



POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026



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A NOTE FROM YOUR 4-H AGENT...

As we wrap up another 4-H year, it's a great time to pause and celebrate all the accomplishments, friendships, memories, and lessons learned along the way. From projects and meetings to fairs, contests, community service, and everything in between, our 4-H members have continued to learn, lead, and grow.

But as one 4-H year comes to a close, another one is just beginning—and the possibilities are endless! A new 4-H year brings new projects to explore, new skills to learn, new challenges to tackle, and new opportunities to make a difference. Whether you're returning for another year or just getting started, there's something for everyone in 4-H. Try something new, set a goal, take on a leadership role, or simply find a project that sparks your curiosity.

Here's to a new year filled with possibilities galore, adventures ahead, and opportunities to "Learn by Doing!" We can't wait to see what you accomplish!

-JENILEE

4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1!



Log in to
4-HOnline to complete your
2026-2027 enrollment!

October is here which means it is time to enroll in 4-H! 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 annually. The Post Rock District priority enrollment period is October 1-November 15. More info: [our 4-H enrollment website page here](#).

Complete your 4-HOnline enrollment from a computer. It is easier to navigate the 4-HOnline database from a computer rather than a smart phone. Contact your local Extension Office if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment to complete enrollment at the office or other mutually agreed upon location.

New to 4-H: If you or your family have never used [4-HOnline](#), begin by creating an account.

1. Go to 4-HOnline at <http://v2.4honline.com>
2. Click "Don't have an account"
3. Select the Kansas 4-H drop-down menu
4. Select Kansas 4-H Youth Development as your Institution
5. Choose your 4-H county
6. Complete the information
7. Create a password
8. Click [Create Account]
9. Enter your Family's address information
10. Click [Verify]
11. Continue to Youth Member and Cloverbud Enrollment
12. Write down your account username and password!

Returning Member: If you are a current 4-H family and have a 4-HOnline account, renew your enrollment using this account. Add additional family members under the existing account. Do not create a new account!

1. Go to <http://v2.4honline.com>
2. Enter your email address and password
3. If your forgot your password, complete the "Reset password?" process
4. Click [Sign In]
5. Continue to Youth Member and Cloverbud Enrollment



**FIND MORE IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT
INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE!**



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FAMILY ENROLLMENT GUIDE

Review the Family Enrollment Guide for more information about navigating 4-HOnline. Find it here: www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/.

4-H AGE REQUIREMENTS

4-H Members are 7 - 18 years old by January 1, 2027. Cloverbuds are 5 - 6 years old by January 1. Cloverbuds participate for experience only.

NEED A COMPUTER?

If you need access to a computer to help you enroll, schedule an appointment with your local Extension Office. We are happy to help you enroll in 4-H!

4-H Membership Fee Payment Information

Kansas 4-H's annual membership fee is \$15 per member. Cloverbuds do not pay a fee.

Receiving a Sponsorship?

Select 'Pay by Check'

This is the payment method to use to ensure all available local county and club sponsorships are applied. When you select this option, Post Rock District staff will enter your sponsorship code on the backside of the database during the approval process.

Need to Pay Personally?

Select 'Pay by Check' OR Select 'Pay by Credit Card'

- **Pay by Cash or Check to your 4-H Council:** DO NOT mail a check to the State 4-H Office. If you want to pay for your 4-H enrollment with a check or cash, select 'pay by check' in the 4-HOnline system. Then, go to your local Extension Office and complete your payment. Please make checks payable to your County's 4-H Council.
- **Pay by Credit Card:** If there are no county or club sponsorships covering your membership fee, you will be personally responsible to pay your enrollment by November 15. If you do not want to pay by cash or check, you can choose to pay your fee by credit card. Keep in mind, credit card payments are made directly to the Kansas 4-H State Office. Once you select this option, there is a very limited ability to change your payment method or address a mistake. When in doubt select 'pay by check'!

Not sure how to pay?

Select 'Pay by Check'

If you are not sure how to pay, select 'pay by check' before submitting and our staff can assist on the backside of the database during the approval process. Some counties and clubs have a membership scholarship. Check your county's page in this newsletter for more specific payment instructions.

4-H PROJECT SELECTION

When enrolling in 4-HOnline, 4-H members will select projects they are interested in exploring during the year. Your project selections can be modified until spring. Cloverbuds enroll in a 4-H club, but do not select any projects in 4-HOnline. Explore more about the projects in the Kansas 4-H Project Selection Guide, available at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/.

JEWELL COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of our State Fair exhibitors! We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication, and talents you showcased at the Kansas State Fair. Your efforts represented the very best of our local 4-H and youth livestock programs. Thank you for representing our county so well, and we look forward to seeing your continued success in the coming year!

4-H GREETERS @ ROCK HILLS

ELEMENTARY: Oct. 5 @ 7:40 - 8:05 a.m

All Jewell County 4-H members and adult volunteers are welcome to kick-off National 4-H Week as morning greeters outside at the Rock Hills Elementary entrance. It is Go Green Day, so wear your 4-H gear!



Our office will be closed Monday, October 12th in observance of Indigenous People's Day

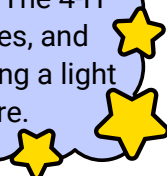
4-H COUNCIL MEETING

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



Save the Date

The 4-H Achievement Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 1, at 3:30 p.m. in the Little Theater at Rock Hills Jr./Sr. High School. A reception will follow in the Commons Area. The 4-H Council will provide beverages, and each 4-H family is asked to bring a light snack or dessert to share.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCT 4-10!

This year, we are joining 4-H programs across the country to celebrate National 4-H Week and the Beyond Ready initiative. Kick off the week by wearing green on Monday to show your 4-H spirit, and on Thursday, help us shine a spotlight on the many ways 4-H empowers youth to become Beyond Ready for the future.

THANK YOU

Sadly, our Office Professional, Katelyn's last day in the office will be October 2nd. We are so thankful for her time with us and will miss her dearly, but wish her all the best in her transition!

Beginning October 3rd, please direct all 4-H questions to Nora or Jenilee as we navigate restaffing the office. We would recommend calling the office before visiting as there will be days of closure during this time.

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!****



4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1!

4-H Online will open for enrollment on Thursday, October 1. Both new and returning youth and volunteers need to enroll for the new 4-H year. Enrollment fees for returning members are covered by 4-H Council, so returning members should select "Pay by Check" when enrolling. New members will pay their own enrollment fee and, if they remain active in 4-H, will receive a Fair Food Stand credit later in the year.

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT PINS/RECORD BOOKS DUE OCTOBER 1

4-H Record Book, Project Records, Achievement Pin and Club Seal applications are due to the Lincoln Extension Office on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Award submissions must include completion of required and optional items and required signatures. If you're unsure which award to apply for, call the Extension Office and we'll be happy to help.



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 9-12 PM at the Beloit Zion Lutheran Church (621 N Mill St). See page 5 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.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK will be celebrated October 4th – 10th and highlights 4-H's longstanding commitment to youth development and community impact. The theme this year is "Beyond Ready". Monday, October 5th is "Go Green Day" – wear green to show your 4-H spirit. Thursday, October 8th is "Thankful Thursday" - a day to honor mentors, volunteers, and educators making a positive impact on our youth.

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 6:30 pm
Lincoln Senior Center

2027 Lincoln County Fair
July 11 - 18, 2027

4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1

4-H Online opens on Wednesday, October 1st to enroll for the 2026-2027 year! 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 EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Lincoln County active 4-H members have an opportunity for a scholarship to help defray costs to 4-H camp, Discovery Days, KYLF, or another event. This scholarship pays 50% of the base price of the activity/event you are attending. This scholarship is for one activity/event per year, per 4-H member. The completed application must be submitted to the extension office by October 1. Applications are online at <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/member-resources/event-scholarships/>.

SPIRIT OF 4-H AWARD

The family of Billy Clark established this award to provide recognition & monetary support to a 4-Her who exemplifies the 4-H spirit. Each club was asked to nominate one Lincoln County 4-H'er who they have witnessed exemplifying the "4-H Spirit". To submit a nomination, send an email to Gelane Cavalli at gelanecavalli@gmail.com. Return nominations to Gelane or the Extension Office COB October 15th.

HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST

Lincoln County 4-H Clubs - NOW is your time to shine! PRD is having a club hay bale decorating contest. Decorate a hay bale that puts 4-H on display. Fill our communities with 4-H pride. For details, see the post in our Lincoln Co. Facebook group.

Our office will be closed Monday, October 12th in observance of the Columbus/Indigenous Day holiday

MITCHELL COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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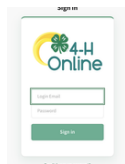
CONGRATULATIONS

Join us in Congratulating Cassie on the arrival of her new baby Girl:
Delilah Donna,
Born September 16th



ENROLLING FOR THE NEW 4-H YEAR

4-H Online Enrollment will open on October 1st. Find more information on pages 1 & 2. Call the office if you have any questions regarding enrollment.



It's time to invite your friends to join too!



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Join us in celebrating all things 4-H October 4 - 10. This year's theme is "Beyond Ready".

Mon., Oct. 5 is "Go Green Day".
Thurs., Oct. 8 is "Thankful Thursday"

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Mon., Oct 12TH - Columbus/Indigenous Day

WRAP UP 2025-2026 4-H YEAR

Project Record Books, Member Pin Applications, Club Seal Applications and 4-H Record Books are due in the Extension Office by:

4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 1st

link to forms and resources for these items is:

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

Record Book Covers are available at the Extension Office for \$4.00



Please pick up your State Fair Projects at the Extension Office by October 13th Please

Foods, Flowers and Vegetables were destroyed. Call the Office if you have questions.

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

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT & KICKOFF CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2:30 P.M.
LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

Each fall, Osborne County 4-H hosts a 4-H Achievement/Kick-off Celebration to gather as a county and celebrate 4-H achievements and milestones. Council set date for **Sunday, November 1 at 2:30p.m.** More details including the location will be shared soon. Council members are planning some fun fall games and activities. Please join us.



FINAL CALL TO SUBMIT 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PINS, PROJECT RECORDS & CLUB SEALS

Project record books, achievement pin applications, club seal applications and officer books are due to the Osborne Extension office on Thursday, October 1 before the end of the business day.

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 7TH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The annual Post Rock District leadership training will be held Saturday, November 7th. The event will be held 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 5 for registration details.

GOOD LUCK AT STATE 4-H SHOTGUN

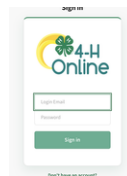
Congratulations to Zane Poore and Zerrick Betzold who qualified for the October 10th State 4-H Shotgun Competition. Good Luck at State!



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.

4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1



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

REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGES 1 & 2! ENROLL NOW

4-H Online opens to process enrollments on Thursday, October 1. 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 for members enrolling/re-enrolling by November 1. Cloverbuds are not asked to pay a fee.

Contact the Osborne Extension Office if you have questions or need help enrolling.

See Page 1 and 2 for details for enrolling.

2026 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



Join us in celebrating all things 4-H October 4 - 10. This year's theme is Beyond Ready. Monday, October 5, is "Go Green Day". Thursday, October 8 is "Thankful Thursday" shining a light on all the good that 4-H does.

Help us show our communities what 4-H is all about - growing confidence. building friendships, discovering new interests, serving others and so much more. Let's make October the month we spread the 4-H story and invite others to be part of it. See page 3 for all the details on how you can help "HIGHLIGHT 4-H".



4-H clubs are also encouraged to plan community service projects in conjunction with 48 Hours of 4-H weekend October 10 and 11. Let's show the impact of service-minded youth in our communities.

SMITH COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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ENROLLING FOR THE NEW 4-H YEAR

4-H Online Enrollment will open on **October 1**

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

2026-27 4-H DUES

Each 4-Her's annual state enrollment dues will be paid for by the Smith County 4-H Council. **When you enroll, click 'Pay by Check,'** and the Extension Office team will take care of the rest.

GO GREEN AT THE REDMEN FOOTBALL GAME!

October 16: 4-H Council and older members (4th grade and up) are invited to help promote 4-H during halftime of the football game. You will toss out balls to the crowd as we kick-off a new year of 4-H. Meet at the gate one minute before halftime. ALL members are invited to fill the stands by wearing your 4-H green at the game. Remember, youth of all ages must follow the USD 237 policies regarding youth/adult supervision during school activities.

Thank you, Busy Bees 4-H Club, for taking the lead to celebrate 4-H at Thunder Ridge. Reach out to the club leaders to get involved with those activities.

WELCOME, COUNTYLINE MEADOWLARKS

There's a new club coming to Smith County 4-H. While they are still in the process of formally chartering, they are accepting new members. You may find them in 4HOnline as a club while enrolling for the new year. If you would like more information about this club, please contact the Smith County Office and we will connect you with the right person!

Club Contact: Samantha Russell

Meeting Dates: Last Sunday of Each Month

Meeting Location: Smith Center Vet Clinic

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 1 - Pin and project award applications due
Oct. 4-11 - National 4-H week (See page 3)
Oct. 5 - **"Go Green"** - Wear your green to school!
Oct. 16 - Go Green at the Redmen Football Game!
Oct. 18 - 4-H Council 1:00 @ courthouse
Nov. 7 - Leadership Training @ Beloit
Nov. 15 - Achievement Celebration

Good Luck to Jase, Kinser, Ruger, Wesson, Kutter at State Shooting Sports!



2026 ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

Save the date of November 15th @ 2 PM for the 2025-26 4-H Achievement Celebration! Cookies and drinks will be served. It will take place at the Catholic Parish Hall in Smith Center.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

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



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 5 for more information.

4-H WEEK



National 4-H week/month in October is a great time to do something for your community.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 4-10

You can do something on your own, with someone, or as a club. Please send us photos of what you did to celebrate or promote 4-H or help your community!

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 4-10

"BEYOND READY"



4-H clubs, 4-H families, and 4-H members are encouraged to 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.

Do you have any specific plans for celebrating or promoting 4-H week? Let your local Extension Office know! If you share a photo and spotlight article about your activities, we are happy to give you a shout out on Post Rock District's 4-H Facebook page. This is a great way for your officer team to share the great news about 4-H. Don't forget to share with your local newspaper!



**WEAR 4-H GEAR
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**THANKFUL THURSDAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**

On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! A day to recognize all 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond. Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference - another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator.



2026 National 4-H Week DAILY SPIRIT THEMES: OCTOBER 4-11



SUN., 10/4	MON., 10/5	TUES., 10/6	WED., 10/7	THURS., 10/8	FRI., 10/9	SAT., 10/10	10/10-10/11
 KICKOFF SUNDAY Launch National 4-H Week with a social media post telling your 4-H story. Where'd you start, where are you headed?	 GO GREEN! DAY Wear green! To work, to school, to daycare. Take photos and flood social media with 4-H green.	 TALENT TUESDAY 4-H Has Talent! Help us highlight those 4-H skills and talents - from animals to public speaking share about your favorite.	 WHY WEDNESDAY "Why 4-H?" Share your "Why" with social media and lets encourage others that 4-H is the place to be!	 THANKFUL THURSDAY Shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference.	 FAVE PROJECT FRIDAY Highlight your favorite 4-H project area and help us showcase all of the project opportunities available in 4-H.	 SATURDAY SHOUTOUT Give a shoutout to someone who has made your 4-H experience what it is - club leaders, parents, alumni, etc.	48 48 HOURS OF 4-H Gather your family, friends or club and lead an organized service project to give back to your local community!



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48 HOURS OF 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

OCTOBER 10-11 WEEKEND

Complete the community service challenge! 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. It's a chance to make a big impact and showcase the dedication and teamwork of the 4-H community.

You can complete a service project as a member, family, group, or as a 4-H club project. We know schedules are busy, so any community service project taking place around National 4-H Week or during the month of October can qualify for the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge! Remember to make it an official 48 Hours of 4-H Service Project by registering your project with [Kansas 4-H on the challenge website](#).

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP IN PROMOTING 4-H!

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.

4-H WEEK PROMOTIONALS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Are you or your club planning to promote 4-H during National 4-H week? If so, and you are looking for printed materials that can be utilized, our Post Rock District staff might just have something you need. From 4-H Sunday inserts, to postcards highlighting club options, and beyond... we are here to help you showcase our favorite youth organization! If this is something we can help you with, please reach out to Jenilee Godsey at jenileem@ksu.edu or by phone at 785-346-2521.

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DISTRICT OFFICER & LEADERSHIP TRAINING SUPPORTS 4-H CLUB AND COUNCIL YOUTH LEADERS

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!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL KANSAS STATE FAIR PARTICIPANTS!

Congratulations to all members that participated in the Kansas State Fair or Grand Drive! You can find results listed at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/. Share photos and highlights of your experience at State Fair with our 4-H Youth Development Agent, Jenilee Godsey, at jenileem@ksu.edu or by text to 417-529-4481. We would like to showcase our PRD 4-Her's Kansas State Fair highlights on social media.

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: TBD
- Smith County: November 15



IMPORTANT ITEMS WITH A DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 1

- Achievement Pin and Key Award Applications
- Project Record Reports and Permanent Record Books
- Club Seal Applications
- KS 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications

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KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM IS NOVEMBER 21-22

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is November 21-22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF features leadership workshops, Kansas 4-H Youth Council elections, and many opportunities to have fun and make friends from across the state. The experience is for teens (ages 14-18 before January 1, 2027). The registration deadline is October 15. Post Rock District will provide a chaperone and transportation to-and-from KYLF. Details are on the [Kansas 4-H event website](#).



INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE KANSAS VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM?

We are seeking an adult who would be interested in serving as a chaperone for KYLF! Post Rock District can cover private vehicle mileage or work with a volunteer to utilize an Extension vehicle. A screened and approved 4-H volunteer is required, but if you are not currently approved, this is something we can help you achieve. Registration fees for the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum happening at the same time could also be covered if you are interested in attending. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Jenilee Godsey at jenileem@ksu.edu.

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.



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!

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KANSAS 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM IS NOVEMBER 21-22

Kansas Volunteer Leaders Forum will take place at Rock Springs 4-H Center on November 21-22. This event is a great platform for sharing ideas, gaining new skills, and strengthening the network of 4-H volunteers across the state - including but not limited to club leaders, project leaders, and engaged parents/grandparents. It's a wonderful chance to contribute to the development and support of 4-H programs in Kansas. Contact your local Extension Office if you are interested in attending so registration details can be shared!



SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT IN POST ROCK DISTRICT

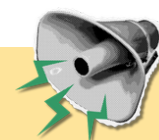
In the new year of 4-H, all youth 8 years old before January 1, 2027 can participate in 4-H Shooting Sports. You MUST be actively enrolled in Shooting Sports via 4-HOnline to be able to attend any practice or activity. In Post Rock District, in addition to enrolling in 4-HOnline, there is a Shooting Sports project participation fee of \$10.00, due to your 4-H Council before you can attend any activity. You can only enroll in a discipline supported by Post Rock District. Nora Rhoades, nrhoades@ksu.edu, serves as our District's certified Shooting Sports Coordinator.

- Archery Instructors: Tommie Berger
- Shotgun Instructors: Karen Panter / Dean Heise
- BB Gun / Air Rifle Instructor: Jeff Cady

FALL ARCHERY PRACTICES

Instructor Tommie Berger will be hosting two 4-H archery practices this fall. In order to participate, youth must be 8 years old before January 1, 2027 AND be signed up for the NEW 4-H program year after October 1, 2026 in 4-HOnline. Youth will also need to get their shooting sports payment turned in to your local Extension Office, as mentioned in the article above. He'll be having a *4-H only practice on October 18* that is required for members to attend if you want to compete in 4-H shooting sports. Additionally, Tommie offers some Open to anyone/Non-4-H practices. If interested, please contact Tommie to RSVP. If you need his contact information, Nora Rhoades can get it to you.

POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H PARENTS & TEENS, WE WANT YOUR VOICE!



As we head into a new 4-H year, we want to hear from parents and teen 4-H members about the needs, ideas, and opportunities you'd like to see for Post Rock District 4-H! We're starting a Post Rock District 4-H Parent & Youth Advisory Committee and will be holding our initial meeting via ZOOM to: share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns, talk about the needs of our 4-H families and help shape the direction of Post Rock District 4-H for the year ahead.

Join us on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 PM to be a part of the conversation!

This is a great opportunity for teens to build leadership experience and can be a great addition to record books.

Want to join the meeting? Email Jenilee at jenileem@ksu.edu to receive the Zoom link. Can't make this first meeting but want to be included in future meetings? No problem! Just email Jenilee to get on the list.

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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 correspondence, please let us know so that we may help resolve the issue!**

SAVE THE DATE - AN AGRICULTURAL CAREER DAY IS COMING!



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 in Hays. An exact location and more details will be coming soon, but mark your calendars now.

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.

READY, SET GO... TIME TO SET GOALS!

Use the "[Setting 4-H Project Goals](#)" worksheet as you set goals for your 4-H projects and with your 4-H club!

- Once a young person has selected their 4-H projects, they should plan out what they would like to learn and accomplish.
- Goal setting is a great educational activity to incorporate into a 4-H club meeting! It is very helpful when this process is done with the support of a caring adult to ensure the 4-H member has a positive project experience.
- 4-H club meetings should include goal-setting to help your club activities meet the interests of the membership while also striving to try new ways to live by the 4-H pledge! The worksheet is a great guide for setting club goals, too!



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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!

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.

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

INDEPENDENT STUDY OPTION

Kansas 4-H believes that participation in an organized 4-H club is the preferred method of involvement for members, but acknowledges there are sometimes extenuating circumstances that may make independent 4-H membership a viable way to still engage in 4-H youth development learning. If you select independent membership while enrolling in 4-H Online, please note there are additional steps that need taken before membership will be approved. You will need to complete an Independent Member Study Agreement. The agreement will be reviewed and approved if all expectations are met. If you selected independent membership, please reach out to your local Extension Office as soon as possible to navigate next steps!

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.

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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.

CLUB ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Club Leaders will be shared resources in early October to assist with meeting your club's annual requirements to remain affiliated with K-State Extension Post Rock District and a club in good standing. Be watching for this email and reach out if you have any questions.

As you have your new year meetings, please plan to send club leader names and contact information, a list of club officers and 4-H Council representatives, project leaders, and meeting dates and locations to your local Extension Office.

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. We will be sending an email to Club Leaders soon with specific details about this review. 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.

Due to your local Extension Office by November 2 (because the first is a weekend):

- Submit the Annual Financial Report as completed by the Financial Review Committee.
- Submit the entire October 2025 and September 2026 bank statements for every account (checking, savings, etc.). If a check image is not included on these statements, also submit at least one statement/per account with a check image.
- Submit a copy of club meeting minutes that state who your club leaders are, officer elections, and signatories are for the year under review AND for the year we'll kickoff soon.
- Confirm a copy of the 4-H Club's current EIN and tax exemption form is on file at local Extension Office.

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 available 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:

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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 emailed to Club Leaders soon. 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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Oct. 1:	Project Record Books & Pin Applications due	Nov. 8:	Lincoln County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Oct. 1:	Youth Council/Ntl. 4-H Conference Apps Due	Nov. 11:	Veteran's Day Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed
Oct. 1:	Club 4-H Week Hay Bale Contest Photos Due	Nov. 14:	NW Agriculture Career Day, Hays
Oct. 1:	Enrollment Opens for 2026-27 4-H Year	Nov. 15:	Priority 4-H Enrollment Period Last Day
Oct. 2-4:	Kansas Junior Livestock Show	Nov. 15:	Smith County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Oct. 3:	State 4-H Archery Match, Wakarusa	Nov. 21-22:	Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
Oct. 4-10	National 4-H Week	Nov. 21-22:	Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum, Rock Springs
Oct. 10-11:	48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge	Nov. 25-27:	Thanksgiving Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed
Oct. 10-11:	State 4-H Shotgun Match	Dec. 7:	PRD Staff Retreat, all offices closed
Oct. 12:	Columbus Day Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed	Dec. 24-31:	Christmas Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed
Oct. 14:	Lincoln County 4-H Council Meeting	Jan. 1:	New Year's Day Holiday, all PRD Offices Closed
Oct. 17-18:	4-H Dog Conference	Jan. 12:	Regional Record Book Judging
Oct. 17:	State 4-H Hunting Skills Match	Jan. 16:	NW Ag & STEM Youth Day Camp, Location TBD
Oct. 24-25:	Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Fort Scott	Feb. 7-8:	Citizenship in Action
Nov. 1:	Jewell County 4-H Achievement Celebration	Feb. 13:	PRD 4-H Day/Judging Extravaganza (AM)
Nov. 1:	Osborne County 4-H Council Meeting	Feb. 20-21:	Horse Panorama, Manhattan
Nov. 1:	Osborne County 4-H Achievement Celebration	Mar. 1:	PRD 4-H Day/Judging Extravaganza (PM)
Nov. 1:	Mitchell County 4-H Achievement Celebration	Mar. 20:	Super Saturday, Colby
Nov. 1:	Mitchell County 4-H Council Meeting	Apr. 17:	Spring Shooting Sports Match, Great Bend
Nov. 1:	International 4-H Travel for KS Youth Apps Due	Apr. 20-21:	State Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
Nov. 2:	Club Financials Due to the Extension Office	Jun. 9-11:	Kansas 4-H Discovery Days
Nov. 3:	PRD 4-H Leader Orientation Training, ZOOM	Jun. 18-19:	Insect Spectacular, Wichita
Nov. 5:	PRD New 4-H Family Orientation, ZOOM	Sep. 9-19:	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
Nov. 7:	Officer & Leadership Training, Beloit		



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