



POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER

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THE KANSAS STATE FAIR IS SEPTEMBER 11-20, 2026!



KANSAS 4-H
STATE FAIR WEBSITE



4-H/FFA GRAND DRIVE
WEBSITE

KANSAS STATE FAIR STATIC (INDOOR) PROJECT ENTRY

Each county fair's 4-H division allows qualification for the Kansas State Fair in accordance with the expectations outlined in the Kansas 4-H State Fair Book.

- Youth must be 9 years old by January 1 of the current year to be eligible for the State Fair.
- To qualify for the State Fair, static exhibits must have earned a purple ribbon at the county fair level. A purple ribbon does not include county fair grand or reserve grand or class champion awards/trophies/rosettes.
- There may be additional exhibit requirements from what you presented at the county-level in order to exhibit at the state fair, and some county-level projects are not eligible to go to state.
- Read the Kansas State Fair 4-H Fair Book for project classes and requirements. Projects WILL be disqualified if requirements are not met! Find the Kansas 4-H State Fair Book at www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/.
- Post Rock District staff will complete the entry process as outlined by Kansas 4-H, using the information submitted by qualifying members. **Your project will ONLY be entered in the state fair if you meet your county's deadline and commit to state fair entry. Call your Extension Office ASAP so you don't miss any deadlines!**

PROJECT TRANSPORTATION TO STATE FAIR - DUE SEPTEMBER 3

Post Rock District staff will coordinate transportation of non-animal exhibits to-and-from the Kansas State Fair for 4-H exhibition. Exhibits will ONLY be transported by our staff if they can easily be moved by one person, if they can fit within an extension vehicle, and if they can be safely transported with many other items. 4-H members can transport their own items, including those that are too large, heavy or fragile.

- **Exhibits (except fresh-baked foods, fresh-picked vegetables, and fresh-picked flowers)** need to be dropped off at your Extension Office **BEFORE September 3rd** at close of business. This will allow staff to confirm your project has all needed paperwork and exhibition permission forms with signatures before the holiday weekend.
- **Freshly baked/picked foods, vegetables, and flowers** that will be entered as exhibits can be brought to the office at **8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9**. Don't be late or your project may get left behind!
- Bring exhibits to the office ready to be safely transported in a vehicle with many other items. Old towels/blankets and boxes/totes that fit your project's size are very helpful. Make sure everything is marked with your name so you get them back after fair.

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Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the 2026 Jewell County Fair a success. We are grateful to our 4-H exhibitors for their hard work and dedication, the families who supported them throughout the year, our superintendents and volunteers who kept events running smoothly, and the many families who donated food stand supplies and worked shifts in the food stand. It truly takes a team effort to make the fair happen, and the willingness of so many individuals to come together in support of our youth and community is what makes the fair such a success. Your time, talents, and generosity contributed to the smooth flow of the fair and created a positive experience for everyone involved. Thank you for being an important part of this year's fair.

4-H AWARDS DEADLINE - OCTOBER 1

It's time to wrap up another successful 4-H year! Members are encouraged to complete their 4-H Record Book, Project Records, and Achievement Pin Applications. All materials must be submitted to the Mankato Extension Office by Thursday, October 1, at 4:30 p.m. Please remember that award applications require all necessary signatures. Be sure to plan ahead and allow plenty of time to obtain signatures from club leaders, as last-minute requests may not be possible. If you have questions about record books, project records, or which awards you may be eligible for, contact the Extension Office—we're happy to help!

October 1 is also the deadline for the King and Queen Contest, the "I Dare You" Award, and the Club Seal Application. Watch your email for additional information and application details.

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your accomplishments and be recognized for all you've achieved this 4-H year!

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next Jewell County 4-H Council Meeting is TBD.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JEWELL COUNTY FAIR



KANSAS STATE FAIR IS SEPTEMBER 11-20

2026 Kansas State Fair entries should be delivered to the Mankato Extension Office by September 3, at close of business or before, except for foods and horticulture entries, which may be brought by 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9. Don't be late, or your project may get left behind!

If you have entered static projects at the Kansas State Fair, you will receive two free entrance tickets to the state fair.

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT PINS AND RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE OCTOBER 1

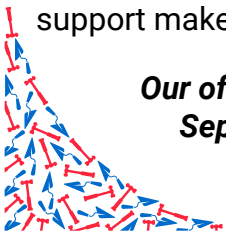
Now is the time to wrap up the 2025–2026 4-H year by completing your 4-H Record Book, Project Records, and Achievement Pin applications. When preparing your pin applications, please read all instructions and details carefully. Make sure you have the correct number of optional items completed. All pin applications and record books are due to the Lincoln Extension Office on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Award submissions must include all required signatures. Please plan ahead—club leaders have full schedules, and they are not obligated to adjust their availability due to last-minute requests. If you're unsure which award to apply for, call the Extension Office and we'll be happy to help.

THANK YOU NOTES

Lincoln County 4-H is fortunate to have generous donors and supporters who recognize the value of 4-H and invest in the success of our members. Their contributions help provide awards, scholarships, educational opportunities, and experiences that enrich our 4-H program. As a recipient of an award or scholarship, please take the time to personally thank those who made these opportunities possible. A thoughtful thank-you card is a meaningful way to express your appreciation and show our donors that their support makes a difference.



***Our office will be closed Monday,
September 7th in observance of the
Labor Day holiday***



CONGRATULATIONS ON A FANTASTIC 2026 LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR

Thank you to all 4-Hers, family members, volunteers, superintendents, fair board members and exhibitors for making this year's fair a fantastic event. Everyone was rewarded for all the hard work and dedication put into your projects over the past year.



4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Lincoln County active 4-H members can get a scholarship to attend a 4-H camp, Discovery Days, KYLF, Campference, or another event. This scholarship will pay for 50% of the base price of the activity/event you are wanting to attend. This scholarship is for one activity/event per year, per 4-H member. Remember to fill out the application and turn it into the extension office by **October 1**. Applications are online at <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/member-resources/event-scholarships/>

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
REMINDER - 4-H Council | Wednesday, August 5th | 6:30 pm | Lincoln Senior Center. Be present as we will be discussing fair events, etc.

KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS



If you received a purple ribbon at the county fair & your 4-H age is 9 or older, you are eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson September 11 - 20, 2026. Please contact the extension office by **August 1st** if you intend to exhibit at the State Fair. Your item(s) (except fresh-baked foods, fresh-picked vegetables and fresh-picked flowers) have to be in our office **Thursday, September 3rd**.

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Congratulations on another successful fair!

We loved seeing all of your hard work pay off with some great projects exhibited! A special thank you to all our volunteers and superintendents - you help make the fair possible!



Fair Feedback Survey

While it's still fresh in your mind, we'd like to get your feedback. We are always learning and looking for ways to improve the fair experience for everyone involved. Please take the time to fill out this survey by August 20th so that the information gathered can be given to Council at the August meeting:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7RPIYdOjTtq0oAwkhM3gsOWxn5rTB6Zyb_cxpU8H2vKB-mQ/viewform

August 4-H Council Meeting



The August 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, August 24th at The Bank of Tescott meeting room in Beloit starting at 7 p.m.

[Click here to view photos from the fair!](#)
[2026 Mitchell County Fair Photos](#)

KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS



If you received a purple ribbon at the county fair & your 4-H age is 9 or older, you are eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson September 11 - 20, 2026. If you didn't get signed up at the fair, please contact the extension office by **August 3rd**.

Thank You Cards



Mitchell County 4-H is fortunate to have some awesome people and businesses in our communities that support 4-H. Please do your part in thanking them by writing and sending your thank you cards ASAP.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON A SPECTACULAR 2026 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR!

As the curtain has closed on the 2026 Osborne County Fair and our "Party in the USA" celebration, Jenilee, Rylee and myself want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every 4-H parent, family, volunteer and exhibitor who made this past week so special and memorable.

The greatest rewards of the fair can not be measured by the color of a ribbon or special award. They are found in the early mornings, late nights, determination, resilience, responsibility and pride that each young person poured into their projects. Those lessons and the confidence gained through hard work will last far beyond the fairgrounds. The memories made and life skills developed this past week are accomplishments no judge can place a ribbon on. They are the foundation for tomorrow's leaders. Congratulations to every exhibitor! Your dedication, sportsmanship and commitment to doing your best are what make the 4-H program so extraordinary.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE 2026 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER!

PROJECT RECORD & PIN APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1

Wrap up the 2025 - 2026 4-H year by completing a Project Record and your pin application. Applications are due by Thursday, October 1, 4:30 p.m. in the Osborne Extension Office. The link to forms and resources for these items is:

<https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/member-resources/>.

KANSAS STATE FAIR 4-H STATIC EXHIBITS



Static entries for the 2026 Kansas State Fair should be brought to the Osborne Extension Office by Thursday, August 27th by 4:30 p.m. with the exception of foods and horticulture.

Foods and horticulture exhibits may be brought to the office by 8:00 a.m. sharp on Wednesday, September 9th. Two free gate entrance tickets will be given to each exhibitor entering static projects at the Kansas State Fair.

GRAND CHAMPION & PREMIUM AUCTION THANK YOUS DUE AUGUST 3



An incredibly important post fair task is to show appreciation to all those for the support 4-H members received during the fair.

Each 4-H member who received a Grand Champion award is required to write thank you to the award donor. And your thank you notes should be longer than 2 sentences. An Excel spreadsheet will be provided a list of all awards and the respective donor and their address.

Each 4-H member who sold items through the Premium Auction is required to write a thank you to their buyer(s) including add-ons. Information will be emailed with list of buyers for each item sold. Remember, thank you's are due **August 3rd by 4:00 p.m.**

AUGUST 3RD 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Council will meet Monday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m. to wrap up 2026 fair and discuss other items.

RED, WHITE & BLUE MEMORIES FROM "PARTY IN THE USA"



UPCOMING RECORD BOOK Q & A ZOOM SESSIONS

Jenilee will be hosting Q & A Zoom meetings on Record Books in August and September. Read on page 2 of District newsletter for dates and times.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE! ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FAIR IN THE BOOKS!

One of our favorite things about the fair isn't the ribbons or the prizes it's watching the kids.

We love seeing friendships grow, watching them cheer each other on, and listening as they proudly share their projects with others while learning from one another. We are thankful to the families and the many sponsors and volunteers that make our fair possible.



PIN & PROJECT AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE OCT. 1!

Wrap up the 2025 - 2026 4-H year by completing a Project Record and Member Pin Application. Applications are due by close of business, Thursday, October 1 in the Extension Office. The link to forms and resources for these items:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/>



2026 ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

Save the date of November 15th @ 2 PM at the First Christian Church for the 2025-26 4-H Achievement Celebration! Cookies and drinks will be served.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

If you received a purple ribbon on a static exhibit, purple in poultry, blue or purple on a rabbit project, and your 4-H age is 9 or older, your exhibit can be sent to the Kansas State Fair! The Extension Office coordinates the transport of static projects to and from Hutchinson, but not animal projects. **Those that qualify for State Fair will soon be receiving an email with more information and deadlines!**



THANK YOU, SANDRA!

After 37 amazing years with K-State Extension, Sandra Wick is retiring! She has left her mark with families, youth, producers, community leaders, fellow extension staff and more along the years and we're thankful to have had her in our journey.



There will be a come-and-go reception honoring her next chapter of life on **Friday, July 31st from 2-4 PM at the Smith County Courthouse Basement Meeting Room.**

Come enjoy some light refreshments and share your well wishes for Sandra!

Cheers to
RETIREMENT!

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BEYOND READY: "LEADING BEYOND LIMITS" LEADERSHIP DAY CAMP

The Northwest 4-H Advisory is hosting a regional leadership day camp on Saturday, August 15th in Penokee, KS. This training is focused on leadership and team building, goal setting and self-building. This training is to be held at Goddard Place west of Hill City, which features an in-house ropes course and staff trained in leading team building and leadership activities. This event will run from 10 AM - 4 PM. If you would like more information or would like to find a ride for your child to attend, let Jenilee Godsey know at jenileem@ksu.edu. Registration deadline is August 12th and can be completed online here: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42XU75rdgbQYjVc

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP

We are planning a Post Rock District 4-H Record Book workshop to be held sometime in August (likely). This workshop is designed to be a helpful insight into all things project records and pin applications as we near the deadline of October 1st. Plan to learn more about the ZSuites platform, pin application process, tips and tricks on project records and have the opportunity for Q&A. Watch for an email to go out soon with more information and registration details. If you have questions, please contact Jenilee Godsey at jenileem@ksu.edu.

RECORD BOOK Q&A ZOOM SESSIONS

We will host a series of Q&A sessions via ZOOM to help our 4-H families navigate record book and pin application questions. These will be informal opportunities to join during the scheduled times and ask questions as needed. If you have questions, please contact Jenilee Godsey at jenileem@ksu.edu. To join sessions on the following dates: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/9974228762?pwd=VjBvUEEx6NGlMk2R1Z0JwcjRwWkdrZz09>

- Thurs., August 27th from 6:30-7:30 PM
- Tues., September 8th from 7:30-8:30 PM
- Mon., September 14th from 6:30-7:30 PM
- Wed., September 16th from 12:00-1:00 PM
- Wed., September 23rd from 7:00-8:00 PM
- Tues., September 29th from 12:00-1:00 PM

BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAREER EXPLORATION DAY

The Cottonwood Extension District and Barton County Community College are teaming up to host "Pathfinders Program", a day all about career exploration. This event will be held October 3rd from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at Barton County Community College. Sessions held cover hands-on career exploration in EMS, welding, plumbing, construction and more. Additionally, there will be sessions on team-building and tracks for adults to attend. For questions, contact Jenilee Godsey at jenileem@ksu.edu. To register, visit: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVVMtFAoo3W6edU

OFFICER AND MEMBER LEADERSHIP TRAINING SET FOR NOVEMBER 7

The annual Post Rock District Officer and Member Leadership Training is set for November 7. Full planning is still in the works, so watch for more information to be listed in the September newsletter. This training helps members learn about the important roles of officers and committees. You'll build leadership skills to grow as an engaged 4-H member. All ages and levels of experience are invited. If you want to help plan or present, let Jenilee Godsey know at jenileem@ksu.edu.

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REQUEST TO ATTEND CLUB MEETINGS

As you wrap-up the current 4-H year or look forward to the new year ahead, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that our Post Rock District staff are here to offer educational opportunities or one-on-one meetings as requested! This could be as simple as meeting with your family to answer questions about record books or providing educational activities for club meetings. If you have questions or would like to look into scheduling a member of our staff, please contact Jenilee Godsey at jenileem@ksu.edu.

COOL CAREERS VIDEO PRODUCTION CONTEST ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 2

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at video production? Kansas 4-H and HirePaths are hosting a Cool Careers 4-H Video Production Contest, so here's your chance to become director, cinematographer, editor and/or producer of your own video! This competition allows members to learn about a career and then produce a video to create their own episode of the series Cool Careers. The entry deadline is August 2nd! For more information, check out the website here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/contests/hire-paths-video-production-contest/>.

KANSAS 4-H STATE PROJECT PARTNERSHIP TEAMS APPLY BY AUGUST 10TH

Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams (PPT) serve to bring youth, volunteers, and extension professionals together to provide guidance and leadership in the development of a project subject matter or program. Kansas 4-H is seeking individuals to serve with interests in animal science; communication and expressive arts; consumer and family science; Discovery Days; engineering and technology; leadership and personal development; natural resources; and plant and environmental sciences. To learn more about the purpose and opportunity of PPTs, contact your local Extension Office. The application deadline is quickly approaching on August 10th. Details are online at the [Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Team webpage](#).



4-H CLOVER CONNECTION
Facebook Private Groups

Don't forget to join your county's page! We have Facebook private groups - one for each County 4-H program served by Post Rock District. The private group provides reminders and updates for active members, families, and volunteers in the local Kansas 4-H program.



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KANSAS 4-H LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

Save the date for the 2026 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes to be hosted August 22-23 in Manhattan. **The deadline to register is August 1.** All participants must be entered by their local extension unit. The contest rules, schedule, and more information is posted on the [Livestock Sweepstakes](#) page of the youth livestock website. Youth may participate in as many or as few contests as they would like over the course of the weekend. Individuals who compete in livestock judging, skillathon, and senior/open meat judging will be eligible for the sweepstakes award. Teams who compete in livestock judging, skillathon, senior/open meat judging, and quiz bowl will be eligible for the sweepstakes team award.

KANSAS STATE FAIR 4-H HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST - NEW!

The Kansas State Fair invites Kansas 4-H Clubs to participate in the 2026 4-H Bale Decorating Contest. This creative competition allows clubs to showcase teamwork, creativity, and pride in 4-H while celebrating the decorating theme for the 2026 Kansas State Fair: "America 250". Bales will be provided by the Kansas State Fair and decorating may on the Kansas State Fair Grounds between Thurs., September 10th @ 10 AM through Fri., September 11th @ 10 AM. Entries for the Hay Bale Decorating Contest are due no later than Friday, August 14th. Entries and more information can be found here: [Kansas State Fair 4-H Hay Bale Decorating Contest](#)

4-H PRESENTATIONS AT STATE FAIR

Remember that 4-H Members ages 9 and older who participated in 4-H Day and received a purple can take their project talks, demonstrations, and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair. Poetry entries can also be entered. Public Speaking (for ages 14+) entries can come to the State Fair; however, regardless of the purple-earning topic used locally, all contestants at the State Fair will use the same topic, "How has your journey in 4-H contributed to being Beyond Ready for current challenges and future goals?". Check out the entry requirements in the Kansas 4-H State Fair Book at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/>. Notify your local Extension Office ASAP if you'd like to enter!

STATE FAIR 4-H VOLUNTEER & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities to gain leadership experience as a volunteer at the Kansas State Fair. It is a great way to get leadership hours to contribute toward your project record book or earn an achievement pin. Volunteering is also a fantastic way to grow as a club leader, project leader, or even train to be a county fair judge in a project area of interest! If you want to volunteer or have some questions, contact your local Post Rock District Office and we will assist you with signing up!

- **GREETERS:** Serve as a greeter at the 4-H Centennial Hall informational booth any day during the State Fair.
- **JUDGING ASSISTANTS:** Serve as a judging assistant on September 10 or 11 in a static project judging area of interest. Record notes for judges, assist with organizing projects, help enter exhibits, etc.
- **FASHION REVUE EVENT ASSISTANTS:** Western Kansas is responsible for hosting the fashion revue at State Fair this year. We can use teen and adult volunteers. If you are able to help September 19 please let your local office know!

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KANSAS 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE DELEGATE *APPLICATIONS OPEN!*

The application and information about the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National 4-H Conference are available now! The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined 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, 2027, may apply as a Council Representative, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2027, may apply for the National 4-H Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives for one-year terms on the Council. Up to six National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF, and they serve a two-year term on the council. The deadline to apply will be October 1, 2026. Complete details are available online at the appropriate links below.

 **Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Information:** <https://kansas4h.org/educational-experiences/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/>

 **National 4-H Conference Information:** <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/>

STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest: Saturday, August 15 in Manhattan

The contest is hosted by the K-State Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources. If you are interested in participating as an individual or on a Post Rock District team, contact your local Extension Office ASAP so that we can meet the state's August 7 deadline. An adult coach will also need to be identified for anyone participating. Costs and travel are the responsibility of each participant. The study list for the knowledge portion of the contest has been updated and is available with other contest details on the [Kansas 4-H State Horticulture Judging Contest webpage](#).

KANSAS 4-H WHEAT VARIETY PLOT ENROLLMENT FOR 2027

The 2026-27 4-H Wheat Variety Plot program begins in the fall of 2026 with planting and wraps up in the fall of 2027 with the State 4-H Wheat Variety Plot displays at the Kansas State Fair. The 4-H

Wheat Variety Plot program is open to all 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Agronomy project who have an interest in studying how different wheat varieties perform in their part of the state. 4-H members are encouraged to work closely with their local agriculture agent and/or an adult mentor. The 4-H Wheat Varieties are meant to be a hands-on experience for youth and set in a similar way as local Extension Wheat Variety plots. There will be no cost for the program, since the five varieties are sponsored by commercial companies. Interested members should contact their local Extension Office ASAP so that Post Rock District can meet the state enrollment deadline of August 1.



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**WE'RE
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4-H PROGRAM COORDINATORS MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

SMITH, JEWELL, MITCHELL COUNTIES

Part-time or Full-time roles may be negotiated
for the right candidate.

LEARN MORE AT [WWW.POSTROCK.KSU.EDU](https://www.postrock.ksu.edu)

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CLUB IDEAS

Looking to add something new to your 4-H Club meetings as you wrap-up the 2025-2026 program year? Here's some ideas for your group to consider:

- Pool Fun: Have a club meeting and cool down at a local swimming pool with your 4-H friends!
- 4-H Parade for Elders: Visit the local Elder Care Home and do a 4-H project parade, showing off your county fair projects and ribbons. Take a moment to ask about the residents' county fair memories from years past.
- I Love 4-H Video/Posters: Make fun videos and posters to share why you love 4-H! Use them to share as families consider youth activities to join during the new school year.
- Record Book Work Night: Have a work night before the busy school schedule arrives and fill out a project record book and achievement pin application. Turn them in early and avoid the stress!
- Use the Club Seal checklist to ensure members are thriving. Remember, Club Seal Applications are due to your local Extension Office by October 1! Club Seal Information: <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/club-and-council-support/club-seal/>



INVITE INTERESTED FAMILIES TO A CLUB MEETING



Enrollment for the 2026-2027 year will begin October 1. Current and new members must enroll each year through 4-H Online. **If you know of a family wanting to join a local community club, please share their email and phone number with your local Extension Office. We don't want them to miss out on important enrollment details.**

- Invite families to your 4-H club activities now so they feel welcome, familiar and are ready to enroll this fall!

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'BEYOND READY': NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 3-10!

National 4-H Week is October 3-10, 2026. 4-H clubs, 4-H families, and 4-H members can use National 4-H Week as a platform to showcase activities, recruit new members, say thank you to sponsors, and spread the word about the value of 4-H in fostering leadership, encouraging community service, developing friendships, and offering hands-on learning.



**48 Hours
of 4-H**
A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.

48 HOURS OF 4-H SERVICE CHALLENGE

48 Hours of 4-H is a community service challenge for all members in Kansas 4-H! The challenge takes place October 10-11. 48 Hours of 4-H is an opportunity for 4-H members and supporters to engage in a concentrated period of community service and project work. You can complete a service project as a member, family, group, or as a 4-H club project! Remember to register your project with [Kansas 4-H on the challenge website!](#)



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT 4-H!

4-H MEMBER FEATURES

Again this year, to promote 4-H, the Post Rock District will be sharing 4-H spotlights in local newspapers and on our social media platforms. 4-H members, volunteers, and alumni are welcome to email our team with information to be included in a feature. Throughout September, October, and November, we will spotlight each participating 4-H member. Email features to postrock4h@ksu.edu or text them to Jenilee Godsey at 417-529-4481.

- Include 1-5 photos of your 4-H experience - past or present.
- Share "I love 4-H because...", "My favorite experience in 4-H is...", "My spark in 4-H is...", "In 4-H I like learning...", "My best 4-H memory is...", or another great summary of 4-H through your eyes!
- Volunteers and alumni are encouraged to participate as well! Tell us why you believe in the 4-H program, agree to volunteer your time, or what 4-H did to shape you.
- You can also share a favorite quote that motivates you as a 4-H member.

CREATE A 4-H PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

Calling 4-H members to create a 'JOIN 4-H VIDEO'! Creating engaging videos to encourage others to join 4-H can be a fun and impactful way to spread the word! Post Rock District would like to use these videos during the month of October as we kick off the new year and the priority enrollment period. Videos can be created individually, as a family, with a few friends, or as a club project. Please keep videos under 2 minutes long. Email videos to postrock4h@ksu.edu or text them to Jenilee Godsey at 417-529-4481. You can also bring them to your local Extension Office to be downloaded.

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IT'S 4-H RECORD BOOK SEASON!

ACHIEVEMENT PINS AND RECORD BOOKS
ARE DUE OCTOBER 1!



4-H Member Achievement Pins: Achievement pins are designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series. As a member's 4-H journey progresses, the achievement pin requirements expand to challenge individuals to explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills. Contact your local Extension Office if you are not sure what pin to apply for!

- Download Achievement Pin applications at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/>.



Permanent Record: Every 4-H member should complete the 4-H permanent record. This is an ongoing record of your involvement and it is required to be eligible for many awards. It can be a really helpful tool when applying for scholarships and a great summary of your 4-H and non-4-H journey!

- Download the Permanent Record at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>.



Project Record: It is recommended that each 4-H member complete a Project Record Report for one (1) project you focused on during 2025-2026 4-H program year. You can complete more project records if you'd like, yet focusing on at least one gives you the opportunity to build important life skills related to records and reporting.

- Download the Project Record for your age division at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>.

ZBooks: Zbooks is an online record keeping software. Record keeping and project reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Using Zbooks, you'll be able to summarize project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form and in your Permanent Record.

- ZBook resources are available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>.



Personal Page: The personal page is a document that accompanies your record books each year. It is a quick reference for review committees as they consider your record books and other applications for recognition.

- Download the Personal Page at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>.

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CLUB DECISIONS TO TRANSITION 4-H YEARS

As your 4-H Club wraps up the current program year and prepares for the 2026-27 year to begin in October, there are some important business decisions that need club motions. Please make sure these decisions are clearly articulated in meeting minutes in the coming months.

- Club Leaders (2 registered and screened adult volunteers needed.)
- Club Officers
- Club Financial Signatories (Signatories cannot be from the same immediate family. You need at least two registered and screened adult volunteers on the account. Youth signatories are also allowed.)
- Club Financial Review Committee (After your club receives your September financial statements, you can conduct your 2025-2026 financial review. More information will be in the next newsletter. You can decide now who will be on the review committee. The committee should be 3 adults OR 2 adults/2 youth, and no one can be immediate family to a signatory.)



FUNDRAISERS FOR 4-H CLUBS: PRE-APPROVAL PROCESS

Is your club planning a fundraiser? Communicate with your local Extension Office in the early planning stages of your fundraiser to make sure you meet all Kansas 4-H policies and best practices relating to raising money in the name of 4-H. We have a form that helps share the necessary information. Complete the form and submit it to your local Extension Office or email to postrock4h@ksu.edu BEFORE beginning your fundraiser. Do not promote or implement your fundraiser until you receive approval from Post Rock District. Allow at least 10 business days for the fundraiser to be reviewed. If the fundraiser needs to be revised, the individual listed on the form is the one who will be contacted. Find the form on the [Post Rock District 4-H website under Club and Council Support, finances and fundraising.](#)

4-H BRANDING REQUIRED ON CLOTHING, AWARDS, AND SWAG

The use of the K-State Extension/Kansas 4-H co-wordmark is required on all 4-H print, digital, apparel, and merchandise. This requirement applies to all designs created at the local, county, district, area, and state levels BEFORE ordering any items to ensure your club, council, fair board, etc. are using licensed vendors and that all designs include the required co-wordmark. We have a form to help with approval. Submit the form & design artwork (in full color) to your local Extension Office or by email to postrock4h@ksu.edu. Allow at least 10 business days for the design to be reviewed. If edits need to be made, the individual listed on the form is the one who will be contacted. Find the form on the [Post Rock District 4-H website under Club and Council Support, branding and marketing.](#)



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DISTRICT/STATE EVENTS AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE



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Aug. 1:	State 4-H Horse Show Entries Due	Sep. 11-13:	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
Aug. 3:	Lincoln County Beef Carcass Show, Ellsworth	Sep. 11-20:	Kansas State Fair
Aug. 3:	Science Day Camp, Mankato	Sep. 26	State 4-H Smallbore/Muzzleloading, Topeka
Aug. 3:	Osborne County 4-H Council Meeting	Oct. 1:	Project Record Books & Pin Applications due
Aug. 4:	Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo, El Dorado	Oct. 1:	Youth Council/Ntl. 4-H Conference Apps Due
Aug. 4:	National Night Out, Mankato	Oct. 2-4:	Kansas Junior Livestock Show
Aug. 5:	Lincoln County 4-H Council Meeting	Oct. 3:	State 4-H Archery Match, Wakarusa
Aug. 5:	Science Day Camp, Lincoln	Oct. 3-10	National 4-H Week
Aug. 15:	NW 4-H Leadership Day Camp	Oct. 10-11:	48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
Aug. 15:	State Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan	Oct. 10-11:	State 4-H Shotgun Match
Aug. 15:	KJLS Entry Deadline	Oct. 17-18:	4-H Dog Conference
Aug. 22-23:	Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan	Oct. 17:	State 4-H Hunting Skills Match
Aug. 24:	Mitchell County 4-H Council Meeting	Nov. 2:	Club Financials Due to the Extension Office
Sept. 3:	State Fair Exhibits Due to Your Extension Office	Nov. 7:	Officer & Leadership Training
Sept. 5:	State 4-H Dog Show, Hutchinson	Nov. 21-22:	Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
Sept. 9:	Foods, Horticulture & Floriculture Items Due by 8:00 a.m. to Your Extension Office	Nov. 21-22:	Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum, Rock Springs

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