWARDS!



IT'S TIME TO UPDATE YOUR RECORD BOOK AND PIN APPLICATIONS!

Questions about what goes into a record book?

Are you new to 4-H and wondering what record books, pins, and awards are? Do you need a refresher course? Call or email Madeline to schedule a time to have your questions answered, either virtually or in person!



ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

All record books, pin applications, Ambassador applications, club summaries, scholarship applications, club officer notebooks, and special award applications are due in the K-State Extension - Butler County office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21. Don't miss this deadline! All forms can be found online [HERE](#).



Want to help judge record books?

If you are interested in helping judge record books, please let Madeline know! This is a great learning experience. Don't worry if you've never judged before, we will help you get started! We will judge them at the end of September/first week of October. Stay tuned for the exact date!



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OPEN HOUSE



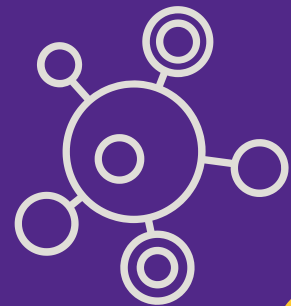
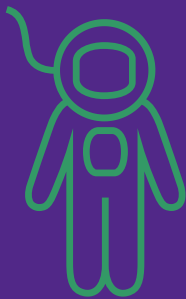
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Booths Open

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

New Family Meeting

6:30 - 7:00 P.M.



Learn about our 4-H Clubs, different
4-H Projects, and attend the New
Family Meeting!



Butler County Community Building
200 N Griffith St.
El Dorado, KS 67042

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4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1!



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BUILDING A READY GENERATION

3x

**MORE LIKELY TO
PARTICIPATE IN
COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

2x

**MORE LIKELY TO REPORT
LIVING LIFE WITH PURPOSE**

2x

**MORE LIKELY TO HAVE
THE GOAL OF BEING A
LEADER**



Over 40 Projects Offered In:

- Animal Science
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Engineering & Technology
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Leadership & Personal Development
- Natural Resources
- Plant Sciences



About 4-H in Butler County:

- Nine Community Clubs across the county
- One Shooting Sports Project Club
- Youth Membership for ages 7-18
- Cloverbud Program for ages 5-6

Want More Information?

- Scan the QR Code above, or
- Contact our 4-H Agent, Madeline Adams
 - mgwallac@ksu.edu
 - 316-321-9660



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GHOULS, GOBLINS, & GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION
2026

OCTOBER 31

10:00 AM

200 N GRIFFITH ST
EL DORADO, KS

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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SATURDAY, OCT. 31



1:00 – 4:00 P.M.



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ABOUT THE AMBASSADORS



Butler County 4-H Ambassadors: Who are they?

The 4-H Ambassadors are a group of 4-H members ages 14-18 (as of January 1) who are interested in being the face and voice of promotion for Butler County 4-H.

They participate in and host events. Some events include Ambassador Day Camp, Barnyard Olympics at the Fair, 4-H Open House, help with the achievement banquet, and officer training. They also help promote 4-H and have a lot of fun doing it!

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Butler County 4-H Ambassadors, applications are due in the Extension Office on September 21 by 5:00 p.m. The Ambassadors are an energetic, fun group to be a part of. The application can be found online at <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/ambassadors.html> or picked up at the Extension Office. Join this fun group today!



4-H SCHOLARSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BUTLER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL HAS EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ALL BUTLER COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS?!

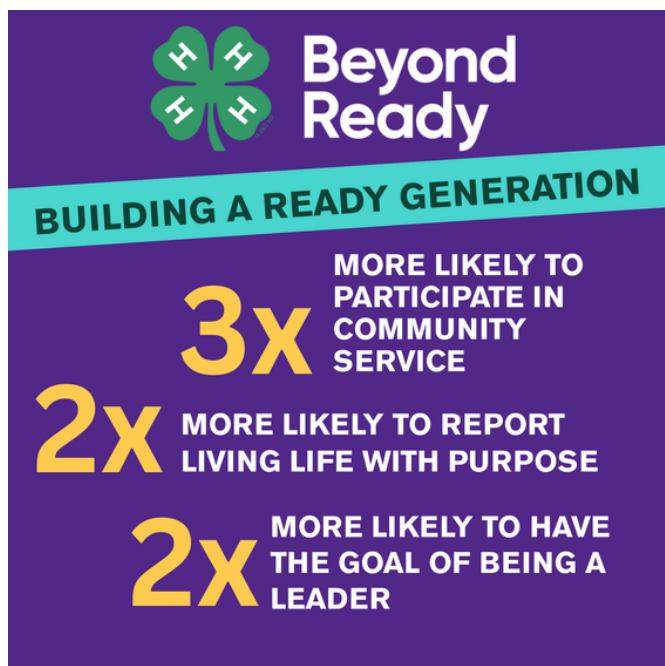
SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- Any current 4-H member (including Coverbuds) 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 the 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 who have already received their 10-year pin are exempt from the pin requirement.

YOU CAN FIND THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.BUTLER.K-STATE.EDU/4-H/SCHOLARSHIPS.HTML](https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarships.html)



STATE EVENTS

& OPPORTUNITIES

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2027 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2027 may apply for National Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program regions (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to six National Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two year term on council.



**The application deadline is
Wednesday, October 1, 2026, 11:59
p.m. CST**

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)

**YOU CAN FIND MORE KANSAS 4-H STATE EVENT
OPPORTUNITIES HERE:**

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/index.html>



BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

THEME SUBMISSION

The Butler County Fair Board is requesting that 4-H members send their suggestions for themes for the 2027 Butler County Fair in! You can submit your theme ideas to bucofairsec@bucoks.com until **Friday, October 9!**

BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

THANK YOU'S



The county fair is over, and the dust has settled. The fair relies on a plethora of volunteers and buyer support to be a success. Have you sent your thank-you notes? Do you know whom to send one to? Below is a list of suggested individuals to show your gratitude to!



- **Food Auction Buyers:** Even if you don't know who bought your item, we have a list available in the office! Did you know the funds from the food auction help support scholarships for you to attend 4-H events?
- **Premium Auction Buyers:** You are required to get a buyer's signature on your card! Our buyers are the heart and soul of the auction. Without them, the premiums would not be there. Did you have an add-on? If so, we encourage you to write them a thank-you note, as well!
- **Fair Board:** A lot goes on behind the scenes to get everything ready for the fair. Consider sending a thank-you card to the members of the fair board for all their hard work.
- **Superintendents:** We encourage you to write a thank you to the superintendent(s) of the divisions you participated in. Volunteers are the heart of the Butler County Fair!
- **Extension Office Staff & Extension Board:** These individuals work year-round to support our 4-H members.
- **Auctioneers:** The auctioneers from Sundgren Realty & Auction do an amazing job getting the most they can for the youth and their projects. Let them know how much you appreciate them!
- **Judges:** Why not write a letter to the judge to thank them for helping, even if you aren't happy with your ribbon placement? Without judges, we wouldn't have a fair.
- **Club and Project Leaders:** Need we say more?
- **County Commissioners:** They support our program, and we need to let them know how thankful we are!

2026 Hunter Education Course

The Hunter Education courses are open to anyone. No fee is required. No one under the age of 11 will be certified in Hunter Education. Those under age 11 may take the course with special permission from the instructor. Anyone taking the Hunter Education courses prior to age 11, will be required to take the course again for certification after turning 11. All courses are being held at the Butler County 4-H Community Building located at 200 N. Griffith in El Dorado. Call the Butler County Extension Office at 316-321-9660 to pre-enroll! Enrollment is limited, so call early! No Drop-Ins Will Be Accepted.

****Pre-enrollment is required for all courses****



Internet Assisted Course: September 26, 2026

Check-in: 7:30-8:00 AM

Field Day: Saturday, Sept 26th, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Pre-enroll between Aug 11th – Sept 23rd, 2026.



You will need to have access to a computer and a printer in order to complete the online portion of an Internet-Assisted course. This independent study method requires pre-registration in an Internet-assisted Field Day and Testing Session and completion of the Kansas online hunter education course. **DO NOT TAKE THE ONLINE COURSE UNTIL YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE INTERNET-ASSISTED HUNTER EDUCATION FIELD DAY AND TESTING SESSION OF YOUR CHOICE.**

Pre-Enroll at Butler County Extension Office or call 316-321-9660

Field Day Instructions:

1. Pre enroll for the field day at the Butler County Extension Office
2. Go to the Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism website at ksoutdoors.com
3. Follow the prompts to access the on-line test and complete it. Education - Hunter Education - Internet Assisted Course - Free Kansas Internet Assisted Course (Yellow box at the bottom of the page) - take the test.
4. After completing the test, print the completion certificate and bring it with you to the field day.

