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More than a Fair Entry

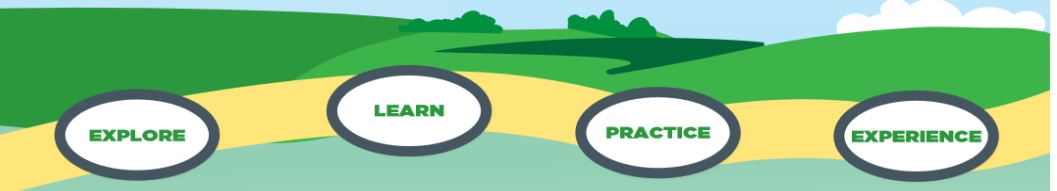
As fair season is fast approaching, it is important to remember to look beyond the blue and purple ribbons or the trophies and remember why we do what we do in 4-H.

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).

KANSAS 4-H LEARNING PATHWAY

From exploration to hands-on-skill building, young people can find their way to success in life and career. This pathway guides the benefits of learning-by-doing by growing a career-ready generation.



"I MIGHT LIKE TO DO THIS."
Youth who explore a variety of interests before high school, through experiences like 4-H camps and educational events, can develop early interest in a career path and improve their academic performance.

"I CAN DO THIS."
4-H project-based learning, guided by adult volunteers, improves youth understanding of skills and concepts, as well as their ability to problem-solve and collaborate.

"I'M INTERESTED IN THIS."
Youth who have participated in sustained hands-on learning and engaged with professional mentors and volunteers before entering high school are more likely to explore studies and potential career paths.

"I WILL BE THIS."
Real-world application is key. 91% of Kansas 4-H members have a plan for reaching their goals. Youth that have been active participants in hands-on learning, combined with strong decision-making skills are more able to effectively navigate life.

POSSIBLE STOPS ON THE 4-H PATHWAY

Hands-on activities, educational events, field trips, day camps, afterschool programs, school enrichment, overnight camps and guest speakers

Curriculum workbooks, self-guided learning, volunteer-lead learning, collaborative learning, goal setting, educational events and problem solving

Project exhibition & display public presentations, peer-to-peer teaching & learning, local & state project leadership, citizenship and service, record keeping, science & agriculture challenge, judging contests, skill-a-thons/quiz bowls

Project evaluation, interviews, resumé building, job shadowing, social networking, industry connections, civic engagement, state 4-H conferences & trainings, recruitment & scholarships, higher education opportunities



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Leavenworth County 4-H Food Stand

Leavenworth County 4-H Council runs the 4-H Food Stand at County Fair each year. It is councils one and only fundraiser that helps pay for ribbons, events and scholarships. Each 4-Her is expected to help out.

4-H clubs will be expected to take two shifts, one day shift and one night shift. Club shifts will be determined by lottery system, just like in 2021. What does this mean? You need to have a club representative at the June 27th County Council Meeting to draw for your club spots. It is important that your club decide what shifts they would prefer. I would

recommend ranking all club shifts from number one choice all the way to last choice. Because the order of clubs picking is completely random, this will help your representative select the best shifts for your club. County Council meets at 7pm at the 4-H building on the fairgrounds. The drawing for club shifts will take place first thing. If you do not have a club representative present, then your club will receive the remaining shifts available.

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

Kansas Junior Livestock and State Fair Nominations for Livestock

Families planning to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show should read this new information!

First and foremost, the Extension Office will no longer have DNA envelopes. Families must order the new envelopes online!

The Rookie Guide will be helpful to everyone who is going through the process. It can be found on the Youth Livestock webpage at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/>

There is also a video located on the Youth Livestock page that can be very helpful. Check it out!

Families must be aware of ALL the

new rules for nominations and entries! Finally, it is a requirement for 4-H members to be enrolled and the enrollment fee must be paid in order to participate.

Nominations are due for small livestock and Commercial Heifers on June 15th.



Leavenworth County Fair

Fair Entry Opens June 1st

You Must Enter Your Projects in FairEntry to be eligible to bring them to fair under 4-H.

Registration is June 1 through June 30, 2022. You will access the FairEntry program through our website, leavenworth.ksu.edu. The system works with your 4-H Online Enrollment information. You will use your family account email and password to log in to FairEntry. *It is important to remember that only the projects that you enrolled in through 4honline will be available for fair entries.*

IMPORTANT: Complete entries for ALL 4-H members in your family BEFORE selecting the submit button. Entries may be adjusted in the account before the submit button is selected until June 30, but become

final when the submit button is selected. There will be no changes made after June 30.

There is a \$2.00 fee per exhibitor, which now can be paid online!

If you have any questions, please access the 4-H FairEntry Guide located on our website. Within the guide is a step by step tutorial with written instructions and screenshots of examples of pages you will see when registering.

As a reminder if you filled out and turned in a Livestock Identification worksheet, this does not count as your entry for fair. You still need to enter the animals you are bringing to fair into the FairEntry System.

If you need further assistance or access to a computer come into the Extension Office or give us a call at 913-364-5700.

YQCA REMINDER

All youth who are planning to exhibit livestock at the Leavenworth County Fair must take the annual Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification class. You can either take the class online at yqcaprogram.org or attend a in-person class. All in-person classes in Leavenworth County have been offered this year but you can still take in-person classes in surrounding areas/counties.

If you have already taken the class, please remember to log back in to your YQCA account and print your certificate. You will need to take a pre and post class survey in order to gain access to your YQCA certificate.

If you attended one of the two in-person classes that we offered, we do not need your certificate, just your number on your family identification worksheets that were due May 1st. If you took the class elsewhere or online, please submit a copy of your certificate to the office.

Deadline to complete YQCA training to exhibit livestock at the 2022 Leavenworth County Fair is June 30th.

Project Learning Opportunities

Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic

The Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic will be July 1-2, 2022 at the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan. It is comprised of educational opportunities, including a swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship and a hog show. Participants, ages 7+, should register online by June 15th.

I love 4-H

Summer Camp for Teens

Every summer, K-State hosts summer programs at its Manhattan and Polytechnic (Olathe and Salina) campuses. They are designed to educate and inspire youth in a variety of athletic, academic, and extracurricular endeavors. Participants have the opportunity to further education and skills while experiencing life at K-State and making new friends! Most camps are geared toward high school youth. Check it out! <https://www.k-state.edu/summer/camps/>

Leavenworth Co Spring Small Animal Show

The Leavenworth County Livestock Committee will be hosting their annual spring small animal livestock show at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds on May 15, 2022. Registration flyers were emailed out but you are more than welcome to contact the office for a copy.

Discover
Yourself
in 4-H



Wildlife: Sportfishing

Fishing season is here! All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in the tournament since participants do not have to be enrolled in the Sportfishing project. Tournament entries are due by September 15th.



Photography Opportunities

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around noon. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera—now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections. There are two workshops remaining for 2022.

**Shutterbugs at the Zoo: May 7th,
Garden City**

**Shutterbugs at Old Jefferson
Town: Oskaloosa, Nov. 5th**

Bucket Calf Clinic and Show

Reno Bobwhites 4-H Club is hosting a Bucket Calf Clinic and Show on June 12th at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. You can find registration information on our website.

Project Spotlight—Family Studies

In the family studies project, you will learn about growing and maintaining a healthy family by learning about child development, building family strengths, and managing a household. By focusing on the family, you will learn behaviors that nurture family roles, develop respect for others and their belongings, and understand the need for family rules. With a focus on child development, you will learn how children grow and develop physically, socially, mentally, and emotionally. If you choose, you can learn more about consumer skills. Respon-

sible financial management is an important factor in successful families.

Healthy Living

- Research and make a book of outdoor and indoor games to play with children.
- Organize a healthy snack demonstration during a library's children's story time.
- Organize a playground clean-up day in your neighborhood.

Science and Agriculture

- Organize a petting zoo so that children can interact with farm animals.
- Organize a farm-to-table demonstration for a local

child care center.

Community Vitality

- Volunteer in the nursery at your place of worship.
- Organize a training so that others can be CPR certified.
- Organize a used toy exchange or sale.

Communication and the Arts

- Volunteer to read to children at the local library.
- Volunteer to make toys and games with children at a local shelter.
- Organize a used or new coat, mitten, and sock donation booth at the local mall.

Leadership Day Camp Reminder

It is time for 'campers' to register for the 16 June Leadership Day Camp at the Administration Building at the fairgrounds in Tonganoxie. This event consists of a series of project-based classes led by older 4Hers with the goal of giving campers hands-on experiences to teach them about different project areas. The agenda for the day will be finalized based on the number of instructors and campers we have but generally the kids will rotate in small groups every 45-60 minutes between different classes. There is no cost to attend.

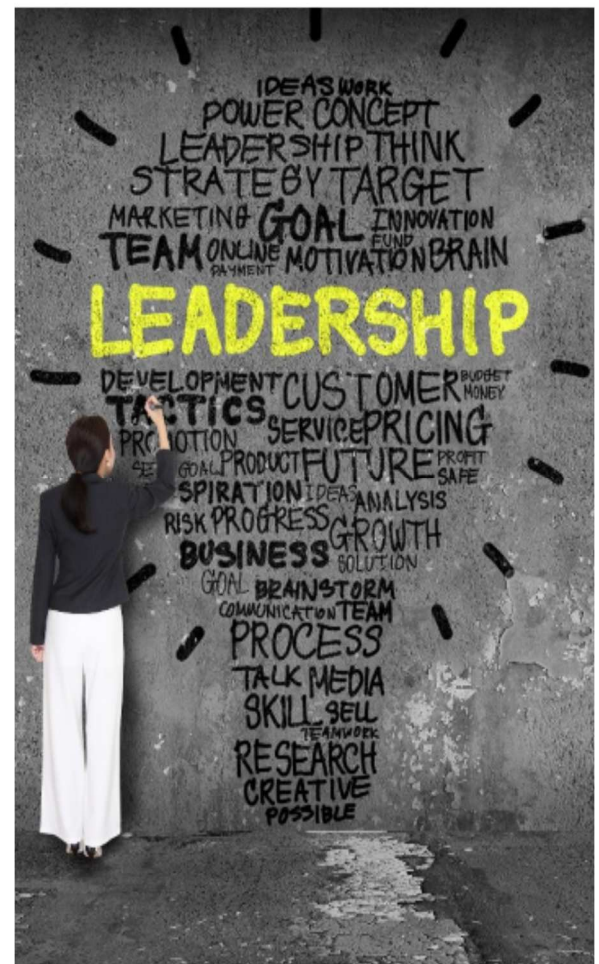
Check in will be from 9am—9:30am. Lunch and snacks will be provided thanks to the Leavenworth County 4-H

Foundation. Pick up will be at 4pm.

There is no age restriction to attend, however campers need to be able to follow instruction all day and move with the group. A parent or sitter may attend to accompany a child who may need additional assistance.

To register, contact the Extension Office at 913-364-5700 with your child's name, 4-H age, club and contact information. If an adult or sitter will be attending with your child, please register them as well.

Registration deadline is May 27th. Registrations after the deadline will be put on a stand-by list.



Record Book Corner

Why do we need to learn 4-H Record Keeping? The purpose of 4-H record keeping is to teach how to keep records, which is an important life skill. Record keeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends. Youth are encouraged to select from a variety of alternatives to meet their individual record keeping needs and learning styles.

In 4-H, using a record keeping system is a recommended practice for youth in grades 4-12 to track participation, goals, achievements, and reflections throughout your 4-H journey. This record keeping system can be referred to when writing award applications, resumes, scholarship applications, or preparing for meetings or speeches. You can find more information on our local website under 4-H Youth Development/Forms and Resources.

Objectives for 4-H Record Keeping

- To learn how to set goals, how to make plans for action, and how to decide how well you did (evaluation).
- To learn the skills of record keeping and organization to use now and in the future.
- To learn to communicate and summarize.
- To learn responsibility by completing a task.
- To evaluate information that will market personal skills through future resumes and application forms.

Senior Shout Out

Congratulations to our 2022 4-H Seniors! Best wishes for your next adventure. May 4-H always hold a special place in your hearts. Please join me in congratulating our Seniors!

Glenwood

Abby Attebery
Jack Habjan

Happy Hollow

Logan Beying
Emily Mattox
Carlee-Anne McEvoy
Kelsey Theis

Reno Bobwhites

Gabriel Jones
Nathanael Jones
Benjamin Manus

Happy Helpers

Lauren Bottary
Maire Brockhoff
Austin Colgrove
Macy Folsom
Taylor Lux
Jackson Lynn
Evan Shupe

Livewires

Natalie Jenkins



4-H Resources

4-H can be overwhelming especially to new families. There are resources available to families new and old to help enhance your 4-H experience.

If you haven't checked out the Clover Classroom available on the State 4-H website, I encourage you to do so. It has great project learning resources including project challenges that can take your project learning forward. You can find it here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/cloverclassroom/index.html>

Leaders and volunteers should check out the Club Corner also found on the State 4-H website. It has great resources to help with club meetings,

project meetings and different 4-H activities.

As we get closer to fair time, I encourage everyone to take a look at our local website: leavenworth.ksu.edu. Under 4-H Youth Development and then Fair Book and Information you will find resource videos for how to mount your photos for fair and how to model during Fashion Revue as well as fair rules for each project.

We have tons of resources at the office. If you can't find what you need online, please reach out and I will help you anyway I can. You can reach me at the office at 913-364-5700 or by email at sonyam@ksu.edu



“I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.”

Extension/4-H Emails - Are you receiving them?

Leavenworth County 4-H families who are not receiving mass emails or they are showing up in the junk or spam folder are requested to follow these steps.

1). Ensure the email address is correct in both the family's profile and member's profile. We pull our email list directly from 4-Honline.

2). “Whitelist” the address from which 4-H/Extension emails originate: sonyam@ksu.edu or tpackard@ksu.edu. Whitelisting means taking manual steps to ensure that an email from a particular recipient is not blocked or

does not go to the junk/spam folder. Simply Google “how to whitelist an email address,” and follow the instructions for the family's specific email client (Outlook, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.).

3) Notify the office as soon as possible if you are still not receiving emails.

We send emails out on a regular basis and the closer we get to fair time, the more information we will be sending out. It is also not a bad idea to check your address in 4honline as well. Even though each year when you enroll, these fields autofill from the previous year, please get in the habit of checking them when you enroll

for the new 4-H year or whenever you make changes.



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Care to Share

Positive and exciting things are happening in the Leavenworth County 4-H program! We want to hear about it. I am going to designate a section of this newsletter every month to recognize those individuals, committees and clubs for doing great things in our community.

You can submit your own for recognition or you can submit one for someone else. Please email me at sonyam@ksu.edu a short paragraph on what you did or what you see someone else do. I would love to have a picture included if possible. Submissions are due to me no later than the 20th of each month.