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Central Kansas District 4-H

November, 2024

Enrollment Deadline

Youth may join 4-H at any time during the 4-H year (October 1 through September 30); however, participating in some parts of the 4-H program may require enrollment or ownership deadlines.

Any 4-H member wishing to participate in the 4-H Club Day contest must be enrolled by December 1. In order to exhibit at the county fair, the enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members is December 1, and for new 4-H members, the deadline is May 1. All 4-H members have the opportunity to add and drop projects. This deadline is May 1. This will allow for mastery in the project(s) for which the 4-H member has enrolled.



4-H Newsletter Deadlines for 2024-2025

If you have something you would like in the 4-H Newsletter, be sure to email it to klittich@ksu.edu. Deadlines are:

- December/January - November 10
- February - January 10
- March - February 10

4-H Council News

November Meeting

The November 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m., Salina. We will meet in the Technology Center, Room 118 on the K-State Salina Campus.



Adult Chaperones Needed

If you are interested in serving as a chaperone for Citizenship In Action and/or Discovery Days, please complete the Adult Chaperone Application and return it to either Extension Office by **December 15**. You will soon find the application online at <http://www.centralkansas.k-state.edu/4-h> under 4-H Youth Development, 4-H Member Forms & Documents. By completing an application, you have let us know you are interested in serving as a chaperone; **it does not commit you to serving as a chaperone**. If you have any questions, please contact Kate.

4HOnline & Emails

It is important that 4-H Families are receiving emails through 4HOnline. The Central Kansas District tries to eliminate the amount of emails that we send. However, sometimes it is the only means of communication based on the timetable we are given. Everyone is encouraged to make sure their settings are such in 4HOnline that allows for you to receive emails to the email in which is checked the most.

By default, all members are subscribed to 4HOnline email. If you have received an email that you think doesn't pertain to your family and click on unsubscribe, it will unsubscribe you from ALL emails. To check if you are signed up for emails through 4HOnline, pull up your family profile. Click on "Family" on the left side of the page. Next to "Subscribe To Emails?" under the green Family tab, you will see the Yes/No box. Be sure the Yes box is blue. Once you have clicked on the Yes box, you will see a prompt on the screen that says "Opted in to receiving emails." It may take up to 48 hours for the change to take effect.

2025 Fair Dates

Mark your calendars! Fair dates for 2025 have been announced.

Ottawa County Fair — July 15-18

Tri-Rivers Fair — July 31 - August 4

Watch the newsletter and emails for dates for pre-fair judging and other fair activities.



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4-H Council Scholarships

4-H Council scholarships continue to be available for numerous 4-H sponsored events, including virtual events. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, it is important that you not only complete the 4-H Council Scholarship Application on the website <http://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h> under 4-H Member Forms & Documents, but that it is submitted to either Extension Office before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the registration deadline. Any applications received after 5:00 p.m. on the registration deadline will not be considered for a scholarship.

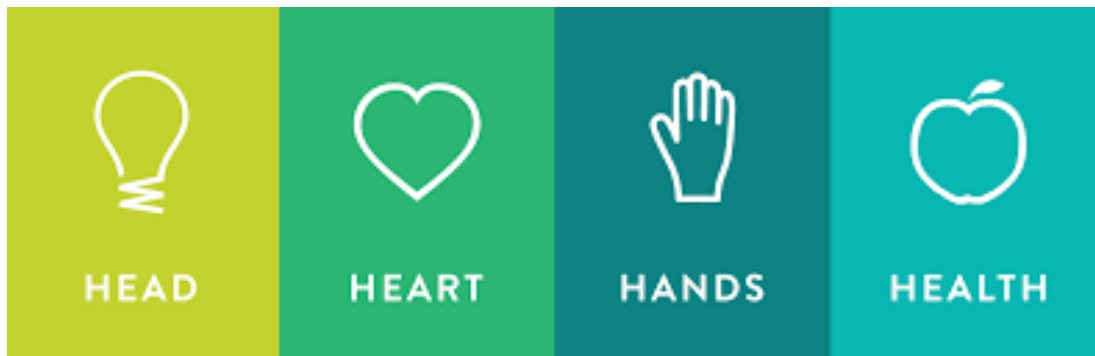
All applications need to be the original application. No emailed applications please.

Farm Service Agency Youth Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency offers a youth loan program for youth who are 10-20 years of age, are involved in a 4-H club and/or FFA chapter, and are interested in starting or expanding an agricultural related business. The purpose of the FSA loan program is to help youth gain knowledge of the importance of the financial and record keeping responsibilities that come with a “business.” With a viable business plan, FSA can loan up to \$5,000 to eligible rural youth. The loan must be for a project that is modest sized and an income producing agricultural enterprise. The educational objectives of the FSA youth loan program are to help youth develop skills that will be used throughout their life. Please feel free to contact FSA loan personnel in Salina at 785-825-8269 for additional information.

K-State Junior Producer Days

Junior Swine Producer Day is Saturday, March 1, 2025, and Junior Meat Goat Producer Day is Saturday, March 22, 2025. Information, including tentative schedules and registration details, can be found online on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>. Registration is open and limited to 400 attendees, on a first come, first served basis. This is a family event. Anyone attending, including all youth, parents, and adults, must register. You must register by the deadline to receive a t-shirt. If you prefer to register by paper and send a check via the mail, please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu. If you opt for the paper option, registrations must be received before the event has reached the registration limit, as well as by the deadline listed, to receive a t-shirt.



Leadership Opportunities

2025 Central Kansas District 4-H Council Committees

As we all know, committees are where the work gets done in an organization. It is said that many hands make light work! It is important that we have ample committee members to accomplish the work at hand, otherwise opportunities are missed and things do not happen. The Central Kansas District 4-H Council Committees operate on a January – December calendar.

According to the Central Kansas District 4-H Council Constitution and By-Laws, each club should have four (4) elected 4-H members to 4-H Council and two (2) elected alternates. Each club should also have two (2) adult members. The above-mentioned individuals must serve on a 4-H Council Committee. If they do not complete the 4-H Council Committee Online Request by November 1, 2024, they will be assigned to a committee.

Everyone DOES NOT have to be on 4-H Council in order to serve on a 4-H Council Committee. We encourage 4-H members and adults of all ages to serve on a 4-H Council Committee.

The 2025 4-H Council Committees are:

- Finance & Fundraising
- 4-H Club Day
- 4-H Celebration of Achievements
- FCS Judging
- Photography Judging
- Agriculture Development

- Social
- Ottawa County Fair
- Tri-Rivers Fair
- Promotion & Recruitment
- Achievements & Awards (Adults Only)



To sign up to serve on a committee and to see descriptors of committee duties, individuals should go to <http://tinyurl.com/CKD-CouncilComm2025>.

WELCOME NEW 4-H FAMILIES IN STYLE

Make a special effort to welcome all new 4-H members and their families. Try to involve them in club activities--not just at the first meeting, but **throughout** the year. Remember how you felt as a new 4-H member and 4-H family. Help those new to the organization not be overwhelmed. Here are some suggestions to welcome new 4-H families.

- ✿ Explain the “sometimes” confusing 4-H terms. Don’t assume they understand.
- ✿ Form a “mentor” system (or buddy system) by having older 4-H members help new 4-H members with meetings, records and events. Don’t forget the parents. Sometimes new parents need a “mentor” too.
- ✿ Be sure to give those new to the club a chance to speak up. Involve them in conversations and explain what is happening in the meeting.
- ✿ Advise new families of deadlines. Explain the major events that happen in 4-H, such as 4-H Club Day, Gavel Games, 4-H Camp, Fair, etc.
- ✿ Let new 4-H families participate at their own pace. Involve them in club activities, but allow them to participate at a level that is comfortable to them.
- ✿ Be aware of special family circumstances and be flexible. All families are an important part of our 4-H program.
- ✿ Remember, your club is like a family of sorts. In families, we need to make everyone feel important, help them find their own niche, challenge them to be more involved, and most importantly, accept them for who they are!

Taken and adapted from the “*Leaders of Tomorrow*” Rice County 4-H Newsletter, November, 2007

Discover Your Future

Kansas 4-H Youth Development and Kansas State University have partnered together to offer academic units. The **Discover Your Future** Career Exploration and Pathway Program will kick off November 1, 2024, with the enrollment and application process. The program will enable 80 high school juniors and seniors who are also 4-H youth (20 per class) to achieve college credit by completing an aligned 4-H project and passing the accompanying K-State introductory-level college course.

The project courses available are:

- **Introduction to Personal Financial Planning:** 3 credit hours
4-H project area: Family Studies-Consumer Skills
- **Introduction to Human Development:** 3 credit hours
4-H project area: Family Studies – Child Development, Consumer Skills or Family
- **Introduction to Agriculture Communications:** 2 credit hours
4-H project area: Creative Arts/Photography and/or Digital Media
- **Communication Public Speaking:** 3 credit hours
4-H project area: Any project area

Students must first enroll in an aligned project area through 4-H Online as a 4-H member. Eligible 4-H youth (Juniors & Seniors in High School) will fill out a **Discover Your Future** Career & Exploration and Pathway application at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_01CbtGRIPzdoPYO. **The application due date is December 8, 2024.** All applications require signatures of a parent, county agent and school counselor signature. The signature page can be found at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3F71B7OtRklWuSG and is also due December 8, 2024.

Further criteria and information about the Discover Your Future scholarship opportunities are available at <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/discoveryyourfuture/>.





Districtwide Project News

Districtwide Cloverbuds

Each month, we focus on one 4-H project area through books, activities, experiments, and snacks.

Date: Second Sunday of the month

(November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, August 10)

Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Location: First Christian Church, 2727 E. Crawford, Salina)

RSVP: Email Allison at allisonlecklider@yahoo.com

*Must be received at least two days before the meeting (Friday) so there are adequate supplies.

New Horse ID's - Beginning for the 2024-2025 4-H Year

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) can be found at https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate_P1039 has been updated for the 2024-2025 4-H program year. Beginning with the 2024-2025 4-H program year, please use the new form and destroy previously used 4-H Horse ID Certificates. As a reminder, to properly identify your horse, complete the 4-H Horse ID Certificate, have your Extension Agent sign it and copy it. A COPY of the Horse ID Certificate is kept on file in the Extension Office, and the 4-H Horse member maintains the ORIGINAL certificate. The original certificate is presented by the 4-H member to show staff for check-in at the local 4-H horse shows. Beginning in 2025, registration papers WILL NOT be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse Project. An example of the Horse ID Certificate can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/SampleHorseID.pdf>.

Additionally, the 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (S133) has been revised and can be found at https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/kansas-4-h-horse-show-rulebook_S133. This will not affect any deadlines within the 4-H Horse Project. Supplemental educational materials will also be released throughout the year to assist 4-H members, leaders and Extension staff with the 4-H Horse program.

Free All-Purpose Flour

For those interested in the Foods and Nutrition project, contact Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent in the CKD Minneapolis Office, for free flour from K-State! Each 4-H member that contacts Lisa will receive 6 cups of "Willie's Pride" All-Purpose Flour while supplies last. This is a great opportunity to practice your baking skills or try out a new recipe.

Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent, Central Kansas District - lnewman@ksu.edu





EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

November Check-Up

Welcome to the second month of the new 4-H year! We've accomplished a lot in just one short month. Are you beginning to think like an experienced organizational leader? How's the club functioning? Let's do our monthly check-up . . .

_____ Organizational Leader Report is Due ONLINE by November 1. The link to this form can be found at <http://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h/orgleaders/index.html>

Review

- _____ 4-H Newsletter read and important dates marked on calendar.
- _____ Highlight key points from the 4-H Newsletter at club meeting.

To-Do

- _____ Membership recruitment plan formulated and started.
- _____ Parents' Committee functioning.
- _____ Project leaders and volunteers need to "enroll" as a volunteer in 4HOnline.
- _____ Encourage project leaders to start meetings.
- _____ Complete club program books and give to families. Turn one copy into the Extension Office.
- _____ Check club mailbox at Extension Office.
- _____ Visitor packets requested. Available at either Extension Office.
- _____ New member packets requested. Available at either Extension Office.
- _____ Encourage New Family Coordinators to conduct meetings.
- _____ Provide new member with membership packets.
- _____ Complete enrollment or re-enrollment in 4HOnline.
- _____ Enrollment of Volunteers, complete Volunteer Screening forms.
- _____ Update 4-H Records, PAAs and Pin Applications.





Promote/Recruit

- _____ Promote 4-H Camp.

Remember

- _____ 4-H Council Committee request ONLINE, November 1.
- _____ End of the Year Financial Review Form, Due November 1.
- _____ Club representative should attend the 4-H Council meeting.
- _____ Gavel Games/Model Meetings/Quiz Bowl teams started. Entry information will be emailed to the Organizational Leaders.
- _____ 4-H members must be enrolled by December 1, 2024, to participate in 4-H Club Day. This deadline WILL NOT be extended because of enrollment issues.

November, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>UPCOMING DATES: December 1—Returning 4-H Members: Online Enrollment DUE to participate in county fair 1—New & Returning 4-H Members: Online Enrollment DUE to participate in 4-H Club Day 24-January 1—Offices Closed</p>						
3 Celebration of Achievements, Minneapolis Elementary School Gym, 3:00 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Volunteer Screening Orientation, Location TBD	8 Council Committee Requests, DUE Online Club Financial Reviews, DUE to either Extension Office, 5:00 p.m. Organizational Leader Report, DUE Online	9
10 December/January newsletter articles due to Kate	11 Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 KYLF, Rock Springs
24 KYLF, Rock Springs	25 4-H Council, K-State Salina, College Center Conference Room 103, 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed 	29 Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed	30



Central Kansas Extension District

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NEW 4-H YEAR, NEW 4-H BEGINNINGS

Dear 4-H Families,

It was an absolute joy to be able to celebrate all the accomplishments with our 4-H members, families, and special guests at the Celebration of Achievements. I hope those in attendance enjoyed the festivities. We want to send special thanks to the Salina Downtown Lions Club for sponsoring the event and joining us for the afternoon. Please join me in thanking our Celebration of Achievements Committee and the two Co-Chairs, Lillian and Amelia, for their efforts to help make the afternoon enjoyable.

I also want to extend appreciation to Marcus and Carson for their words of wisdom about thank you notes and goal setting, and also to our Ambassadors for their assistance in the presenting of many awards. Central Kansas District has much to be proud of, and we are so very grateful to all of the volunteers who make it possible.

Have a wonderful November & a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Kate

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