



Meadowlark District 4-H News

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Upcoming Events

October 2016

- Oct 1: ENROLLMENT TIME!**
Applications due for:
4-H Ambassador
Discovery Days Taskforce
State 4-H Youth Council
National 4-H Conference
4-H Dog Conference
- Oct 2-8:** National 4-H Week
- Oct 6:** Records/KAP Review,
Valley Falls
- Oct 8-9:** 48 Hrs. of 4-H Service
- Oct 9:** Records/KAP Review,
Holton
- Oct 10:** Records/KAP Review,
Seneca
- Oct 15:** KYLF/KVF Reg. Due
Shutterbugs at Hays
- Oct 15 & 16:** Geology Fair,
Ag Hall, Topeka
- Oct 17:** NM 4-H Council
- Oct 18:** Leader Forum-Ozawkie
- Oct 21:** Volunteer U
Registration deadline
- Oct 22:** Officer Training &
New Family Orientation
Oskaloosa School
- Oct 24:** 4-H Officer Training,
Holton
- Oct 25:** 4-H Officer Training,
Sabetha
- Nov 1:** Financial Reviews Due!
- Nov 4:** Nemaha Achievement,
Seneca
- Nov 5:** Jefferson Achievement,
Meriden
- Nov 6:** Jackson Achievement,
Holton

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4-H Enrollment Opens - Note DEADLINES!

A new 4-H Year starts October 1st which also marks the start of open enrollment in 4-H. This is the third year for 4-Hers to enroll in 4-H via the online website:

<https://ks.4honline.com>

ALL 4-Hers and Volunteers must register via this online site. There will NOT be a hard copy of a 4-H enrollment card or 4-H participation form this year as this can all be done electronically. More information and assistance can be found on our "Enrollment" webpage <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html>

Here are a few tips to help your family get enrolled:

1. Use Firefox or Chrome as your web browser, Internet Explorer WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS.
2. E-mail is important! With the move to online enrollment, e-mail is an easy and inexpensive way for the Meadowlark District staff to communicate with 4-H families! If you do not have an e-mail address, you may set one up for free online. If you choose not to have an e-mail address, please use "yourlastname"@nomail.com.
3. Use the same profiles from previous years! If you cannot remember your e-mail address or password, please contact the 4-H Program Manager in your local Extension Office. Do NOT create a new profile if you do not remember your previous one!
4. Double check all information for accuracy! Make sure that phone numbers, mailing addresses, parent information, secondary households and e-mail addresses are correct. Inaccurate information may lead to a delay in receiving important material! Also, make sure to double check what projects youth are enrolled in! Project Drop/Add will again be available through May 1st!

NEW for 2016-17!!!

In an effort to more efficiently manage the program and get information flowing sooner, we will be asking all returning members to complete the re-enrollment process by NOVEMBER 1st. Completing the enrollment process may seem like an unimportant thing to the member, but it is an IMPORTANT annual task. Without a completed enrollment, you are officially not a recognized 4-H member and not eligible for the benefits of membership. This is way the new Enrollment Policy has been enacted. There will be participation penalties for returning members who do not complete enrollment by this date. These include:

1. Youth will be ineligible to receive exhibit premium or participate in premium auctions
2. Youth will not be eligible to hold leadership positions at the county/district level
3. Cannot represent the District on a team or for an award at a state competitive 4-H event
4. Ineligible to receive any local 4-H scholarship or support dollars for travel/registrations

We understand that these are major consequences, but the re-enrollment is a very simple and easy process that should only take minutes to complete. Do not hesitate to contact the Extension office if you have questions or concerns. Do not wait until the last moment, enrollment opens October 1st and can be done at any time of the day or night. Please respect these deadlines and expect consequences if you do not.

Meadowlark District 4-H Staff are available to assist you in any way possible! Please contact Ross, District 4-H Agent, or the 4-H Program Manager in your local Extension office with any questions!

4-H ANNOUNCEMENTS

District 4-Hers Do Well At Kansas State Fair

Congratulations to all the 4-Hers who exhibited with success in Hutchinson at the State Fair. Meadowlark District was well represented by the 401 entries and special awards! Everyone should be proud of the work accomplished and the skills learned this past year. Regardless of ribbon placing - purple, blue, red or white - you are all to be congratulated for your efforts and participation. Meadowlark District had many member successes, special awards and top placings, it is nearly impossible to completely announce all the recognition. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! Please visit your local pages later in this newsletter to see a complete listing of special honors. Complete 4-H results can be found at:

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/668>

4-H Financial Review Time!

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders and Financial Review Committee members!!! Start planning now for the annual 4-H Club financial review. A review is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H Clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups etc.. An informational letter & form was mailed to the club Treasurer of each 4-H club. Every District club/group is asked to have a Financial Review committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of **TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS**. This information is due **November 1st** to the local Extension office.

Club Goal and Seal Forms

All successful ventures begin with a plan. Start the new 4-H year off with individual goals, as well as a good set of 4-H Club Goals for the year. All clubs are asked to develop and submit goals based upon the Meadowlark District Goal Planning Guide. Club Goals are due to the Extension Office by January 3rd 2016. This Goal Planning guide utilizes the five Kansas Life Skills model and has examples to help make the process go smoothly.

Club leaders take note of the Meadowlark District 4-H Club Seal Report which will again be used to recognize 4-H Club work with a seal. Now is a good time to note the REQUIRED components for all clubs and OPTIONAL components based on club membership size. Review this document early in the year to see what goals the club needs to set and meet to receive the "Purple Seal" rating. Both can be found on the Forms page of the District website www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html

Kansas 4-H Member Achievement Awards & Key Award

Membership Achievement Pin applications may have just been submitted, but now is a good time to sit down and study the requirements of the next pin application you are eligible to receive. Decide which activities you can do easily and then set your priorities on what you need to accomplish to advance to the next level of 4-H Achievement. If you need to enroll in a certain project or attend a State 4-H event, now is the time to enroll and start planning. Some applications require you to serve as an assistant project leader, project leader, or on a county committee, NOW is the time to volunteer. The same thing is true for those 4-Her's eligible to apply for the Key Award. Please make sure you are utilizing the updated version of these forms, found on the District 4-H website. Keep in mind these awards recognize 4-H work, not efforts that occur through other youth organizations, unless noted.

National 4-H Week - "#4HGrown"

National 4-H Week runs October 2-8, and is a time to celebrate with our communities all the positive things 4-H has to offer youth. This also serves as a good time to recruit and invite new youth to join the program. At the Extension office we have several "Life's Little Questions" campaign items available for use in your promotion efforts. Please share your National 4-H Week stories and photos at the Extension Office or in our Meadowlark District 4-H Facebook Group. Use this week to promote the positive benefits of 4-H to other youth in your communities!

Standards for 4-H and FFA Projects

The purpose of the standards outlined below is to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. 4-H enrollment time is a good place to review these standards. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas. The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Age

Enrollment time is a good place to review 4-H Shooting Sports age in Kansas. Please read the following carefully. The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports program adheres to the National Shooting Sports Policies. The national policy regarding youth participation is stated as follows: *"4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to all youth 8 years of age or older (as of January 1 of the current year) without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin. Each state Land Grant University determines 4-H maximum age eligibility. Note that age eligibility for National 4-H Shooting Sports Events are determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and may be different than that of states. 4-H Clovers (age 5-7) are not eligible for any aspect of 4-H shooting sports programs as these are not age appropriate activities."*

Therefore as stated, a 4-H member must be 8 years old before January 1 to participate in the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports as directed by National Shooting Sports Policies. Kansas 4-H Cloverbud (5-7 years old) members are not eligible and should not participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports program. The 4-H Shooting Sports program in Kansas is one of our most popular and growing educational project areas. Your cooperation is vital to the success and safety of this program.

4-H International Exchange Applications

4-H families with members 12 and older (*including alumni up to age 25*) should know that there are opportunities for travel abroad through 4-H. 4-H exchanges are top flight in management and allow 4-H enthusiasts from throughout the U.S. to travel and make friends with 4-H'ers and 4-H alumni with interests similar to their own. They are based on the learning by doing approach promoted by 4-H in developing world citizenship and leadership life skills. Most exchanges allow teens to stay with 4-H families in other countries or with families in other youth organizations with similar purposes and values. All 4-H members travel as a group to the host country with chaperone(s). Home stays make up the major part of the exchange. Most families have a member near our delegate's age and the same gender.

4-H alumni can travel for 2-6 months with multiple home stays in a country negotiated with the delegate from among partner countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and some island nations. Six -month exchanges may be in two countries. These exchanges are part of International 4-H Youth Exchange or IFYE programs conducted by Kansas and IFYE U.S.A., Inc. Information on both States' 4-H and IFYE exchange programs and applications are posted on the Kansas 4-H Global Citizenship web page: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html>.

CLUB OFFICER POSITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Successful club meetings depend on leadership from effective officers. 4-H club officers are usually elected each year at the beginning of the club's program year. It is important to have elections completed in time for the new officers to attend one of the officer trainings, which are held in the District each year. Allowing 4-H groups to elect their own officers serves several purposes.

Members:

- Learn about and participate in elections
- Learn to be responsible to their group, develop leadership skills, and practice basic parliamentary procedure
- Establish ownership in their club meetings

Before elections take place, a leader or junior leader should do the following:

- Explain the duties of each office
- Share any qualifications needed to run for the office, such as attendance, participation, etc.
- Discuss the need to elect members for their ability, rather than for their popularity
- Discuss the election procedures to be followed, with written ballots used when voting

4-H clubs usually elect the following officers:

President—Prepares an agenda and presides at all meetings. Understands and follows basic parliamentary procedure. Appoints committees and works with leaders to ensure that each meeting runs effectively.

Vice President—Presides over the meeting in the absence of the president. Serves as chairman of the program planning committee and introduces the program at club meetings.

Secretary—Keeps complete and accurate minutes of each business meeting. Writes club correspondence. Records attendance of club members and leaders.

Treasurer—Handles club money. Maintains accurate and current financial records. Completes the yearly financial review forms for the Meadowlark District Board.

Council Representative—Attends the scheduled 4-H Council meetings, represents the club's wishes and relays council decisions back to the club. Typically two adult leaders and two 4-H members are needed for council representatives. Clubs may consider electing alternate council representatives to attend the council meetings if a representative is unable to attend a meeting.

Parliamentarians—Assist club officers and leaders by enforcing the correct parliamentary procedures to make the meetings run smoothly.

Reporter—Writes interesting and accurate reports of club meetings and special activities. Sends reports of meetings and activities to local media. Photos are encouraged for events and community service activities for newspapers. Maintains the Club Reporter book.

Historian—Keeps items of historical significance to the club and arranges them in the Club Historian book.

Recreation Leader—Plans and leads recreation at each meeting. Plans special events and parties. Involves other members in leading recreational activities.

Song Leader—Plans and leads songs or music at each meeting.

A club may elect additional officers. The size of the club and the age of the members may determine the number and kinds of officers to be elected. As one of the goals of 4-H is to develop leadership skills, it is a good idea to pass jobs around so members gain different experiences. This usually means that a member should not hold the same office in successive years. A variety of experiences will help the member grow in leadership and develop new skills.

In 4-H Clubs with younger and older members, electing junior officers may be helpful. A junior officer should be a younger 4-H member that works with the older officer in the same position to learn the responsibility and duties of their particular office. This would also be helpful in the Recreation and Song Leader positions to meet the needs and interests of the different age groups. Junior Officer Roles also help the younger members to gain confidence in front of a group. Junior officers should run at least one meeting during the 4-H Year.

LOCAL 4-H EVENTS

4-H Officer Training

Hopefully by October all 4-H clubs have elected new club officers, have done or will do an Installation ceremony, and are planning on educating officers about their specific roles. What is the purpose of 4-H Officer Training? Clubs with a strong officer team know the importance of a well-trained, cohesive officer group to a 4-H club, but what are the reasons why?

- * To teach officers their specific officer responsibilities.
- * To reinforce concepts for members who have been officers previously.
- * To build teamwork and trust in the club officer team for a successful year.
- * To give officers a chance to learn from each other.
- * To allow members to get to know 4-H'ers from across the District.

Officer Training will again be occurring over the next month or so. Every club officer and leader is welcome to attend any one of the three training events. The Kansas 4-H Officer Publications will be provided to each club officer. This information is also available on District 4-H website www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/club_resources.html Please visit the local pages contained within this newsletter for specific information about the local events.

- October 22nd:** Oskaloosa School, Oskaloosa - 5:00 pm
October 24th: NEKS Heritage Building, Holton - 7:00 pm
October 25th: Northridge Church, Sabetha - 7:00 pm

4-H Achievement Events

4-H Achievement Events will be occurring very soon, but what does that mean? The 4-H Achievement Event is held after the end of the 4-H year to honor youth for their hard work in the prior 4-H year. At the Achievement Event local awards are given including achievement pins, project awards, scholarships, and volunteer recognition.

You may wonder “Why did John get the Beef Project Pin or Sally the Photography Project Pin, they weren’t even Champion at the fair?” The awards presented at the Achievement Event are based upon the review of member record books and KAP’s and their ability to summarize their project work for the YEAR, not just Fair. These are different than awards given at events throughout the year, as they look at the completion of written summary of 4-H work.

All 4-H families are invited to attend the local achievement event, to help celebrate the success each has had! This really is a time for everyone to reflect and celebrate on the accomplishments of the past year. Please make sure you read the local pages of the newsletter to receive all the details so you don’t miss out!

- Jackson Achievement:** November 6th, NEKS Heritage Building, Holton
Jefferson Achievement: November 5th, St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Meriden
Nemaha Achievement: November 4th, Community Building, Seneca

New 4-H Family Orientation

Giving new families support and direction in their first year is extremely important! In an effort to get families started on the right foot, New Family Orientations are planned for the month of November. Please visit the local pages of this newsletter for more details. Club Leaders; please consider attending these with your new families, or establishing a New Family Coordinator at the club level to assist in making new families feel welcome!

- October 22nd:** Oskaloosa School, Oskaloosa – 5:00 pm
November 7th: Community Building, Seneca – 7:00 pm
November 8th: NEKS Heritage Building, Holton – 7:00 pm

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: Believe you can and you're halfway there.
Theodore Roosevelt

Project Fair – Tuesday, November 15 – 6:30-8:30 pm – Valley Falls Fair Building

Sign up now to attend our upcoming Project Fair. You don't have to be in the 4-H project area listed to sign up for the sessions. You just might find a new-found interest! All sessions are appropriate for all ages and adults are welcome to join us. Register with the office by Monday, November 7th, so we can let our instructors know how many to expect.

Clothing/Pillowcase Construction-Learn a quick method to make a pillowcase that will be donated to a local hospital. Take home the skills to make one by yourself. Materials provided. No cost.

Energy Management-4H Alum (KSU Engineering Students) will demonstrate a basic introduction to various electrical components in a fun and interactive way. The kits used will provide children a safe, hands-on way to learn about how circuits work and the various applications that can be created with a few basic parts. One such application is the grid and how they are able to get power to their homes.

First Session (6:30-7:25 pm) – Cost \$2.00

Visual Arts/Jewelry-Stephanie Steinlicht is back to teach you how to make a custom bracelet for yourself, or a gift for someone else. Cost \$5.00.

Visual Arts/Pottery-Come try your hand at making hand-formed pottery (no pottery wheel). Create an animal, bowl, or shape to use at the upcoming holidays. Wear older clothes or an apron. Items will be fired and returned to you at a later date for painting. Cost \$3.00.

Space Tech/Engineering-The K-State chapter of Engineers without Borders is working in Guatemala to design and built an elementary school and a septic system for the community of El Amate. In the project Navigating Projects Abroad students will use a Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to locate their coordinate points compared to the location of the community in Guatemala. We will talk about the scientific design process and using appropriate technology. Then we will compare Guatemalan design practices from the U.S. Differences in structures, social and environmental standpoints will be discussed. To better understand these concepts we will be having a competition to see which group can built the tallest "structure" while spending the least from their budget. Each group will have to make special considerations based on the area they will be building. ie wet/humid or earthquake prone areas Second Session (7:30-8:30 pm) – Cost \$2.00.

Return form with non-refundable payment by November 7th to:
Meadowlark District Extension Office, P.O. Box 326, Oskaloosa, KS 66066
Checks payable to: Jefferson County 4-H Council

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

First Session/6:30-7:25 pm

Second Session/6:30-7:25 pm

_____ Clothing/Pillowcase Construction
First Name: _____
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_____ Energy Management
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_____ Space Tech/Engineering
First Name: _____
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_____ Visual Arts/Jewelry
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AREA & STATE 4-H EVENTS

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum information are on the www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html and are ready for 4-H members and volunteers to register. The Forums will be held November 18-20, 2016 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2016 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun.

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature training from the Kansas Leadership Center, workshops and information to help volunteer be more effective. This year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2016 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate.

Youth Council Applications

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council (K4-HYLC) and Kansas 4-H'ers are looking for committed, enthusiastic members to serve on the 2017 Council. There will be 12 Council members (3 from each Extension area) elected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 18-20, 2016, at Rock Springs 4-H Center to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2017 year. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2017 may apply.

Applications will include putting information online: www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html uploading references and sending in a signature page. Application deadline is October 1st.

Kansas 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

Information for the Kansas 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus trip is now out! A handful of youth have already signed up to attend. If you have someone in your club who has been thinking about attending this trip, encourage them to apply this year! The trip will be June 16-26, 2017. The cost to attend is \$1,850.

48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge

We hope every 4-H Club in Meadowlark District will join 4-Hers from across the state this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, October 8-9, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information on the state 4-H website and start planning your projects. www.Kansas4H.org/484H

Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl Registration Open

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme is "May the 4-H Dog Be with You." Registration will be through the CVent 4-H system with registration closing October 1st. There is a \$25.00 cancellation fee once participants have registered on CVent. To register, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>

Cost is \$105.00 for full-time participants, \$65.00 for Saturday only and \$45.00 for Sunday only. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered on-line for an additional cost. Full registration information is posted on the Kansas 4-H Dog web site page. Visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html>.

Shutterbugs at Hays

The 4-H Photo Action Team is planning a new Shutterbug event to be held in Hays on October 15. Shutterbug events provide opportunities for 4-H youth to participate in hands-on photography activities. The Hays event will include workshops on a variety of topics, such as lighting, composition, portraits and macrophotography.

The event will be held the morning of Saturday, October 15 at the K-State Ag Research Center Auditorium, 1232 240th Avenue, Hays, KS. Registration begins at 9:00 am (no pre-registration necessary). The opening session will start at 9:15 am with workshops continuing throughout the morning. For more information visit Shutterbugs in Hays.

Kansas Water Photo Contest Launched

Kansas is blessed with great natural resources and Kansans are encouraged to capture the most vital of these, water. The Kansas Water Office (KWO) is accepting water photos to be featured at the 2016 Governor's Water Conference this coming fall. The photos need to pertain to water or water use in Kansas. Examples include all bodies of water, irrigation and agriculture, recreation and fun, or other water infrastructure.

Worthy entries will be selected for display at the 2016 Governor's Water Conference, scheduled for Nov. 14-15, 2016 in Manhattan, KS. Attendees at the conference will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite photo. The winning photo will earn feature photo at the 2017 Governor's Water Conference. It will also, along with second and third place, be displayed in the Kansas Water Office during the year. Entries should be sent to kwo-info@kwo.ks.gov with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi. The following formats are accepted: .jpg, .png and .gif. Participants have until Oct. 15, 2016 to enter a maximum of five photos that follow contest guidelines. By submitting photos, participants grant KWO permission to freely use and share photos at the Governor's Water Conference, on social media, web, publications and displays. Updates on the contest will be distributed through the KWO social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. For more information visit <http://www.kwo.org/WaterPhotoContest.html>

4-H VOLUNTEERS

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening (VIP) Training for New Volunteers

If you are an adult who going to be a new volunteer working directly with youth this year, now is the time to get started on your Kansas Volunteer Screening (formally known as VIP) registration. The steps include: orientation, application, face to face interview with Extension staff, reference check, state/national background screening and District Board approval. You can find more information about Volunteer Screening on our Volunteers page: <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers.html> We suggest that all youth that are 16 years and older (age 14 and up for camp counselors) who work unsupervised, **directly** with youth in a volunteer role, should become registered volunteers as well. An annual renewal form and background check every three years is required to keep your 4-H volunteer status current.

4-H Volunteer Service (VIP) Renewal

Are you a registered Kansas 4-H volunteer and wonder what you have to do to keep your status current? Every year you will need to do is complete a Kansas Volunteer Service renewal form, a very simple process compared to the full process needed to become a registered volunteer. Your community leader should have copies of the renewal form or it can be found on the Meadowlark District 4-H website. Please fill the form out and return it to the Extension office by November 1st. If you do not fill out the renewal form you will have to start over again with the full training process, so get the form filled out. A part of the new Kansas Volunteer screening process is that a national background check will be run every three years as well. Some of you will be asked to complete paperwork to have this background check done very soon. Thank you for your service to our 4-Hers!!!

Kansas Volunteer Forum

The Kansas Volunteer Forum continues to be a part of the Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend. The Volunteer Forum has a new format this year. The Kansas Leadership Center staff will be the main presentation at the KVF. The program is sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Online Registration is available now. This year participants in both the Volunteer Forum and Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will register though the same system under the title Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend. Early Bird Registration deadline is October 15, 2015 for both events. Volunteers can also apply for a \$75 Julie Green scholarship to attend the volunteer forum. Click here for details. Deadline for the scholarship application is November 1, 2016. Register here: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>

Kansas 4-H Horse Volunteer of the Year

All across Kansas there are 4-H Horse Volunteers that are making a difference in the lives of 4-H members. Now, is the chance to honor those volunteers for their dedication and commitment to youth by nominating them for the Kansas 4-H Horse Volunteer! The application information can be found on the Kansas 4-H web site on the Horse page at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html> Applications need to be submitted by November 30th to the State 4-H office. Please visit with Ross if you have questions or plan to nominate a Meadowlark District volunteer for this award.

JACKSON COUNTY NEWS

Wrapping Up the 2015-2016 4-H Year and Start of 2016-2017

As we wrap up the past 4-H year, please remember that the 4-H club audits are due to the office November 1st. The audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, etc. An informational letter and form was mailed to the club leaders as well as the club treasurer. Also on November 1st, 4-H Information Cards, VIP Renewals, Club Officer List & Leader List, and Ambassador Applications/Renewals are all due to the Extension Office. Club leaders all this material is in your club leader packet.

Record Book Judging

We will be judging Brown County Record Books/KAPS on Sunday, October 9th from 3-6 p.m. at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. This is a great learning tool for older 4-H members and parents. Please RSVP by October 7th to Cara if you can make it. If you can't make it that afternoon please let me know and you can stop by the office during the following week to judge if we have books left over. The more volunteers the faster the process will go.

2016 4-H Achievement Program

November 6, 2016 at 2 p.m. Northeast Kansas Heritage Building. Please be sure to attend the 2016 4-H Achievement Program. This is where the 4-Hers who worked hard on their 4-H record books/KAPS will receive their awards and Membership pins. Everyone is welcome to attend. The following is the list of duties for each club:

Set up & take down tables/chairs – Soldier Boosters

Set up & take down stage – Straight Arrows

Decorations – Lucky Stars

Sweep Floors – Delia Early Birds

Take out Trash – Denison Builders

Officer Training

Our 2016-2017 Officer Training will be held on Monday, October 24 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex starting at 7 pm. It is strongly encouraged that all senior and junior officers plan to attend this training.

National 4-H Week Reminder

Remember that National 4-H Week is October 2-8. If you need help finding ways to promote 4-H to your community/school please contact Cara. We have posters and 4-H book marks available for clubs to hand out during National 4-H Week.

We are still looking for pictures for the 2017 Fair book. Please submit photos by emailing them to

carar@ksu.edu

10 Year Members

Listed below are the 10 year members that are will be recognized for the 10 year membership to the 4-H program at the Achievement Program on Sunday, November 6. If we have left someone out please contact the office as soon as possible.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eero Halbleib | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Roach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erica Pruyser | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Ebert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lucas Broxterman | <input type="checkbox"/> Jared Ebert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jenna Thurman | <input type="checkbox"/> Karlie Miller |

Cloverbuds

Leaders please be sure to look over the list of Cloverbuds. They will receive something at the Achievement Program and we don't want to leave anyone out.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adalie Alley | <input type="checkbox"/> Ellis Larson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Berry | <input type="checkbox"/> Augustus Rezac |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gabriel Lisica | <input type="checkbox"/> June Wilson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bud Kathrens | <input type="checkbox"/> Hanna Myers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kadya Pugh | <input type="checkbox"/> Elisabeth Van Wagoner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacob Brees | <input type="checkbox"/> Lane Pruett |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallorie Fox | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Leigh Myers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mickenzie Schlodder | <input type="checkbox"/> Miriam Halbleib |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sean Stevenson | <input type="checkbox"/> Sophie Tims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thayne Gross | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinley Wilson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zachary Self | <input type="checkbox"/> Zane Montgomery |

Jackson County Fair Booster Program

Job well done selling Fair Boosters this year. We received over \$1845.00 by selling these boosters. The money received from the Booster Program went into the Fair Fund account which helps pay the ribbon premiums. Our top sales person was Olivia Flowers who sold \$295.00. Olivia Flowers will receive a \$50 Amazon Gift Card at the Achievement Program.

Leader Forum

The fall Leader Forum will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 6 pm at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. All leaders are encouraged to attend (especially new leaders). We will be covering the 4-H online enrollment, record books and lots of other good stuff. Please RSVP to Cara by November 9th.

November 4-H Council Meeting

Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 10th at 7 pm. All club Council Reps are strongly encouraged to attend. This will be officer elections; each club should have their 4 representatives attend the meeting. Club representatives must be at least 1 adult and 3 youth. Only those 4 reps. will be allowed to vote at the Council meetings.

JEFFERSON COUNTY NEWS

State Fair

We had many 4-Hers and adults involved in some way at the Kansas State Fair. 4-H members sent entries, participated on judging teams, entered livestock shows, styled their clothing, and presented their club day demonstrations for all to enjoy! Many thanks to the volunteers who helped at various events throughout the fair.

Congratulations to everyone, and thank you for your involvement and efforts. Special recognition goes to Mellany Roenne, who placed first in Intermediate Crops ID judging, Haley Kimble who won Best of Variety with her rabbits and Amber Graber who placed first in the three year old horse class. Outstanding job!

We are proud of you. Many others ranked well in their project areas, so check out the website mentioned in the district pages for more results.

If you have not yet picked up your State Fair entries/ribbons from the office, please do so soon!

County 4-H Fair Premium Checks

Checks should be to club leaders by Oct 1st.

Officer Training

If you are a senior or junior club officer, it is important to attend our upcoming Officer Training. It will be held from 5:00-6:00 pm on Saturday, October 22, at the Oskaloosa Schools.

Record Book Review

We could use more volunteers to review records from another county on Thursday, October 6, at the fair building. We will begin at 9:00 am, and hope to be done by 3:00 pm. Each club should be represented with at least one volunteer-two is better. If you can only attend for a couple of hours, we could still use your help. Contact Linda if you can make it at gantz@ksu.edu.

Save the Date

Join us at the Oskaloosa Schools at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 22, for a pot-luck dinner and night of fun! We will be celebrating the start of the new 4-H year, showcasing the many talents and involvement of our 4-Hers and completing some simple community service projects, Brought to you by one of our hard-working and creative 4-H Council committees. Watch your email for more details on this fun event.

New Family Orientation

Just joining 4-H and want to learn more so you can be successful? Join us at 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 22, at the Oskaloosa Schools. The orientation session will last an hour, followed by supper and fun. Come "Explore the Possibilities" with us!

Project Fair

Tuesday November 15, Valley Falls Fair Building. Check out the district pages for the project sessions offered.

Financial Audits & Carnival Prize Descriptions

Due November 1st in the office. T-SHIRT DESIGNS are due in the office by November 15th. Each club should try to have at least one design submission-computer generated or hand drawn is fine. 4-Hers are creative so we are anxious to see what you Designs.

Leader Forum

This will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 18, at the Ozawkie Methodist Church. All club leaders are encouraged to attend.

Achievement Banquet

November 5th, 7:00 p.m., St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Meriden

✂- - - - **Clip & Return By Oct. 26th to:** - - - -

Meadowlark Extension Office, P.O. Box 326,
Oskaloosa, 66066

Checks payable to: Jefferson Co. 4-H Council

Achievement Banquet Reservation

Meal includes smoked meat, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, green beans or corn, rolls with butter, assorted desserts, and tea/lemonade/water.

Record Books

Members turning in a completed record book receive a free meal. Club Leaders & Project Leaders who turned in a Project Leader Report Form by September 30th will also receive a free meal.

Family Name _____

Club _____

Name _____ Free Meal \$9.00 Meal

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_____ @ \$9.00 = \$ _____ Total Attending _____

NEMAHA COUNTY NEWS

Kansas State Fair

This year we had 75 exhibits taken to the state fair, 4 demonstrations, 1 fashion revue participate, 1 photography judging participate, as well as dogs and sheep shown. Exhibiting at the state fair is one of the highest honors where you receive feedback on your project work. This is something every member should strive to send at least one project item each year. Congratulations to the few members who participated in the 2016 state fair. We hope more of you will make this one of your goals for 2017.

4-H Record Book & KAP Screening

Judging will be Monday, October 10th from 9:00 am to ??? (until judging is completed) in the meeting room at the Community Building. Each club is required to have one volunteer or enough volunteers to cover eight hours of judging. HHHH, Kelly Twilighters and Centralia Aces are required to have two volunteers or twelve hours of judging. Judging books is not just for adults, it is also open and useful to 4-Hers as well.

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **Monday, October 17th at 7:30 pm** at the Community Building meeting room. Please make sure the new 2016-2017 Council members attend this meeting. The 2015-2016 members do not need to attend, unless they were an officer. Election of officers will take part at this meeting, so if you are interested in running for office make sure you attend this meeting. Being an officer is a big responsibility.

If you will not be able to attend all meetings, please take that into consideration when running for an office. The council is made of two youth representatives from each club. Youths that are on the council need to be active, it is not the community leaders who need to make the decisions. Everyone is welcome to the Council meetings.

2017 Nemaha County Fair

Mark your calendar for next year's fair. The dates will be July 28-31. If you have an idea for a fair theme, please send it to dahenry@ksu.edu or bring to the October 4-H Council meeting.

Yearly Calendar

Once again we have put together a calendar of local and state important dates. This can be found on our website under 4-H, Nemaha-Seneca page

Officer and Leader Training

We will be having an officers and community leaders training on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm at the North Ridge Church in Sabetha. Even if you are not an officer or junior officer you can still come and learn with all of us. Remember this is one of the requirements to help your club receive a purple seal.

Club Financial Audits

Don't forget your club needs to meet and go over the financial audit. These forms are due back in the Extension Office before November 1st.

Achievement Banquet

Everyone is invited to the 2016 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Banquet on Friday, November 4th, at 7:00 pm at the Community Building. This year we are having a finger food/snacks/dessert buffet and are asking that each family bring one of these dishes. The 4-H Council will provide the table service and drinks.

The Achievement Banquet is a celebration of each 4-Hers accomplishments during the past 4-H year. While some 4-Hers will receive awards and others will not, each 4-Her will likely have achieved at least one goal during the year so please come to celebrate. So.... we hope all 4-Hers and other family members including grandparents will plan to come, for this evening is for YOU!

Achievement Banquet Duties:

*** Set up table and chairs - Red Rustlers**

Clubs will be able to set up Thursday evening Nov 3rd. Please let Deb know what your plans are for set-up. We will need tables, chairs and stage set up before noon on Friday so finishing touches can be done Friday afternoon.

*** Serve drinks - Busy Jayhawkers**

Those in charge of the drinks will need to make and serve drinks as well as help make sure finger food/snacks/desserts are in place. They will then be asked to clean up this area, help wipe down tables and take the trash out.

*** Take down table and chairs - Woodlawn Meadowlarks**

Looking For 2015-2016 Pictures

We are looking for any 4-H pictures to have in our slide show at Achievement Banquet. These can be of your club meetings, club events and project meetings. Please submit photos to dahenry@ksu.edu.



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