

4-H UPDATE

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GREAT THINGS HAPPENING....

As the 2025 4-H year comes to an end, we finished on a good note, the Kansas State Fair! There was 50+ 4-H members representing the frontier District. See the link to see our Purple Ribbon winners!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The new 4-H year will begin October 1st, so it is time for new and returning 4-H members and volunteers to enroll. The system will not allow the process to be started before that date. The cost will remain \$15. Cloverbuds and volunteers will not be charged. All returning 4-H members and volunteers should be re-enrolled by December 1st. Projects and/or clubs will need to be added when enrolling. Project years should auto-populate. Families are also encouraged to confirm the email address and phone numbers for the family and for each member or volunteer.



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OFFICES CLOSED

- November 11
- November 27-28
- December 25 - January 2

4-H Calendar

OCTOBER

Sept. 30-Oct. 3 World Dairy Expo
Oct. 1 2026 4-H Enrollment Open
Oct. 1 Youth Leadership Council Appli.
Due
Oct. 3-5 Kansas Junior Livestock Show
Oct. 5-11 National 4-H Week
Oct. 11 Judd Ranch Judging Contest
Oct. 11-12 48 Hours of 4-H
Oct. 13 Fr Co. Achievement RSVP Due
Oct. 15 KYLF Registration Due
Oct. 22 Fr Co. Achievement Night
Oct. 22 Fr Co. Fair Premium Checks
Due
Oct. 24 An Co. Achievement RSVP Due
Oct. 27 Os Co. 4-H Council
Oct. 31 Os Co Achievement RSVP Due

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 Financial Reviews Due
Nov. 1 Club Organizational Reports Due
Nov. 8 Entomology Mtg.
Nov. 9 An Co. Achievement Night
Nov. 10 An Co. 4-H Council
Nov. 11 All Offices Closed
Nov. 12 Os Co. Achievement Night
Nov. 22-23 KYLF
Nov. 25 Fr Co. 4-H Council
Nov. 27-28 All Offices Closed

DECEMBER

Dec. 1 Returning Members/Volunteers
Enrollment Due
Dec. 25 - Jan 2 All Offices Closed



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2025

Kansas

State

Fair

Katie Lowry

Sponsored by: Schrag Nikkel Cattle



4-H Week Spirit Week

Oct. 5-11

Service Project Sunday:
Do something nice for a neighbor or family member

Membership Monday:
Go Green Day! Wear green and get enrolled for the new 4-H year!

Talk about it Tuesday:
Wear a 4-H shirt and tell 3 new people about 4-H

Wayback Wednesday:
Share a favorite 4-H Memory

Thankful Thursday:
4-H for Good Day! Help recognize the good our 4-Hers and volunteers do! Give a special shout out of thanks to those people!

Favorite Project Friday:
Share about your favorite 4-H project

Social Media Tags:

#National4HWeek

#Kansas4H

#4HBeyondReady

@Frontier Extension District:
K-State Research & Extension

@Kansas 4-H

Story Saturday:

Share how 4-H has helped you grow



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National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be **October 5-11, 2025**! Celebrate all things 4-H and help others understand what 4-H entails. Clubs and project groups are encouraged to promote 4-H at school, at church, to local civic groups, etc. through demonstrations, talks, posters, skits or other fun events. Youth can even do a radio program (see back page)!



48 Hours of 4-H

The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to do a service project to see just how much can be given back to the community! Invite friends, parents, other clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alumni to participate in 48 Hours of 4-H on **October 11-12, 2025**. Be sure to register your club's activity!

Time to Re-Enroll as a 4-H Volunteer!

Leaders Must get Approved ASAP!!

☀️ Calling All 4-H Volunteers! Time to Re-Enroll This October! ☀️

As we look ahead to another exciting year of growth, learning, and fun in 4-H, it's time for all current and prospective volunteers to re-enroll (or enroll for the first time!) in the Kansas 4HOnline system: ➡️ <https://v2.4honline.com>

♥️ Why Volunteer with 4-H?

Becoming a 4-H volunteer is more than just helping— it's a chance to shape lives and share what you love!

- Make a lasting impact on youth in your community
- Share your passions, skills, and hobbies
- Support hands-on learning, leadership, and growth
- Work with trained Extension staff and use research-based curriculum
- Be part of a caring and passionate 4-H team!

🔄 Annual Re-Enrollment: Quick & Important!

Just like youth re-enroll each year, volunteers must re-enroll annually to stay active and approved. It's a simple process—but very important for safety and consistency!

✅ Steps to Enroll or Re-Enroll:

1. Log in to 4HOnline

- Returning families: Use your existing family account
- New families: Create a new family account and add yourself as an adult

2. Watch for an email from Jo Hetrick-Anstaett (janstaett@ksu.edu). She'll reach out to set up your volunteer interview

3. Complete a Criminal Background Check (CBC)

- You'll create an account and receive instructions by email

4. Take the Volunteer Orientation

- Log in to 4HOnline
- Go to your Member List → View → Trainings Tab
- Complete the required orientation

5. Final Approval

- Your name will be submitted to the Extension Board
- You'll receive an official approval letter and updated status in 4HOnline

📌 Need help? A full step-by-step guide and helpful links are on our district website:

➡️ <https://www.frontierdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/>

Fall Geology Field Trip!

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Our new 4-H year is starting, and we're kicking it off with a geology field trip to Southeast Kansas! This area is especially exciting because we'll find specimens that can't be found anywhere else in the state. The trip will be led by the Cherokee County Geology Leader.

This field trip is open to current geology members as well as anyone interested in exploring geology as a potential project this year.

When & Where

- Date: Saturday, October 25
- Time: Meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Location: Oswego City Park (Labette County), just north of Highway 160

Please come with a full tank of gas—we'll be traveling into the Tri-State Mining District, which includes two Missouri counties and one Oklahoma county where we are allowed to collect specimens. (We can't collect everywhere in Missouri, but these counties are exceptions.)

Along the way, we'll also stop at Big Brutus, the enormous crawler shovel and museum, to learn about coal strip mining.

What to Bring

1. Lunch and plenty of fluids to drink
2. Plastic zip-lock bags for collecting (other than plants); you may also bring a small bucket—but no 5-gallon buckets unless someone else will carry it
3. Flats (like soda or beer flats) to keep plant fossils flat and protected—plant fossils are fragile and can be ruined if stacked or bagged
4. Bug spray (ticks and mosquitoes may still be out) and sunscreen if you burn easily
5. Rock hammers—not carpenter claw hammers (they bounce and can cause injuries). A small mallet from a hardware store or Walmart works best

Questions?

Contact Gayla Corley at 785-448-0301 (text preferred since calls may not always be heard).

We hope to see you on October 25!

—Gayla Corley, District Geology Leader

District Details

Leaders have you...

Review

- Financial Reviews, due November 1st
- Organizational Reports, Due November 1st
- Looked over deadlines & dates?
- Promoted enrollment
- Checked Volunteer enrollment
- Encouraged 4-H members to ask a friend to attend meetings
- Reminded all 4-H members and parents who are volunteers to enroll via 4-H Online

To-Do

- Financial Reviews and Organizational Reports
- Check mailbox at the Extension Office
- Report from 4-H Council Meetings
- Update Volunteer Renewal information



Animal Science Newsletter

Did you know that there is a monthly newsletter written by the KSU Animal Science Department. Be sure to check it out, as they write important topics, such as camps coming up, upcoming events, topics you might need to know in the barn. Check out the link above to find information you might need to know!



Keeping Track of Project Goals

After choosing project goals, it is important to keep track of what you have learned and accomplished. What new skills have been gained? Who is helping you along the way? Here is your reminder to take pictures and notes to make filling out PRRF's so much easier! There are resources to help members!



Kansas Clover Classroom

The Kansas Clover Classroom is an amazing 4-H project supplemental guide available to 4-H families. Taking photos, designing a cabinet, building rockets, collecting insects, tending to livestock...those activities are part of a much bigger, project-based learning process to prepare youth for the future. Which challenge will you take on?



Financial Review Due

The end of the year financial review for all clubs and project groups must be filled out and turned into the Extension Office by **November 1st**. Clubs or groups needing tax numbers, etc. should contact the Extension Office. Remember, signers on the account or those who have possession of the financial records (or anyone related to them) CANNOT review the records and/or sign the audit form. Follow along to the checklist before turning in. Finally, the only part of the above link that should come to the Extension Office is pages 4-5.

District Details

Member/Volunteer Enrollment

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- [Click here to enroll](#)
- Create an account
- Select your participation type
- Choose your county & club
- Select your projects (remember, once you have enrolled, if you need to add more, message your Extension Office.)
- Review consent forms, there are more this year!
- Enter member information
- Click submit!



Entomology Meetings

We will not be having an Entomology project meeting in October. I encourage you to participate in the Project Palooza activities in Chanute on October 25th or in Yates Center on November 1st from 9 a.m. to Noon. These project fairs will highlight any projects. Take your Entomology exhibits and share with potential 4-Hers about this great project. Or put up a display at a local Library or Tractor Supply for National 4-H week.

Saturday November 8: Family Day

Have a young person interested in learning about insects? Come learn what the 4-H Entomology project is all about! Join the SE Kansas 4-H Entomology group for a fun filled afternoon on Saturday November 8th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m at the Allen County Extension Office meeting room. Games, refreshments and lots of laughs are on the schedule for the day. 4-Hers please bring your insect exhibits from the County and State Fairs to share with everyone. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170 or email vicky.wallace55@gmail.com



Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2026 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

When: **November 22-23, 2025**

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2026



JUDD RANCH JUDGING

Are you interested in Livestock Judging? we'll gather a team or individual and head to the Judd Ranch Judging Contest on **Saturday, October 11th**. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. contest starts at 9:00 a.m. There will be four Beef classes, one questions set, and one reasons set for senior division. Prizes will be awarded! Check out the website for more information!

Anderson Activities

County Council Committees

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| National 4-H Week | All Clubs |
| Achievement Night Celebration | Lucky 13 |
| County Wide Fun Event | Star Shooting |
| County Wide Community Service | Cherry Mound |
| Club Days | Lucky 13 |
| Recognition of 4-H Seniors | Cherry Mound |
| District Wide Day Camp | Star Shooting |
| New Member Event | All Clubs |
| After Fair Pool Party Treats | Seekers Not Slackers |
| District Activity | Seekers Not Slackers |



4-H Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Nov. 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room**. Be sure to attend and represent your club as there must be a leader and youth representative from each club at every meeting in order for the club to be on track to receive a purple seal at year's end.



Achievement Night

Achievement Night will be held **November 9 , at 5 pm**. It will be held at the Community Building. It will begin with a meal, followed by the recognition of all our many accomplishments this year. Please **RSVP to jlstineb@ksu.edu by October 24th** if you plan on attending. Thank you.



New 4-H Year--Enrollment begins October 1

The new 4-H year begins October 1. All members and volunteers must go to 4-H Online and enroll for the 2025-2026 4-H year. Please have this completed by Dec. 1. Our fair board generously pays for each members' enrollment fee. This requires a coupon code. The code for this year is **QOCJVP**. I will also send an email to you with this code included. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. **The first member enrolled will receive a gift card at Achievement Night!!**



National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 6-11. This is a week to promote the 4-H program to potential members and the community. Please be sure to share your stories about 4-H with others, seek support and give thanks to the community people who support 4-H, and participate in our 4-H Sprit Week. See page 4 of this newsletter to find the flyer taht describes what you should do on each day of the week. It also has hashtags to use if you post anything about your promotional activities.



Reminder for 4-H Members

The Anderson County Fair has come and gone. Livestock Buyers and special award sponsors were quite generous! It is very important that YOU be sure to write a thank you note to the buyer and/or sponsor and deliver/mail it in a timely manner. Adding a baked goody would be a nice touch, too!



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Osage Opportunities

County Council

October 27 @ 7 p.m.
Lyndon Extension Office.

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| County Wide Fundraiser | MJH |
| Club Day | NO |
| Achievement Night Celebration | WW |
| District Wide Day Camp | Ambassadors |
| Council By-laws & National 4-H Week | BG |
| District Wide Event | LL |

Save The Date:

Osage City Fair: July 8-11



Achievement Night

The Osage County Achievement Celebration will be November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyndon Community Building located at 205 W 10th. Dinner will be served starting at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by October 31st, if you plan on eating. Here is the [RSVP Link](#). Come and enjoy the evening as we celebrate Osage County 4-H Members, volunteers and friends! Contact Jo at the Lyndon Office with questions.



Shooting Sports Fall Schedule

Please see the next page for a letter from the new Shooting Sports coordinator and for more information regarding Osage County Shooting Sports.



Leadership Event Scholarship Information:

Osage County 4-H Council will offer a \$50 scholarship to properly enrolled Osage County 4-H members who attend any out-of-county event (4-H Camp, Discovery Days, KYLF, CIA, etc.). For camp only, the scholarship will be reimbursed to the camper upon returning from the event and submitting proof of payment to the Office. All other scholarships will be taken off the price when payment is made in the Office. Please contact the Office with questions.



Happy New Year, Time to Enroll

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Enrollment Contests!

Osage County 4-H Council is giving a \$25 gift card to the first Osage County member enrolled! 4-H Council is also give the club with the highest percentage of members re-enrolled/new members enrolled by October 31st their choice of either a pizza party or an ice cream sundae party! So get enrolled and encourage others to get enrolled!

Osage County 4-H Shooting Sports Program

Dear 4-H Community,

We hope this message finds you well. We have some important updates to share regarding the Osage County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. After numerous years of serving the program, Rob Quaney, instructor, and Marcie Quaney, coordinator, have hung up their hats. Their contributions have been instrumental in shaping the program and keeping it active in our County and we are deeply grateful for their past commitment and passion for the Shooting Sports project. While we bid farewell to Rob and Marcie, the program will have to undergo some transitional changes and will be looking for new volunteers and opportunities to promote the shooting project.

To fill the void, Dustin Eichem, who has served as an instructor for several years, went through the Coordinator training program at Rocks Springs this past May. Dustin will serve as both Coordinator and Instructor of the Shotgun, Small Bore Rifle, and Air Rifle. Layton Dougherty will serve as Instructor of the Small-Bore Pistol and Air Pistol. In addition, Austin Eichem serves as Jr. Instructor for Shotgun, Small Bore Pistol and Air Pistol. We are actively seeking volunteers to help with all disciplines of the program and especially an instructor for the Archery discipline.

During this transition, it will take some time to get logistics fully situated for the 2025-2026 4-H Year. We are currently in the process of finding a location to do our shotgun, rifle, and pistol disciplines and therefore will not plan on meeting for these disciplines until next spring. We do plan on having air rifle in January/February 2026 and will release those dates once set.

In the meantime, join us for our annual benefit shoot on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Ravenwood Lodge, 10147 SW 61st. Street, Topeka, KS 66610. Registration begins at 8:30 with all shooters on the course by 11 a.m.

We believe that the strength of our program lies in the support and engagement of our community. We encourage all members, parents, and volunteers to get involved and contribute to the success of the 4-H Shooting Program. Whether it's through volunteering, attending events, or providing feedback, your involvement is invaluable.

We look forward to embarking on this new chapter together and continuing the Osage County 4-H Shooting Program.



Osage County 4-H Shooting Sports Annual Sporting Clays Benefit Shoot RavenwoodLodge

**10147 SW 61st St. Topeka, KS 66610
Saturday, October 25, 2025**

**Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
All Shooters must be on course by 11:00 a.m.**

**Entry Fee is \$45 per person
Re-entry fee is \$35 per person
Cash or check preferred
N.S.C.A rules will be in effect**

Entry Fee includes 50 targets

**Prizes awarded for highest score
ladies, men, and youth**

Biscuits and Gravy provided with registration while supplies last

**Thank you to Ravenwood Lodge for partnering with Osage County
4-H Shooting Sports to make this event possible.**

Franklin Festivities

County Council

Nov. 25th, 7:00 p.m. @

Commission Chambers, 1418 S. Main, in Ottawa (down the hall from the Extension Office)

| Club Day | RR |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| District Wide Day Camp | BGG & AR |
| Livestock Buyer Appreciation | SH |
| National 4-H Week Marketing | FOP & SS |
| Achievement Night Celebrations | RW |
| District Wide Event | PGB |
| Community Service & Fair Goody Plates | AT |



Save The Date:

2026 Franklin County Fair:
July 13-19, 2026



Achievement Night

The Achievement Celebration will be on **Wednesday, October 22nd**, at the Ottawa Municipal Auditorium, 301 S. Hickory at 6:30 pm, dinner will be served at 5:45. An RSVP from each family attending is needed by **Monday, October 13th**. **ONLY THOSE EATING SHOULD RSVP!** Come and enjoy the evening as we celebrate Franklin County 4-H members and volunteers and their successes!



National 4-H Week

Nation 4-H Week is **October 5-11, 2025**. this year! As well as 48 hours of 4-H is October 11-12th. This is the time to volunteer, help with community service, and use your voice to promote 4-H.



Junior Medallion Sponsorships

At the annual Franklin County 4-H Achievement Celebration, medallions are awarded to junior and intermediate members showing excellence in a project through a PRRFs. Two awards will be given in most project areas for the junior level and one in the intermediate level (a pin is awarded to the top PRRF). Medallions can be sponsored by anyone for \$3.00 each. Sponsorships and payment are due ASAP. A list of sponsors will appear in the celebration program and in the newsletter. Anyone interested in sponsoring may contact the Ottawa Extension Office. Checks should be made payable to the Franklin County 4-H Council.



Fair Checks

Please remember to cash your fair premium checks by **October 22nd** so the Fair Board Treasurer can finalize the 2025 fair books.



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Judd Ranch Judging Contest

Saturday, October 11

Registration at 8:00 a.m.

Contest starts at 9:00 a.m.

- *4 beef classes*
- *1 question set*
- *1 set of reasons (senior youth only)*
- *held in conjunction with Judd Ranch Female Sale*
- *a full team is not necessary; individual prizes awarded*
- *prizes include sale credit (adults can judge too!)*
- *for more information call (785) 248-6005*



423 Hwy K-68
Pomona, KS 66076
www.juddranch.com

Handy Links!

Please follow the links for more information

4-H Policy

The current KSRE and 4-H practices cover the new requirements and are now included as a reference in the policy.

Electronic Treasurers Book

An electronic version of the Treasurer's Book is available for any club or group to use. Located at the bottom of page on the club resource's page!

Helpful Resources

Here are some resources to help guide you in projects, or any national curriculum that might be helpful!

Raffle Policy and Guidelines

Any Extension unit-affiliated group (e.g. 4-H club, 4-H project group, etc.) wanting to conduct a raffle must first fill out and submit an application.

Frontier District Website

This is our website that holds lots of great information!

Frontier District Facebook

Follow us on Facebook for updated information!

Kansas 4-H Website

This is the Kansas 4-H website and is an excellent resource. Information about state events, project materials and the state 4-H newsletter is available.

District Wide Project Leaders

A list of District-wide projects and leaders is available to Frontier District 4-H members.

Disabilities Accommodations Request Form

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires persons with disabilities be provided "reasonable" accommodations and prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. Accommodations are generally considered reasonable if they don't change the fundamental nature of the program or alter the essential criteria for participation. Accommodations meeting these standards should typically be provided. Reasonable accommodations are determined through an interactive process between the community member and local and State 4-H Offices. It is essential for the Accommodation Request Form to be filled out FIRST at the local level in collaboration with a local Extension Professional to launch a formal accommodations process. Because it can take time to plan for accommodations, KSRE requests this form be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the event/activity. Submitting a request on shorter notice may reduce and/or limit any ability to implement accommodations.



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