



SIMPLE THANK YOUS

No matter what the occasion, make sure to show your appreciation with a handwritten thank you note. A phone call, Facebook shout out, email, text message—they all get the job done. But a handwritten thank-you note says more: It tells the recipient we went out of our way to sit down and write *just to them*, because they're *worth it*. Need some help? Use this simple thank-you card template: Who, What and When.

WHO: Sit down and make a list of everyone you need to thank. This could be *anyone* who did *anything* to help you throughout the year, an event, a special gift, or simple gesture.

WHAT: Here's the basic template for a good thank-you note along with a few sample phrases to get you started. Make sure to hand write thank you notes using blue or black ink and write legibly. Make sure that your card recipient can read your gratitude-filled message.

1. Greeting. Don't forget to make sure you're using the correct form and spelling of the person's name, as well as anyone else's mentioned in the note. **Dear Aunt Sharon and Uncle Bob,*

2. Express your thanks. Begin with the two most important words: Thank you. **Thank you so much for... *It made my day when I opened... *I'm so grateful you were there when...*

3. Add specific details. To make each thank you note a one-of-a-kind, it's important that you add specific detail to your thanks. Tell them how you plan to use or display the gift. It shows them that you really appreciate the thought that went into it. Even if it's cold hard cash, describe how you'll spend the stuff. **Here's a picture of me with my new briefcase. I look so professional!*

**I can't wait to use the birthday money you sent to decorate my dorm room.*

**The going-away party meant so much to me. Having all my friends and family in one place was something I'll never forget.*

4. Look ahead. Mention the next time you might see them, or just let them know you're thinking of them. **We look forward to seeing you next month at Lucy's party.*

5. Restate your thanks. Add details to thank them in a different way.

**Again, thank you for your generosity. I'm so excited about college. I'll let you know all about it when I get settled.*

**We felt so blessed that you made the trip to be with us on our wedding day. We can't wait to see you again soon!*

6. End with your regards. "Sincerely" is a safe standby, but for closer relationships, you might choose a warmer option.

WHEN: Timing is everything. Be prompt with sending your thanks, preferably within a week's time. The quicker you send the thank you notes out the better. Although, if it has taken you awhile to get to writing your notes make sure that you still get them in the mail. A thank you sent anytime is always nicer than none at all.

KANSAS STATE FAIR ENTRIES

4-H Members who pre-entered exhibits for the KSF that are entering food or gardening exhibits must have items to your local Extension Office before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. If you do not have foods or gardening, please bring your exhibits to your local Extension Office, the first week of September.

ENROLLMENT DETAILS

4-H Online will be closed in September to complete end of year reporting. It will re-open October 1 after 8:00 am.

During enrollment you will be asked to declare a program fee intention. There will be an option for credit cards, checks, waiver, and sponsor. If your club will be paying or your county has a sponsor, please select sponsor payment.

4-H'ers paying for their own fee may select any of the other options and keep in mind that payment is due within seven days. Clubs who plan to pay for their members need to speak with Jennifer, about a form to submit with their check to the State Office. Cloverbuds & Volunteers are exempt.

Cloverbuds who turn 7 during the year will be sent an email from the State 4-H Office to pay the program fee.

Enrollment and payment must be complete by December 1st.

Youth aged 18: If you plan to participate as a 4-H member you will need to enroll as youth. If you plan to be a volunteer in 4-H only, please enroll as an adult.

DISTRICT 4-H OFFICER TRAINING

All newly elected club officers and club leaders are encouraged to attend! This event will be held on October 24th at 3:00 p.m. Location TBD.

48 HOURS OF 4-H IN 2021

When: October 9-10, 2021

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, and 4-H Alumni. It's time to make plans for your club to participate. Check out the website for a helpful guide, and to register your projects: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>



4-H VOLUNTEER PROJECT LEADER TRAINING

Tuesdays and Thursdays Starting September 21 – October 14, 2021. All sessions will start at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 21 – Personal Development– Public Speaking

Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry

Sept. 28 – FCS - Textile Science

Sept. 30 – Animal Science – Livestock

Oct. 5 – Service Learning

Oct. 7 – Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts

Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy

Oct. 14 – Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife

To register for the event- https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2h9P3ROvNs8jI2

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMATIC SUPORT

WEBINARS

Re-Ignite Your Spark in Kansas 4-H: A Kansas 4-H Volunteer Training September 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Sit and think for a moment. What makes your 4-H volunteer role have meaning and purpose? What is something that you are passionate about, the hidden flame that motivates you? The Search Institute describe this passion as one's "spark." Sparks are activities and interests that brings out a person's energy and joy, allowing them to express their personality and contribute to the world. We know it has been a tough year. Join us for an evening to re-ignite your spark in Kansas 4-H as we hear from current volunteers and passionate 4-H alumnus. Participants will explore how to find their spark, engage families, and realize the impact they have on youth. Watch for more information from your local extension unit.

YOUTH COUNCIL/NATIONAL CONFERENCE

APPLICATIONS

The Youth Council Application and National Conference Application will be combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Kansas 4-H members between the ages of 14-18 before January 1, 2022, may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2022, may apply for National Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for a one-year term on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two-year term on council. Application information for State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National Conference will be available in late August. The deadline will be October 1, 2021.



KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

KYLF will be held November 20-21, 2021, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. Registration deadline is October 15, 2021, at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

LIVESTOCK CHECKS

If you are receiving a check from the Extension Office for Add-Ons, base bid or from the livestock boosters, those are available for pick up now. 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.

LOCAL PROMOTION FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

4-H Council decided to continue letting Allen County 4-H Clubs promote 4-H during National 4-H Week at their local elementary schools. The assignments for this year are Jefferson – Square B
Lincoln – Prairie Dell
Iola Middle School – City Slickers
Humboldt Elementary – Logan Pals
Marmaton Valley – Prairie Rose.

Also, 2020-2021 Club Presidents will need to record radio spots for National 4-H week at KIKS, and clubs are encouraged to use digital billboards and social media to promote 4-H. If you need to, kids are welcome to record at the office.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

The Allen County 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Wednesday, November 3 at 6:00 pm in Iola. Details to follow in the October Newsletter.

4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

4-H Council is giving out a \$50 scholarship to MIGS (Members in Good Standing) who attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs, November 20-21, 2021.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Please pick-up your fair ribbon check if you have not already done so. Checks need to be cashed as soon as possible.

LIVESTOCK CHECKS

4-H members who sold livestock at the County Fair are required to bring 5 stamped, addressed ready to mail thank you cards to the Extension Office when picking up checks. Please let your supporters know how much you appreciate their support!!! Several businesses give money to be split between members after the livestock sale. These sponsors need thanks too!

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Please Save the Date! Sunday, November 7, 2021, for the Annual Achievement Banquet. More information will be listed in the October 4-H newsletter.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Bourbon County Family and Community Education (FCE) Council is offering a \$200 scholarship to a high school senior or college student who is a Bourbon County resident and will be attending any two-or-four-year college or university in Kansas. All students are welcome to apply; preference will be given to a student who plans to major in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related field.

Applications and references must be post marked by February 12, 2022. The application is available on the Southwind Extension District website: www.southwind.k-state.edu/home-family/fce/. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Joy at 620-223-3720 or joymiller@ksu.edu.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

MEDALLION AWARD PLAQUES

Any new 4-H member this past year should order a medallion plaque to display awards received at the achievement banquet. 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 4-H Council. Contact the Erie office by noon Friday, September 17th with payment. Orders will be submitted that afternoon. You may mail your payment to 4-H Council, 111 S. Butler, Erie, KS 66733.

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 Friend of 4-H Award and Alumni Award. Forms can be found on the website under Leader Resources and will need to be turned in no later than October 1.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

4-H CLUB ELECTIONS

Club elections are coming up. Members who have just joined are not eligible to be elected officers or to vote. Who gets to vote? Last year's 4-H'ers. Candidates should be introduced or allowed to introduce themselves with a very brief (one minute) "speech" before voting. Numbering the candidates may allow very young members to vote without assistance. Writing a number instead of a name may be easier for 7-and 8-year-olds. Term limits may be a good idea and should be consistent from year to year. Every Leader, Nominating Committee Member, and Officer should be familiar with their Club bylaws.

PREMIUM SALE CHECKS

Premium Sale checks are ready to be picked up from the Extension Office. Once you receive your check, please cash it at your earliest convenience.

**LIVE THE PLEDGE
LEND A HAND**



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Have questions? Contact one of our offices.

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