



Southwind District

KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Members who pre-entered exhibits for the KSF must have exhibits to your local Extension Office. Beginning September 1 for all static exhibits and September 6th by noon for all food and gardening exhibits.

Kansas State Fair Score Sheets:

Please visit this link to make sure you have all of the score sheets/forms and information you will need to attach to your exhibit: kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html. The fair book will have a description, but below that are each project area and the requirements to prepare it for the KSF. Please read it carefully!

4-H ONLINE CLOSED

4-H Online will be closed in September to complete end of year reporting and will re-open October 1.

CLUB OFFICE ELECTIONS

September is the month for club officer elections. Your 4-H club may have stipulations on who is eligible to run for offices. Anyone interested in running for an office should gather more information to prepare for what officer positions are available prior to club elections. You can do so here: kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/officer-resources/index.html. There is also some information on how elections should be conducted. If you have questions, please reach out.

CLUB LEADERS END OF YEAR PAPERWORK

Club Leaders please turn in end of year paperwork to your local Extension Officer by Friday, September 29, 2023. All paperwork is located on the Southwind website: southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/record-keeping/index.html.

CLUB OFFICER NOTEBOOKS

Each club is responsible for turning in their Secretary, Reporter and Historian notebooks to the Extension Office by September 29. 4-H Club Treasurer books are due Wednesday, November 1st.

RECORD BOOKS/PROJECT RECORD REPORT

Since October 1st is on a Sunday this year all records must be in your local Extension Office by Friday, September 29, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Hopefully you are working on or have completed your MIG and at least one PRR. If you are needing any help with completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer, know. Record Books are due to your club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books before they are due to the Extension Office September 29th. Books that are turned in after the deadline of your club leaders will not be judged for county-wide awards.

RECORD BOOK JUDGING

Mark your calendar for the Southwind District record book judging event on October 1 from 1pm-6pm at the Iola Extension Office. All are welcome (parents, volunteers, and supporters) to come help with this educational opportunity. Not only to learn more about the project record report forms but learn about the great things the 4-H'ers are doing with their projects. A how-to session will be provided to any first-time judge and could be sent out prior to if requested. Judges will not judge their own county books. Unlimited refreshments will be available throughout the duration. Please RSVP if you are able to attend by calling 620-223-3720 (anytime, we have a messaging system) and please share with others.



4-H RECRUITMENT

Take advantage of this new school year to invite your friends and new families to join 4-H. Encourage parents to include 4-H as part of their fall activities. 4-H is the network of families that grows great kids and 4-H is for city/town families, too.

FAMILIES WILL PAY 2024 4-H PROGRAM FEE

Enrollment and payment must be complete by December 1, 2023. Due to many payment issues, all families will be asked to pay the \$15.00 4-H Program Fee per member when enrolling. It will be best to do this with a credit or debit card. This will ensure that your enrollment and fee will be processed more quickly. In December, Clubs will receive a list of 4-H'ers who receive reimbursement and a check. The club treasurer will then write a check per family to reimburse for the program fee. Cloverbuds and Volunteers are exempt. **Youth aged 18:** If you plan to participate as a 4-H member you will need to enroll as youth. If you plan to be a volunteer in 4-H only, please enroll as an adult.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Get ready to celebrate National 4-H Week from October 1-7, 2023. This year's theme is:



Make plans to share how you love 4-H this year. Discuss with your club how you will plan to celebrate in your local community. If you need any 4-H items to give out, please let Jennifer know!

GO LIVE!

National 4-H Week is coming soon! Is your family prepared? What about your club? I want to challenge each and every 4-H Member, Parent, and Volunteer to share your 4-H Story with the world on Facebook! Each day I encourage you to pick a topic and go LIVE! To make it easier, I compiled a list of ideas for you (One for each day of the week!)! Please make sure to use the hashtags below:

#Opportunities4All
#4HGrown
#TrueLeader
#KS4H
#Southwind4H

Ideas for comments/post for the week:
What is 4-H, Why 4-H, Best 4-H Memory, Favorite Project, 4-H Community Service Project, Favorite Club Activity, How to Join 4-H!
You may Go LIVE with any one idea for the week (or one each day!!)

SHARE THE CLOVER

Each day of National 4-H Week, plan to wear a 4-H shirt or at least green! National 4-H Spirit Day is Tuesday, October 3rd. Don't forget to take a selfie for FB or Instagram and use the following hashtags:
#Opportunities4All
#4HGrown
#TrueLeader
#KS4H
#Southwind4H

4-H SWAG

If your club is looking for 4-H items to distribute over National 4-H Week contact Jennifer and she can bring it to your local Extension office. Please provide her a weeks' notice due to district travel.

KICK OFF THE 4-H YEAR WITH SERVICE

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! **When:** October 7-8, 2023 **Who:** 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni. It's time to make plans for your club to participate kansas4-H.org/484H

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE TO YOU

Need a community service idea? Some nursing homes have called for programming, activities, interaction. We challenge you to adopt a nursing home/assisted living facility and brighten their days with your presence, knowledge, and outreach!

4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Newly elected club officers and club leaders are encouraged to attend! This event will be held on October 29th at 3:00 p.m. at the Marmaton Valley School, Moran.

STATE 4-H DOG CONFERENCE OCTOBER 21-22

Dog Conference registration will open September 15. The theme of the 4H event is "Dogz of Oz". The sessions will be about disaster preparedness with your dog, training and starting Rally O in your area, Quiz Bowl, youth presentations, and lots of fun with your dog at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City.

TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

Tractor Supply will be doing their Paper Clover Campaign October 4 – 15 this fall! 4-H'ers are encouraged to spend at least one hour at your local TSC store to promote 4-H during this campaign. This could be making some goodies to give to customers at the entrance with a 4-H decorated table, assisting customers with taking their items to their vehicle, or taking a 4-H project with you to share with the customers.

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETINGS

Come join the end of the year fun at the September 23 Entomology project meeting. We will meet at the Allen County Extension Office at 1:30 p.m. If you were enrolled in Entomology this year, bring a short talk on "Your Favorite Insect Memory This Year". If you are thinking about trying this project for 2024, come join us! October 14th will be Family Day for our Entomology meeting. We will meet at the Allen County Extension Office at 1:30 p.m. Several 4-Hers are working on games and challenges for youth and adults! If you are thinking about trying this project for 2024, come check us out. Among the many fun activities, we will have, we will be looking at safely using Social Media in 4-H projects. Family and Consumer Science Agent Cassidy Lutz will be joining us to work with the parents in a special session on this topic. If you want your picture taken with "The Bug", please bring your own camera or cell phone. I will have pinning set ups available for purchase for \$10 each at this meeting for new families that want them. Hope to see your families there! Little brothers and sisters are welcome!

SAVE THE DATES: KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM AND 4-H VOLUNTEER FORUM

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION and Leadership is the theme for the 2023 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum! Saturday/Sunday, November 18-19, Rock Springs Ranch. For Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held at the same time! A great opportunity for volunteers to learn from each other and get excited about trying some new things in their 4-H Clubs. Registration will be due: Monday, October 16, 2023. More information visit: kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension Staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. The event provides youth the opportunity to acquire practical knowledge and skills to reinforce the attitudes and motivation that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect with others as active member of society. Youth will engage in educational activities to explore, practice and master civic engagement skills and personal development to make a difference in their community, country and world. Any 4-H youth member program age 15-18 may apply for the opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. area. The event is scheduled for April 19-24, 2024 in Arlington, Virginia. Applications are due Monday, October 2, 2023. Applicants are screened and top applicants will be invited for interview. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected to attend this event. One or two adult chaperones will also be selected to accompany the delegation. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old and must be a registered volunteer. Interested adult volunteers and Extension Staff should contact Beth Hinshaw or Dona Ratliff. Cost to attend is approximately \$2000. 4-H Clubs, 4-H Councils, local 4-H Foundations and local service groups have helped many delegates with this fee. Additional conference fees are sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation and their generous donors.



STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE CONTEST RESULTS



Kason Botts, Will Maycumber, Jewel Endicott, Austin Maycumber, Seth Shadden, Camryn Wille, Hailey Shadden, Abigail Meiwes, Coach Casey Diver

Intermediate Division:

Team...4th

Hailey Shadden....10th

Camryn Wille

Kason Botts

Austin Maycumber

Senior Division:

Team...2nd

Abigail Meiwes...1st

Jewel Endicott

Seth Shadden

Will Maycumber

STATE LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES



Makinlee Bloesser, Hailey Shadden, Marley Sutton, McKinley Sutton, Kendyl Bloesser, Emery Yoho, Chanlynn Wrestler, Carley Dreher, Kyser Nemecek, Brady Hurt, Tate Crystal, Carla Nemecek (coach), Byron Fry, Reegan McDaniel

At the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes the Southwind Livestock Judging Team came home State Champions in Livestock Judging Team and State Champions in Intermediate Meats Judging Team. They also received Reserve Champion Sweepstakes. Placing in the top 10 were: Tate Crystal ...3rd, Reegan McDaniel...4th, Carly Dreher...9th. For a complete list of results visit: bit.ly/southwindlivestockjudging.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Photographers Jennifer Han, and Ken Kraxberger are joining with Susan Stich, Kansas 4-H Photo Action Team member, to bring Photography project meetings to Southwind District. Photography project meetings will be held on the following dates. Location will be at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted. They will be held 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Any type of camera is okay to use, bring your cameras with you to each meeting. Please RSVP if you are coming for the first meeting. All photography project members are welcome to come to any of the meetings. Contact Susan Stich at home: 620-431-6986 or cell: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information. Parents are welcome to come and stay for the meetings.

October 10, 2023

November 14, 2023

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024 Location to be determined

July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

LIVESTOCK CHECKS

As a reminder, 4-Hers need to pick up their premium checks from the premium buyer at their place of business or how the business prefers you get your check. I would suggest calling the business first to find out their preference. Base bid and add-on checks will be ready to pick up at the Extension Office by September 1st. Each 4-H member is required to bring 5 stamped and addressed ready to mail thank you cards to the Extension Office when picking up checks.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet following the new 4-H Club officers training on Sunday, October 29th at the Marmaton Valley School, Moran, KS. New 4-H Council officers will be elected.



PROGRAM FEE SPONSORSHIP

Just a reminder that all youth have the opportunity to get their \$15 program fee paid for by completing the following requirements:

***Submit a complete MIGS Book** to your club leader by their deadline.

***Submit ONE complete Project Record Report Form** to your club leader by their deadline.

***Attend a minimum of SIX monthly 4-H Club Meetings** in the previous 4-H year.

LOCAL PROMOTION FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

4-H Council decided to continue letting Allen County 4-H Clubs promote 4-H during National 4-H Week at their local elementary schools. The assignments for this year are:

Iola Elementary School – Square B and Prairie Dell

Iola Middle School – City Slickers

Humboldt Elementary – Logan Pals

Marmaton Valley – Prairie Rose

Clubs can obtain promotional 4-H items from 4-H Agent Jennifer Terrell. Also, 2023-2024 Club Presidents will need to record radio spots for National 4-H Week at KIKS. If you need to, youth are welcome to record at the Extension Office in Iola. Clubs are also encouraged to use club flags, billboards, and social media to promote 4-H.

SAVE THE DATE – 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

Save the Date! Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the Annual Achievement Recognition. More information will be listed in the October 4-H newsletter.

4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Allen County 4-H Council is giving out a \$50 scholarship to Members in Good Standing (MIGS) who attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs, November 18-19, 2023.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

FAIR PREMIUM AND LIVESTOCK CHECKS

Please pick-up your fair ribbon premium and livestock checks if you have not already done so. Checks need to be cashed as soon as possible. Please let your supporters know how much you appreciate their support.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet Sunday, October 29th at 1:30 p.m. at the Marmaton Valley School, Moran, KS just before 4-H Club officers training. New 4-H Council officers will be elected.

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SAVE THE DATE – 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

Save the Date! Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. for the Annual Achievement Recognition. More information will be listed in the October 4-H newsletter.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

BASE BID CHECKS

If you haven't picked up your base bid check, please do so asap. And cash them soon too!

FRIEND OF 4-H AND ALUMNI NAMES NEEDED

There are many well deserving nominees for these awards. Clubs should be thinking of names or ideas of who to nominate for the Friend of 4-H Award and Alumni Award. Forms can be found on the website under Leader Resources and will need to be turned in no later than October 1.

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4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet Sunday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. to decorate for the Achievement Recognition and then have a meeting at the Neosho Valley Event Center. New 4-H Council officers will be elected.

MEDALLION AWARD PLAQUES

Any new 4-H member this past year should order a medallion plaque to display awards received at the achievement banquet. First-year members will receive medallions for project work, achievement, and years of membership (if correct paperwork has been filled out). 4-H Council provides these awards. First-year members need to purchase the 8x10 plaque and nameplate that the medallions will go on. The cost of the plaque and nameplate will be \$10.00, additional hanger bars for plaques are \$3.00 if you need one. Please make all checks payable to the 4-H Council. Contact the Erie office by noon Friday, September 17th with payment. Orders will be submitted that afternoon. You may mail your payment to 4-H Council, 111 S. Butler, Erie, KS 66733.

SAVE THE DATE – 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

Save the Date! Monday, November 6 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for the Annual Achievement Recognition. More information will be listed in the October 4-H newsletter.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

PREMIUM SALE CHECKS

If you have not received your check from the Premium Sale yet, contact your buyer(s).

SAVE THE DATE – 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

Save the Date! Sunday, November 12 2023, at 5:00 p.m. for the Annual Achievement Recognition. More information will be listed in the October 4-H newsletter.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a 4-H Council Meeting immediately following the Achievement Banquet on November 12th. We will elect officers and discuss 4-H event sponsorships at this meeting.

