POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM YOUR 4-H AGENT...

November is here, and we're excited for all the new 4-H year has in store! We loved seeing your National 4-H Week displays and social media posts. It was wonderful to see our members, families, and communities showing their 4-H pride and helping spread the word about all the great things happening in 4-H.

Fall Achievement Celebrations are coming up, and we look forward to celebrating your successes, growth and hard work from the past year. These celebrations are a great opportunity to recognize the time and dedication you put into your projects and activities, and to be proud of all that you have accomplished.

As we begin a new 4-H year, it's also time to set new goals, try new things, and continue growing in both new and familiar projects. I can't wait to see all the learning, growth, and accomplishments this year brings!

-JENILEE

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SUPPORTS 4-H OFFICERS & MEMBERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

BELOIT



Post Rock District's 4-H Leadership Training will take place Saturday, November 7 in Beloit at the Zion Lutheran Church (621 N. Mill St.). Training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by Noon. If you are an officer (or if you'd like to build your skill set to serve as an officer in the future) this is a great interactive training to come participate in!

By participating, you'll gain information and skills in a wide variety of officer and leadership areas. You'll benefit from a chance to bond with your 4-H club members and make new friends from across the District. Adults are welcome to observe the fun so you can support your 4-H young leaders throughout the year. It is free to attend, but please register by Friday, October 30th at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4JlaeOXkqCoyQDQ

Register by October 30!

ENROLL in 4-H ONLINE BY NOVEMBER 15!

Participation in events, contests, and other activities will be limited until active membership status has been completed and approved, so do not delay getting enrolled! Cloverbuds, new members, renewing members, and volunteers need to complete enrollment. **The Post Rock District priority enrollment period is October 1 through November 15.** For more information visit www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/enroll/.

Check out the October issue of the Post Rock District 4-H Newsletter for more information about the process to enroll.

Log in to 4-H Online to complete your 2026-2027 enrollment!

JEWELL COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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Achievement Celebration

Sunday, November 1
3:30 - 5:00 PM
Rock Hills Jr./Sr. High School

Please join us as we recognize the hard work, growth, leadership, and achievements of our 4-H youth.

- **Reception:** The 4-H Council will provide beverages, and each 4-H family is asked to bring a light snack or dessert to share.
- **Wear a 4-H Shirt:** Wear your 4-H club shirt, a past fair shirt, or the color green. We plan to take club photos and a county-wide photo!



JEWELL COUNTY FAIR 2027 DATES TO REMEMBER

July 5: Pre-fair Clean-up
July 6: Pre-fair Judging
July 8-11: The Main Events
July 11: Premium Auction
July 12: Post-fair Clean-up

FAIR FOOD STAND MANAGER NEEDED

Jewell County 4-H Council is looking to hire a Food Stand Manager for the fair. Let Nora or a Club Leader know if you or someone you know is interested!

JOIN JEWELL COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION ON FACEBOOK

This is where the Extension Office will give office hours updates and other important 4-H reminders!

4-H COUNCIL MEETING IS NOVEMBER 1

The next Jewell County 4-H Council Meeting is November 1, following the Achievement Celebration. We will be electing officers and selecting dates for future meetings.

ENROLL BEFORE NOVEMBER 15

4-H Online Enrollment website:
https://v2.4honline.com

4-H Online is open to process enrollments for the current program year. Both new and returning youth and volunteers need to enroll.

- Returning members will select 'pay by check' and submit. We will enter the sponsor code from the office. 4-H Council will pay your program fee.
- New 4-H members will pay the fee personally, but you will receive credit at the 4-H food stand in the summer if you are still an active 4-H member.
- Cloverbuds will not be asked to pay a fee.

NEWSLETTER FOR NEW MEMBERS

Please double-check that new members are getting this newsletter via email, and call the office if not, so we can confirm contact information.



JEWELL COUNTY 4-H FUND

The Jewell County 4-H Council is establishing a fund with the Jewell County Community Foundation. If you are interested in supporting the fund at The Great Give on December 1, reach out to Nora for more information.

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ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

The Junior Sunflower 4-H Club is hosting the 2026 Achievement Celebration. The evening begins at 5 pm on Sunday, November 8th at the Finch Theatre in Lincoln. The theme this year is ***American 250***. Jr Sunflower will provide grilled hamburgers & hot dogs, drinks & silverware. Other families are asked to bring side dishes. After the meal & awards, there is a movie to watch. Mark your calendar & plan to attend!

4-H LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Attention all 4-H Club Members - If you are a club officer or not, **Leadership/Officer Training** is for you! The training is Sat., November 7th from 9 AM -12 PM at the Beloit Zion Lutheran Church (621 N Mill St). See page 1 for more info. This is a great opportunity to learn the responsibilities of each office. If you haven't attended an officer training, you need to attend. This helps keep 4-H Club/4-H Council meetings running smoothly, finishing in a timely manner with proper guidance, documentation and organization.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

If your 4-H Club will be welcoming new members this year, be sure to invite them to all of your meetings and activities!

CLUB FINANCIALS DUE NOVEMBER 2

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Please pick up at the Extension Office.
Congratulations to all exhibitors!

SAVE THE DATES

Beef weigh-in is on Saturday, February 27 at the Sylvan Sale Barn from 10-11 am.
Small animal weigh-in is Saturday, April 24 from 10-11 am at the fairgrounds.

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Monday, December 21, 2026 | 12 noon
Lincoln Senior Center

Beyond Ready

4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE NOVEMBER 15TH

4-H Online opened on Thursday, October 1st to enroll for the 2026-2027 year! The deadline to enroll is November 15th. New and returning youth, as well as volunteers, are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible. Select "Pay By Check" and press "Submit". Boosters will pay your enrollment fee.

4-H COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

4-H Council met on October 14th. Your 2026-27 4-H Council officers are:

President - Emma S.
Vice President - Kolton M.
Secretary - Tenley B.
Treasurer - Alison R.

The next Council meeting is Monday, December 21st at noon. Pizza and drink will be served. Clubs have a few items to discuss to bring back to Council at this meeting.

CLUB OFFICERS - NOTIFY EXTENSION OFFICE

Please notify the Extension Office of all elected officers and club leaders for the 2026-2027 4-H year.

Make sure club leaders, club officers, and club signatories are all listed in your meeting minutes!*



The Bullfoot Creek Sylvan Hustlers 4-H Club showed their 4-H spirit by participating in the District Hay Bale Decorating contest. They may not have won, but they sure are full of green spirit! Great job, BCSH!

2027 Lincoln County Fair
July 11 - 18, 2027

OFFICE CLOSURES
Nov 11th - Veteran's Day holiday
Nov 25th-27th for Thanksgiving.

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2026 ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

The 2026 Mitchell County 4-H Achievement Celebration will take place on **Sunday, November 1st, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Mitchell County Fair Board Building. Save the date on your calendars and please RSVP at the link below, if you have not already done so. https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4GRLPNYTD864pMy

2026 celebration duties are:



- Location - Tipton Club
- Food - Asherville Club
- Decorations - West Beloit Club



MITCHELL COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Sunday, November 1st, 2026
Following the Achievement Celebration

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

WED NOV 11TH
VETERANS DAY
WED - FRI NOV 25TH - 27TH
FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

ENROLLING FOR 2026-2027 4-H YEAR

4-H Online Enrollment is underway and Due by November 15th. If you choose "pay by check", when enrolling and are not in the Tipton Club please bring or mail your check to the Extension office so we can confirm your enrollment. Please call or stop by the office if you have any questions regarding enrollment.





Please invite your friends to join too!

Join us for New 4-H Family Orientation on Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 PM via Zoom! You can count on learning more about everything from the 4-H 'lingo' to the importance of monthly meetings. Plus, an opportunity for Q&A with our staff.

Register by the end of the day Tuesday, November 3rd to receive the link to join by clicking this link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5tDbUKm8hS7BSt0

4-H LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Officer and Leadership Training will be held this year in Beloit on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a great opportunity for officers, committee members, and 4-Hers wanting to learn to be a leader in your club! Save the date and see page 1 for more information.

CLUB FINANCIALS DUE NOVEMBER 2

OSBORNE COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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4-H FAMILIES - DON'T WAIT! ENROLL/REENROLL TODAY!



4-H Online Enrollment website:
https://v2.4honline.com

Both new and returning youth and volunteers need to enroll for the new 4-H year.

All existing and new members should select "Pay by Check". DO NOT MAIL A CHECK. Osborne County 4-H Council is paying this year's program fee. Cloverbuds and volunteers are not asked to pay a fee.

CONTACT THE OSBORNE EXTENSION OFFICE IF YOU NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS. REFER TO THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.



CLUB FINANCIALS DUE NOVEMBER 2

Reminder to all 4-H Clubs and club leaders - Club Financials are due to the Extension office by end of business Monday, November 2. If you have questions, please contact the office.

OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H PRIDE SHINED BRIGHT DURING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK









2027 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR THEME

"From Fields to Fairgrounds"
Dates have not been set yet

4-H ACHIEVEMENT & KICKOFF CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2:30 P.M.
SIMS CENTER, OSBORNE

Please join us as we gather as a county to celebrate 4-H achievements and gear up for a great 4-H year ahead!

OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS

Osborne County 4-H Council met September 28th. Officer elections, naming a Friend of 4-H and reviewing 2027 county fair themes were a few of the agenda items. The 2026 - 2027 4-H Council officers are:

- President - Lainey Kendig
- Vice-President - Zane Poore
- Secretary - Lynae Paget
- Treasurer - Milo Schreuder

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, November 1, 1:30p.m., Sims Center

4-H LEADERSHIP TRAINING NOVEMBER 7

The future needs leaders like you and leadership starts with YOU! Plan to attend the annual Post Rock District leadership training. It will be held Saturday, November 7th at the Beloit Zion Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Address for the church is 621 N. Mill Street. Plan to attend to learn by doing and gain skills to take back to your club. See page 1 for registration details.

4-H FOOD STAND NEEDS A MANAGER

We are looking for a 4-H Food Stand Manager for the 2027 fair. Know someone who might be a great fit? Please let us know.

SMITH COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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PRIORITY ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Get enrolled in 4-H Online by November 15!

Here are some helpful resources to guide you through enrolling in 4-H. The first link is to our website and there you can find an **Enroll Today!** button to complete your **2026-2027 enrollment!**

ENROLLMENT RESOURCES

postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/enroll/

kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/

If you need assistance completing your 4-H Online enrollment, call the Extension Office. Enrollment dues will be paid for by 4-H Council. When you enroll, click "pay by check" and we will take care of the rest. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN 4-H!

Join us for New 4-H Family Orientation on Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 PM via Zoom! You can count on learning more about everything from the 4-H 'lingo' to the importance of monthly meetings. Plus, an opportunity for Q&A with our staff. Register by the end of the day Tuesday, November 3rd to receive the link to join by clicking this link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5tDbUKm8hS7BSt0

2026 ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

November 15, 2026
Catholic Parish Hall
2:00 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 2 - Club Financials due to Extension Office
Nov. 5 - **New Family Orientation via ZOOM**
Nov. 7 - **Leadership Training** @ Beloit
(Supports 4-H Club and Council Youth Leaders)
Nov. 15 - Achievement Celebration
Nov. 15 - Priority Enrollment Period
Participation in events, contests, and other activities will be limited until active membership status has been completed and approved, so do not delay getting enrolled!

2026-2027 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Korey W.
Vice President: Kalyn I.
Treasurer: Camber K.
Secretary: Kaylee W.

CLUB FEEDBACK NEEDED

- Fair Theme Ideas
- County-wide winter activity and date preferences

4-H LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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Please Register by Friday, October 30 at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4JlaeOXkqCoyQDQ

4-H COMMUNICATION FROM EXTENSION BY EMAIL

4-H reminders and correspondence from Post Rock District and the Smith County Extension Office will continue to be shared by email using your 4-H online contact information (including this newsletter). We are currently exploring our options and the best forms of communication with our families. We value our 4-H families and thank you for your participation and for making Smith County 4-H a great success!

The Next 4-H Council Meeting will be Nov. 15 after Achievement Celebration.

VETERANS DAY

Our office will be closed Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATIONS

Each county will be hosting an Achievement Celebration this fall to kick off the new 4-H year and celebrate the successes of last year. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite new members to start making 4-H friends and memories. Check your county's newsletter page for complete details as 4-H Councils plan the celebrations!

- Jewell County: November 1
- Lincoln County: November 8
- Mitchell County: November 1



- Osborne County: November 1
- Smith County: November 15

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE

Anytime youth gather in the name of 4-H, it is important that there are two adults present who have been approved by Post Rock District as 4-H registered and screened volunteers! A 4-H Club is required to have two club leaders, yet it takes many more volunteers to have successful project learning experiences, workshops, community service activities, etc. Register as an adult volunteer in 4-H Online as soon as possible. After registering, your local Extension Office staff will share with you the steps to complete the required background check. This is paid for by Post Rock District. Once all of these steps are completed, you are eligible to be considered for approval by the Post Rock District Governing Board. Volunteers complete these steps during their initial enrollment. Each year after, volunteers can renew in 4-H Online without the extra steps. **If you plan to assist/support your club, council, or at project meetings (beyond helping the children in your immediate family), please register as an adult volunteer!**

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT FEE DUE

If you enrolled in a Shooting Sports project, it is time to pay your County 4-H Council the $10.00 project participation fee. One amount is due regardless of number of disciplines enrolled in. The project fee supports the special requirements needed to maintain a 4-H Shooting Sports Program in the Post Rock District. Youth 8 years old before January 1, 2027 can participate in 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth MUST be actively enrolled in Shooting Sports via 4-H Online to be able to attend any practice or activity. Contact Nora Rhoades, nrhoades@ksu.edu, our District's certified Shooting Sports Coordinator, to learn about practices with our certified instructors.

SCHEDULE A YQCA CLASS

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being, and character development. It is a great learning experience for youth involved in any livestock project! The class is required to be completed annually by all Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show participants. YQCA training can be completed online or by attending an in-person class. Learn more about YQCA at https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/events/yqca/.

- Your club or county can host an in-person training. Blaire Todd, Livestock Production Agent (blairet@ksu.edu), can assist with your questions and getting an in-person class scheduled.

KANSAS 4-H 'BEYOND READY' SHIRTS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

A webstore of the "Beyond Ready" Shirts that were sold at the Kansas State Fair is open now and will close on Monday, November 23 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time. The shirts will all be made at one time once orders close and then will be shipped out in time for the holidays. With the shipping cost, it makes sense for clubs or families to order together.

Order here: https://stores.inksoft.com/kansas_4-h/shop/home

ORDERS FOR '4-H MEMBER LIVES HERE' YARD SIGNS BEING TAKEN NOW!

Kansas 4-H has opened an ordering opportunity for "A 4-H Member Lives Here" yard signs. We will take orders as a district and submit one order. Orders will be due December 1st, and orders must be paid for by this date to be official. **Each sign is $20, which can be paid at your local Post Rock District Office** by cash or check. *Checks are to be written to your local 4-H Council.* Please complete the form below to place your order.

Order here: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9KzHNVvl07YxSiq



EXPLORE AG CAREERS AND COLLEGE READINESS AT NW KS AG CAREER DAY

Brought to you by the 2026–2027 NW KS 4-H Ag Ambassadors, this interactive event is designed for high school students to explore exciting career opportunities in agriculture, connect with industry professionals, and prepare for life after high school! The event will be held on November 14th from 9 AM - Noon at the Hays High School (2300 E. 13th St., Hays, KS). See more information on our Post Rock website. Register by November 11th at this link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5oQkRDXaLZWCPye

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR 4-H COMMUNICATIONS

Post Rock District and Kansas 4-H use email as primary means of communication. We use the email contact information shared when you enroll in 4-HOnline. Please check that your current email and phone are included in 4-HOnline. Your local Extension Office can assist with updating this contact information. It is VERY important 4-HOnline is updated in October with your current information! **If you are a returning member and have not been receiving 4-H email correspondance, please let us know so that we may help resolve the issue!**

POST ROCK DISTRICT NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION



Do you have new families in your club? Or are you a new family to 4-H reading this newsletter and don't know where to start? Maybe you have a family in mind that is still on the fence about joining 4-H and would like more information before taking the plunge.

Join us for New 4-H Family Orientation on Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 PM via Zoom! You can count on learning more about everything from the 4-H 'lingo' to the importance of monthly meetings. Plus, an opportunity for Q&A with our staff.

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4-H DAY / JUDGING EXTRAVAGANZA - FEBRUARY 13 AND MARCH 1

Post Rock District will host two 4-H Day events in 2027 to provide youth with an opportunity to showcase skills in public speaking, music, dance, and other talents. Save the dates of Saturday morning, February 13 and Monday afternoon/evening, March 1. The 4-H Day Guide will be released with the December newsletter, and registration will open in January.

Post Rock District will host a district judging experience concurrently with the 2027 4-H Days. The judging contests will be the same at each event. Attending 4-H Day/Judging Extravaganza is a great opportunity to engage in TWO district experiences in one day... great news for those working on achievement pins. We'll share study materials about the 2027 judging contests in the January newsletter.

- 4-H Clubs provide opportunities to present about your 4-H project experiences. Get a head start on your 4-H Day entry by presenting to your 4-H Club this fall!
- Looking for a club activity? Contact your local Extension Office to coordinate bringing a mini-judging experience to your club-level. Let us know in advance as it may take a couple weeks to prepare an experience or access state resources.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE

The Kansas Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) takes place through a partnership between Network Kansas, Kansas State University, and Kansas 4-H! 4-H members are encouraged to think about how project learning can be enhanced through business planning and entrepreneurship. Look for an opportunity to compete in YEC in your county! If you need a mentor or additional support, let your local Extension Office know! We are happy to help! *P.S. - There are contests at 4-H Day that are entrepreneurship-focused! This gives youth entrepreneurs an opportunity to practice pitching a business, and you'll gain valuable feedback to help you prepare for YEC!*



4-H PROJECT RECORDS ADVANCING TO REGIONAL JUDGING DUE JANUARY 6

Post Rock District Senior age 4-H members (ages 14 – 18) are eligible to advance to the North West 4-H Project Record screening if they were chosen as the project award winner in their local county. 4-H members must turn in project records for regional screening to their local Post Rock District Extension Office by January 6, 2027. This allows us to get the project records to our Post Rock District staff who will be going to the North West Regional screening on January 13. The following items complete a Regional Project Award submission: check sheet; personal information page; cover letter; resume; and project report form. Contact your local Extension Office for additional information or for one-on-one assistance. Helpful resources to assist with preparing the cover letter and resume can be found at these links: Local Record Keeping & Project Report Forms, Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition, and Create a Successful Resume.

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. As we kickoff a new 4-H year, make sure that you are receiving all methods of communication from our offices. Let us know if you need added!

4-H DAY WITH KSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IS JANUARY 9

The annual 4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball Team is scheduled for January 9th, 2027 at 5:00 PM. Cheer loud with 4-H friends from around the state as the Wildcat women take on the Sun Devils of Arizona State! Registration and details will be coming soon. If you are certain you want to attend, please notify the Extension Office so we can share information as soon as it becomes available. This is a non-refundable 4-H experience. It could be a fun night out with your 4-H club!

STATE 4-H HORSE PANORAMA AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

The Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama will be February 20-21 at the Kansas State University in Weber Hall. The state experience is for 4-H members ages 9-18 and adult volunteers. Horse panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the horse project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography, and educational posters. Details coming soon. Let your local office know if you are interested, and we can share more information as soon as it is released.

INTERNATIONAL 4-H TRAVEL FOR KANSAS YOUTH



Kansas 4-H members can apply to get the experience of a lifetime as part of an international exchange. If you think having a study abroad experience is for you, NOW is the time to research the program. Applications are due November 1, 2027. Opportunities include Costa Rica, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and Norway. Opportunities are also available for 4-H alumni and young adults. Adult chaperones are also being recruited. Call your local Extension Office to learn more details about these opportunities and the application process.

HOST STUDENTS FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY THROUGH 4-H

Kansas families are needed to host students traveling into our great state through 4-H study abroad experiences. If your family is interested in hosting a teen for a short-term experience during summer 2027, please notify your local Extension Office. We can help you learn more about the opportunities, anticipated dates of hosting, and how to complete the application. The application is open and is due as soon as possible.

2027 K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

The K-State Junior Producer Days focus on beef and sheep in even years and swine and meat goat in odd years. These are one-day, educational events for families to learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects.

Registration information will be released in November. Once released, updates will be posted on the KSU Youth Livestock Program Facebook page, as well as the Junior Producer Days page of KSU Youth Livestock Program website, which is under the events tab.

- Junior Swine Producer Day: Saturday, March 6, 2027
- Junior Meat Goat Producer Day: Saturday, March 20, 2027



4-H CLUB CORNER: NEW MEMBER RESOURCES

Kansas 4-H has a variety of helpful resources to help your 4-H Club succeed this year. Explore the resources at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/. Here are some resources that will help your newest members kick-start their journey in 4-H:

- Welcoming New 4-H Members
- 4-H Greet Sheet
- New Family Guide



NEW MEMBERS? LET US KNOW!

If your 4-H Club will be welcoming new members this year, be sure to invite them to all of your meetings and activities. Let the Extension Office know their contact information, so we can keep them informed about how to enroll!

NEWS RELEASES AND SUCCESS STORIES

Throughout this new 4-H year, 4-H club officers are encouraged to share the exciting activities your club is up to by emailing a photo and short success story to your local office or postrock4h@ksu.edu. We'll then take these impact stories and share them out on our district social media accounts. While you are sharing your impact, remember to submit news releases about your 4-H club to the local newspaper!

- Club Leaders are encouraged to check with the Extension Office to see if any of your club members have selected to NOT have their name and picture used for any outreach and communication. If permission is not given by the family, the club must also respect these choices.

REPORT OCTOBER COMMUNITY SERVICE TO KANSAS 4-H

If a member, group, club, or council completed a community service project in October, it can be counted as participation in the Kansas 4-H 48 Hours of 4-H program. You need to register the project AND complete the follow-up report. *Submitting the report is how it becomes an OFFICIAL 48 Hours of 4-H project. Otherwise, it should not be counted as such on your club seal or achievement pin application.* Register your project at the 48 Hours of 4-H website.

THE RECORD BOOK TOOLBOX

IT FEELS LIKE YOU JUST FINISHED, BUT START NOW!



The beginning of a new 4-H year is the perfect time to start your project record books and review pin application requirements! Setting goals early helps you plan activities throughout the year to meet pin requirements and make quality entries in your project records. Members are encouraged to choose at least one project to complete a Project Record Report Form for this year. Focusing on one project allows you to document your learning, activities, accomplishments, and growth throughout the year, resulting in a more complete and meaningful report. Be sure to select the correct form for your age division (Junior, ages 7–9; Intermediate, ages 10–13; or Senior, ages 14–18) and project type (General or Animal). Find forms here: Kansas 4-H Local Record Keeping Forms.

NEED EDUCATIONAL OR ENGAGING SUPPLEMENTAL CLUB MEETING ACTIVITIES?



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.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

It is time to complete your 4-H Club's annual financial review. Completed reviews are due to your local Extension Office no later than close of business on November 2, 2026. An email was sent to Club Leaders earlier this month with specific details about this review. You can also find more information and forms on the Post Rock District website. If you have any questions about the required review, please reach out to Jenilee Godsey at jenileem@ksu.edu or contact your local Extension Office.

REDUCED OFFICE HOURS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Post Rock District Offices will be closed the following dates in November and December. There will be very limited access to Post Rock District staff by email and phone during this time. Please plan ahead if you need support with your 4-H experience or if you need to visit the local Extension Office.

- November 11 (Veteran's Day)
- November 25 through November 29 (Thanksgiving)
- December 7 (Staff Retreat)
- December 24 through January 1 (Christmas / New Year's)

POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H LEADER ORIENTATION



We are excited to offer you an opportunity to dive into your role as a 4-H Club Leader, Adult Volunteer, and/or potential volunteer with the tools necessary to succeed!

Join us for 4-H Leader Orientation on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 PM via Zoom!
You can count on learning more about everything from your roles and responsibilities and resources availble to how to change up monthly meetings and expanding ideas for your club.

Register by the end of the day Friday, October 30th to receive the link to join by clicking this link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NV77l6hHsF8duu

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DISTRICT/STATE EVENTS AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

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Nov. 1:	Jewell County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Nov. 1:	Jewell County 4-H Council Meeting
Nov. 1:	Osborne County 4-H Council Meeting
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Nov. 1:	Mitchell County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Nov. 1:	Mitchell County 4-H Council Meeting
Nov. 1:	International 4-H Travel for KS Youth Apps Due
Nov. 2:	Club Financials Due to the Extension Office
Nov. 3:	PRD 4-H Leader Orientation Training, ZOOM
Nov. 5:	PRD New 4-H Family Orientation, ZOOM
Nov. 7:	Officer & Leadership Training, Beloit
Nov. 8:	Lincoln County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Nov. 11:	Veteran's Day Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed
Nov. 14:	NW Agriculture Career Day, Hays
Nov. 15:	Priority 4-H Enrollment Period Last Day
Nov. 15:	Smith County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Nov. 15:	Smith County 4-H Council Meeting
Nov. 21-22:	Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
Nov. 23:	Kansas 4-H T-Shirt Order Deadline
Nov. 21-22:	Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum, Rock Springs
Nov. 25-27:	Thanksgiving Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed
Dec. 1:	4-H Member Lives Here Sign Orders Due
Dec. 7:	PRD Staff Retreat, all offices closed
Dec. 21:	Lincoln County 4-H Council Meeting
Dec. 24-31:	Christmas Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed
Jan. 1:	New Year's Day Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed
Jan. 6:	Regional Record Book Submissions Due
Jan. 9:	4-H Day with the KSU Wildcat Women Basketball
Jan. 12:	Regional Record Book Judging
Jan. 16:	NW Ag & STEM Youth Day Camp, Location TBD
Feb. 7-8:	Citizenship in Action
Feb. 13:	PRD 4-H Day/Judging Extravaganza (AM)
Feb. 20-21:	Horse Panorama, Manhattan
Feb. 27:	Lincoln County Beef Weigh-In
Mar. 1:	PRD 4-H Day/Judging Extravaganza (PM)
Mar. 6:	KSU Junior Swine Producer Day, Manhattan
Mar. 20:	Super Saturday, Colby
Mar. 20:	KSU Junior Meat Goat Producer Day, Manhattan
Apr. 17:	Spring Shooting Sports Match, Great Bend
Apr. 20-21:	State Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
Apr. 24:	Lincoln County Small Animal Weigh-In
Jun. 9-11:	Kansas 4-H Discovery Days
Jun. 18-19:	Insect Spectacular, Wichita
Jul. 8-11:	Jewell County Fair
Jul. 11-18	Lincoln County Fair
Sep. 9-19:	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson



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