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Welcome to the new 4-H year

I would like to personally welcome each of our new 4-H families to Leavenworth County 4-H. We are excited that you have decided to join this wonderful program. 4-H was born in 1902 and ever since has strived to be the best youth development program possible. 4-H uses an experiential learning model to teach young people the life skills they need to be proactive forces within their communities.

I know joining a new organization can be overwhelming. I want you to know that you have a 4-H family that is here to help you. From your community leaders, parent volunteers, experienced 4-hers to your Extension Staff, we are all here to assist you.

I would also like to welcome back all returning 4-Hers. We are glad you continue to be a valuable part of this amazing youth development program.

I will be hosting two 4-H Orientation meetings, one virtual and one in-person. These are great opportunities for new families and families who have only been in our program for a year or two to ask questions and learn more about our program. Please RSVP by sending an email to sonyam@ksu.edu with the meeting you will be attending. Meeting dates and times are:

In Person: November 16th @ 6:30pm - Leavenworth Public Library, Jahn Room

Virtual: November 14th @1:00pm - Zoom

Please remember to check our website often and to read your newsletters for information on what is happening in Leavenworth County 4-H.

Welcome again to all new families! Welcome back returning families.

Warmly,

Sonya Murphy

4-H Youth Development Agent



2021-2022 4-H Enrollment

Thank you to those 4-H families who have already enrolled for the 2021-2022 4-H year. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. 4-Hers should not be participating in 4-H events without being enrolled.

- *Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to get started
- *If you are a returning family, use your log-in and password from last year. Do not create a new account.
- *Remember to update family address, phone numbers and email addresses. The Extension Office uses this infor-

mation on a regular basis to contact your family. If the information is not correct, you may miss important information throughout the 4-H year.

- *Reminder that 4-Hers will not be active until payment of the annual \$15 fee is received and processed by the State Office. We strongly encourage families to pay with a credit card instead of by check. A check can significantly delay your enrollment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the office. We are here to help!!

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

4-H Volunteer Renewal

First, thank you to all those individuals who give their precious time to our 4-H program. Without you, this program would not be a success. I want to quickly remind you that each year volunteers need to renew their enrollment no different than 4-Hers. This starts with re-enrolling yourself in 4honline. If you are a new volunteer in our program we ask that you register just like you would for your 4-Her and choose the type of volunteer you intend to be. Choices include club volunteer, project volunteer, and program volunteer. Once you pick the type then you can specify more in detail how you will be volunteering. Please note that only if you will be working one on one

with youth do you need to be a certified volunteer. Certified volunteers are required to not only fill out the volunteer enrollment on 4honline but also to complete a background check and volunteer training modules. Again this is only for those working one on one with youth. Most parent volunteers will only need to register and will not need to complete the certification steps.

Thank you for registering as a Leavenworth County 4-H Volunteer.



Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

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. Registration deadline is November 19th. Check our website; leavenworth.ksu.edu or swing by the Extension Office to register. Scholarships are available through Leavenworth County 4-H Council and Leavenworth County 4-H Foundation. Don't miss out on the opportunity to work with one of the hottest judging teams around!

The Cloverbud Program

Kansas State Research and Extension and 4-H Youth Development offers an educational program specifically designed for youth ages 5 and 6 called Cloverbuds. Children of this age have distinctive learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older youth who participate in 4-H. That is why the 4-H Cloverbuds program is designed with specific educational objectives and policies focused to benefit 5- and 6-year-old children.

4-H Cloverbuds may not participate in any competitive 4-H events, but they may showcase their exhibits at county fair and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds are allowed to showcase a pet from the approved list in accordance with 4-H Cloverbuds pet policies. 4-H Cloverbuds may not own and/or

show 4-H livestock.

Most of our community clubs in Leavenworth County have youth this age who are enrolled members of that club. Some clubs have separate activities for Cloverbud youth while others have them engage during their regular monthly meetings.

If you are interested in learning more about the Cloverbud program to either enhance your clubs program or start a program within your club, please reach out to the Leavenworth County Extension Office and we can connect you with many different resources including a guide specifically geared to Cloverbud volunteers.

4-H Gives Youth Opportunities for Long-Term Relationships

A credit card company ran a series of commercials in recent years that listed the cost of several activities and ended with the related experience as 'priceless.'

4-H Youth Development could not function without volunteers. We often think of the county fair as the culmination of 4-H projects, and volunteers are certainly visible serving as superintendents, setting up and cleaning up, distributing flyers and much more.

Volunteers also serve extremely important roles as club and project leaders. A club or project leader has a day-to-day impact on youth by teaching life skills, setting examples and helping them practice responsibility and communication.

Volunteers are also needed for short-term commitments such as helping with the style revue or club days. Another option is assisting with a Special Interest (SPIN) Club, which are six hours of instruction over several days or weeks.

Program Development Committees are made up of six volunteers from each county who provide ideas and an understanding of the needs of each county for youth development.

As with most youth organizations, 4-H has specific requirements to be a registered volunteer. The goal of 4-H Youth Development is to provide positive learning experiences with positive relationships in a positive environment.

Across Leavenworth county, we have several individuals who are registered 4-H volunteers, which means that they have completed an application, an online orientation and successfully passed two background checks.

As a volunteer, you can reinforce the Kansas 4-H mission which states: "With unique strategies and oppor-

tunities, Kansas 4-H Youth Development engages youth in reaching their full potential through partnerships with caring adults." One of the 'Essential Elements of 4-H' is belonging and research shows that it is important for youth to have opportunities for long-term relationships with adults other than their parents.

Would you like to give back to your community and have a positive impact on youth development?

4-H Youth Development volunteers, no matter the size of your contribution of time and talents, are priceless!

It's not for the money,

It's not for the fame,

It's not for only personal gain,

It's not for the love of fellow man,

It's just to lend a helping hand,

It's just to give a little of self

That's something you can't buy with wealth,

It's not for medals worn with pride,

But it's the feeling deep inside,

It's that reward deep in your heart,

It's that feeling you've been a part,

Of helping others far and near,

That makes you a volunteer!

-Author Unknown



**Thank You
4-H Volunteers for
Your Continued
Support**



Project Spotlight - Dairy Cattle

In the dairy cattle program, youth will acquire skills such as marketing, processing multiple products, consumption of productions, and distribution. Youth will discover possible career opportunities while raising their dairy cattle. Youth will gain practical skills to further grow their herds, such as animal husbandry, veterinary skills, animal handling, animal selection, market value, and more!

Expand your experiences:

Healthy Living

- Create a bio-security plan for taking animals to shows.

- Learn about food safety and how it relates to milk handling procedures.
- Study the quality and health benefits of cattle milk.
- Research lactose intolerance and why it affects some people.

Science and Agriculture

- Observe and assist with the delivery of a calf.
- Learn about dairy cattle genetics and breeding.
- Diagram an efficient farm layout (milking parlor, barn, waste pond, silage piles etc.).

Community Vitality

- Volunteer your dairy cow for teaching purposes at a community event.
- Mentor younger youth interested in showing dairy cattle.
- Participate in quiz bowl and other judging contests to further your knowledge.

Communication & the Arts

- Design a poster on dairy cattle breeds.
- Teach others about showmanship techniques.
- Invite others to see your herd and answer questions.

County Fair Superintendent Openings

A Leavenworth County Fair Superintendent is an Extension Agent appointed volunteer position who will serve as a coordinator and supervisor for the assigned 4-H department of the Leavenworth County Fair. All 4-H volunteers including new superintendents must comply with our 4-H volunteer guidelines which include application process, training and background check.

Job duties of a fair superintendent include but are not limited to:

- Read and understand fair rules
- Secure sponsorship for any awards given within their department prior to fair
- Assist with initial weigh-in and final fair weigh-in
- Set up and organize barn for fair
- Organize livestock show in-

cluding ordering of awards (if applicable)

- Be present during judging and or livestock show during the county fair
- Assist with load out of animals after auction. (if applicable)
- Record and turn in all results to the Extension Office.

Fair Superintendents are a valuable asset to our county fair and our 4-H program. Without great volunteers we would not have a successful fair.

We currently have superintendent openings for STEM and SWINE. If you are interested in either of these positions, please submit your interest in writing to sonyam@ksu.edu or if you have further questions, please contact the Leavenworth Co Extension Office. We ask that all interested parties submit something by December 10th.



Record Book Corner

- Print your record book checklist, a blank copy of your permanent record and the application of the membership pin you want to achieve this year now so you know what activities and events you need to plan for and you have a place to keep record of all those fabulous things you do all year through 4-H and outside 4-H.
- Decide which projects you plan to complete a project report form for that way you can plan your 4-H activities accordingly. For example if you choose beef, you can make sure you are keeping all the correct financial information or if you choose foods you might plan to do your project talk or demonstration around the food project.
- Remember to take pictures while participating in different activities. Photos make a great addition to your record book.
- Plan to present at 4-H Club Days in February. Great way to get some boxes checked for your record books! Registration information will be coming out soon.

4-H Scholarships

Did you know that there are many different scholarship opportunities within the 4-H program? Some scholarships come from 4-H County Council while others come from outside funding like the Leavenworth 4-H Foundation. Financial support ranges from help with events while youth are in the program to assistance with collage for graduating seniors and 1st year college students. Below are some examples of those opportunities.

Event Scholarships:

Leavenworth County 4-H Council offers an event scholarship for all 4-H events with the exception of livestock entry fees. These scholarships can pay for 100% of events \$75 and under and 50% of the cost after the initial \$75 up to \$500. In order to be eligible for event scholarships, the 4-Her must have worked the 4-H food stand the previous year at county fair and must fill out the application form and submit it to the Extension Office.

4-H Foundation:

The Leavenworth County 4-H foundation offers numerous scholarships for many different occasions. Some of these occasions include KYLF, National 4-H Congress and the Livestock Judging Contest and Clinic. The foundation also administers senior scholarships for graduating Seniors. You can contact the Foundation or our Extension Office for more details.

David Klamm Scholarship:

The Klamm family has set up a scholarship for those 4-Her who have completed their freshman year in college or trade school. This scholarship is \$500. Deadline to apply is March 1st.

All applications can be found on our website: leavenworth.ksu.edu under 4-H Youth Development and then Awards and Scholarships.



Rock Spring 4-H Camp

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is expanding to involve more opportunities for youth. Starting in 2022, 4-H Camp will be open to all youth ages 8-18 with both three-night and six-night options. Youth can register for any session of interest; the historical camp groupings are discontinued. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Registration and payment will take place directly with Rock Springs Ranch at rocksprings-ranch4hcamp.org.

We know that this looks very different than what our families have been used to. Our local office is

still learning about how this will affect our youth for camp. I would strongly encourage families to check out the resources available through Rock Springs and through Kansas 4-H. You can find these resources by going to kansas4-h.org/Events and Activities and then look for Camp and click on Rock Springs Camp.



“4-H is more than just a club. We’re a family”

Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

Our Leavenworth County Shooting Sports program continues to grow and are needing additional volunteers in order to serve the youth who have registered for this project effectively and safely. There are a lot of working pieces with Shooting Sports including national oversight. Did you know that Shooting Sports is the only 4-H program that has national rules and regulations that govern the project? Safety of the public and our youth are always our number one priority but this rings especially true with Shooting Sports. In order for us to provide a safe learning environment for our youth we need adult help.

How can you help?

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in becoming instructors, parent volunteers who would like to help during practices as well as volunteers who would like to help behind the scenes.

Where do I get started?

First you need to fill out the volunteer interest form that was emailed to all families. If you need the link, please contact the Extension Office. If you are interested in being an instructor please mark you calendars for instructor training. Reimbursement opportunities is also available for those who complete the

training and the requirements for reimbursement.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory and State 4-H Office are planning for Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor training to be held March 25 - 27th, 2022, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines will be offered. It is their intention to offer training for any discipline that has registered participants. Additional information and registration details will be communicated at a later date. There will not be a training offered this fall.



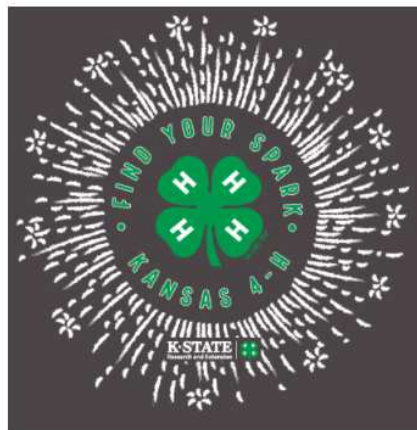
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Kansas 4-H T-Shirts

Interested in this years State 4-H t-shirt? You can place your order through the below link. Orders are due by November 24th.

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