Join us for this event. Judging Team will once again be provided to all registered participants. Cost to participate is scheduled for December 4th. Butler County Livestock Committee sponsored by the Leavenworth County Extension Office for more information. Registration deadline is November 19th. Check our website; leavenworth.ksu.edu or swing by the Extension Office to register. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to work with one of the hottest judging teams around!

Save the Date - Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

It’s back! The annual Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest sponsored by the Leavenworth County Livestock Committee will return in 2021. The clinic and contest is scheduled for December 4th. Butler County Judging Team will once again join us for this event. This event is an all day event. It will start with a judging clinic and end with a livestock judging contest with awards. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided to all registered participants. Cost to participate is $50. Limited number of need based scholarships are available. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST
• Thank you to all volunteers!
• Record books are due Oct. 1 to the Extension Office
• Save the date for the Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest — Dec. 4th
• Don’t forget to check out the Critical Dates Page

Leavenworth County Fair Recap

I first want to start by congratulating all the 4-H members who exhibited at the Leavenworth County Fair. It was amazing to see all your hard work. We really do have some very talented youth in Leavenworth County!! Below are all those great youth who exhibited at the 2021 Leavenworth County Fair. Congratulations again for a job well done!!

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Save the date for the Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest — Dec. 4th.
Thank You

We know fair week is crazy busy for our families. We want to give a big thank you to all the 4-Hers and volunteers that help make fair week possible. There are so many working pieces that go into this event and this event would not be possible without all your help. I also want to pass on a huge thank you from Mike Johnson, the chair of the Leavenworth County Fair Board, to the youth and adult volunteers who helped move chairs after the auction. He wanted to express how much it was appreciated.

Why do we have a 4-H Food Stand at Fair?

First, I want to thank all the 4-Hers, club leaders and adult volunteers who helped with the County Council 4-H Food Stand this year. I know we were all a little rusty after not having the stand in 2020 but everyone stepped up and I believe we had another successful stand.

As I reflect and evaluate how the stand went this year, I find myself wondering if our 4-H stand can help provide supplies to kids in the area.

National 4-H Week—Find Your Spark

National 4-H Week is an opportunity to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. National 4-H Week will be held October 3-9, 2021. We encourage all clubs to find ways to promote and celebrate 4-H. A few ideas may include:

Give Back

Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing the programs. Help programs like the Flying Squirrels or Green Turtles (not real clubs, by maybe) thrive by making a donation that can help provide supplies to kids.

Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Program

Each spring and fall, Tractor Supply helps raise money for 4-H programs through the sale of Paper Clovers in their stores. In the most recent campaign we raised over $981,000 nationwide. 90% of funds raised go back to state and local 4-H programs to support youth by providing hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

4-H Clubs can support the campaign through different ways. Clubs can have a booth outside the store and help sell clovers or simply be present to help customers. Contact our local 4-H Council to set up a time for your club to support this great program.

This year’s fall Paper Clover program will start October 6, 2021 and will run through October 17, 2021. For more information please contact your community leaders or the Extension Office.

“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much” - Hellen Keller

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I am here to help. Please reach out to me with any questions.
Membership Pins

Membership pins are designed to recognize youth for achieving that level of participation in the 4-H program. This is not a competitive process. All youth who complete an application and whose application is verified as complete will receive a recognition pin.

There are nine membership pins. Pins must be received in order but can be skipped. For example, if you are starting 4-H at an older age such as 13, we do not recommend you start at the bottom pin which is the membership pin. You will not make it through all 9 pins before you age out. We recommend you start at the highest pin you qualify for. One thing to remember is you can skip pins but you cannot go backwards and get those pins at a later date. You want to keep this in mind when deciding which pin to start with.

Application forms can be found on our web page: www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_resources.html

All pin applications should be submitted to your club leader by the due date as specified by your club leader. Each club will have a different deadline. Your leaders will then submit these to the Extension Office by October 1, 2021. Pins will be awarded at our Annual Achievement Celebration in November.

Record Books

One of the true 4-H learning experiences is record keeping. This does take time, but 4-H’ers learn important skills that will benefit them in the future. 4-H’ers will keep a continuous record of their 4-H experiences as long as they remain a 4-H’er. All 4-H members are asked to complete a 4-H Record Book or Member’s Record each year as part of 4-H Membership. A record book/member’s record will be composed of a Completed Personal Page, a 4-H story and the Permanent Record.

4-H’ers are also encouraged to complete a Project Report Form for at least one of their projects for the year. The Project Report Form is a record of what the 4-Her did within as specific project. Project Report Forms including personal page, permanent record, and project forms by age are located on our web page: http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_resources.html

You may be asking yourself, wait a minute, I have never heard of the Project Report Forms. These are new this year and have replaced the KAPS. Don’t fret if you started your KAPS already, these forms are very similar and the information from your KAPS will easily transfer over. The forms used for your Record Book or Member’s Record have also been revamped. They are similar as well just more user friendly since they are now form fillable. I don’t expect families to move all their permanent records over to the new form since this is the only part of your record that stays and is cumulative. I would suggest starting a new record for 2021 and placing it with your old permanent record.

Record Books and Project Report Forms should all be submitted to your club leader by the due date as specified by your club leader. Each club will have a different deadline. Your leaders will then submit these to the Extension Office by October 1, 2021.

Kansas State Fair

The Kansas State Fair will mark its 108th year celebrating agriculture, education, industry, innovation, and culture in 2021. All the things that make the Kansas State Fair an annual tradition for many families!

The Kansas State Fair is the home of many different events, contests, vendors and educational exhibits. Applied learning from young and old alike is the theme of the fair. 4-H’ers are a big part of that. Kansas 4-Hers who are 9 and older and meet all requirements at the county level are eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair under 4-H.

State Fair entries, with the exception of some livestock entries, are due to our office by the Sunday of our County Fair. If you entered exhibits into State Fair, our office will transport entries down and back for you. As a reminder they need to be to our office no later than September 7th. We will notify you when they are available for pick up after State Fair is over.

The Kansas State Fair is held annually in Hutchinson, Kansas. It traditionally starts the Friday following Labor Day and runs for 10 days.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum or KYLF is an opportunity to build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more.

In addition, the 2022 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.

This event is open to all 4-H’ers age 14—18 (4-H age). KYLF will be held November 20—21, 2021 in person at Rock Spring 4-H Center.

If you are interested in attending the early bird registration deadline is October 15, 2021. All registrations must be in by November 1, 2021.

Registration will open early September. For more information and to register, go to: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html.
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 volunteer leaders, 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.

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4-H Equals Life Skills

We often talk about 4-H teaching life skills to youth, but what exactly does that mean? It means the very practical skills of caring for ourselves and others by learning through projects such as Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, and Health. It means practicing being able to read a basic recipe, buy groceries and make healthy food decisions.

Am I going to sew my own suits these days? No, but I do know how with many thanks to my 4-H leaders. What is more important is that a youth learns to repair a hem or sew on a button and knows how to care for their clothing so that it lasts.

Life Skills also means having a need for curiosity and learning. Projects like entomology, forestry, photography and visual arts encourage life-long learning and, in many cases, can lead to jobs in agriculture, education and many other areas.

An important aspect of 4-H Life Skills is decision making. Through judging opportunities, participation in their clubs and interactions at a wide variety of events, 4-H members have the opportunity to make decisions and have feedback on how effective that decision was. These are definitely learning opportunities as they don’t always make the wisest decision; that comes with time and experience.

Have you ever heard the phrase “another meeting that could have been handled through an email?” Learning parliamentary procedure is a definite life skill for 4-H members and is applicable for their future in business meetings, civic board and committee meetings, as well as governmental service.

So how do we teach these life skills in 4-H? We use project learning, such as the ones already noted, as well as club meetings, workshops and day camps which give youth a chance to try out new skills and continue to increase their knowledge of a topic. All the while they are learning to communicate effectively, learning the value of involvement in their community and practicing decision-making.

These are important life skills to help our communities not just survive, but to thrive!