



### 4-H NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024

#### **DISTRICT 4-H CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING**

Newly elected club officers and club leaders are encouraged to attend Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Marmaton Valley School, Moran.

#### **RECORD BOOK REVIEWERS NEEDED**

We are in need of record book reviewers on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. or for the first few days of October. Dates will be set soon, but we need a list of those who would like to help with the judging process. Please reach out to your local Extension Office if you are able to help with this very important task. If you know someone in the community who loves to do this kind of thing, please encourage them to help! They can get some training on what to do!

#### **TREASURER CLUB OFFICER NOTEBOOKS DUE**

Each Club is responsible for turning in their 4-H Club Treasurer notebook by Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2024**

Enrollment and payment must be complete by December 1, 2024. **4-H Youth age 18.** If you plan to participate as a 4-H member you will need to enroll as youth. If you plan to be a 4-H volunteer only, please enroll as an adult.

#### **FAMILIES WILL PAY 2025 4-H PROGRAM FEE**

Enrollment and payment must be complete by December 1, 2024. Due to many payment issues in the past all families will be asked to pay the \$15.00 4-H Program Fee per member when enrolling. It will be best to do this with a credit or debit card. This will ensure that your enrollment and fee will be processed more quickly. In December, Clubs will receive a list of 4-H'ers who received reimbursement and a check. The club treasurer will then write a check per family to reimburse for the program fee. Cloverbuds and Volunteers are exempt.

#### **INDEPENDENT ENROLLMENT OPTION FOR 4-H MEMBERS**

Local units with members enrolling in as Independent Members should review Kansas 4-H Program Policy regarding independent members. The Independent Member option does not simply allow a youth to enroll in the program with no guidance and no mentorship. Please refer to the Kansas 4-H Individual Study Agreement [Here](#). An independent membership is not valid until the youth project and study plan is reviewed and approved. Independent members should be engaging regularly with local agents and must review their project and study plans annually. Independent members can contribute to the larger 4-H program by participating in county, district, regional, and state events; volunteering to lead or assist with 4-H committees, programs, and activities; reading and responding to extension office correspondence; and remaining informed and Current on 4-H opportunities, procedures, and guidelines. Independent members may participate in organized fundraising activities that benefit the local unit program. Independent 4-H youths may not do independent fundraising as 4-H youths. Reach out to your Regional Specialist if you need additional clarification.

#### **VOLUNTEERS RENEW BEFORE DEC. 1 TOO!**

All volunteers working with youth must be a registered volunteer. This includes ALL club leaders, project leaders, and anyone else who will be working with youth without a registered volunteer. The first step is completing a profile in 4HOnline. If you are brand-new to being a volunteer or have been a volunteer for 3 years, there is a background check process that will need to be completed as well. It is also good to reach out to Jennifer and visit with her about your volunteer plans if you are new.

#### **SOUTHWIND DISTRICT 4-H T-SHIRTS**

Every 4-H'er and Volunteer that enrolls by November 1, 2024 will receive a Southwind District 4-H T-shirt. Each 4-H Council will pay for their own County shirts.



## TRY A NEW PROJECT?

Did you know that 4-H has over 35 projects that you could explore? With the start of the new year, make plans to check out all that is available. There is a resource page with all of the available projects and resources to learn more about those projects. You can find it here: [Here](#) .

## 4-H RECORD BOOK TIP

Now is the perfect time to complete your personal page while you have a school picture available and have enrolled in your projects. Check your next pin application for activities and events you may need to attend throughout 2024-25. Forms can be downloaded from the Southwind website: [Here](#).

## SHOP 4-H

Are you in need of new 4-H apparel? Maybe some 4-H school items? Or some project curriculum to help with learning about a new project interest? Look no further than Shop 4-H (formerly known as 4-H Mall). They have lots of new items! You can check them out at: <https://shop4-h.org/>



# Beyond Ready

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Celebrate National 4-H week from October 6-12, 2024. This year's theme is "Beyond Ready" Discuss with your Club how you will plan to celebrate in your local Community. If Clubs need any 4-H items to give out, please let Jennifer know a couple weeks in advance.

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK TOOLKIT

You are encouraged to use items from the National 4-H Toolkit to help you with promoting 4-H during the enrollment time. Find more information [Here](#).



## SHARE YOUR SPIRIT

I want to challenge each and every 4-H member, parent and volunteer to share your 4-H why with the world on socials. Please make sure to use the following hashtags: #4HBeyond Ready, #KS4H, #Southwind4H. 4-H Spirit Ideas!

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

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

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

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

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

**Thursday** – Throwback Thursday – Throw it back old school. ("Then" photos or "Then & Now" photos)

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

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

Help our 4-H Family Grow!

## 48 HOURS – KICK OFF THE 4-H YEAR WITH SERVICE

Join us October 12-13, 2024 to see just how much we can give back to our communities for our 48 hours of 4-H event. Invite local organizations or businesses to work with your group as well as your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! It's time to make plans for your club to participate [Here](#). We would appreciate having projects registered by September 20. The Kansas Youth Leadership Council will recognize some of the Clubs/Projects who report on their projects online by October 20.

## ENTOMOLOGY FAMILY DAY

Come join the fun for the Entomology Family Day October 19th at the Allen County Extension Office beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your insect collection, photo notebook, and/or educational displays from the Fair so all can see what amazing things you accomplished this year. If you are thinking about trying the Entomology project in the coming year, bring your family and come see our exhibits and learn about the project. We will have a guest speaker! Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

## **4-H DOG CONFERENCE**

Kansas 4-H Dog project members, their dogs, and families will convene October 19-20, at Rock Springs Ranch for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and fun at the 4-H Dog Conference. This year's theme of "Pupkin Spice Latte" will be a great fall treat to kick off the new 4-H year in the dog project. Conference sessions will include topics on dog care, training, and showing. Contests will include photography, quiz bowl, and presentations. Don't miss this opportunity for fun and fellowship with your dog and 4-H'ers from across the state! Registration opens September 13 and is due September 30th. Complete details can be found [Here](#).

## **SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING**

Want to be a shooting sports instructor and teach youth about shooting sports? There are lots of disciplines offered. Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports is offering a training at Ft. Hays Tech Northwest, Goodland, KS October 19-20, 2024.

To attend this training, you MUST:

1. Be enrolled in 4Honline as a volunteer for the specific 4-H project you are training in.
2. Have a current complete background check within the past 3 years.
3. Attend a local volunteer training or take and pass the Kansas 4-H online volunteer training.
4. Be approved by your local Extension Board
5. Complete the National 4-H online modules. This is a one-time process. This will cost \$20 on a credit card and the link will be sent to you after registration Information is processed.
6. Be prepared to practice firearm safety and integrate positive youth development concepts that will help youth thrive.



## **TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.**

Support 4-H youth from October 2-13, 2024 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1! [Here](#).

## **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

K-State Research and Extension and Kansas 4-H strive to make its programs and events accessible to all Kansans who are otherwise eligible to participate in the activities. This applies to local and state events /programs. Reasonable accommodations are often possible for persons with disabilities who wish to participate, so long as granting the accommodations does not fundamentally alter the nature of the program, cause undue hardship or otherwise cause a direct threat to the health or safety of the participant or others. K-State Research and Extension and the Department of 4-H Youth Development will work with the participant to identify a reasonable accommodation that provides access to the desired program. Please note the accommodation may not be the one proposed by the participant. In collaboration with your local Extension professional, it is essential for the Accommodation Request Form to be completed online to launch a formal accommodations process. We recognize that accommodations may be requested up to the date of the event. However, some accommodation requests require time to determine and coordinate. KSRE requests that this form be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the event or activity. Please note: we will continue to accept requests for accommodations up to and including the day of the event. Submitting accommodation requests as soon as possible increases our ability to provide the most effective accommodations. Upon receipt of the Accommodation Request Form, you will be invited to an in-person, virtual or phone intake process. An eligibility team will review the request and determine accommodations. The team may consist of KSRE and K-State Human Resources personnel as well as people knowledgeable about the day-to-day activities of the participant. Following the eligibility meeting, persons requesting accommodations will be notified via email of the results.

## **2024 KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND AND KANSAS VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM**

The Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend will be November 23-24 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum. Registration deadline is October 15, 2024 for more information visit: [Here](#).

### **YOUTH VOICE AT NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

Bringing hundreds of 4-H'ers to the nation's capital each spring, National 4-H Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA, hosted by the **National Institute of Food and Agriculture** (NIFA). The nationally recognized event is developing the next generation of leaders. Experience unparalleled discovery, learning, professional development, and networking with 4-H'ers from around the world. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees. April 11-16, 2025, Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

### **SOUTHWIND DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING**

Four Southwind District 4-H'ers participated in the Photography Judging at the Kansas State Fair. Contestants were: Jacob Han (placed 9<sup>th</sup>), Will Maycumber (placed 13<sup>th</sup>), Austin Maycumber (placed 19<sup>th</sup>) and Jackson Han (placed 30<sup>th</sup>).

### **2024 CROPS ID CONTEST RESULTS**

Four Southwind District 4-H'ers participated in the Crops ID Contest at the Kansas State Fair. The team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Contestants were: Carly K. (placing 4<sup>th</sup>), Camryn W. (placed 9<sup>th</sup>), Kason B. (placed 10<sup>th</sup>) and Henry K.

### **SAVE THE DATE DISTRICT AND REGIONAL 4-H DAYS**

District 4-H Day will be held on February 1, 2025 at Moran Marmaton Valley School. Regional 4-H Day will be held February 22, 2025 at Chanute.

## **ALLEN COUNTY NEWS**

### **ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Allen County 4-H Council is giving out a \$50 scholarship to Members in Good Standing (MIGS) who attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs, November 23-24, 2024.

### **COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE**

At 4-H Council, members decided to hold a county-wide 48 Hours of 4-H event at the fairgrounds on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. As we get closer to the date, we will have a list of tasks to tackle.

### **LOCAL PROMOTION FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

The assignments for this year are:

**Iola Elementary School** – Square B and Prairie Dell

**Iola Middle School** – City Slickers

**Humboldt Elementary School** – Logan Pals

**Marmaton Valley School** – Prairie Rose

Clubs can obtain promotional 4-H items from 4-H

Agent, Jennifer Terrell please give her a two week

notice if you need items. Also 2024-2025 Club

Presidents will need to record radio spots for

National 4-H week at KIKS. If you need to, youth are

welcome to record at the Extension Office in Iola.

Clubs are also encouraged to use club flags,

billboards, and social media to promote 4-H.

### **ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

4-H Council will meet following the new 4-H Club

officers training on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the

Marmaton Valley School, Moran, KS. New 4-H

Council officers will be elected.

### **4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 6:00 p.m. at the Iola High School Commons. Emprise Bank will sponsor the meal. Call 620-365-2242 to RSVP by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **BOURBON COUNTY NEWS**

### **4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION**

Mark your calendar for this annual event November 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Location is to be announced, but we are hoping to use the FSCC Ag Building (a request has been submitted) again this year. Cookies and punch will follow sponsored by 4-H Council.

### **BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

The October 4-H Council meeting will be just before 4-H Officers training Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Marmaton Valley School, Moran. Each club is encouraged to send both of their 4-H Council representatives and both 4-H Community Leaders to attend this meeting. New 4-H Council officers will be elected.





#### **4-H EXPO @ TSC - FORT SCOTT**

4-H Council would like to encourage all 4-H'er to participate in the 4-H Expo at Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) this October during the Fall Paper Clover Event sponsored by TSC. This event will be on October 5th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Please plan to bring along your favorite project and maybe a card/small table to display it on with any materials. Homemade posters or displays about joining 4-H would be great, too! 4-H Council will be providing cookies for any customer coming into the store. If you are able to come help with this event, please let Jennifer know.

#### **NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS**

#### **4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION**

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the Neosho Valley Event Center in Erie. Anyone that could help 4-H Council at 6:30 p.m. on November 13<sup>th</sup> setup and decorate is encouraged to do so. 4-H Council will meet once everything is in place. RSVP to 620-244-3826 by November 7th.

#### **MEDALLION AWARD PLAQUES**

New 4-H members this past year should order a medallion plaque to display awards received at the Achievement Recognition. First-year members will receive medallions for project work, achievement and years of membership (if correct paperwork has been filled out). 4-H Council provides these awards. First-year members need to purchase the 8X10 plaque and nameplate that the medallions will go on. The cost of the plaque and nameplate will be \$10.00, additional hanger bars for plaques are \$3.00 if you need one. Please make all checks payable to the Neosho 4-H Council.

#### **WOODSON COUNTY NEWS**

#### **4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION**

Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Building. Cookies and punch will be provided by Woodson County 4-H Council. 4-H Council will meet following the Achievement Recognition.

#### **WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be a 4-H Council meeting immediately following the Achievement Recognition on November 4, 2024. We will elect officers and discuss 4-H event sponsorships at this meeting.



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