



WRITING THANK YOU NOTES TO FAIR SPONSORS

4-H members please make sure you take time to send a simple note of thanks to each sponsor that has awarded you with funds, trophies, banners or plaques letting them know how much you appreciate their support to our 4-H Program. Livestock buyers also appreciate it when you send them a thank you after the sale is over and/or take your baked items and gift baskets to their business the following week rather than during the livestock sale.

KANSAS STATE FAIR ENTRIES NON-LIVESTOCK

Non-livestock State Fair entry forms are due to your local Extension Office before Friday, August 10, 2024. This includes any judging contests that take place at the KSF. Entry collection forms can be found [here](#).

KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Members who pre-enter exhibits for the KSF must have exhibits to your local Extension Office on September 4, by 12:00 p.m. Please visit [Here](#) to make sure you have all of the score sheets/forms and information you will need to attach to your exhibit. The fair book will have a description, but below that are each project area and the requirements to prepare it for the KSF. Please read all instructions carefully!

2024 STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, in Manhattan, Kansas. Our contest is hosted for the day by the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources. Intermediates must be 9 thru 13 before January 1 of the current year. Seniors must be 14 thru 18 before January 1 of the current year. The objective of 4-H Horticulture Judging is for members to grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments, through plant identification, knowledge testing and judging classes. For more information and the study list visit [Here](#).

RECORD BOOKS/KANSAS AWARD PORTFOLIO (KAP)

As soon as the County Fair ends, it is a good time to begin working on Record Books. If you need help completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer, know. Record Books are due to your club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books before they are due to the Extension Office Tuesday, October 1. Books that are turned in after the deadline of your club leader will not be judged for county-wide awards. All 4-H records must be in your local Extension Office by Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

4-H Enrollment opens Tuesday, October 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.

KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Youth Council and National 4-H Conference application will be combined, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Kansas 4-H members between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2025 may apply as a Council Rep and those age 15-18 before January 1, 2025 may apply for National Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program regions (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to six National Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two-year term on council. The application deadline is Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 11:59 p.m. CST



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension Staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. [Check out the video for highlights Here](#) The event provides youth the opportunity to acquire practical knowledge and skills to reinforce the attitudes and motivation that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect with others as active member of society. Youth will engage in educational activities to explore, practice and master civic engagement skills and personal development to make a difference in their community, country and world. Any 4-H youth member program age 15-18 may apply for the opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. area. The event is typically scheduled for April in Arlington, Virginia. **Applications are due Monday, October 1, 2024**, local Extension Units may require an earlier deadline for their families. Applicants are screened and top applicants will be invited for interview. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected to attend this event. One or two adult chaperones will also be selected to accompany the delegation. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old and must be a registered volunteer. Interested adult volunteers and Extension Staff should contact [Beth Hinshaw](#) or [Dona Ratliff](#). Cost to attend is approximately \$2000. 4-H clubs, 4-H councils, local 4-H Foundations and local service groups have helped many delegates with this fee. Additional conference fees are sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation and their generous donors. [This link will take you to the 2023 Evaluation.](#)

48 HOURS OF 4-H 2024 – SAVE THE DATE!

The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project.
When: October 12-13, 2024
Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni
It's time to make plans for your club to participate.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet August 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Iola Extension Office.

FAIR EXHIBITS LEFT BEHIND

There were several 4-H projects that were left behind in the building. They were packed up and taken to the Extension Office. Please make plans to come by and pick those items up.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cloverleaf Event Center.

LOST AND FOUND AFTER THE POOL PARTY

Is anyone missing a stainless-steel cup with lid after the pool party? If so, it here in the office!

RIBBON PREMIUM READY FOR PICK-UP

There are several envelopes waiting on 4-H'ers to pick them up. Please plan on coming to the office and picking those items up.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet September 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the Neosho County Fairgrounds.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

POST FAIR SURVEY – WATCH EMAIL

There will be a post fair survey coming to your inbox soon. This is a good time to share helpful information on making the fair a success each year.

WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Yates Center Extension Office.