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Happy 4-H New Year!



Just as Summer ends and Fall begins (although the temperatures can't quite make up their mind), so does the old and new 4-H Year! As we wave farewell to 2013-2014 4-H Year, if you haven't already, reflect on the entire year, make some notes and use those to embrace the new year.

Also as we begin the New Year, I challenge the adults to remember what the basis of what 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

I find it a positive addition to the New 4-H Year with National 4-H Week hot on its tail! By the time you receive this newsletter, 4-H Week will be winding down. 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 to Join the Club.

48 Hours of 4H

I am excited and proud of those who took an active part of the 48 Hours of 4H.

Whether it was the weekend event you participated in or capitalized at another time during the month of October, give yourself a round of applause. One of the things we pledge is our "Hands to Larger Service", Way to put that pledge to work! Great job 4-H'ers!

~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

- ___ *4-H Forecaster* read and important dates marked on calendar.
- ___ Review highlights from the *4-H Forecaster* at your club meeting.

To-Do

- ___ Project leaders notified of the 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.
- ___ Hand out to members and return to Extension Office 4-H Enrollment Cards and Participation Forms.
- ___ Out of County Request to Join forms due with Enrollment cards
- ___ Hand out and return VIP Renewal Forms
- ___ Have new volunteers contact the Extension Office to get the VIP Process started



If your Club is wanting to have a bake sale fundraiser, please contact our office prior to doing

Promote/Recruit

- ___ 4-H Achievement Celebration, Nov. 1
- ___ Officer Training Oct. 19 (if someone wants to end but has not signed up, have them contact Charlene at the Extension Office 321-9660)

Remember

- ___ Make it a Fun and Rewarding Year!

Kansas State Fair & State Archery Match

I want to give a huge SHOUT OUT to those that participated at the Kansas State Fair. You all did AMAZING and represented Butler County VERY WELL. No matter what the division from livestock to non-livestock, you should be extremely proud of

your efforts. The livestock results are not on-line but our livestock youth done FANTASTIC! Our Shooting Sports group ROCKED it as well!! Kuddos to everyone!

Results can be found at the following locations.

Non-Livestock—<http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46>

State Shooting Sports—<http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=290>

Volunteer's & Junior Leaders

Don't forget the volunteer process has changed.

New Volunteers:

If you are interested in being a volunteer contact our office soon so we can get the process started. The VIP application packet can be found online at: <http://www.butler.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=69>

Returning Volunteers

Returning volunteers need to complete a renewal application and return to our extension office as soon as possible. They should be done as soon as possible at the start of the new 4-H Year which is October 1. Renewal forms can be found here: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H953.pdf>

Junior Leaders

Returning Junior Leaders only need to fill out the renewal form. New Junior Leaders are required to fill out the application. If they are new, please contact Charlene.

Record Books, Pins, and Awards

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit Club Summaries, KAP's, Pin Applications and Special Awards.

17 Juniors and 35 Intermediates submitted KAP's. 15 KAP's were submitted in the Senior Division. 73 Pin applications were turned in!

The 4-H Program Development



Committee (PDC) and the Records and Awards Coordinator met Tuesday night and finalized the special awards and the pin applications. Thank you to my PDC members for helping with the process.

The Junior and Intermediate KAP's have been handed back over to the leaders (minus the comment and score

sheets)! The comment and score sheets, along with the Senior KAP's will be returned the afternoon of the Achievement Celebration.

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

See you at the Achievement Celebration!

Important News and Deadlines

Oct. 19— 4-H Officer Training
3:30 p.m. at Bluestem High School
Registration at 3:00 p.m.

Oct. 31—Club Financial Audits Due

Nov. 1—Achievement Celebration
3:00 p.m.

Nov 11—Office Closed

November 21-23—Kansas Youth Leadership(14-18 years old) and Ks. Adult Volunteer Forum

Nov 24—Annual Fair Board Mtg.

Nov 27-28—Office Closed



Shooting Sports



Hunter Education

The October course is Saturday, October 11. Check-in is from 7:30 to 8am and class starts at 8am. This is the field day for an internet assisted course. To take the course, follow these instructions:

1. Sign up for the field day by contacting the Extension Office
2. Log on the KDWPT website, kdwpt.state.ks.us, and tab through the menus to the internet course. Follow all instructions to take the internet course.

Participate in and pass the field day.

This course is available to all youth 11 and over, and to adults.

Shotgun

A basic shotgun course is scheduled for all day Saturday,

Nov. 8. Check in for the class is from 8:30 to 9am. The class starts at 9am and end around 4:00 p.m. There will be a one hour lunch break around noon. Bring your own lunch and drinks. Ice chests will be available for storing them. The class will continue after lunch until about 4pm. The normal ages for the shotgun project is from 12 to 18 years. If you are under 12 years of age but can handle a shotgun, you may try the project to see if you are physically able to participate. It takes a minimum level of strength and body mass to be able to successfully shoot a shotgun.

The course is being held at Michael Murphy Sporting Clays, 6400 SW Hunter Road. If you are not currently enrolled in 4-H, your parent will need to complete a participation form before you can participate in the course. This can be done Saturday morning at the range. Your parent

must be present to sign the form. If not, you must bring the completed form with you. You cannot participate without the signed form.

Bring your own shotgun, either a 12 ga. or 20 ga. No 410-s. An improved cylinder choke is preferred. If you do not have a suitable shotgun, a limited number of shotguns can be provided. Ammunition is provided. Contact Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746 or gandpmaggard@gmail.com to let him know if you have your own shotgun and its gauge, or if you have any questions.

Further details of the course will be given to you when you enroll by calling or visiting the Extension Office (321-9660). Enrollment is required by Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Roll Call Ideas

Looking for creative Roll Call ideas for your meeting? Here are a few!

- * Name a County in KS
- * Name your favorite 4-H activity
- * Name your favorite TV Show
- * Name 1 food you do not like.
- * Tell us your favorite summer sport.
- * Tell us a 4-H achievement you are proud.
- * What is your favorite gum?
- * What is your favorite snack?
- * How and why do you usually end up in trouble?
- * What is your middle name?
- * Tell us a pets name.

Other News & Project Information

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Are you 14-19 years old & interested in citizenship and politics? Then you should apply to attend the National 4-H Conference at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD April 6-11, 2015. If you are selected, then you would serve for 2 years on the Kansas 4-H Citizenship Project Action Committee; serve for 1 year on the State 4-H Advisory; assist with Discovery Days, Emerald Circle Banquet, 4-H Scholarship Banquets, Teen leader College, 4-H Ambassador Training and possibly Kansas State Fair. **Deadline for submitting application is October 1.** Call Charlene if you are interested.

S.T.E.M.

STEM is growing a lot of steam. There is interest in our county. If you are interested in being a leader

for Science, Technology and/or Energy Management, contact Charlene. There are kits available. For more information on this project, go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=411>.

TECH TRUNKS

Did you know there are several different tech trunks available to check out and have fun with projects. To view the different trunks go here: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=573>. If you are interested in bringing one to Butler County, contact Charlene.

4-H CAMP 2015

Save the dates! June 3-6, 2015

PROJECT RESOURCES

Are you in need of help with a project? Not sure what to do

next? Come to the Extension Office and check out a CCS book. These books are available in several project areas and can be checked out for 2 weeks at a time. Curious if we have a book for a certain project, give the Extension Office a call!

THINKING AHEAD

We know it's only October, but thinking ahead, the Butler County Extension Office will be collecting toys again at Christmas time. For the last several years, we have collected toys and donated them to the Salvation Army to be given to children in Butler County. Think of how many happy faces there could be if each 4-H Club could donate a couple of toys—what a great citizenship project for the record books too!

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 discus-

sion 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!

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