

The 4-H Newsletter



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Happy New Year!

...4-H Yew Year that is! However, if you blink too many more times, the New Year will be here too!

One big reminder—you are not considered a current 4-H member and your participation in club meetings and activities do not count until you have enrolled in 4-H! Enrollment opens Oct. 1. Make sure you get enrolled so you: 1) Don't miss out and 2) get meeting attendance requirements for Livestock/Project Auction at Fair.

4-H Parents—help your youth set THEIR goals for the new 4-H year. Let your kids set the direction they want to go and let it be THEIR work. Reviewing pin applications, it appears that the same information is being used for multiple youth of the household as the answers read *exactly the same*. No two people talk exactly the same, nor type exactly the same. Make sure your 4-H'ers are the ones doing the work!!!

On a more somber note, a young man my girls showed cattle with recently took his life. Tomorrow is never promised for anyone. I challenge you to make sure your children, family and friends mean to you.

Don't leave words unsaid and presume someone knows what they to mean you. 4-H'ers, parents, volunteers—our lives are not defined by the outcome of relationships, grades, or whatever life has thrown your way. If you or anyone you know is in a dark place, reach out or help them reach out. If you don't want to physically speak to someone but still want to "talk", text HOME to 741741. If you want to speak to someone dial 988. I promise, you matter and your life matters.

STAY;
YOU CAN TALK TO ME
IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING
(EVEN IF WE DON'T
KNOW EACH OTHER)
YOUR STORY IS NOT OVER
YOUR LIFE MATTERS

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER



Knowledge
for Life

Leader's Lounge

October Check-Up

- Celebrate the current 4-H year. Begin planning for the club achievement party.
- Hold an Officer Installation activity
- Continue recruiting new members

Review

- Read the *4-H Newsletter* and mark important dates on the calendar.
- Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at your club meeting.

To-Do


- Project leaders notified of their specific responsibilities.
- Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- Begin planning for election of club officers.
- Have members think about projects for the new year.
- Check club's progress toward goals.
- Complete Officer Training with new Club Officers
- Notify Extension Office of new club leaders, project leaders, and club officers.
- Turn in Club Financial Review to the Extension Office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 1st

Promote/Recruit

- 4-H Achievement Celebration on October 28th

Remember

- Make it a fun and rewarding year!



If your Club is planning to have a bake sale, fundraiser, etc., please contact our office prior to doing so!



Important Dates and Deadlines

October

- October 1st:** 2023-2024 4-H year begins
- September 29th-October 1st:** Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
- October 1st-7th:** National 4-H Week
- October 2nd:** National 4-H Conference Applications Due
- October 7th-8th:** 48 Hours of 4-H
- October 7th:** State Small Bore & Muzzleloading Match - Topeka
- October 8th:** Buyer's Cards are due to the Extension Office
- October 13th:** Club Quarterly Report Due to Extension Office
- October 14th-15th:** State Shotgun Match - Wichita
- October 16th:** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) Registration Deadline
- October 26th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- October 28th:** Achievement Celebration

November

- November 1st:** 4-H Club Financial Reviews Due

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- November 18th-19th:** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (14-18 yrs.)
- November 24th-28th:** National 4-H Congress

December

- December TBA:** Toy Drive Drop Off

***See the 2023-2024 Yearly 4-H Calendar for all event dates*
Find it [HERE](#)**



Butler County 4-H Enrollment Quick Tips

- [4-H Online Enrollment Link \(v2.4honline.com\)](https://v2.4honline.com)
- [Butler County 4-H Website with Enrollment Information](#)
 - <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html>
- New 4-H Year starts Oct. 1st:** All youth participating between Oct. 1, 2023 and Sept 30, 2024 need to enroll (including shooting sports youth). Any enrollment prior to Oct. 1, 2023 needs to reenroll.
- State 4-H Projects—there have been some changes!! Please check the 4-H Project page and watch enrollment carefully!! Make sure your 4-H'er gets enrolled in the right projects.
- Clubs and Projects will not automatically populate when you reenroll. You will have to select your club and all projects you want to enroll in. Years in project are supposed to automatically populate when you reenroll in a project you were enrolled in the previous year.
 - ⇒ If you have projects that you previously enrolled in, did not enroll in the 2022-2023 year, but are reenrolling for the new year and need to know your 4-H'er's years in the project – please give us a call and we can look up the years for you.
- State Project list can be found [HERE](#)
- REMEMBER, you are not a 4-H'er until you are enrolled!
- Volunteers should not be doing project work until they are enrolled



Record Books, Pins, and Awards



Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit Club Summaries, Record Books, Pin Applications and Special Awards.

26 Junior and 31 Intermediate Record Books were submitted, as well as 26 in the Senior Division. We also had 45 Pin applications turned in!

The 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC) finalized the special awards and the pin applications. Thank you to the 4-H PDC

members and volunteer for helping with the process.

The Junior and Intermediate Record Books will be handed back over to the leaders (minus the comment sheets)! The comment sheets, along with the Senior Record Books will be returned during the Achievement Celebration.

I am proud of everyone that submitted Record Books, Ambassador Applications, Pins, Special Awards, and Club Summaries! You should be proud of your accomplishments!

See you at the Achievement Celebration!



Beef
 Dairy Cattle
 Dairy Goats
 Dog
 Horse
 Meat Goats
 Pets
 Poultry
 Rabbits
 Sheep
 Swine
 Veterinary Science

Communications
 Performing Arts
 Photography
 Visual Arts

Sewing & Textile Design
 Shopping in Style
 Family Studies
 Fiber Arts
 Foods & Nutrition
 Health & Wellness
 Interior Design & Architecture

Environmental Science
 Geology
 Shooting Sports
 Wildlife

Civic Engagement
 Leadership
 Reading Adventures
 Self-Determined

Entomology
 Agronomy
 Forestry
 Horticulture & Landscape Design

Ag Mechanics Welding
 Building Block Engineering

Astronomy
 Computer Science
 Electric & Renewable Energy
 Robotics
 Aerospace/Rocketry
 Small Engines
 Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
 Woodworking



PREVIOUS PROJECT LISTING

Beef
 Dairy, Cattle
 Dairy, Goats
 Dog Care & Training
 Horse
 Meat Goats
 Pets (including Cats)
 Poultry
 Rabbits
 Sheep
 Swine
 Veterinary Science

Communications
 Performing Arts
 Photography
 Visual Arts

Clothing & Textiles- Construction
 Clothing & Textiles- Buymanship
 Family Studies
 Fiber Arts
 Foods & Nutrition
 Health & Wellness
 Home Environment

Environment Science
 Geology
 Shooting Sports
 Wildlife

Citizenship (Civic Engagement)
 Leadership
 Reading
 Self-Determined

Entomology
 Plant Science
 Plant Science- Field Crops
 Plant Science- Forestry
 Plant Science- Horticulture

STEM - Ag Mechanics
 STEM - Architectural Block Construction
 STEM - Astronomy
 STEM - Computer Science
 STEM - Energy Management
 STEM - Robotics
 STEM- Aerospace/Rocketry
 STEM - Small Engines
 STEM - UAS
 Woodworking



Shooting Sports

Congratulations to our Archery Participants on their efforts at the State Archery Match on Sept. 30th!

Stay Tuned to Our [Butler County 4-H Facebook Page](#) As We Share Results As They Come In!

Shooting Sports Instructor Training Planned

The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory and State 4-H Office are planning for Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor training to be held October 20-22, 2023, in Cimarron, KS.



Kansas State Fair Highlights

Great job to all of our 4-H State Fair Participants!

Many of our 4-Hers found great success at the state fair in the Grand Drive and in the Static Division. We would like to congratulate all of our hard working 4-Her's on their efforts ! All State Fair static results can be found [HERE](#)

Photography Judging Team Results

<u>Intermediate Team:</u>	3rd Place
Ella Amend	28th Place
River Horner	2nd Place
Madelynn Ikner	47th Place
Lorelai Sullenger	34th Place

Senior Team: **10th Place**

Taylor Gresham	21st Place
Kaleb Mashke	61st Place
Emily Scribner	37th Place
Brenna Sommers	43rd Place

Family Consumer Science Judging Team Results

<u>Intermediate Team:</u>	2nd Place
Ella Amend	Kenzie Sommers
Grace Ricke	Valerie Sommers

<u>Senior Team:</u>	1st Place
Kylee Barlett	Jadon Guermonprez
Taylor Gresham	Mikalyn Peak



Kansas State Fair Highlights

Static Projects:

Cora Brackenridge - Kansas Wool Award - Intermediate Clothing Construction

Jackson Strecker - Best in Show Rocket

Ivalea Tien - Champion Senior Female Fashion Revue/Buymanship

Judging Contests:

Intermediate Photography Judging Team - 3rd Overall

River Horner - 2nd Overall Intermediate Photography Judging Contest

Senior Photography Judging Team - 10th Overall

Intermediate Family Consumer Science Judging Team - 2nd Overall

Senior Family Consumer Science Judging Team - 1st Overall

Horse Show:

Janelle Smithson - 8th Overall Youth Halter Geldings

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BUTLER COUNTY 4-H KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS!

BUTLER COUNTY WAS REPRESENTED BY 60 YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN STATIC PROJECTS, RABBITS AND POULTRY. MANY YOUTH RECEIVED PURPLE AND BLUE AWARDS WITH VERY FEW REDS AND WHITES. A FULL LISTING OF KANSAS STATE FAIR RESULTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: [HTTPS://FAIRENTRY.COM/FAIR/RESULTS/19045](https://faireentry.com/fair/results/19045)

Projects Chosen for Display:

Alaxis Jensen - Photography Selected for Kansas 4-H Foundation Display

Cora Brackenridge & Ella Zurcher - Foods chosen for display at the Kansas State Fair

BUTLER COUNTY 4-H'ERS WERE REPRESENTED IN THE BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE AND MEAT GOAT DIVISIONS. A FULL LIST OF RESULTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

LIVESTOCK PROJECTS:

Morgan Havey - Champion Southdown Market Lamb

Weston Johnson - Champion Heavy Weight and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb

Emma Johnson - Callback in Meat Goat Showmanship

Haleigh Borg - Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship

Brooke Borg - Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship

Kimber Borg - Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship

Jackson Strecker - Grand Champion Senior Recorded Grade Dairy Doe

Kennedy Strecker - Reserve Grand Champion Senior Recorded Grade Dairy Doe

Haleigh Borg - Reserve Grand Champion Junior Nubian Doe

Open Class:

Valerie Sommers - 2nd in Class - Open Class Food

Cami Miller - Champion

Shorthorn Heifer

Cally Miller - Champion

Hereford Heifer

Reck Kennedy - 1st in Class -

Swine

Range Kennedy - 1st in

Class - Swine

Save the Date!

Achievement Celebration

We want to take time to recognize all of our amazing 4-Her's and everything they have accomplished throughout the year. We also want to show our appreciation to our incredible volunteers who work tirelessly to "Make The Best Better!" Please come out and help us celebrate all of our 4-Her's and Volunteers!



Saturday, October 28th | 9:00 AM

Located at the Butler Community College Welcome Center
901 S Haverhill Rd, El Dorado, KS 67042

* A light breakfast will be served

4-H Service Challenge

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48 Hours of 4-H

A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.

A Kansas 4-H Service Challenge

October 7-8, 2023 - Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend at the end of National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, local service organizations and past 4-H'ers too! Go to www.Kansas4-H.org/484H to register and get more information.

A project of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council



Presents

**4-H ACHIEVEMENT
CELEBRATION**



**Butler
County**

**28
OCT**

**9:00
A.M**

**BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WELCOME CENTER**

901 South Haverhill Road
2000 Building
El Dorado, Kansas

LET'S CELEBRATE

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Come help us celebrate all that the
Butler County 4-H'ers have
accomplished this year!

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National 4-H News

Embracing A Digital Transformation Of 4-H: CLOVER By 4-H Expands Opportunities For America's Youth

By Jill Bramble, President & CEO, National 4-H Council • September 13, 2023

As the mom of two Gen Z children, I know firsthand the challenges that our young people are facing, from the lingering impacts of the global pandemic and an ongoing mental health crisis, to the ever-evolving technological landscape. But, even in the face of tremendous change and uncertainty, this young generation has incredible promise: they are filled with purpose, they embrace diversity, they care about their communities, and they drive innovation.

In 4-H, we believe opportunity should not be pre-determined by any person's circumstance. Our mission is to inspire all young people to thrive and achieve. Too many of America's youth are lacking the opportunities that prepare them to lead in life and career. That's why we are thrilled to bring Cooperative Extension's 4-H program to even more young people with [CLOVER by 4-H](#).

CLOVER is a digital learning platform that encourages hands-on learning in a fun and accessible way. Developed by Cooperative Extension and our network of land-grant universities, CLOVER's content spans more than 20 subject areas, including STEM, emotional wellbeing, financial literacy, and career readiness. With both free and paid subscriptions, CLOVER is another way to ensure that young people everywhere have access to high-quality 4-H programming.



Key Things to Know About CLOVER

- **220+ online activities:** CLOVER has a robust catalog of exciting activities for everyone ages 5-18.
- **Content developed by experts at Cooperative Extension and our network of land-grant universities:** From space exploration to the science of pollination to stress management, the information and activities provided through CLOVER come directly from some of the nation's top academics, innovators, and leaders in these fields.
- **Interactive content and gamification:** CLOVER is designed to be as fun and rewarding as it is educational. Users can customize their CLOVER experience to their interests and earn pins as they complete the interactive activities, some of which include gamified content and augmented reality.
- **Integration with local 4-H clubs:** Linking online learning with real-life programming at 4-H clubs, CLOVER goes steps beyond basic math and

reading platforms to spark young people's passion for learning and prepare them for success in their lives. The data from CLOVER users will also inform local 4-H programming to create an integrated, educational environment for all 4-H'ers.

To kick off the launch of CLOVER, we have partnered with Netflix on an activity tied to the new movie [Spy Kids: Armageddon](#). [#GAMECLOVER](#) builds on key themes of the movie by teaching young people the basics of coding and game design using an 'escape room' format. By expanding upon the popular Spy Kids experience, the #GAMECLOVER activity is an approachable way for kids to take an interest in STEM.

In the coming months, CLOVER users can continue their online STEM education with a collection of computer science activities ranging from computer basics to augmented reality, supported by Google.

CLOVER furthers our mission of equipping millions of 4-H'ers with the skills and confidence they need to excel in future careers and help solve the world's biggest challenges. We look forward to seeing young people use CLOVER to spark creativity, explore future career paths, and grow their passion for learning.

To discover more and sign up for CLOVER, visit 4-h.org/clover.

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Description



PURPOSE:

Provide leadership/teaching in a specific subject matter area to a small group of 4-Hers and assist them to develop life skills.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

All individuals who work directly with youth are required to complete the Kansas 4-H volunteer screening process. Organize the project group. Communicate with 4-H members and families. Schedule and arrange for the project meetings. Conduct/teach project meetings. Help members complete project exhibit(s). Help members complete project report forms. Attend club meetings when possible.

TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE:

- Club Leader
- Local K-State Research and Extension staff
- [4-H Project Manuals and Leaders Guides](#)
- [Kansas Clover Classroom Project Challenges](#)
- Area and State Leaders training sessions

TIME COMMITMENT:

1-year term, October to September. Project meetings should be held at a time, place and frequency that is determined by you and the 4-Hers.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in helping youth.
- Interest in 4-H educational programs.
- Knowledge in or willingness to learn about subject matter to be lead (taught).
- Ability to organize and coordinate.
- Ability to communicate with youth and adults.

Other News and Events

Youth Council National Conference Applications

The [Youth Council Application](#) and [National Conference Application](#) will be combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

Any Kansas 4-H member ages of 14-18 before January 1, 2024 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2024 may apply for National Conference.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two year term on council. The deadline for applications will be October 2nd, 2023.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is planned for November 18-19, 2023 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2024. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. We also will plan for an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

Registration is open and can be found [HERE](#). Registration deadline is October 16, 2023.

Congratulations Cami Miller

Cami applied for and was accepted into the Aksarben Lamb Challenge Program. She competed this past weekend in Grand, Island and was recognized as the Reserve Grand Champion!

This program provides great opportunity to enhance record keeping, build your networks, improve written and oral communication skills, set goals and make you strive to be better just to name a few. If you are interested in learning more about these programs let us know!



Parliamentary Basics

Did you know that Parliamentary procedure is an orderly way to conduct a meeting, a fair way to make a group discussion, respects everyone, gives everyone a chance to speak, used in groups everywhere, and majority rules while minorities are protected....

The proper way to make a motion is to say "I move..". The proper way to second a motion is to say "I second the motion."

If you want to amend (change) a motion you should say "I move to amend the motion by...."

A motion to adjourn the meeting is done so by stating "I move to adjourn this meeting." A motion to adjourn needs a second, no discussion needed, and must be voted on right away!

Did you know there are over 30 different types of motions! These are some simple ones and the majority of the ones that you will utilize in your 4-H Club meeting.

Remember, STAND UP when you are speaking and only one person speaks at a time!

Welcoming New Families



It is the time of year when our office starts getting more calls and web inquiries of people wanting to join 4-H. When you have visitors, remember, impressions last. Here are a few helpful tips for you:

- Greet your visitors at the door when they arrive.
- Introduce them to your family and other 4-H members.
- Tell them about the opening ceremony of your club so they know what to expect and give them a copy of the 4-H Pledge to follow along.
- Introduce them to the club. You can do this during roll call. If they are joining another club member, have that club member help introduce them.
- Involve them in the recreation activities.
- Invite them to go first with refreshments.
- After the meeting, send a Thank You note for attending and invite them to the next meeting.
- Have a New Family Coordinator who can sit next to them at meetings and answer any questions they have.
- Develop a buddy system. Team a new 4-H family with a current 4-H family who can help explain and understand 4-H.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call our office and ask! Let's help make new families feel welcome, as least confused as possible, and continue to grow the 4-H program!

Creative Ideas

To add zest to your meeting

Dress Silly Day:

One meeting could be jazzed up by a dress theme. Members can create costumes from their clothing at home. You can have a mismatched day, green day, hat day, pajamas day, crazy shoe day, tie day, sunglasses day, backwards clothing day and dress as your parents day. These are just some examples. Have the club help you create more, or add more yourself.

Backwards Meeting:

Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!

Draw Your Name Out of a Hat Day:

Cut up the order of the club meeting. Place the slips of paper in a hat. Draw out a slip of paper. That is the first item of the meeting. Continue until every item has been drawn out of the hat. This should make for a most interesting meeting!

Move To a New Seat During a Meeting:

This is another seating adventure. The President could give the command. "Move two seats to your left." "Rows one and two switch seats." "End seats switch with each other." The command can be different each time. The club members will definitely be paying attention to the meeting to hear where they need to move next.

Roll Call Ideas

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| *Name a County in KS | *Name your favorite 4-H activity | *Name your favorite TV Show |
| *Name 1 food you do not like | *Tell us your favorite summer sport. | *Tell us a 4-H achievement you are proud |
| *What is your favorite gum? | *What is your favorite snack? | *Tell us a pets name. |
| *How and why do you usually end up in trouble? | | *What is your middle name? |

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is scheduled for October 1-7, 2023. This year's theme is I ♥ 4-H. 4-H Spirit Day will be on Wednesday, October 4th! Wear 4-H apparel, jewelry, accessories, etc. Bonus points if you wear green! We challenge each of you to promote 4-H each day and post your pictures/how you promoted 4-H on our Facebook page and to your own social media accounts!



Extension Office Updates

NEW OFFICE HOURS

**BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023
THE BUTLER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
HOURS WILL BE**

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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