



POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

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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.

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

Good luck to all 4-H exhibitors at the Kansas State Fair! You have worked hard all year, and we are so proud of you.

The Grand Drive is September 10-13. Highlights will be shared throughout the fair on the Facebook page for "[The Grand Drive](#)". This is a great way to support the Post Rock District 4-H youth showing their livestock, if you can't be there in person.

Results will be posted on the Kansas 4-H website once available after the judging days have finished. After the fair is over, static exhibits will be transported back to your local office. We will email you once items and ribbons are ready for pick up after fair.

SHARE YOUR STATE FAIR PHOTOS! Photos of members with their projects, competing in a show or contest, or just taking in the fair experiences will be used to highlight Post Rock District at the Kansas State Fair on social media. ***We need your help!***

Photos can be emailed to postrock4h@ksu.edu or texted to Jenilee at 417-529-4481.



KANSAS 4-H STATE
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4-H/FFA GRAND
DRIVE WEBSITE

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SEPT. 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM?

Looking for a new career opportunity? Visit our website at postrock.k-state.edu to view current job openings and learn more about available career opportunities.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

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

National 4-H Week October 4-10, 2026

A week that will rally, inspire and connect 6 million 4-H'ers, 3,500 educators, 500,000 volunteers and 35 million alumni. Events in every county and state celebrating and amplifying the 4-H mission: preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for life and career.

Learn more:
4-H.org/4-HWeek

You're Invited!

The Jewell County 4-H Achievement Celebration will take place on Sunday, November 1. Time & location TBD. Please bring a finger food or dessert.

4-H AWARDS DEADLINE OCTOBER 1

All materials for the following items must be submitted to the Mankato Extension Office by Thursday, October 1, at 4:30 p.m.

- 4-H Record Book
- Project Records
- Achievement Pin Applications
- King and Queen Contest
- "I Dare You" Award
- Club Seal Application.



4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1!

4-H Online will be open to process enrollments on Wednesday, October 1. Both new and returning youth and volunteers need to enroll for the new 4-H year.

SAVE THE DATE

The 2027 Jewell County Fair is July 8 - 11!



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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*



KANSAS STATE FAIR

Lincoln County has 22 4-Her's participating in the Kansas State Fair. Photography, visual arts and other static entries should be delivered to the Lincoln Extension Office by **Thursday, September 3rd**. Food, garden and flowers items need to be in the Extension Office by **8 am Wednesday, September 9th**. Be sure to attend the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson September 11 - 20th. There are lots of exhibits, food and rides. Good luck to all!!!

4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Lincoln County active 4-H members can get a scholarship to attend a 4-H camp, Discovery Days, KYLF, 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/>

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

The Junior Sunflower 4-H Club will host the 2026 Achievement Celebration. The evening will begin at 5 pm on Sunday, November 8 at the Finch Theatre in Lincoln. The theme of the Celebration 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 will be a movie to watch. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

LET'S
CELEBRATE
you

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

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



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ENROLLING FOR THE NEW 4-H YEAR

4-H Online Enrollment will open on **October 1st** to enroll in the new 4-H year! *It's time to invite your friends to join too!*

A few reminders:

- Each 4-Her and adult volunteer need to enroll in 4-H online each year.
- Adult volunteers have a separate enrollment from their children. (club leaders and adults that help with events will require background checks)
- **IT IS NECESSARY TO USE AN EMAIL YOU HAVE ACCESS TO AND CHECK REGULARLY WHEN ENROLLING.** (FYI our system does not like hotmail).
- Email is the **primary** means of communication for our county, district and state. **All important information** is shared **via email**: Please enroll sooner rather than later so that you don't miss out on any important news!
- If you have questions or run into any issues while enrolling, please don't hesitate to call us at the Extension office! (785) 738-3597

RECORD BOOK Q&A ZOOM SESSIONS



Jenilee will be hosting Q & A Zoom meetings on Record Books and pin applications. See page 3 of District newsletter for dates and times to take advantage of these sessions!

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

MON., SEPTEMBER 7TH - LABOR DAY
FRI., SEPTEMBER 25TH - PROF. DEVELOPMENT

WRAP UP 2025-2026 4-H

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 get your State Fair Projects to the Extension Office **ASAP, but no later than Sept 3rd for check in, packaging and to pick up your State Fair Tickets.**

Only Foods, Flowers and Vegetables can wait until Sept. 9th by 9:00 a.m.

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, we'll have more information to share and be sending out RSVP's soon!

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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PIN APPLICATIONS, PROJECT RECORDS & CLUB SEALS DUE OCTOBER 1

4-H members work hard all year long. You have set goals, learned new skills and accomplished big things. To capture your project work, goals set and met, skills learned and accomplishments, complete a Project Record and Pin Application.

Project records and pin applications are due by **Thursday, October 1, 4:30 p.m.** in the Osborne office.

The link to forms and resources for these items is: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/>.

Club leader signatures are required on applications so plan ahead. Contact the Osborne Extension office if you have questions and/or need assistance.

Checkout page 2 of the newsletter for additional tips and resources on Project Records and Pin Applications.

UPCOMING RECORD BOOK Q & A SESSIONS



Jenilee will be hosting Q & A Zoom meetings on Record Books and pin applications. See page 3 of the district newsletter for dates and times to take advantage of these sessions!

2026 KANSAS STATE FAIR

The 2026 Kansas State Fair is September 11-20th. Osborne County 4-H will be represented with 46 static project entries on display in Centennial Hall and the 4-H Showcase Building. Members will also be participating in the 4-H Dog Show on September 5th and the Grand Drive livestock shows September 11 - 13. We encourage you to check out all the amazing static entries in the exhibit halls, livestock barns and shows at this years Kansas State Fair.



SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING NOVEMBER OFFICER AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Save the date of Saturday, November 7 for office and leadership training. More details coming.

NEW 4-H YEAR KICKOFF OCTOBER 1

October 1 is the beginning of the new 4-H year. Know a family who would love 4-H? Invite them to join the fun. This is the perfect time to bring a friend and welcome new families.

4-H COUNCIL WILL PAY 2026-2027 PROGRAM FEE FOR NEW & CURRENT MEMBERS

Council members voted to pay the program fee for all new and current 4-H members if 4-H Online enrollment is completed by October 31.

Please watch for re-enrollment instructions in the October newsletter and on the Osborne County Facebook 4-H Clover Connection for additional details.

SEPTEMBER 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Council will meet Monday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Agenda items include planning for new 4-H year, National 4-H Week and officer elections for the new year.

HELP PROMOTE 4-H!

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 pages 1 & 4 for all the details on how you can help "HIGHLIGHT 4-H".

2026 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



Beyond Ready

Get ready to celebrate 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. Clubs

are also encouraged to plan community service projects in conjunction with 48 Hours of 4-H weekend October 10 and 11.

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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/>



Kansas 4-H Achievement Pins are designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey.

Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non 4-H experiences, while Kansas 4-H Project Forms are used to summarize project experiences.



State Fair Exhibits
can be picked up at the
Extension Office Tuesday,
Sept. 22nd.



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. Watch for more information to come soon!

Important Dates:

- **Sept. 3:** State Fair non-perishable projects due to the office
- **Sept. 9:** Food and horticulture projects due to the office **BY 8:00 AM.**
- **Sept. 27:** 4-H Council, 2 p.m. @ Courthouse
- **October 1:** Pin and project award applications due

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 watch for more information to come.



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 3-10**

You can do some-thing 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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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>.

4-H RECORD BOOKS CAN BE A LOT... LET US HELP!

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=VjBvUEx6NGlmK2R1Z0JwcjRwWkdRZz09>

- 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

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL HELP

Post Rock District staff are happy to help you understand the numerous award opportunities available through Kansas 4-H. Schedule an appointment or reach out if you have further questions and can't make it to one of our Q&A Sessions!



4-H ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR BEGINS OCTOBER 1!

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 are ready to enroll this fall!
- Do NOT try to enroll for the new program year in September as 4-H Online will not accept any enrollments until October 1.
- The Post Rock District's October 4-H Newsletter will share the enrollment steps and any payment details specific to your county.

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.

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IT'S A WEEK ALL ABOUT 4-H... LET'S CELEBRATE!



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

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.

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 let's 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 HOURS OF 4-H Gather your family, friends or club and lead an organized service project to give back to your local community!



USE HASHTAGS: [#4HBEYONDEREADY](#) [#NATIONAL4HWEEK](#) [#POSTROCKDISTRICT4H](#)

POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H CLUB HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST

Calling all PRD 4-H Clubs... get creative and show your 4-H spirit with our National 4-H Week Hay Bale Decorating Contest by decorating a hay bale that puts 4-H on display! Clubs are responsible for supplying the bale and asking permission for the display location. One entry per club, photo of completed bale with club members present must be submitted by October 1st for entry. Photos of all entries will be shared to the Post Rock District 4-H Facebook page for judging. More information will be shared soon. Let's fill our community with 4-H pride! Start planning, gather your club members, and let your creativity shine!

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!](#)

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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4-H LEADERSHIP TRAINING SET FOR NOVEMBER 7 IN BELOIT

for officers, committee members, and 4-Hers wanting to learn to be a leader in your club

The annual Post Rock District Officer and Member Leadership Training is set for November 7. The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and dismiss by noon. 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. Watch for registration information to come out via email, Facebook and the October newsletter.



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 in September and October for dates and details as 4-H Councils plan these celebrations!

2027 4-H DAYS

SAVE THE DATES: 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.



- 4-H Clubs provide opportunities to practice your 4-H project experiences. Get a head start on your 4-H Day entry by presenting to your 4-H Club this fall!
- Did you know 4-H members can give presentations during the Kansas State Fair? While visiting the fair, check out the 4-H presentations in Centennial Hall... you just might gain some inspiration for your 4-H Day entry!

JUDGING EXTRAVAGANZA

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. For now, save the dates of February 13 and March 1!



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 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/>

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). Registration will open in September and the deadline to sign-up is October 15. If you plan to attend, let your local office know and we'll notify you once registration opens! Post Rock District will provide a chaperone and transportation to-and-from KYLF. Details are on the [Kansas 4-H event website](#).

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!

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



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)

SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports will be having a Shooting Sports Instructor Training on October 24-25 at Fort Scott. You must be a trained instructor to lead Shooting Sports project meetings in Post Rock District. We have a need for more discipline instructors across the District, so consider becoming trained if you have a passion for positive youth development through shooting sports. New instructors must be screened and registered as a 4-H volunteer, which includes enrolling in 4-H Online, completing a background check, completing an orientation, and being approved by the Post Rock District. Before attending the in-person Instructor Training, you must also complete the National 4-H Shooting Sports online modules. You can be trained in one discipline at the training. While there is a personal cost to become trained, we can help you seek out financial support. You must be certified to be able to instruct youth in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Contact Nora Rhoades at nrhoades@ksu.edu for more information.

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 in early September 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 the local Extension Office.

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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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DISTRICT/STATE EVENTS AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE



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Sept. 3:	State Fair Exhibits Due to Your Extension Office	Oct. 10-11:	48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
Sept. 5:	State 4-H Dog Show, Hutchinson	Oct. 10-11:	State 4-H Shotgun Match
Sept. 8:	4-H Record Book Q&A Zoom (7:30-8:30 PM)	Oct. 14:	Lincoln County 4-H Council Meeting
Sept. 9:	Foods, Horticulture & Floriculture Items Due by 8:00 a.m. to Your Extension Office	Oct. 17-18:	4-H Dog Conference
Sept. 11-13:	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive	Oct. 17:	State 4-H Hunting Skills Match
Sept. 11-20:	Kansas State Fair	Oct. 24-25:	Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Fort Scott
Sept. 14:	4-H Record Book Q&A Zoom (6:30-7:30 PM)	Nov. 1:	Jewell County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Sept. 16:	4-H Record Book Q&A Zoom (12-1 PM)	Nov. 1:	Mitchell County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Sept. 23:	4-H Record Book Q&A Zoom (7-8 PM)	Nov. 1:	Mitchell County 4-H Council Meeting
Sept. 26:	State 4-H Smallbore/Muzzleloading, Topeka	Nov. 2:	Club Financials Due to the Extension Office
Sept. 27:	Smith County 4-H Council Meeting	Nov. 7:	Officer & Leadership Training
Sept. 28:	Osborne 4-H Council Meeting	Nov. 8:	Lincoln County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Sept. 29:	4-H Record Book Q&A Zoom (12-1 PM)	Nov. 15:	Smith County 4-H Achievement Celebration
Oct. 1:	Project Record Books & Pin Applications due	Nov. 21-22:	Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
Oct. 1:	Youth Council/Ntl. 4-H Conference Apps Due	Nov. 21-22:	Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum, Rock Springs
Oct. 1:	Club 4-H Week Hay Bale Contest Photos Due	Feb. 7-8:	Citizenship in Action
Oct. 1:	Enrollment Opens for 2026-27 4-H Year	Feb. 13:	PRD 4-H Day (AM) & Judging Extravaganza (PM)
Oct. 2-4:	Kansas Junior Livestock Show	Mar. 1:	PRD 4-H Day (PM)
Oct. 3:	State 4-H Archery Match, Wakarusa	Mar. 20:	Super Saturday, Colby
Oct. 4-10:	National 4-H Week	Jun. 9-11:	Kansas 4-H Discovery Days



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