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**Chautauqua County
4-H Update**



4-H Calendar

September

- 4** Labor Day-Extension Offices Closed
- 7** Kansas State Fair Exhibits to Hutchinson
- 8-17** Kansas State Fair -Hutchinson
- 22** Record Books, Pin Applications and Officer Notebooks Due
- 30-10/2** Kansas Junior Livestock Show-Hutchinson

October

- 1** Beginning of New 4-H Year
- 1-7** National 4-H Week
- 48 Hours of 4-H**
- 11** 4-H Council
- 21** 4-H BINGO Fundraiser
- 27-28** 4-H Spook Walk

November

- 10** **Veteran's Day—Offices Closed**
- 18-19** Kansas 4-H Leadership & Volunteer Forum
- 18** County 4-H Achievement and Supporters' Banquet—Noon
- 23-24** **Thanksgiving—Offices Closed**

**A big THANK YOU to everyone that
participated, donated, and helped
out at the fair!**

County 4-H Appreciation Dinner & Achievement Banquet

The Achievement Banquet will be **November 18, 2023 at NOON in the Fair Building** at the Sedan Fairgrounds. 4-H Council will provide the meat and tableware. Each 4-H Family is to bring a side dish or dessert.

Please take the time to invite supporters to this event so that we can thank them for all they do and show off what Chautauqua County 4-H Members are all about. We have postcards available in the office if you would like some to send to supporters.



4-H Enrollment

September 30 is the end of the 4-H year and October 1 starts re-enrollment for the new 4-H year. Enrollments and re-enrollments will all be done on 4-H Online, <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. If you can't remember your log on or are having trouble, call Jenny at (620) 725-5890.

Remember, you must be 7 by January 1, 2023 to enroll in 4-H. Kids ages 5-7 may sign up to be in Cloverbuds.

Enrollment Deadline for competing in the county fair will be **February 1st**. Drop/Add Deadline will still be **May 1st**.

NOTE:

If you work the Spook Walk, mark "pay with check" and I will input the coupon code when I approve you.

How do I write my 4-H Story:

Your General 4-H story is an important part of your records. It should focus on how the total 4-H year impacted you and your family. Tell about experiences you have had this 4-H year, good and challenging, and what these experiences meant to you. Do not just tell what ribbons or awards you received. You can include these, but talk about your experiences, growth, and development.

The following outline may help you in developing your story. **Do NOT** use bullet points or numbers to outline your story when writing it.

- 🍀 **Introduction:** Include your age, interests, parents, brother and sisters, where you live, where you go to school, and for first year members why you joined 4-H.

- 🍀 **Project Information:** Tell about your projects -- things you learned, whether your project grew in size and scope, successes and failures, experiences and 4-H events participated in i.e. 4-H Club Days, Livestock Judging, Spring Livestock Shows, etc. Can also tell if you served as any officers on the club or county level, or other leadership roles, and other 4-H events participated in.

- 🍀 **Future plans:** Tell how you have benefited from 4-H participation and what are some future plans you have.

If you have any questions, please ask!!



If you have any pictures from the fair or other 4-H events during the year, please share with me. I am needing pictures for the slide show at the Achievement Banquet. Email me at Immbever@ksu.edu

CQ Co. 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held at the Sedan Courthouse on October 11th at 7:00p.m.

New 4-H Year

Begins

October 1, 2023



Achievement Pin

Applications Due

By

September 22, 2023

Record Books

Due in Extension Office

By September 22, 2023

(Early submissions encouraged and
REWARDED!)

Submit your Record Book by
4:00 pm

Wednesday, September 13
and your name will go in a drawing
for a

\$10 Aunt B's gift certificate!

CLUB OFFICERS:

**Don't forget to turn in your
records!**

Also due by 9/22/2023

Record Books

4-H record books are rarely one of the most favorite tasks for anyone, yet they can be one of the most valuable learning tools. One of the real values of 4-H record keeping is as a monitor of growth. For project work, charting the number of items made, books read, demonstrations or talks given, members helped, tours taken and items exhibited--really makes progress obvious.

Many of the rewards of 4-H record keeping are not immediate. Record keeping is one of those temporarily painful experiences that leaves a young person with a good feeling when it is completed--a sense of pride & accomplishment. Record keeping is filled with personal lessons in diligence, decision making, self-expression, time management, creativity, and honesty.

All records are available from the Rolling Prairie website. Records are available in a form filler version. If you have Adobe Acrobat Reader (which is a free program on the internet) you can type and complete the record on your computer using the form filler version. **Make sure you save each form BEFORE you start editing on it.** Also available on the website, is the publication *Rolling Prairie District 4-H Rec-*

ords Guide. This tells all about completing your records and lists the record sheet to use for each project.

Organizing Your Record Book

When record books are handed in, they should be arranged in the following order:

1. **Achievement Pin Application** – If you are applying for one.
2. **Check Sheet**—Used to verify that all information is included and complete.
3. **Personal Information Page**-- Should be current year's Personal Page; be sure to include a picture of yourself.
4. **Permanent Record**--A well completed Permanent Record should reflect growth of the project. Size of the project does not mean exhibits at the fair; it means number of animals, articles made, pictures taken, books read, etc.
5. **Current year's Project Report Forms**-- This will include Genter Project Report Forms for non-animal related project and Animal Project Report Forms for all animal related projects. Only include current year's records. Pictures should be added to project records only include the amount asked for. Take other years out and put in a safe place.



Things to Remember When Completing Your Record Book

- ⇒ Your records are the only impression of you the judge has.
- ⇒ Tell everything about your project--don't take anything for granted.
- ⇒ Be neat.
- ⇒ Be accurate.
- ⇒ Be sure to get all signatures. If you don't have a project leader, your parents may sign as your leader.
- ⇒ Fill in the blanks--even if it is with none or N/A.
- ⇒ Add another page if you need more room on Permanent Record.
- ⇒ Be sure to always fill out your own book.
- ⇒ Do not include newspaper clippings, ribbons, awards or things like this in your record book. These go in a scrapbook or shoebox.
- ⇒ Pencil, pen, or type? Whatever the 4-H'er feels comfortable with as long as the 4-H'er completes their own records. Be consistent with whatever you do. If you print or write, use blue or black ink, or type, try to do the same for all of your records.
- ⇒ **DO NOT ADD MORE PICTURES THAN WHAT IS ASKED FOR OR REQUIRED!!!**

Club Officer Elections

The September club meeting is the time for clubs to elect officers for the new 4-H year. Electing officers can be a very educational process for both young and old members. Here are a few suggestions for your club in electing officers.

Election of officers should not be a popularity contest. Members need to be reminded to elect the individual(s) that will do the best job for each office.

- ◆ Talk to members about the election process and why we use it in a democracy.
- ◆ I strongly suggest that clubs use a nominating committee and prepare a ballot. Allow write-ins and let the 4-H'ers vote by written ballot.
- ◆ Allow the group to see the total nominating committee's report before taking nominations.
- ◆ New members probably should not be eligible to be elected to offices.
- ◆ Candidates should be introduced or allowed to introduce themselves with a very brief campaign "speech" before balloting.
- ◆ Numbering the candidates may allow very young members to vote without assistance. Writing a number instead of a candidate's name may be easier for younger members.
- ◆ A member does not have to be present to be elected. However, an effective officer must be someone that does have a good attendance and club participation record.
- ◆ Every leader, nominating committee member and current officer should review the club by-laws and be familiar with them before elections.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2024 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 18-19, 2023

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024

2023 Fees: \$200 and additional optional \$50 for Friday overnight and breakfast.

Registration Deadline:

Will open in August

Deadline - Monday October 16, 2023 by 11:59 p.m.

Registration Link - **Coming Soon!**

Watch our FB pages for updates.

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested [here](#), two weeks prior to the start of the event (November 3, 2023). Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY 4-H

SPOOK WALK

Sedan Fairgrounds

October 27-28, 2023

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5

4-H Members who participate in the Spook Walk will get their \$15 program fee paid for by council.



Everything That is Due September 22, 2023

- 4-H Record Book
- Achievement Pin Applications
- Club Summary Reports
- Officer Notebooks
 - ◆ Secretary
 - ◇ Original Notes Taken
 - ◇ Minutes of Meeting
 - ◇ List of Members/Roll Call
 - ◇ List of Committees
 - ◇ List of Leaders
 - ◆ Treasurer
 - ◇ Monthly Record of Club Finances
 - ◇ Club Budget
 - ◇ Yearly Summary of Club Finances
 - ◇ Monthly Bank Statements
 - ◇ Receipts
 - ◆ Reporter
 - ◇ Monthly Meeting Reports
 - ◇ Include what you wrote for the paper
 - ◇ Include original article that appeared in paper.
 - ◇ Other stories written
 - ◆ Historian
 - ◇ Club Scrapbook

Volunteer? Me?

Ever thought of being a 4-H volunteer? Volunteers are essential to the 4-H program. You're probably already volunteering in some capacity. Learn how you can make a difference in the lives of our youth while ensuring their safety.

Adults providing direct supervision to youth at a 4-H program; who make decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handle funds as part of 4-H **must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.**

These roles will include, though may not be limited to:

Organizational (Project) Club Leaders

Chaperones for any overnight events

Camp Volunteers

Volunteers who will have access to funds raised on behalf of 4-H

Volunteers who will have access to confidential records or information

Process Steps include: 4-H Online profile, References, Criminal History, Interview, Orientation, and Approval.

Call the extension office or access the steps online to become a 4-H Volunteer.



Chautauqua County 4-H



October 21, 2023

6:00 pm

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Mini Games start at 5:30 pm

Fair Building Sedan, Kansas

Tickets: \$10 in advance

\$12 at the door

Proceeds go towards Livestock Events and Fairgrounds Improvements.

BINGO FAQ

What are each 4-H family's responsibilities for the Bingo fundraiser?

Each family is to sell 10 tickets (these were given to the leaders.) Each member needs to bring a basket for a prize and a dessert for the concession stand. There will also be a sign up for concession stand. If you need ideas for baskets call Jenny at the office or Lindsey Carter.

What does the \$10 ticket get you?

Each person presenting a ticket will get a book of 10 pages of Bingo cards. These can be used during the regular bingo games that will start at 6:00 pm. Extra books of cards will be available to purchase the night of bingo for \$5.

What other opportunities are there for people to participate that night?

Starting at 5:30 we will do mini games. These games will cost a \$1 a card and the winner will get half the pot. (IE If we sell 50 cards for the first game the winner will get \$25.)

We will also have a raffle for a scratch off lottery ticket tree. Tickets will be a \$1 or 6 for \$5. Winner will be drawn that night.

Concession stand will be available. We will have nachos, Frito chili pie, hot dogs, baked potatoes, walking tacos, drinks and desserts. Items will be sold individually, and we will also have a meal deal available.

4-H Bingo

Ideas for 4-H BINGO night baskets:

Fishing Tackle

Movie Night

Goods from local businesses

Holiday baskets

Grilling baskets

Family Game Night

Gift Certificates for services (massages, hair, nails, lawn mowing, house cleaning, etc.)

Dinner in a basket (Tacos, spaghetti, chili, etc.)

Baking basket

Spa basket

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is a time to promote 4-H, encourage membership, celebrate the completion of a successful 4-H year, make plans and set goals for the new 4-H year.

October is the start of a new 4-H year. Young people aged 8-18 are eligible for membership and children aged 5-7 can get a headstart as a Cloverbud. Cloverbuds get to explore 4-H before they actually become a member.

It is recommended that all clubs do something to promote 4-H during this week. Some ideas include hanging up your club banners at businesses, wearing your 4-H shirts as a club, or making thank you gifts for local supporters.

48 Hours of 4-H: Chautauqua County 4-H'ers will help at the Gregg Theater. Check Facebook & October Newsletter for more information & opportunities.





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