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4-H Open Enrollment —October 1!!!



It is that time of year again, a new 4-H year! 4-H Enrollment for the 2023-2024 year opens online, https://v2.4honline.com/, at 8:00 AM on **October 1.**

Returning families will be able to log into their Family profile to re-enroll in 4-H. New families will have to create a new family profile to start the enrollment process. Resources to help with the enrollment and re-enrollment can be found on the Enrollment page, https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html, of our website or within the 4HOnline site. Don't forget that enrollment is not just for members! Cloverbuds and registered volunteers MUST maintain active enrollment, but will not pay the program fee. Other volunteers, parents or supporters, now termed "Adult Helpers", are welcome and encouraged to enroll too.

As a returning family, if you cannot remember your username email and/or password, **DO NOT** create another account!!! Contact your local Extension Office and we will assist you with logging back into your existing account. If you ever have any issues or need help with the enrollment process, please contact your local Meadowlark District Extension office or Clay Roland, District 4-H agent.

We encourage all enrollments to be completed early in the month of October. To avoid restrictions being placed on your 4-H membership, **ALL RETURNING 4-H MEMBERS** need to complete the re-enrollment process by **NOVEMBER 1**!!! The full policy document may be viewed under "District Policy Resources" on the Resources & Links page of our 4-H website. Enrollment is needed for participation in events and project meetings! Why wait? Get started today! Please do not hesitate to ask questions about this important process.

4-H Record Book Judging—Your Help NEEDED!!!

Every 4-H member is expected to submit a printed summary of annual work - what we all know as the 4-H Record Book. Some youth choose to take the annual summary a step farther by trying for project recognition, by having their records nominated for project awards, given out at Achievement events. Within Meadowlark District, 4-H Record Books are exchanged between the counties comprising our District. Volunteer screeners review, comment and rank project winners based upon the work recorded in the 4-H Record Books.

This is where YOU come in... WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! All that is needed is a desire to help/learn, a base understanding of Kansas 4-H Records (review the "Tips for Record Book Success, it's all in there, https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/Record%20Book%20Tips.pdf) and the ability to write; positive, encouraging comments to youth. We will be using the new evaluation rubric provided by the State 4-H Records Taskforce. Parents typically find this to be a great way to learn about how to help their own 4-H members improve. Older teens, 4-H Alumni, Grandparents and any willing volunteer are welcome! See local pages of this newsletter for specific information about the dates, times and locations. Here is a quick summary:

October 9: NE Kansas Heritage Building, Holton

October 9: Community Building, Seneca October 9: Fairbuilding, Valley Falls

Reminder of Officer Duties and Responsibilities

As the new 4-H year starts, new officers will be taking their seats in club meetings. There are traditionally four offices. Each of these offices hold unique roles vital to ensuring that meetings and clubs are ran well. The four offices are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- The President of a club acts as a leader to the club and meetings. She or he will be
 responsible for presiding over meetings which includes building the meeting agenda, running
 the meeting in an orderly manner, and ensure that each voice is heard. The President should
 also be familiar with the order of business and Parliamentary
 Procedure. In addition to this, they can be responsible for creating and appointing
 people to committees.
- The Vice President of a club must understand the position of the President as they will conduct meetings in the absence of the President. Additionally, the Vice President can be given additional responsibilities such as: following-up with any committees, serve the role of introducing guests and presenters, and having them oversee any educational portion of the meeting.
- The **Secretary** needs to hold a different set of skills. They will oversee recording the information that the meeting holds. They will record the attendance of members at the meetings. They will also present the minutes from the prior meeting whether this be oral or via a hand-out. Once minutes are approved, they become the official record of the business that was conducted at the meeting. During and after the meeting, Secretaries will record the minutes of the meeting and keep them safe so they can be referenced later.
- The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the club. This includes the
 income and expenditures of the club. The Treasurer oversees balancing the check book,
 writing checks and making deposits into the club account. In addition to this, they also will
 provide a treasury report that includes a summary of income, expenses and balances of
 accounts since the last meeting of the club.

For more information on the aforementioned offices and other offices that your club might offer, please visit: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/officer-resources/index.html.

National 4-H Week is October 1-7. Theme: I y 4-H

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. National 4-H Council has a toolkit available at https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/. This toolkit is designed to help you leverage National 4-H Week on social media, in your community and beyond. You will need to register to have access to these items. Kansas 4-H Promotional Resources can be found at https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/index.html, as well. Don't forget to share photos of 4-H Week promotion in our Facebook group!

Remember to Register Your 48 Hours of 4-H event

We hope every 4-H Club 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, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too!

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. Check out https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html for a helpful guide, and to register your project(s).

When: October 7-8

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents and 4-H Alumni

4-H Officer Training/Orientation

Hopefully, by October all 4-H clubs have elected new club officers, have done or will do an installation ceremony and are planning to educate officers about their specific roles. Officer Training/Orientation will be done in-person in each county of the Meadowlark Extension District.

- Jackson County **November 5**, after the 4-H Achievement Program
- Jefferson County To be announced later
- Nemaha County To be announced later

If you have interest in Club-based officer training options, please visit with Clay or your local 4-H Program Manager. All 4-H Clubs have been provided with the National 4-H Officer Training Resource book. If you can't find these, talk to your Club Leader. The Kansas 4-H Officer Publications are available on District 4-H website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/ resources.html as well. We do have a limited supply of printed copies in the office, if you prefer. Please refer to the local pages of this newsletter and email updates for more specific information on Officer Training.

Adding Your Office Position in 4HOnline

As the 4-H year begins, new officers will be getting elected. To help expedite processes within the office, we request that you put your new office into 4HOnline when the new year starts.

The following are instructions on how to do this:

- 1. Sign in to your 4HOnline profile.
- 2. Go to and click on the 4H'er that holds the office.
- 3. On the left menu, select Clubs.
- 4. On the blank space below Volunteer Type, left click on your mouse.
- 5. On the dropdown menu under Volunteer Type, select their office
- 6. Click Save

Family Resources for 4-H Online 2.0

Guidebooks have been posted for families and volunteers to include:

- Family Enrollment
- New Adult Volunteer Enrollment
- Returning Adult Volunteer Re-enrollment

Please visit the 4-H Online Family Resources webpage at https://

www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html

Why 4-H ???

(Noting the **IMPACT** of the 4-H Program in the lives of young people, in their own words.)

"4-H has been one of the most impactful events in my life. 4-H isn't about showing up to club meetings once a month and then attending the county fair in July, it's so much more than that. 4-H is life changing, life shaping experience. Not only am I learning about different projects, I'm learning about life skills. I love going to State events where I meet new friends/see old friends and learn about this organization that is such a huge part of my life. 4-H has given me a chance to be a better leader and public speaker. I became a member when I was seven and I am a completely different person now than I was then."

Seneca Office Move

The Seneca office is going to be moving the middle of October.
Please be on the look out for more information.

4-H Financial Reviews

Attention 4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders & Financial Review Committee members!!! Start planning now for the annual 4-H Club financial review. A review of financial records 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 and affiliated group. Every District club/group is asked to have a committee review the club financial records annually.

Committee members should NOT be family of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS. Adults, please work to include youth in the process of the review. This is an important life skill and learning opportunity. All Financial Review paperwork is due November 1 to your local Extension office. https:// www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/ docs/4h/forms/4H%20CLUB%

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Project Spotlight



Geology

Did you find a rock at the park and don't know what kind it is? What about fossils? If you would like to learn more about rocks, minerals, and fossils, then dive into the geology project! Discover the types of minerals, rocks, and fossils that can be found where you live. Learn about geological formations across the state and in other states.

Things to learn!

- How the earth was formed and its three main parts
- Rock and fossil collection, cleaning, identifying, and labeling
- Where to best find certain rocks and fossils in Kansas
- How mountains are formed
- Reading and using a topographic map

Career Development in Geology

- Attend the Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip or a local Geology Field trip
- Serve as a Junior Project Leader
- Tour a geologic museum and ask about careers and education
- Visit the Geology Department at K-State or another local college
- Shadow a geologist to learn about their work.

Project Exhibit Ideas

- Create a Specimen box with your collection
- Put together a notebook about your Geology Field Trip experience
- Make a display about rock formations or a specific type of fossil
- Design a display all about the animal or plant specie that a specimen came from
- Take photos of your collecting experience and create a display encouraging others to join the project

2023/2024 Kansas 4-H Projects

Animal Science

Beef Dairy Cattle Dairy Goats Dog

Horse Meat Goats Pets

Poultry Rabbits Sheep Swine

Veterinary Science

Communication & Expressive

Arts

Communications Performing Arts Photography Visual Arts **Consumer & Family Science**

Sewing & Textile Design Shopping in Style Family Studies Fiber Arts

Foods & Nutrition Health & Wellness

Interior Design & Architecture

Natural Resources

Environmental Science Geology

Shooting Sports Wildlife

Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement Leadership Reading Adventures Self-Determined Plant & Environmental Sciences

Entomology Agronomy Forestry

Horticulture & Landscape Design

Engineering & Technology

Ag Mechanics Welding Building Block Engineering

Astronomy Computer Science

Electric & Renewable Energy Robotics

Aerospace/Rocketry Small Engines Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

Woodworking









State Fair Items

Congratulations to those who exhibited at the 2023 Kansas State Fair. We had 61 exhibits with 4-Hers competing in Crops, Dog Show, Clothing, Visual Arts, Woodworking, Foods, Geology, Fiber Art, Photography, Wildlife, Entomology, Horticulture, Shooting Sports and Rockets.

Your items are available at the Extension Office for pick up. If your score sheets were available, your club leaders will have them.

Wrap Up '22-'23/Start '23-'24

As we wrap up the past 4-H year, please remember that the 4-H club audits are due to the office November 1. 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 1, VIP Renewals, Club Officer List & Leader List are all due to the Extension Office. Club leaders all this material is in your club leader packet.

New Family Orientation Welcome New 4-H Families –

We want to get you started off on the right foot in 4-H. We will be having a meeting sometime in **November** out in the NE Kansas Heritage Complex, where we can sit down and talk about what to expect in your 1st year of 4-H.

Club Leaders - Please consider attending this with your new families or establishing a New Family Coordinator at the club level.

Herdsmanship Results:

Beef – Lucky Stars
Bucket Calf – Denison Bldrs.
Swine – Straight Arrows
Sheep – Soldier Boosters
Meat Goats – Mayetta Mustangs
Dairy Goats – North Jackson Jets

4-H Achievement Program

Please be sure to attend the 2023 4-H Achievement Program on **November 5** at 4:00 PM in NE Kansas Heritage Building. This is where the 4-Hers who worked hard on their 4-H record books will receive their awards and Membership pins. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The 2022-23 Cloverbuds will be receiving something during the Achievement Program, too.

The following is the list of duties for each club:

- Set up & take down tables/ chairs—Lucky Stars
- **Sweep Floors**—Hoyt Livewires
- Take out Trash Mayetta Mustangs
- Serve Refreshments Straight Arrows
- Decorations North Jackson Jets

10 Year Members

During the Achievement Program on **November 5**, 4-Hers with 10 years in the 4-H program will be recognized. If we have left someone out, please contact the office as soon as possible.

- Aaralynn Allen
- Breanna Brees
- Cyrus Harding
- Dali Reser
- Emma Deghand
- Isabelle Stephens
- James Beauchamp
- Joel Bohnenkemper
- Lorna Smith
- Madeline Bontrager
- Shayla Rezac

Important Dates

REMINDER

Remember that National 4-H Week is **October 1-7**. 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.

Paper Clover at Tractor Supply Co

4-Her's please join Tractor Supply Company **October 4-15** to help raise funds for 4-H. 4-Her's are invited to go into the store to help promote 4-H. They can get involved by setting up a table to sell Paper Clovers, help customers with their purchases, display their animals or demonstrate projects. 100% of funds raised support 4-H! If you are interested, please let Cara know.

Record Book Judging

We will be judging Jefferson Counties Record Books on **October 9** from 10:00-8:00 in the NE Kansas Heritage Complex. This is a great learning tool for older 4-H members, parents, grandparents and other volunteers. The more volunteers the faster the process will go. Please let Cara know who is available to help from your clubs. It is asked that each club has a few volunteers at judging. Judging is come and go as you can.

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held after Achievement Program, **November 5**.

November Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be **November 9** at 7:00 PM. All club Council Reps are strongly encouraged to attend. This will be officer elections so each club should have their 4 representatives attend the meeting. Club representatives must be at least 1 adult and 3 youth. Only those 4 representatives will be allowed to vote at the Council meetings.

Important Dates

October 1

Online Enrollment begins. Renewing members MUST enroll in October to avoid penalties.

October 1-7 Ntl. 4-H Week

Help spread the word about the many benefits of 4-H to all of your friends and community! Word of mouth is the best advertisement for a great youth organization. We hope you will be involved in the activities your club is doing to promote 4-H membership.

Record Book Judging

We will be judging record books from 9:00 AM-8:00 PM (or until finished) on October 9 (Columbus Day), at the Fairgrounds in Valley Falls. At least four older teens/adults are needed from EVERY CLUB to select project award winners from another county. We will have three "formal" shifts (9:00 AM-12:30 PM/12:30-4:00 PM/4:00-8:00 PM), but are flexible if you can come and help at any time. Lunch and dinner will be provided, so please let Clay know if you can help, and the time that works for you, by October 3.

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be at 7:00 PM on **November 27** in the Valley Falls Fair Building.

All club Council Representative are strongly encouraged to attend. This will be office elections so each club should have their 4 representatives attending the meeting. Club representatives must be at least 1 adult and 3 youth. Only those 4 representatives will be allowed to vote at the Council meetings.

News from the Oskaloosa OfficeKansas State Fair Club F

Many thanks to our 4-Hers and parents who made time to enter county fair purple ribbon exhibits for state fair exhibition. It's exciting to see entries come into the office and know that many people from across the state will get to see and enjoy them in Hutchison. Want to be part of this group in 2024? Set goals to practice and work hard on your projects throughout the year so that you can improve your skills and see improvement. If you are 4-H age 9 and receive a purple ribbon at our county fair, you are eligible to enter your exhibits for state fair. The only exception is Visual Arts, as there is a state-imposed limit in this project area. Large livestock must be nominated earlier as well.

A lot of members were involved in livestock and dog shows, public presentations (entries qualified as top winners at County Club Day), and judging events. Top honors with a purple ribbon went to 47 exhibits in Photography, Constructed Garment, Fiber Arts, Foods, Food Preservation, Home Environment, Rocketry, Robotics, Visual Arts, Wildlife, Dog, and Rabbit. The following are awards received at the State Fair by Jefferson County 4-H'ers: Grace Conser, Champion Senior Dog Showman; Lauren Conser, Champion Intermediate Dog Showman and Reserve Champion Rally Level III Dog; Shianne Kimball, Best of Breed Buck Rabbit; Sarah VanHouse, Grand Champion Rabbit Judging Contest; Ella Gantz, Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt; Nathan Mulpas' Photo was selected to be displayed at Rock Springs. For a full list of State Fair Results, go to: https:// www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/ news.html.

Project Meetings

Be watching your email for project meetings that are being planned later this year. If you have a skill or interest that you would like to teach others about, let Clay know.

Club Financial Audit

As we wrap up the 2023 4-H year, please remember that the 4-H Club Audits are due to the Extension Office before **November 1**. Information has been sent to your clubs Treasurer and Leaders.

Achievement Banquet

Save the date for the Achievement Banquet!

• When: Saturday, November 11

• **Time:** 6:00 PM

 Where: Oskaloosa School Multipurpose Room 404 Park St., Oskaloosa

• Attire: Wear your Sunday best

Invites have been sent to all 4-H'ers and VIPRC Volunteers. We ask that your RSVP by sending in the detachable portion of your invitation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sportsfishing Project

The Sportsfishing Project is one that is offered by the State. Until now, we did not have a leader. Jarred Henry will be hosting meetings for this new-to-us project. Things covered could potentially include: fish species, supplies, baits, building lures, guiding, and much more! If you have any questions, please contact the office, and we can give you Jarred's contact information! Also if you are interested, make sure to sign up in 4HOnline during the new enrollment year.

Thank You Notes

It's not too late to write those thank you notes to our wonderful donors, livestock buyers, and others who have helped you throughout the 4-H year. We are fortunate to have so many that support our 4-H program. Our Donor Book can be found at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/

Thank You

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News from the Seneca Office

Kansas State Fair

This year we had over 80 exhibits taken to the Kansas State Fair, 6 Public Presentation, and participation in the Photography Judging. Several 4-Hers showed Dogs, Rabbits, and Beef at the Fair. Exhibiting at the State Fair is one of the highest honors. 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 2023 Kansas State Fair! We hope more of you will make this one of your goals in 2024.

2022-2023 Ambassadors

We would like to announce the new Ambassadors for Nemaha Co.. Addie Haverkamp, Emma Henry, John Langill and Carson Edelman, all Pony Express; Kinzey Niehues, Mason Stallbaumer and Kieryn Franklin, all Red Rustlers; Chloey Strathman, Achievers; Ryan Uphaus, HHHH; Cora Thompson, Centralia Aces; Samantha Schultejans, Busy Jayhawkers; Luke Renyer, Stateliners. Manda Thompson is returning to be our advisor.

Congratulations!!

4-H Council Meeting

The 4-H Council is made up of two youth representatives from each club. Youths that are on the council need to be active, community leaders are not responsible to make decisions. Everyone can attend the Council meetings, but your club is only allowed 4 votes. Having representation at all meetings is part of purple seal requirement.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **October 9** at 7:30 PM in the meeting room at the Community Building. This is the first meeting for the 2023-2024 Council members. We will be holding election of officers at this meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, make sure you understand you need to be able to attend all meetings. Bring your club's ideas for the 2024 Fair Theme to this meeting.

2023 4-H Achievement Event

The Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event on Tuesday, **November 21** at 6:30 PM at the Nemaha County Community Building in Seneca.

The Achievement Banquet is a celebration of each and every 4-Hers accomplishments during the past 4-H year. While some 4-Hers will receive awards, each 4-Her will likely have achieved at least one goal during the year so please come to celebrate. We hope all 4-Hers, their family members and grandparents will plan to attend this event.

The Council again voted to have a meal, which they will be providing the meat, table service and drinks. We are asking that each family bring one of the following covered dishes.

- <u>Potatoes</u> Centralia Aces, Red Rustlers, Kelly Twilighters
- <u>Vegetables/other side dish</u> –
 Achievers, Pony Express,
 Stateliners
- <u>Dessert</u> Busy Jayhawkers, HHHH, Woodlawn Meadowlarks

Achievement Club Duties -Set-up – HHHH

Set up Monday, **November 20**, after school. This will include setting up the tables, chairs and stage. Please let Deb know what your plans are for set-up time.

Drinks & Meal – Pony Express

In charge of meal and drinks. You will need to make sure the meat is kept full, uncover dishes, and make sure dishes are equally distributed on both serving lines. We ask that you wipe down tables after event.

Clean-up - Kelly Twilighters

Put table, chairs and stage away and sweep the floor. Also, we ask that you take out the trash.

Yearly Calendars

We have put together a calendar with some important dates. This can be found on our website under the 4-H/ Seneca office page. This is a great resource for keeping track of all your 4-H happenings for your record books.

Important Dates

New Year Enrollment

Don't put it off enrollment opens **October 1.** You will need to go to your 4honline account and reenroll. Please do NOT create another account! All returning members must be enrolled before **November 1.** Cloverbuds and volunteers MUST enroll as well.

National 4-H Week

Be proud of your 4-H membership and help us spread the word about the many benefits of 4-H too your friends. National 4-H week is **October 1–7**. Make sure to be involved in the promotional activities your club is doing and invite someone new to your next club meeting. Don't forget to proudly wear a 4-H shirt on Wednesday, **October 4**.

Record Book Judging

On October 9 we will be judging record books from another county and will need volunteers to help judge. Each club is required to have two adult volunteers and a total of 8 hours of judging time. The more volunteers, adults or older 4-Hers we have, the quicker judging will go. Judging will be from 9:00 AM to ?? in the meeting room at the Community Building. If you plan to attend later in the day, a phone call to the office to check on the status of workload may be a wise idea.

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 1: 4-H Open Enrollment Begins

Oct. 1-7: National 4-H Week

Oct. 2: Youth Council/Ntl. Conf. Applications due

Oct. 4-15: Paper Clover at Tractor Supply Company

Oct. 7-8: 48 Hours of 4-H Event

Oct. 9: Record Book judging-JA, JF & NM

4-H Council meeting-NM

Oct. 16: KYLF registration due

Nov. TBA: New Family Orientation-JA

Nov. 1: Re-enrollments need to be completed

4-H Financial Reviews Due

Nov. 5: 4-H Achievement Program-JA

Officer Training/Orientation-JA

Nov. 9: 4-H Council Meeting-JA

Nov. 18-19: KYLF

Nov. 21: 4-H Achievement Event-NM

Nov. 27: 4-H Council meeting-JF



The Meadowlark Extension District Offices are closed Friday, **November 10** in observance of Veterans Day.

We will reopen at 8:00 AM on Monday, November 13.

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