



4-H NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Exhibits must be in your local Extension Office September 3, by Noon. 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 are each project area and the requirements to prepare your exhibit. Please read all instructions carefully! Fair exhibits will be back in your local office on Wednesday, September 17th.

CRAWFORD FAMILY MIXER CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Carly Kramer of Square B 4-H Club in Allen County for winning the district Kitchen Aid Mixer Challenge. Carly did the best job of completing all 5 of the requirements and won her very own Kitchen Aid Mixer! We send a big thank you to Larry and Carol Crawford for sponsoring the competition.

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

The next Entomology project meeting will be on Saturday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Allen County Extension Office meeting room. The hot weather should be producing lots of insects for you to catch. Bring your pinning board and supplies and 3 or 4 insects to pin. If you are new to the project, I will have a couple of pinning set ups available for purchase for \$15 each and some insects to pin. If you are doing the photography notebook, there should be a nice group of insects at the meeting to get photos of. Due to several project fairs occurring in October, we will not have a meeting in October. Family Day will be in November this year. Questions? Call Vicky (620)804-9170.

SOUTHWIND DISTRICT OFFICES – CLOSED

Southwind District Offices will be closed Labor Day Monday, September 1st, 2025.

4-H ONLINE CLOSED

4-H Online will close September 19th and will re-open October 1st.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS

September is the month all 4-H 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 office positions are available prior to club elections. You can do so [Here](#). There is also 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 26, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Marmaton Valley School, Moran.

RECORD BOOK/PROJECT RECORD REPORTS

All records must be in your local Extension Office by Wednesday, October 1, 2025, **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 or Kendal 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 Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

CLUB LEADERS END OF YEAR PAPERWORK

Please turn in end of year paperwork to your local Extension Office by Wednesday, October 1, 2025. 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 Wednesday, October 1, 2025. 4-H Club Treasurer notebooks will be due Monday, November 3rd.

RECORD BOOK REVIEWERS NEEDED

We need 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 can help with this 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!

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 the available projects and resources to learn more about those projects. You can find it [Here](#).

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2025

4-H Enrollment opens Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Enrollment and payment must be completed by December 1, 2025. **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.

FAMILIES WILL PAY 2026 4-H PROGRAM FEE

Enrollment and payment must be completed by December 1, 2025. Due to payment issues in the past, all families will pay the \$15.00 4-H Program Fee per member when enrolling. It's best to do this with a credit or debit card. This will ensure your enrollment and fees are 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.

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 for clubs in December.

VOLUNTEERS RENEW DECEMBER 1, 2025

All volunteers working with youth must be registered volunteers. 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 or Kendal and visit with them about your volunteer plans if you are new.

4-H RECRUITMENT

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



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Celebrate National 4-H week from October 5-11, 2025. 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 or Kendal know a couple of weeks in advance.

BEYOND READY: GO GREEN

On Monday of National 4-H Week, **Go GREEN** and show your 4-H state spirit! A simple, cohesive way for youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni & supporters across the country to celebrate their 4-H program being *Beyond Ready*. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint - anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN, on Monday, October 6! Share your Go Green moment on social and tag National 4-H, your State 4-H program, and use #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek

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 Monday, October 6th. Don't forget to take a selfie for FB or Instagram and use the following hashtags:

#4HBeyond Ready

#KS4H

#Southwind4H

SHARE YOUR 4-H WHY!

I want to challenge each 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 or posts 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!

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. For information link [Here](#).

48 HOURS OF SERVICE

What: Join us 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 set up a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information here and start planning your projects. Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect complement to **#InspireKidstoDo**. [View our 484H Guide to learn more!](#)

When: October 11-12, 2025

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

Register Your Project: [Here](#)

2025 KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

The Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend will be held November 22-23, 2025, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2026. 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. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 15, 2025. For more information visit: [Here](#).

2025 KANSAS VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM

The Kansas Volunteer Leaders Forum is an opportunity for volunteers from around the state to learn together while building a network of likeminded passionate adults. Participants will have the opportunity to dive into interactive content they can use to engage their youth members, connect with state and local extension staff to learn about new and exciting 4-H happenings and engage with the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers as a support system for volunteering throughout the year. Visit [Here](#) for more information.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

The application and information about the [State 4-H Youth Leadership Council](#) and [National Conference](#) is open and available now! 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. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for the National 4-H Conference. This year's Kansas Youth Leadership Forum 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, and they will serve a two-year term on the council. Deadline will be October 1, 2025

WEBINAR: Inside Adolescence: Substance Use Patterns, Predictions, Risk, and Resilience in the ABCD Study

The Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study is the largest long-term study of brain development and child health in the United States. Join the webinar “Inside Adolescence: Substance. Use Patterns, Predictions, Risk, and Resilience in the ABCD Study” to hear experts share research findings on early substance use and explore potential protective factors that could prevent or delay it. This webinar will be held on September 8 and will offer actionable insights for prevention specialists, educators, parents, and anyone who cares for or works with youth. There will be two scheduled times:

- [Register for 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. ET](#)
- [Register for 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. ET](#)

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. They have lots of new items! You can check them out at: <https://shop4-h.org/>

THE PRESIDENTIAL AI CHALLENGE

The current presidential administration is launching a year-long challenge for K-12 students across the country to spark interest in Artificial Intelligence, promote creative thinking using AI tools, and demonstrate how AI technology can be used in beneficial ways. Early training and experience in responsible AI use can demystify the technology and support America's youth in cultivating skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in an AI-driven workforce. Students who join the Presidential Challenge can access training and resources to help them complete a project that can either be a study or the development of an AI method or tool to solve a local community problem. Educators are also invited to participate and focus on creative approaches to teaching or using AI technologies in K-12 learning. Participants can choose to enter their projects into a competition for the chance to showcase their work at a White House event next summer. Registration for the Presidential AI Challenge will open to students and educators in late August 2025. You can find the fact sheet and flyers here: Visit [AI.gov](https://ai.gov) for the most up-to-date information.

TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.

Support 4-H youth from November 28-December 14, 2025, by purchasing a paper clover both online and in 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.

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 accommodation is often possible for persons with disabilities who wish to participate, so long as granting the accommodation 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 participants 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 accommodation up to and including the day of the event. Submitting accommodation requests as soon as possible increases our ability to provide the most effective accommodation. 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 accommodation. 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 accommodation will be notified via email of the results.

KANSAS YOUTH VIRTUAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE

The Kansas Youth Virtual Entrepreneurship Challenge is a great starting point for young innovators to explore entrepreneurship, build confidence, gain experience, pitching ideas and win cash prizes! Participation in KYVEC also serves as excellent preparation for the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC Summit). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Who: Open to elementary, middle, and high school students across Kansas.

What: A statewide virtual business pitch competition. Students submit a 3–5-minute video pitching their business idea for a chance to win cash prizes.

Where: Online (virtual submission & judging)

Dates to Remember

Sept. 1 – Registration Opens

Oct. 26 – Submission Deadline

Oct. 28–Nov. 4 – Judging

Nov. 6 – Winners Announced

Prizes

Elementary: 1st – \$300 | 2nd – \$150 | 3rd – \$100

Middle School: 1st – \$500 | 2nd – \$250 | 3rd – \$150

High School: 1st – \$1,000 | 2nd – \$350 | 3rd – \$250

KANSAS 4-H DOG CONFERENCE

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference is an opportunity for 4-H Dog project members, their families and volunteers to gather, learn, network, and increase their skills at Rock Springs Ranch. This year's conference, "Trails and Tails" will be held October 18-19. Conference sessions include Weaving Trails of Adventure (making paracord leashes), searching with K-9 Creed, dog photography, and dog safety on the trails. 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in public speaking, photography, and quiz bowl contests. Of course, no trip to Rock Springs is complete without enjoying S'mores by the campfire. Registration is currently open and complete conference information is available [Here](#). Early bird registration is due September 19, 2025. 4-H participants MUST be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

LIVESTOCK CHECKS

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 call 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 2nd. 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.

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.

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 Agents, Jennifer Terrell or Kendal Henson, please give them two weeks' notice if you need items. Clubs are also encouraged to use club flags, billboards, and social media to promote 4-H.

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet following the new 4-H Club officers training on Sunday, October 26th at the Marmaton Valley School, Moran, KS.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

PREMIUM AND LIVESTOCK CHECKS

Livestock checks will be ready for pick up the week of September 8, 2025. Please pick up your checks from the Extension Office and cash them as soon as possible. Remember to let your supporters know how much you appreciate them by sending a thank you note.

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council meeting will be just before 4-H Officers training on Sunday, October 26, 2025, 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.

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 completed). 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.

FRIEND OF 4-H AND ALUMNI NAMES NEEDED

There are many well-deserved 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 are due October 1.

NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet after Officer training October 26th at Marmaton Valley School, Moran, KS.

NEOSHO ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

The Neosho County Achievement Banquet is scheduled for November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet on September 27th 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).



WHEAT EXPO RESULTS

The purpose of this wheat expo day was to educate about all things in the Kansas wheat industry and to provide youth opportunities in and to be recognized in wheat education classes. Participants took part in hands-on activities in the judging of wheat exhibits in nine divisions ...baking, photo, informational displays, wheat samples, and the crops and weed I.D. contest. Participants also toured the Dillon Nature Center and Kauffman Seeds.



Carly Kramer - 1st Crops/Weeds, Camryn Wille - 2nd Crops/Weeds, 3rd overall, Jewel Endicott - 4th Crops/Weeds and Cooper O'Brien - 4th Overall. Other placings: Renee Robison - 7th overall, blue on cookies, Lillyan Robison - 6th Crops/Weeds, red on poster, Kason Botts - 8th Crops/Weeds and Matthew Stockebrand - 9th Crops/Weeds. Blue on cookies



Front row...L-R: Matt Stockebrand (NO), Jack Endicott (BB), Carly Kramer (AL), Renee Robison (BB), Cooper O'Brien (WO)

Back row...L-R: Coach Casey Diver, Macie Hueston (BB), Lillyan Robison (BB), Jewel Endicott (BB), Kason Botts (AL), Henry Kramer (AL), Camryn Wille (WO)

Teams were made up of 4-H'ers from all 4 counties and the teams will be attending the Kansas State Fair for the State Crops/Weeds contest on September 6th. Good luck!!!!

STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

The Southwind Senior/Intermediate Horticulture teams attended the State 4-H Horticulture Contest at KSU, Manhattan. The contest consisted of 50 I.D. horticulture plants, seeds, 8 judging classes, and a 25-question test of horticulture knowledge. With one intermediate team and 3 senior teams, the Southwind District was very well represented with 4-Her's from all 4 counties. Macie Hueston (BB) placed 9th overall in Intermediate division, along with Kason Botts (AL) and Jack Endicott (BB) on team, placing 3rd overall. Senior team #1, with Camryn Wille, Carly Kramer and Cooper O'Brien placed 4th overall. "Congratulations to our Intermediate team for 3rd place. Senior teams in a rebuilding year, since Southwind won the State competition last year and sent the Senior team to National Horticulture contest," said coach Casey Diver.



Jack Endicott, Macie Hueston, Kason Botts



L to R, front row Carly Kramer, Grace Schoenecker, Jack Endicott, L to R, back row Kason Botts, Camryn Wille, Henry Kramer, Cooper O'Brien, Matthew Stockebrand, Macie Hueston, Lillyan Robinson, Renee Robison, Claire Schoenecker, Coach Casey Diver



STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE ANNOUNCES OUTBOUND PROGRAMS 2026

Five International partners have agreed to host U.S. 4-H'ers for outbound exchanges in summer of 2026. Kansas 12-18-year-olds, at the time of the exchanges, are eligible to participate in one-month exchanges beginning in June and July with accepted applicants from other states.

Destinations include Costa Rica, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and Argentina. All exchanges include a homestay with a host family. Japan's Labo offers a month-long study program in Tokyo with another family (prior to the 4-week program) for older participants, making it an 8-week offering. Argentina 4-H is offering a program of Spanish study and group activities, along with a homestay with a Cordoban local family next year. Adults, 25 and over, may apply as chaperones for each of the groups. Flyers are available describing each program, listing dates and approximate costs on the Kansas 4-H website: States' 4-H International Exchange Program. A link to the Outbound Exchange Application should be posted by September 1. For more information, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator, at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksuj.edu Applications are due online November 1, 2025, through the States' 4-H web-based application. Application includes reference forms and photo requirements. Applicants will be expected to participate in interviews and a first orientation on November 21, 2025, in Junction City.

4-H Basics

The 4-H Symbol A green 4 leaf clover with a white "H" on each of its leaves. 	The 4-Hs HEAD HEART HANDS HEALTH
MOTTO "To Make the Best Better"	SLOGAN "Learn by Doing"
PLEDGE I pledge my head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service, And my health to better living, For my club, my community, my country and my world.	COLORS Green and White Green represents springtime White represents innocence

