



**THANK YOU FOR JUDGING RECORD BOOKS**

A special Thank you goes out to everyone that helped with judging record books. Taking time out of your busy lives to come and help with judging books is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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.



**4-H CLOVERBUDS**

Designed for youth age 5-6 Cloverbuds is activity focused, rather than project focused. Meaning 4-H Cloverbuds may not participate in any competitive 4-H events, but they may showcase their exhibits at county fair and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds are allowed to showcase a pet from the approved list in accordance with 4-H Cloverbuds pet policies. 4-H Cloverbuds may not own and/or show 4-H livestock. This program is available for all Southwind District 4-H Clubs.

**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 AGE DIVISIONS**

In the Southwind District, all age divisions will be referred to as follows:

Junior – age 7-9

Intermediate – age 10-13

Senior – 14 years and older

**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. Downloaded forms [Here](#).

**PROGRAM FEE SPONSORSHIP**

Just a reminder that all youth have the opportunity to get their \$15 program fee paid for by completing the following requirements in 2025: **Submit a complete MIGS Book** to your club leader by their deadline. **Submit ONE complete Project Record Report Form** to your club leader by their deadline. **Attend a minimum of SIX monthly 4-H club meetings** in the previous 4-H year.

## **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 by email.

## **ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 9th at the Allen County Extension Office at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning boards, pinning supplies and 2 or 3 insects to pin. If you are just starting in this project, I will have pinning set ups available to purchase for \$10. 4-Hers please bring a short talk on an insect you would like to travel and see in another country. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

## **SAVE THE DATES 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.

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

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.

## **DATES FOR 2025 K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS**

Junior Swine Producer Day – Saturday, March 1  
Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – Saturday, March 22  
The K-State Junior Producer Days are one-day educational programs through which youth, parents, extension professionals, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects. A variety of sessions from selection to nutrition, reproduction, and showmanship are provided by faculty, staff, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited to attend! Register [Here](#).

## **4-H T-SHIRTS SOLD AT STATE FAIR**

The Kansas 4-H T-Shirts sold at the Kansas State Fair, can be ordered [Here](#). There are 2 designs this year! They can be ordered through December 1, 2024 and will be shipped before December 25, 2024. The link is up on the Kansas 4-H Website under News and Updates. Group or club orders will be a good idea to minimize shipping fees. People who live near or travel to Manhattan can call Anndee at NZone about local pick up. Thanks for supporting this 4-H Youth Leadership Council Fundraiser and showing Kansas 4-H Pride!



## **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/>

## **SAVE THE DATE RECORD BOOK SCREENING**

Record book screening for the Southeast Region will be Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in Fredonia at the 4-H Building at the Old Iron Club. Volunteers will be needed to judge if interested please let your local Extension office know.



## **SOUTHWIND EXTENSION DISTRICT HORTICULTURE TEAM PLACES 3RD AT NATIONAL CONTEST**

The Southwind District Horticulture Senior Team placed 3rd overall at the National Horticulture Contest in Lincoln Nebraska, which was sponsored by the National Junior Horticulture Association. The team represented Kansas 4-H, K-State Research and Extension, and State of Kansas. The contest included identifying 100 horticulture samples, 8 judging classes and an 80-question test on general Horticulture knowledge. In addition to the overall placing, individual team members also excelled in various contests. Hailey Shadden of Bourbon County received Grand National Champion in Floral Design, and 2nd place in the Jams/Jellies competition. Jewel Endicott, also from Bourbon County, received Grand National Champion in the Art Contest, and 8th high overall Individual. Abigail Meiwes of Allen County placed 9th high overall individual, and Seth Shadden of Bourbon County received 3rd place in the Jams/Jellies Competition. Along with team coach Casey Diver, the team visited the Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, Nebraska as part of their trip.



## **LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM**

The Southwind District represented Kansas 4-H at the American Royal 4-H Livestock Judging Contest where they were named Reserve Champion Team Overall!

### **Team Results:**

Sheep/Goats, 2nd

Hogs, 1st

Cattle, 5th

Reasons, 1st

### **Individual Results:**

Reegan McDaniel - High Individual in Hogs & Reasons; 10th Sheep/Goats; 3rd Overall

Tate Crystal - 6th Reasons; 8th Sheep/Goats; 6th Overall

Kyser Nemecek - 9th Hogs; 10th Reasons

## **HOSTING 2025 4-H EXCHANGES**

Kansas 4-H has committed to host incoming States 4-H exchanges in summer of 2025. Each participant will be hosted by a Kansas family for 3-4 weeks. Partner organizations and numbers, we expect to host include Japan's Labo and LEX 36 youth (mostly ages 12-14) plus 4 chaperones July/August; Norway 4H 5 youth (15-18 June/July), and Costa Rica) 2 youth (15-18 June/July). Additional participants could be added if families volunteer to host. Chaperones for Norwegians and Costa Ricans will be determined later, but if families are interested in hosting an adult, they are encouraged to apply. Families who host a youth are expected to have a host sibling of the same gender and within 2 years of the visitor's age. Apply [here](#).

## **ALLEN COUNTY NEWS**

### **4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS**

President: Kyser Nemecek

Vice President: Sophia Barlow

Secretary: Alexa Ellis

Treasurer: Kason Botts

Reporter: Carly Kramer

## **BOURBON COUNTY NEWS**

### **4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS**

President: Jewel Endicott

Vice President: Hailey Shadden

Secretary: Riley Stephan

Treasurer: Austin Maycumber

Reporter: Lillyan Robinson

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

Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the FSCC Ag Building. Cookies and punch will follow sponsored by 4-H Council.

### **FRED AND DORIS FINK SCHOLARSHIP**

The Fred and Doris Fink 4-H Scholarship will be given during the 2025 Achievement Recognition. This is a \$750.00 scholarship or could be less depending how many qualified applicants are selected. Eligibility Requirements are:

- Three or more years in a Bourbon County 4-H Club.
- Must demonstrate outstanding achievement in 4-H activities and project work.
- Must be a resident of Bourbon County.
- Must be a senior in High School or freshman in College.
- Must be used by a student enrolled full time in an accredited Kansas 4-year College or University or a Kansas Community College.

Preference will be given to a student in Agriculture or Family and Consumer Sciences. Scholarship may be awarded to a previous winner one time. We will use the Kansas 4-H Scholarship paper application. Applications are available on our Southwind website and are due in the Fort Scott Extension Office by March 1, 2025

## **NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS**

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

Monday, 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 17, 2024. We will elect officers and discuss 4-H event sponsorships at this meeting.

