



4-H UPDATES



Official Newsletter of Meadowlark Extension District 4-H

4-H Open Enrollment—October 1!!!

It is that time of year again, a new 4-H year! 4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 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.

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.

National 4-H Week is Oct. 6-12. Theme: Beyond Ready

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!

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4-H Record Book Judging—Your Help is 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 Book Tips.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 6: NE Kansas Heritage Building, Holton

October 14: Fair building, Valley Falls

October 16: Woolsoncroft Events Center, Seneca



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 12-13, 2024

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

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.

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. Go to https://v2.4honline.com.
- 2. Sign in to your 4HOnline profile.
- 3. Go to and click on the 4H'er that holds the office.
- 4. On the left menu, select Clubs.
- 5. On the blank space below Volunteer Type, left click on your mouse.
- 6. On the dropdown menu under Volunteer Type, select their office.
- 7. Click Save

Family Resources for 4HOnline 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.

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 3**, after the 4-H Achievement Program
- Jefferson County October 23, Valley Falls fair grounds
- Nemaha County October 21, Northridge Church

If you have interest in Club-based officer training options, please visit with 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/4-Her 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.

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 CLUB or AFFILIATED GROUP ANNUAL Review.pdf.



Project Spotlight



4-H Projects

Start thinking about your projects for the new upcoming 4-H year.

Animal Science Consumer & Family Science

Beef Sewing & Textile Design

Dairy CattleShopping in StyleDairy GoatFamily Studies

Dog Fiber Arts
Horse Foods & Nutr

HorseFoods & NutritionMeat GoatHealth & Wellness

Pets Interior Design & Architecture

Poultry

Rabbit Communication & Expressive Arts

SheepCommunicationsSwinePerforming ArtsVeterinary SciencePhotography

Visual Arts

Natural Resources

Environmental Science Plant & Environmental Science

GeologyAgronomyShooting SportsEntomologyWildlifeForestry

Horticulture & Landscape Design

Engineering & Technology

Ag Mechanics Welding

<u>Astronomy</u>

Building Block Engineering

Computer Science

Electric & Renewable Energy

Robotics

Rocketry/Aerospace

Small Engines

Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

Wood Science

Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement (Citizenship)

<u>Leadership</u>

Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2025 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

Objectives:

- Broaden your understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader.
- Practice leadership skills you can use in other situations, like your local club, school and community.
- Improve interpersonal communication skills.
- Gain confidence.

When: November 23-24, 2024 Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2025

2024 Fees: \$215 with additional optional \$55 for Friday overnight and breakfast

Registration Deadline: Monday October 15, 2024 by 11:59 PM

Whv 4-H ???

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

"4-H has made me the person I am today. The skills that I have will stay with me and always be helpful. 4-H has been a great thing in my life that will always be a part of me and I will always be proud to advocate for."

Jackson County News

2024 State Fair Items

Congratulations to those 4-Hers who exhibited at the Kansas State Fair. We had 86 exhibits. 4-Hers competed in several areas from Fashion Revue, Static Exhibits, Dog Show to Livestock Shows. Your items are available for pickup at the Extension Office. Your club leaders will have your score sheets, if they were available.

Paper Clover @ Tractor Supply Company

During **October 2-13** please join us and help raise funds for 4-H. During these dates 4-Her's are invited to come by the store and help promote 4-H. 4-Hers can get involved by setting up a table to sell Paper Clovers, help customers with their purchases, display your 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 Nemaha County Record Books on **October 6** from 2 -6 PM at the NE Kansas Heritage Complex. This is a great learning tool for older 4-H members, parents, grandparents and 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.

Wrapping Up 2023-24 4-H Year/Start of 2024-25

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** Club Officer List & Leader List are all due to the Extension Office. Club leaders all this material was in your club leader packet.

2024 4-H Achievement Program

Sunday, November 3, 2024, 3 PM at NE Kansas Heritage Building. Please be sure to attend the 2024 4-H Achievement Program. 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 following is the list of duties for each club:

- Set up & take down tables/chairs Lucky Stars
- Sweep Floors Ontario Busy Bees
- Set up & take down stage Delia Early Birds
- Take out Trash Mayetta Mustangs
- Serve Refreshments Straight Arrows
- Decorations Hoyt Livewires

10 Year Members

Listed below are the 10 year members that will be recognized for the 10 year membership to the 4-H program at the Achievement Program on Sunday, **November 3**. If we have left someone out, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Emberlee Allen, William Beauchamp, Jennifer Buck, Reece Burns, Jace Doyle, Alexandria Kester, Christan Kucan, Lora Larison, Caliber Miller, Kailei Mitchell, Monte Mitchell, Zane Montgomery, Mary Leigh Myers, Dalton Peters, Cash Robinson, Kennedy Smith, Koy Tannahill and Ean Winsor.

Cloverbuds

Leaders please be sure to look over the list of Cloverbuds. They will receive something at the Achievement Program and we don't want to leave anyone out.

Henry Anderson, Harper Foster, Julia Fox, Korianna Ribelin, Tillie Pruett, Wade Holthaus, Gibson Hamm, Miles Morris, Hannah Lock, Tayte Bagby, Brystol Jackson, Remington Doud, Lawson Young, Cinch Mattox, Nova Pruett, Roan Reser and Warren Worcester.

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held after Achievement Program on Sunday, **November 3**.

November 4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be **November 14** 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.

New Family Orientation

Welcome New 4-H Families – We are wanting to get you started off on the right foot in 4-H so we have planned an evening where we can sit down and talk about what to expect in your 1st year of 4-H. We have set Monday, **November 18** at 6:30 PM at the NE Kansas Heritage Building. Please RSVP to the Extension Office at 785-364-4125 or e-mailing Cara at carar@ksu.edu by Friday, **November 15**.

Club Leaders; please consider attending these with your new families, or establishing a New Family Coordinator at the club level to assist in making new families feel welcome.

Jefferson County News

Important Dates

October 1

Online enrollment begins on **October 1**. Renewing members MUST enroll in October to avoid penalties. Encourage others to join 4-H and Make the Best Better!

To enroll or re-enroll, go to https://v2.4honline.com. If you have any questions or know of a new member who needs some help, have them call the office."

October 6-12

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 this great youth organization! We hope you will be involved in the activities your club is doing to promote 4-H membership!

October 14

Record book judging will be on **October 14** (Columbus Day) from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (or until finished) at the fairgrounds. At least 4 older teens or adults are needed from EACH CLUB to select project winners. We will have two "shifts" (10:00 AM -2:00 PM/2:00 PM-6:00 PM), but you can come and help at any time. Lunch and dinner will be provided, so please let Heather know if you can help and which time works best by **October 9**.

October 23

Club officer training will be on Wednesday, **October 23** from 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM at the fairgrounds. Officer materials will be available as well as leadership training. Register for this workshop as a club by October 18 to receive officer materials.

November 25 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be at 7:00 PM on **November 25** at the Valley Falls fair building. All club Council Representatives are encouraged to attend. The agenda will be sent out one week prior.

Project Meetings

Watch your email for project meetings that will be happening in the future. If you have a skill or interest that you would like to share with others, contact Heather.

Project Fair

There will be a Project Fair on **November 6** at the fairgrounds. This event will showcase many project areas and allow youth to try different project areas. The Project Fair is being organized by the Jefferson County 4-H Ambassadors. More information to follow!

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/oskaloosa.html

Kansas State Fair

Thank you to our 4-Hers and parents who made the time to enter county fair purple ribbon exhibits for the state fair. We had 70 entries go to Hutchison and represent Jefferson County. Your project work was enjoyed by many from across the state! If you would like to be part of this group in 2025, set goals to practice and work hard on your projects throughout the year. If you are 4-H age 9 and receive a purple at the county fair, you are eligible to enter the state fair. The only exception is Visual Arts where your exhibit must be selected. Livestock must be nominated earlier.

Crops Judging

Meadowlark District 4-H'ers competed in the Crops Identification Contest the first weekend of the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Team members study and identify 100 crop, weed, and seed samples that are common to Kansas. Overall, the Senior Team placed 2nd and the Intermediate Team placed 3rd. Individual placings in the Senior Division were: Karson Kahler—2nd; Brayden Winsor—6th and Dani Reeves—15th. Individual placings in the Intermediate Division were: Andrew Kabus—6th; Kody Bower—8th and Makena Reeves—19th. Those interested in being part of next year's team, please inquire at the Extension Office.

Club Financial Audit

As we wrap up the 2024 4-H year, remember that 4-H Club Audits are due to the Extension Office by **November 1**. Information has been sent to club leaders.

Achievement Banquet

Save the date for the 2024 Achievement Banquet!

When: Saturday, November 16

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Oskaloosa School, Multipurpose Room,

404 Park St., Oskaloosa

Invitations will be sent to all 4-Hers who completed a 4-H Record Book and VIPRC Volunteer Leaders. WE look forward to seeing you there!

Nemaha County News

Kansas State Fair

This year we had over 95 exhibits taken to the Kansas State Fair, 2 Public Presentation, 2 participating in the Fashion Revue, and 4 participating in the Photography Judging. Several 4-Hers showed Dogs, Rabbits, Poultry 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 2024 Kansas State Fair! We hope more of you will make this one of your goals in 2025.

2024-2025 Ambassadors

We would like to announce the new Ambassadors for Nemaha County. Addie Haverkamp, Pony Express; Emma Henry, Pony Express; Carson Edelman, Pony Express; Kinzey Niehues, Red Rustlers; Cora Thompson, Centralia Aces; Samantha Schultejans, Busy Jayhawkers; Kadence Buessing, Achievers; Sullivan Haverkamp, Pony Express; Kyra Niehues, Red Rustlers; Ella Sourk, Woodlawn Meadowlarks; Abbi Stallbaumer, Red Rustlers. Manda Thompson will continue to be our advisor.

Congratulations to all!

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, as it is not the community leaders who need to make the decisions. Everyone is welcome to attend the Council meetings, but your club is only allowed 4 votes. Having club representation at all meetings is part of your club's purple seal requirement.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **October 7** at 7:30 PM in the meeting room at the Woolsoncroft Event Center. This is the first meeting for the 2024-2025 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. We will also be voting on the 2025 Fair Theme, so send your ideas to your club's council representative.

Record Book Judging

On **October 16** 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 big room at the Woolsoncroft Event Center. 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.

Officer Training

We will be having an Officer Training with Brown County **October 21** at Northridge Church. The event will begin at 6:30 PM. This event is open to all 4-H members.

Club Financial Audit

As we wrap up the 2024 4-H year, please remember that the 4-H Club Audits are due to the Extension Office before **November 1**. Information should have been sent to your clubs Treasurer and Leaders.

4-H Achievement Event

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event on Tuesday, **November 26** at 6:30 PM at the Nemaha County Community Building in Seneca.

The Achievement Banquet is a celebration of 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> Kelly Twilighters, Red Rustlers, Stateliners
- <u>Vegetables/other side dish</u> Pony Express, Centralia Aces, Achievers
- <u>Dessert</u> Busy Jayhawkers, Woodlawn Meadowlarks, HHHH

Achievement Club Duties -

Set-up - Achievers

You will need to set up Monday, **November 25**, 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 - Centralia Aces

This club oversees the 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.

<u>Clean-up – Busy Jayhawkers</u>

This club will put table, chairs and stage away and sweep the floor. We ask that you take out the trash.

Yearly Calendars

Once again, we have put together a calendar with some important dates we that know have been set. Remember these dates may change. The calendar 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.



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Calendar of Events

Oct. 1: Youth Council & Ntl. Conf. applications due 4-H Open Re-enrollment/Enrollment

Oct. 6: Record Book judging, JA Oct. 6-12: National 4-H Week

Oct. 7: 4-H Council meeting, NM

Oct. 12-13: 48 Hours of 4-H

Oct. 14: Record Book judging, JF
Oct. 15: KYLF Registration Deadline

Oct. 16: Record Book judging, NM

Oct. 21: Officer Training, NM Oct. 23: Club officer training, JF

Oct. 31: Last Day to re-enroll in 4hOnline

Nov. 1: Club Audits due in Extension Office, JF

Nov. 3: 4-H Achievement Program, JA Officer Training/Orientation, JA

Nov. 6: Project Fair, JF

Nov. 11: Offices closed for Veteran's Day

Nov. 14: 4-H Council Meeting, JA

Nov. 15: New Family Orientation RSVP date

Outbound Exchange Program applications tentatively due

Nov. 16: Achievement Banquet, JF

Nov. 18: New Family Orientation, JA

Nov. 23-24: KS Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

Nov. 25: 4-H Council Meeting, JF Nov. 26: 4-H Achievement Event, NM

Nov. 28 & 29: Offices closed for Thanksgiving



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