

# 4-H Clover News

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## Ford County 4-H Achievement Awards Night and Potluck Meal

We hope to see all of our 4-H members and their families at the upcoming Ford County 4-H Achievement Awards Night on Saturday, November 4 starting at 6:00 pm with a potluck meal! All 4-H families are requested to bring a covered dish or two. Paper goods will be provided.

Family of the Year, Meritorious, and Alumni Awards will be presented during the night along with tenure, membership and project awards for 4-H members who turned in record books for judging. Several Special Awards will also be presented during the evening.

4-H Council is asking families to bring canned goods for a Community Service project for our 48 Hours of 4-H activity.

RSVPs are encouraged but not required to attend.

There will be no designated club tables for members and families. Families may sit at any of the tables. Door prizes will be given during the night! Please dress in nice clothes for the evening.

**Ford County 4-H Exchange** group will also have a couple of fund raising activities at the Achievement Awards Night. They will be selling various meat snack sticks, dips and soup mixes and also plans are to have the fund raising activity they had last year — Pay to Play, numbers 1-50 and which ever number you draw, you pay that amount as a donation. A winning number will be drawn and who ever pulled that number and paid, will receive a percentage of the total amount raised.

Bring your cash or check books so you can join the fun..

## Apply Free Days—Check out the enclosed flier

Kansas's first Apply Free Days will be held on November 7-9th, 2023, for Kansas residents! During these three days, any Kansas resident, regardless of age or income can apply for free at any of our 7 public universities, 19 community colleges, 6 Technical colleges, and the 21 private member institutions of the Kansas Independent College Association. Eligible programs include general applications, certificate programs, associate degree programs and bachelor degree programs. (Graduate programs or other mid-degree applications will not qualify.)

To make sure your college application is in tiptop shape and ready to submit on time, it's a good idea to start your application before November 7. Even if you finish the application early, you can wait until Tuesday, Nov 7th to push "submit" and finalize your application. Remember- only applications submitted during this three day time frame, Tuesday, Nov. 7-Thursaday, Nov. 9, will be free.



## **FAIR ASSOCIATION ELECTION MEETING**

### **Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 pm, Fair Building**

Join the Fair Board for soup at 6:00 pm and then attend their Annual Meeting beginning at 6:30 pm. Elections for three Fair Board members, for three year terms, will be taking place.

Currently Fair Board Members are responsible for maintaining the facilities/building and for opening/closing the building for rentals. If you are interested in becoming a member of the board, please contact any current board member or the Extension Office. Any Ford County resident, 18 and older can run & vote.

Fair Board meetings during the year are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

The board is continuing to work on fund raising for future improvements to the building and grounds. They have received several area grants, but if you would be interested in providing a donation they are a 501 3c organization. Contact the Extension Office for more information and how to donate.

## **Fair Checks and Thank You Notes**

A reminder we still have exhibitors who have not turned in thank you notes for County Fair premiums, livestock sale etc. Please do so as soon as possible. If checks are not picked up and cashed by February 1, premiums will be forfeited and returned to the Fair Association. With the coming holiday season, we are sure you would appreciate a little extra cash .

## **FORD COUNTY 4-H DEADLINES & RSVP's**

*Deadlines and RSVP's are important. Responding to these requests in a timely fashion is important as we work to prepare for programs & meetings and out of respect for the people involved. Many times these deadlines are set by the state (i.e. KSF and KJLS entry deadlines) other times it is for handouts, food or interest in the program.*

We understand that sometimes things come up and we will try our best to accommodate if we can. While we hate to turn anyone away, we are not always able to accept or accommodate late additions or late responses. Responsibility is one of the life skills that 4-H strives to teach young people. Please be courteous of everyone's time and help us to instill these virtues in our young people. This will help us to run a more efficient and effective 4-H program.

## **4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council Meetings**

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be **Monday, November 27 6:30 pm. and 7:00 pm. at the Ford County Fair Building.** 4-H Council Officer Elections will be held.



To assist with trying to keep 4-H Council meetings moving along and not too long, we asked those members wanting to run for an office to complete an Officer Application. This application can be found online on our main page on our Ford County's website. These applications need to be submitted before the next Council Meeting, November 27. Only those submitting nomination forms will be considered for the office.

**The Dodge City Parade of Lights** is also scheduled for Monday, November 27. Ford County 4-H Council has provided Chili and drinks for parade participants who would like to eat prior to the parade starting. If we have chili left prior to our meetings, members may also eat.

We will start serving at approximately 5:30 pm. If your club can help with any of the ingredients, hot chocolate mix or with serving (only need 4-5 members), please let Ethel know at the Extension Office. **Farm Bureau is providing the hamburger meat. This is one of the 4-H Council's community service projects for the year.**

## PROJECT SELECTION

It is very important to sit down as a family to select 4-H projects for the upcoming year. **4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR**, so time required, costs involved, parental help, etc. should all be carefully considered when selecting projects. A 4-H project is designed to encompass the entire 4-H year, including project meetings, special events/contests, individual time, fair exhibits, record books, etc. It is usually suggested to take only a few projects when first starting in 4-H. Project Selection Guides are currently being updated, but we have last years guides available in the office if you'd like to learn more about the different projects offered.

## Setting 4-H Project Goals

Writing 4-H project goals should take place towards the beginning of the 4-H year, and NOT right before record books are due. This publication will guide the 4-H member as they write and set 4-H project goals for the year ahead. Once the young person has selected their 4-H projects, they should plan out what they would like to learn and accomplish. It is very helpful when this process is done with the guidance of an adult volunteer or junior teen leader. Setting measurable goals will help ensure that the 4-H member has a positive 4-H project learning experience.

This publication may be filled out by hand, or is available as a form-fillable pdf. There is room on the publication for up to four project areas, but they are encouraged to attach additional pages as necessary. Download at <https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

## Leaders and Volunteers

All Community Club Leaders and Project Leaders need to sign up online as well. Leaders will need to go online and submit their Volunteer forms to 4-H Online to be approved. Also note that parents do not need to sign up online unless they are going to be a Community Club Leader, a Project Leader, driver to activities, etc.. If you are interested in becoming a new leader, please complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Service application through the 4-H Online system. Go to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html> for an enrollment guide for volunteers.

A registered 4-H Volunteer is a volunteer, adult or teen who has completed the full process including: application, screening and orientation. For the safety of both 4-H members and adults, this system is in place. Each year, NEW 4-H volunteers must apply for certification, or in the case of a returning volunteer, renew their status via a renewal form. Both forms are now available through 4-H Online.

### • NEW 4-H Volunteer:

- \*Sign up on 4-H online
- \*Complete the online Orientation
- \*Complete a Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Form and the National Criminal Background Check online

### • Returning 4-H Volunteer:

- ◇ Fill out Volunteer Annual Renewal online
- ◇ Check with office to see if you need to do an updated background check.

### • Who needs to be Volunteer certified?

- Community Leaders
- Cloverbud Leaders
- Project Leaders (all—teens, adults, etc.)
- Camp Counselors
- Hosting Exchange Parents
- Any person who will be in contact with 4-H youth for more than 6 hours.

## County-Wide Project Leaders

The Ford County 4-H Program is always **looking for County-Wide Project Leaders who will share their expertise, time and effort with our 4-H'ers.** If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with the 4-H Program, please have them contact the Extension Office! Project Leaders give our members an extra 'edge' in their 4-H Experience!

### County-wide leaders for 2023-2024

Jay Langlois and Eddie Nichols	Livestock Judging
Casey Pemberton	Horse
Troy Robertson	Shooting Sports—Shotgun

### **Scholarships Available for Camps and Events like KYLF, CIA, etc.**

Remember there are scholarships you can apply for if you are interested in attending.

The Ford County 4-H Foundation and 4-H Council provides scholarships for camps/activities. There is also the Scroggins Camp/Event Scholarship.

All 4-H'ers of Ford and Gray County have the opportunity to apply for the Scroggins State 4-H Camp/Event Scholarship. Campers wishing to attend a State 4-H Camp (i.e. Discovery Days, KYLF, Space Tech Camp, etc.) are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Those interested in applying for a Scroggins Camp Scholarship, must fill out the 'Scroggins State Camp/Event Scholarship Application' by the Camp Registration Deadline. The number and amount of awards will be determined by the individual county, with consideration to existing support, participation, and county need. Selection will be based on expressed need. For project specific camps/events, preference will be given to 4-H'ers enrolled in the project. No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H'er/per 4-H year (October 1—September 30). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on [ford.ksu.edu](http://ford.ksu.edu) under the 4-H tab or at the Extension Office.

## **4-H ONLINE**

If you haven't already enrolled, we hope you will enroll soon for the new 2023/2024 4-H year by going online to <https://v2.4honline.com/> and renew your family's 4-H enrollment. Online enrollment began in October and enrollment is now picking up and going strong. If you have any trouble, please contact us so we can get you signed up ASAP.

The enrollment fee can be paid through the Extension Office, but you will need to indicate payment by check. You can also still pay with a credit card if you prefer. If your club is paying for member enrollments the office has a county coupon to use when enrolling. Indicate payment by check and the office will insert coupon prior to approval and your club will be billed. Clubs will need to pay 4-H Council for reimbursement.

If your family is paying the fee, you can also use a coupon by indicating payment by check. You can pay the Extension office and we can insert the coupon code prior to approval.

Please do not put "waiver" unless you are truly asking for assistance from the state for your payment. Waiver requests go to the state and this year they are reviewing all requests more closely.

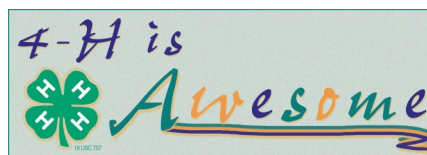
All health information is completed during enrollment. Once submitted the enrollment will be "pending" and will need to be "approved" by our office. If anything is missing, we will be in contact with you by email.

Please accept the consent for Publicity Release or we will not be able to print your name in any programs and publicity for 4-H or have your name on Fair Exhibit entry cards. If you decide not to accept, we will ask you to verify before we approve enrollment.

If you can't recall which email address you used to set up the account, give us a call or send us an email and we will help you out. DO NOT create a new family account. If you cannot remember the password used, click on "I forgot my Password" and you will be sent a temporary password to get in to your account.

**Remember if you re-enroll by November 15, the club with the most re-enrollments**

**of current members will receive a pizza party.**



## Future Dates to Remember

### November

10	Veteran Day's—office closed
18-19	KYLF and KVLF
23-24	Office closed for Thanksgiving
27	Community Leader & 4-H Council

### December

25– Jan 2	Office closed for Christmas/New Year's
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### January 2024

4	4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg
15	Office closed for Martin Luther King Day
17	Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
22	Community Leader and 4-H Council Meeting



## ::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To everyone who participated in National 4-H Week Activities!
- ◆ To all members who submitted their Record Books!
- ◆ Club members who donated their time to decorate 4-H Promotional Displays! They looked GREAT!
- ◆ To all Clubs who conducted a 48 Hours of 4-H activity/event.
- ◆ To the Livestock Judging team of Klayton Hessman, Matilyn Durler, Jade Henry, Finn Martinez, Ryan Nichols, and Jace Langlois for taking 1st at the Poland Ranch Judging Contest, and to the Livestock Judging team of Jade Henry, Matilyn Durler, Ryan Nichols and Shaun Scott for placing at the Mid American Livestock Judging Contest.

### Barn Quilt Workshop



The Extension Office is offering a **Barn Quilt Workshop on December 9**, starting at 9 a.m. This is open to anyone (youth or adult). If you are interested in more information and pricing, call the Extension Office. Registrations are required by December 1 along with payment and pattern selection.

### Did You Know....

...Ford County 4-H program has 4-H'ers representing seven local, different school systems and several home schooling families?

We have members who attend: Dodge City Public Schools, Spearville Public Schools, Bucklin Public Schools, Minneola Public Schools, Cimarron Public Schools, Hodgeman County Public Schools, and Sacred Heart Catholic School in Dodge City. We also have members who attend Dodge City Community College and several other 2 or 4 year higher education schools.

## Invite All Friends

### INVITE A FRIEND TO 4-H!

Since this is the beginning of the new 4-H year, we challenge each of you to invite a friend to your next 4-H meeting! The best way to grow your club and the Ford County 4-H Program is to share your passion for 4-H with your friends! Help us increase Ford County and your 4-H Club's enrollment! We invite Ford County youth to join our clubs in Ford County as each county across the state offers 4-H Clubs for county youth to join.

## **OPTION A: ZBOOKS Online Record Keeping Software**

[ZBooks Resource Page -https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html)

Please note that both options will be evaluated in the same manner, with no advantage being given to either method. Information included in either method will be the same.

## **OPTION B: Form Fillable PDF's**

Please note that both options will be evaluated in the same manner, with no advantage being given to either method. Information included in either method will be the same.

[Permanent Record \(fillable Word\)](#) and [Personal Page forms](#) are available on our website and the state website.

[Project Record Report Forms](#) *\*\*revised January 2022 versions\*\** are available on our website or the state 4-H website.. Remember there are Junior, Intermediate and Senior Forms for General Projects and also for Animal Projects.

## **RECORD BOOKS .....**

### **Record Book Suggestions *from the evaluators***

Congratulations on working towards your goals and completing your record books this year.

Some helpful hints from the evaluators:

- Visiting with the judge at the fair and talking about your projects at the club tour are not considered formal presentations, that is considered project work. Fulfill this requirement by giving a project talk or demonstration at a club meeting or County Club Days.
- Project experiences: What did you LEARN? Consider utilizing some of the things you learned while meeting your project goals for this section.
- Remember the difference between citizenship and leadership. Citizenship is something done for the betterment of the community. Leadership is organizing, delegating and allowing others to have a part. (i.e. serving as a mentor for younger, new members or teaching others how to do something.) Also, be sure it is related to your project area. When in doubt, ASK QUESTIONS, of your club leaders or the Extension Agents! **Keep up the good work!**

### **FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION**

The Ford County 4-H Foundation will be conducting their annual membership drive. You will be receiving a letter asking you to become a member and attend their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6 pm at the Ford County Fair Building. Support of this organization is through contributions. You may make a contribution by sending a check to: Ford County 4-H Foundation, 100 Gunsmoke St, Dodge City, KS 67801

The 4-H Foundation provides financial support to our program by:

- ⇒ providing college and camp scholarships
- ⇒ leadership trainings and officer's training
- ⇒ record book incentives
- ⇒ sponsoring trips
- ⇒ school enrichment programs.

If you have questions about the Foundation, contact any current board member or the Extension Office.

### **Parents - Ways You Can Support the 4-H Club**

- ◇ Attend Meetings! Attend Club/County-Wide Events.
- ◇ Provide food when asked.
- ◇ Provide transportation when asked.
- ◇ Share ideas for programs.
- ◇ Help with recreation or events.
- ◇ Make 4-H one of their priorities this year.
- ◇ Promote 4-H among their friends & acquaintances.
- ◇ Read the 4-H newsletter and other correspondence.
- ◇ Offer support, with project work.
- ◇ Care about other 4-H members.
- ◇ Be a friend to another 4-H parent.
- ◇ Be a good example for the members.
- ◇ Offer encouragement to the leaders.
- ◇ Be a good listener.
- ◇ Help the members make decisions.
- ◇ Volunteer to be a project leader.
- ◇ Offer to assist the leaders
- ◇ Help and Cooperate.

# Kansas Apply Free Days

November 7-9, 2023



**No application fee from  
Tuesday, Nov 7-Thursday, Nov 9  
[kansasregents.org/applyfree](https://kansasregents.org/applyfree)**

## **Who Can Apply?**

- Any Kansas Resident
- Seeking a certificate, 2-year or 4-year degree
- Returning & Transfer students also eligible!

*(Graduate program applications not eligible)*

**Kansas Public & Private\* Universities,  
Community Colleges & Technical Colleges**

*\*see website for full list of participating colleges*

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Dear 4-H Families,

Please complete your online enrollment soon. Be sure when you select your projects to click on your community club name before continuing. Remember adult volunteers need to also sign up online to either become a new leader or renew.



The best of luck to our 4-H Club officers and community leaders as they begin the new 4-H year.

The holiday season is upon us, so please take care when traveling this season. We hope all of our 4-H families will have a wonderful, safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ethel Schneweis.

Ethel Schneweis  
County Extension Agent

Handwritten signature of Andrea Burns.

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