



KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Exhibits must be in your local Extension Office September 4, by 12:00 p.m. Please visit [Here](#) to make sure you have score sheets/forms and information you will need to attach to your exhibit. The KSF fair book will have descriptions, but below that are each project areas and the requirements to prepare your exhibit. Please read all instructions carefully! Fair exhibits will be back in your local office Wednesday, September 18th.

CRAWFORD FAMILY MIXER CHALLENGE RESULTS

There were three participants this year! Those were Carly Kramer, Emery Yoho, and Sam Fischbach. To win the KitchenAid Mixer donated by Carol and Larry Crawford of Lola, participants needed to work towards a goal of 20 points. Fischbach won the mixer with 19 points, followed by Kramer with 15 points and Yoho with 14 points. Congrats to each of you for taking on the challenge!

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

The meeting will be Saturday, September 21st at the Allen County Extension Office beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning boards and pinning supplies. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

4-H ONLINE CLOSED

4-H Online will close September 20th and will re-open October 1st.

CLUB LEADERS END OF YEAR PAPERWORK

Club Leaders please turn in end of year paperwork to your local Extension Office by Tuesday, October 1, 2024. All paperwork is located on the Southwind website [Here](#).

CLUB OFFICER NOTEBOOKS DUE

Each Club is responsible for turning in their Secretary, Reporter and Historian notebooks to their local Extension Office before Tuesday, October 1, 2024. 4-H Club Treasurer notebooks will be due Friday, November 1st.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS

September is the month all Clubs should have officer elections. Your 4-H Club may have stipulations on who is eligible to run for offices. Anyone interested in running for an office should gather more information to prepare for what officer positions are available prior to club elections. You can do so [Here](#). There is also some information on how elections should be conducted.

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/PROJECT RECORD REPORTS

All records must be in your local Extension Office by Tuesday, October 1, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Hopefully you are working on or have completed your MIG and at least one PRR. If you need help completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer, know. PRR's 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. Books turned in after the deadline of your club leaders will not be judged for county-wide awards. All 4-H records must be in your local Extension Office by Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

RECORD BOOK REVIEWERS NEEDED

We are in need of record book reviewers 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!

4-H RECRUITMENT

Take advantage of the new school year to invite your friends and new families to join 4-H. Encourage parents to include 4-H as part of their fall activities. 4-H is for city and town families, too.

PROGRAM FEE SPONSORSHIP

Just a reminder all youth have the opportunity to get their \$15 program fee reimbursed if they complete the following requirements:

- Submit **one** complete project record report and **one** complete MIG book to your club leader by their deadline.
- Attend a minimum of **six** monthly 4-H Club meetings in the previous year.

Reimbursement will be made to clubs in December.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2024

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.

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.

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.

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](#).



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. Here is the link to info: [Here](#).

SHARE YOUR 4-H WHY!

I want to challenge each and every 4-H member, parent and volunteer to share your 4-H why with the world on Facebook! Each day I encourage you to pick a topic and Go Live! To make it easier, I compiled a list of ideas for you (one for each day of the week!). Please make sure to use the following hashtags:

#Beyond Ready, #KS4H, #Southwind4H.

Ideas for comments/post for the week:

- ❖ What is 4-H
- ❖ Why 4-H
- ❖ Best 4-H Memory
- ❖ Favorite Project
- ❖ 4-H Community Service Project
- ❖ Favorite Club Activity
- ❖ How to Join 4-H!

Help our 4-H Family Grow!

SHARE THE CLOVER/NATIONAL SPIRIT DAY

Each day of National 4-H Week, plan to wear a 4-H shirt or at least green! National 4-H Spirit Day is Wednesday, October 9th. Don't forget to take a selfie for FB or Instagram and use the following hashtags: #4HBeyond Ready, #KS4H, #Southwind4H.

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

Join us this fall 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 some 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.

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.

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](#).

2024 KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

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. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2025 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 Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers. Registration will open in September. Again, this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2024 for both events. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE AND 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Kansas 4-H members age 14-18 before January 1, 2025, may apply as a Council Rep, those 15-18 before January 1, 2025, may apply for National Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one-year terms on the council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF to serve a two-year term on council. Application Information for the [State 4-H Youth Leadership Council](#) and [National 4-H Conference](#) is on the web, deadline to apply October 1, 2024.



CHILE IFYE PILOT PROGRAM OPEN TO KANSAS 4-H

The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. has been working with several stakeholders in the USA and Chile to initiate a pilot IFYE program with Chile in South America during the last quarter of 2024, for both inbound and outbound IFYEs. Many program details remain to be worked out, but the new program is a go for 2024. Kansas 4-H will not be sending any young adults as IFYEs to Chile this year. However, Kansas 4-H is seeking host families to host one-two IFYEs from September 23 - November 23. Chile will be sending six IFYEs to the USA, likely hosted by Virginia, Colorado, Illinois, and Kansas. Inbound Chilean IFYEs to the USA Details:

- Kansas 4-H is planning for 1-2 Chilean IFYEs to be in Kansas, September 23 – November 23.
- Four to five Kansas 4-H families will be needed to host from 2-3 weeks each. For further questions or if your family is interested in hosting, please contact Deryl Waldren, Kansas IFYE Association President, at dwaldren@ksu.edu, or call 303-349-7403.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

LIVESTOCK CHECKS

As a reminder, 4-H'ers need to pick up their premium checks from the premium buyer at their place of business or how the business prefers you get your check. I would suggest calling the business first to find out their preference. Base bid and add-on checks will be ready to pick-up at the Extension Office by September 3rd. Each 4-H member is required to bring 5 stamped and addressed ready to mail thank you cards to the Extension Office when picking up checks.

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 12th from 1pm-5pm. As we get closer to the date, we will have a list of tasks to tackle.

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet following the new 4-H Club officers training on Sunday, October 27th at the Marmaton Valley School, Moran, KS. New 4-H Council officers will be elected.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

Save the Date! Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. more information will be listed in the October 4-H newsletter.

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.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

PREMIUM AND LIVESTOCK CHECKS ARE READY

Please pick up your premium and livestock checks as soon as possible and get them cashed. Remember to let your supporters know how much you appreciate their support by sending them a thank you note.

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The October 4-H Council meeting will be just before 4-H Officers training on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Marmaton Valley School, Moran, KS. 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.

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar for this annual event. It will be held on November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Location is to be announced, but we are hoping to use the FSCC Ag Building again this year. Cookies and punch will follow sponsored by 4-H Council.

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

BASE BID CHECKS

If you haven't picked up your base bid check, please do so asap. And cash them soon too!

MEDALLION AWARD PLAQUES

Any new 4-H member 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.

NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet Sunday, September 22nd at 5:00 at the Fairgrounds.

FRIEND OF 4-H AND ALUMNI NAMES NEEDED

There are many well deserving nominees for these awards. Clubs should be thinking of names or ideas of who to nominate for the Friends of 4-H award and Alumni award. Forms can be found [Here](#) and will need to be turned in no later than October 1.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

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

PREMIUM SALE CHECKS

If you have not received your check from the Premium Sale yet, contact your buyer(s).



**ALL SOUTHWIND EXTENSION DISTRICT OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024**



Back Row: Jubal Stockebrand, Hailey Shadden, Jewel Endicott, Abigail Meiwes, Camryn Wille, Seth Shadden, Kason Botts, Front Row: Will Maycumber, Matthew Stockebrand, Lillyan Robinson, Renee Robinson, Jack Endicott, Macie Hueston

STATE 4-H HORT. JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

The contest was held at KSU on August 10 with 13 contestants representing each county in the Southwind District. Those attending were: Abigail Meiwes, Jewel Endicott, Hailey Shadden, Seth Shadden, Will Maycumber, Matthew Stockebrand, Jubal Stockebrand, Camryn Wille, Lillyan Robinson, Macie Hueston, Renee Robinson, Kason Botts, and Jack Endicott. The senior team, receiving 1st Place, was Southwind #1 (Endicott, Meiwes, Shadden, and Shadden). This team will be advancing to the National 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest in October in Lincoln, NE. Also, in the senior team division and receiving 9th place, was Southwind #2 (Stockebrand, Stockebrand, and Maycumber). Individually, placing in the top 10 were Jewel Endicott in 2nd place and Abigail Meiwes in 6th place. In the Intermediate Division, Southwind #1 (Wille, Robinson, Robinson, and Hueston) placed 4th. Individually, placing in the top 10 were Camryn Wille in 7th and Lillyan Robinson in 10th. Congratulations to all participants on a job well done! And special thanks to Katie Hueston for helping with travel!



4-H members from the Southwind Extension District - Allen, Bourbon, and Woodson Counties – had the opportunity to participate at the annual Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes at Kansas State University. Their skills and knowledge were challenged by participating in Livestock & Meats Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl and Livestock Skillathon contests. Those attending were (from left to right) Carla Nemecek (volunteer/coach) Hailey Shadden, Kendyl Bloesser, Alexa Ellis, Kyser Nemecek, Reagan McDaniel, Emery Yoho, Tate Crystal, Marley Sutton, MaKinlee Bloesser, and Jewel Endicott, (Byron Fry not pictured).

SOUTHWIND EXTENSION DISTRICT 4-H MEMBERS SWEEP STATE 4-H CONTESTS AT KANSAS LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

The Southwind Extension District 4-H members delivered a remarkable performance at the annual Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes held on August 17-18 at Kansas State University in Manhattan. In an unprecedented achievement, the Southwind team won four separate state contests, solidifying their status as the 2024 Champion State 4-H Sweepstakes Team. The participants representing the Southwind Extension District were MaKinlee Bloesser, Hailey Shadden, Marley Sutton, Kendyl Bloesser, Emery Yoho, Alexa Ellis, Jewel Endicott, Kyser Nemecek, Tate Crystal, Reagan McDaniel, and Byron Fry. These 4-H members, hailing from Allen, Bourbon, and Woodson Counties, demonstrated exceptional knowledge and livestock skills throughout the competition. The Sweepstakes event consisted of four contests, with scores blended to determine the overall Sweepstakes winners. The Southwind team emerged victorious in all four contests, a first in the history of the event, and were named the Overall Champion Sweepstakes Team. This achievement highlights the dedication and hard work of the Southwind 4-H members. Top Individual Sweepstakes Winners: Reagan McDaniel - Reserve Champion; Tate Crystal - 8th; Hailey Shadden - 11th; Kyser Nemecek - 12th. The Southwind teams excelled in the Livestock Quiz Bowl, which began with a qualifying exam. Southwind #3 (Crystal, Nemecek, McDaniel, Fry) won four matches to claim the title of Champion Overall Quiz Bowl Team. Southwind #1

(Sutton, Shadden, Yoho, K. Bloesser) also performed admirably, finishing as the 6th best team. In the Livestock Judging contest, Southwind #3 (McDaniel, Crystal, Yoho, Nemecek) dominated, winning 1st in Sheep, 1st in Cattle, 4th in Hogs, 1st in Reasons, and earning the title of Champion Team Overall for the second consecutive year. The team is now qualified to compete at the American Royal this fall. Individual highlights include: Reagan McDaniel - 5th in Reasons, 5th in Cattle, 3rd in Swine, 5th Overall; Kyser Nemecek - 4th in Reasons, 2nd in Sheep, 8th Overall; Tate Crystal - 8th in Reasons, 4th in Sheep, 9th Overall; Emery Yoho - 7th in Cattle. The Meats Judging contest involved identifying 30 retail cuts, six placings classes, and three sets of reasons. Southwind #3 (Sutton, Fry, Shadden, Crystal) was named the Champion Meats Judging Team, with a standout performance in Retail Identification (1st), 5th in Placings and 6th in Reasons. 59 Senior Individuals and 13 teams competed in the contest. Southwind #1 (K. Bloesser, McDaniel, M. Bloesser, Nemecek) were 4th in Placings, 7th in Reasons, 3rd in Retail ID and 4th Team Overall. Southwind #2 (Yoho, Ellis, Endicott) were 10th in Reasons, 9th in Retail ID, 9th Team Overall. Individual accomplishments for the Southwind squad include: Marley Sutton - 2nd in Retail ID, 3rd Individual Overall; Hailey Shadden - 4th in Retail ID. In the Livestock Skillathon, 4-H members rotated individually through stations that addressed six areas of animal science. Those included feedstuffs, breed identification, equipment identification, meat identification, wool evaluation and a written test. There was also a team component where members worked together on evaluating quality assurance protocols, and demonstrating proper cattle breeding techniques. Out of 29 teams and 154 individuals, Southwind #3 (Crystal, McDaniel, Nemecek, Shadden) once again emerged as the Champion Team Overall, excelling in both the Exam and Practicum components. Southwind #1 also performed well, securing a place among the top teams. Individual Skillathon results include: Reagan McDaniel - 1st in Exam, 1st in Practicum, High Individual Overall; Tate Crystal - 4th in Exam, 3rd in Practicum, 3rd Overall; Emery Yoho - 2nd in Exam, 9th Overall; Hailey Shadden - 6th in Exam, 7th in Practicum, 7th Overall. This historic sweep is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and

teamwork of the Southwind 4-H members, who pushed each other to "Make the Best Better." The Southwind District extends its gratitude to the parents, supporters, coaches and past team members for their continued support and guidance.

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.



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/>

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!

<https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>



Our Partnership

Tractor Supply proudly began our partnership with 4-H in 2010 and we have since helped raise over \$20 million through our Paper Clover fundraisers. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 80,000 students by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement. 100% of funds raised through our two Paper Clover fundraisers directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they work with - 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state it was raised, and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming.

