

# Elk County 4-H News

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## 4-H Calendar of Events

### October

1 Beginning of New 4-H Year  
4HOnline Open for Reenrollment for 2023-2024  
1 - 7 National 4-H Week  
4 Club Leaders Meeting -- 5:30 p.m.  
4-H Council -- 6:30 p.m.  
7 - 8 48 Hours of 4-H  
16 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Registration Deadline

### November

4 4-H Achievement Banquet -- Grenola - 6:00 p.m.  
18 - 19 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum -- Rock Springs



## New 4-H Year

The new 4-H year began October 1. **ELK COUNTY MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED BY DECEMBER 1 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2024 COUNTY FAIR.** You will still have until May 1 to drop or add projects but you need to be enrolled by the DECEMBER 1 deadline in order to be eligible to exhibit at the 2024 County Fair.

Link to 4HOnline and other resources for enrolling: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>

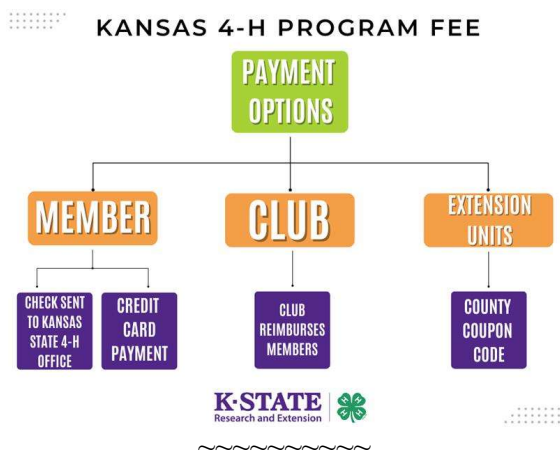
Project selection notes: Kansas 4-H has renamed some of the projects. Included in the newsletter is a page listing all of the projects that members may choose. For Elk County, I have added Breeding and Market subcategories of Meat Goat, Beef, Sheep and Swine. I have also added a subcategory of Bucket Calf under Beef. Junk in a Bucket is not a project that you enroll in through 4HOnline.



## 4HOnline Enrollment

4HOnline will be open for enrollments beginning October 1 at 8:00 a.m.

**New this year: Clubs will no longer be able to use club funds to pay for their members program fee -- at least directly! A club can still assist with the 4-H program fee for its members. To sponsor their club members, families will need to pay the program fee initially (electronic or by check), and then the club will need to verify enrollment and can reimburse those funds to the family.**



## National 4-H Week

October 1 - 7 is National 4-H Week. This is a time to promote 4-H, encourage membership, celebrate the completion of a successful 4-H year and make plans and set goals for the new 4-H year.

It is recommended that all clubs do something to promote 4-H during this week. Let us know what you are doing and where. If we can provide assistance, let us know.

4-H Spirit Day is Wednesday, October 4. Wear 4-H apparel, jewelry, accessories, etc. Take pictures and send to Annie and we may use them on Facebook posts.

## Community Club Leaders Meeting

**Wednesday, October 4 -- 5:30 p.m. (Prior to 4-H Council Meeting)**

Current club leaders make plans to attend as we will be making plans for the new 4-H year and go over forms for clubs to complete for the new year and several other items.

## 4-H Council

4-H Council will meet **Wednesday, October 4 at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard at 6:30 p.m.** This will be the new 4-H year organizational meeting for 4-H Council. Clubs should have their new council representatives attend this meeting.

4-H Council has several new members this year! If you cannot attend, send a replacement from your club in your place. There are 4 youth and 2 club leaders that are voting members per club.

The agenda items include:

- ✿ 4-H Council Orientation and Training
- ✿ Election of Officers
- ✿ Meeting Dates -- months and days
- ✿ Achievement Banquet
- ✿ Officers Training
- ✿ Other New Business

## Kansas 4-H/FFA Enrollment

There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kansas 4-H and Kansas FFA. If youth are considering joining one or the other, please look over the MOU and take it into consideration in choosing projects that may overlap between the two organizations. Projects might include livestock, horse, rabbit, poultry, crops and agricultural mechanics.

4-H Youth Development and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Both programs exist to maximize the participants'

knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but shall avoid duplication. Therefore, the following principles are required to be used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas as we strive to educate youth.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they shall plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA; however, participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations should be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The above principles are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.



## 48 Hours of 4-H

October 7 - 8 has been designated this year for the 48 Hours of 4-H. The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project to give back to our communities that have been so supportive.

For more information and to report your activities go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>.



## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

**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

**Registration Deadline - October 16**



## Reorganization Time for Clubs

As the new 4-H year starts, the officers & leaders are busy getting everything reorganized for the year. Some things to remember are:

**Club Program Books:** The books or whatever your club uses are very helpful to your 4-H families. Try to get the year's programs planned early so the families will have them. Be sure that each 4-H'er has time at least once, to present a talk or demonstration. Once you complete your club program book, please bring a copy to the Extension Office for our records.



A couple of suggestions for clubs: First, have a chairperson for each committee, not just a list of committee members. Second, when determining your monthly program and hosts; it may be a good idea not to have the family or families that are giving talks to serve as hostess as well.

**Club Goals:** A good time to set goals is as you fill out program books.

**Parent's Committee:** This committee within the club helps support the community club leaders. They assist in getting project leaders, help committees and recruit community leaders when needed. They also help the community leaders with some of the problems and decisions that may arise in the club. The committee may be made up of adults who are parents of members, former leaders, interested adults in the community or a combination of these people. Clubs are strongly encouraged to form and use parent's committees.

## Club By-Laws

The constitution and bylaws of your club should be reviewed annually. A suggestion would be to include reading the constitution and bylaws at the October or November 4-H club meeting. Upon the conclusion of the reading members are encouraged to sign the constitution and bylaws, indicating their approval. If changes are made; send a copy to the local Extension Office.

## Welcoming New 4-H Families

Make a special effort to welcome all new 4-H members and their families. Try to involve them in club activities--not just at the first meeting, but throughout the year. Here are some suggestions for doing that.

Explain the sometimes confusing 4-H terms to new families. Don't assume they understand.

Form a buddy system by having older 4-H'ers help new 4-H members with meetings, records, and 4-H events.

Advise new families of deadlines. Explain the major events that happen in 4-H such as 4-H Club Day, fair, awards program, record books, etc.

Have other adults or 4-H'ers sit with new 4-H families. Involve them in conversations and explain what is happening in the meetings.

Have a parent's meeting during recreation or before or after the 4-H meeting. Be sure to brief all parents about plans for the year and the important skills we are trying to teach our youth.

Let new 4-H families participate at their own pace. Involve them in club activities, but allow them to participate at a level that is comfortable to them.

Be aware of special family circumstances and be flexible. All families are an important part of our 4-H program.

## Traits of a Strong Club

Listed are some traits of a strong 4-H club. Can you answer yes to each statement for your club?

- ✓ Fun for members!!
- ✓ Growing
- ✓ Doing things
- ✓ Strong leadership (Adult and youth)

- ✓ Visible in the community.
- ✓ New members (and their families) welcomed and supported.
- ✓ Members receive recognition for many accomplishments.
- ✓ Members participate in beyond the club level activities, events and training.
- ✓ High percentage attendance at meetings, activities, and events.
- ✓ Family involvement
- ✓ Lots of parents at the meetings & activities.
- ✓ Good relationship with the Extension Office.
- ✓ Fair to all
- ✓ Good communication
- ✓ Meetings belong to members.
- ✓ Standard meeting times and places.
- ✓ Club officers run the club meetings.



## Club Finances and Monies

Questions regarding club finances are frequently asked of the Extension Office. There are five basic principles that exist to assist with management of non-appropriated funds. First, what is non-appropriated? Non-appropriated funds are described as, “Any funds, outside of appropriated tax dollars, collected by groups for educational purposes, examples include fees, registrations, etc.”

The five principles to manage these funds include:

1. Extension Boards are accountable for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs under their jurisdiction - which includes 4-H.
2. All accounts should require at least two signatures for withdrawals.
3. All funds should be receipted each time they change hands.
4. All 4-H clubs/groups must have their own Employer Identification Number from the IRS. Personal Social Security Numbers are not to be used.



## Club Treasury Health

Club finances are a necessary resource for a successful 4-H club. How is your club doing with

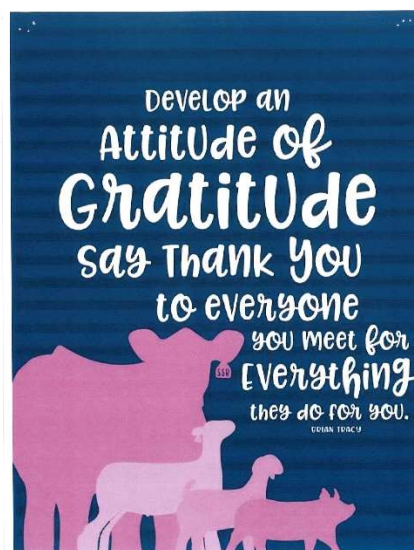
money? Check out the survey below for help. If you need additional financial resources, contact the Extension Office.

- Prepare a yearly budget with club finance committee, Leaders and Treasurer.
- Only spend money with club approval.
- Keep club money & personal money separate.
- Treasurer’s record is accurate & up to date.
- Funds are deposited into the bank ASAP.
- Bills are promptly paid as directed & approved by the club.
- Bills should only be paid by check.
- Receipts must be collected for bills, before they are paid.
- A monthly Treasurer’s report is prepared for each meeting.
- Reconcile the account against the bank statement each month.
- All checks have two signatures before sending.



## Achievement Banquet

The Achievement Banquet is scheduled for Saturday November 4, 6:00 p.m. at Grenola. If you have pictures from the past 4-H year, please forward to me as I begin to work on the slide show for the year in 4-H.



# 2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS



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

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

Environmental Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

Communications  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Visual Arts

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





# A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

4-H project-based learning provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions — or what we like to call their sparks! Youth learn from caring adult volunteers, or in some cases through self-guided study, in projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture, and citizenship. Screened adult volunteers provide a safe and positive environment where youth learn by doing. Young people thrive through 4-H participation, finding their way to success in life and career.

Careful consideration should be used when selecting a 4-H project to enroll in for the year. A 4-H project has five components: Learning Experiences, Leadership, Citizenship, Exhibition, and Record Keeping. An explanation of each component can be found below. These five components can all be found along the [Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway \(4H1131\)](#).



Learning Experiences	Citizenship	Leadership	Exhibition/ Showcase	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum-guided activities</li> <li>• Project meetings</li> <li>• <a href="#">Kansas Clover Classroom</a></li> <li>• Educational tours</li> <li>• Workshops/clinics</li> <li>• State project events</li> <li>• KSU Junior Producer Days</li> <li>• Judging contests</li> <li>• <a href="#">Public presentations</a></li> <li>• Interviewing the experts</li> <li>• Educational presentations</li> <li>• Quiz bowl contests</li> <li>• Skill-a-thon</li> <li>• How-to shows and online videos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping your community or others outside your family</li> <li>• Helping others without financial compensation</li> </ul> <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food drives</li> <li>• Sew and donate lap quilts to nursing home</li> <li>• Knit caps for newborns</li> <li>• Assist in community garden</li> <li>• Volunteer with Story Walk, featuring a book related to project work</li> <li>• Launch rocket with daycare or elementary grades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching skills or information to others outside your family</li> <li>• Organizing or coordinating an event or activity</li> </ul> <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach a workshop</li> <li>• Facilitate a group activity</li> <li>• Assist a Project Leader with project meeting</li> <li>• Plan a tour</li> <li>• Serve as a Junior/ Teen Leader</li> <li>• Serve as a Junior Superintendent</li> <li>• Create project-related videos for use on social media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contest (foods show, photography contest, wheat show, etc.)</li> <li>• 4-H Club Days</li> <li>• 4-H Project Displays</li> <li>• Livestock show</li> <li>• Educational presentation</li> <li>• County Fair</li> <li>• Kansas State Fair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Goal setting</a></li> <li>• Record of project work, income, expenses, and skills learned, etc.</li> <li>• Leadership and Citizenship</li> <li>• Project reflection</li> <li>• Pictures documenting learning and engagement</li> </ul>

## Local Contact Information



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