See the District Calendar for more complete listing & tentative dates for this year, plus watch the newsletter for more information. The 4-H year runs from October 1 to September 30.

October:
National 4-H Week: The first full week of October. This is an opportunity for clubs to promote 4-H in various ways. Many years this has included informational displays at the mall one weekend afternoon.

November:
4-H Council Fall Event: Districtwide event to kick-off the new 4-H year with a social event for all 4-H families. Some events have been a Carnival or a gathering at the pumpkin patch.

4-H Achievement Celebration: Districtwide event to recognize 4-H members, leaders, and clubs for their accomplishments in the past 4-H year. Location of this event rotates each year with it being held in Minneapolis in even numbered years and Salina in odd numbered years.

4-H Council Committee Requests Due: Council committees plan Districtwide activities & youth and adults need not be a council member to serve on a council committee. Job descriptions for the committees are available at either Extension Office or from your Club Organizational Leaders.

Red Wheel Sales for Salina Area Clubs: This is a fundraiser with proceeds to 4-H Council for funding various 4-H activities & scholarships for any District 4-H members.

December:
ONLINE Enrollment: This is due by December 1 to participate in 4-H Club Day and to receive the 4-H Newsletter.

January:
Gavel Games & Model Meeting: January/February. These activities are fun parliamentary procedure contests. Gavel Games teams are 4 or 5 members, with 3 age levels of competition, and Model Meetings are participation by the whole club.

Red Wheel Sales for Minneapolis Area Clubs: This is a fundraiser with proceeds to clubs & the Ottawa County 4-H Foundation to fund various 4-H activities.

4-H Club Day Entries DUE (see March for description).

February:
Red Wheel Sales end in Ottawa County (see above).
**March:**

4-H Club Day: February/March. This event is an opportunity for members to present Demonstrations, Project Talks, Illustrated Talks, Drama, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speeches, Vocal & Instrumental Music, Skits or Dance for competition in 2 age classifications. There are non-competitive Sharing opportunities for 1st & 2nd year 4-H members.

Room Monitoring at 4-H Club Day is a leadership opportunity for all members. Two members are needed at each competition room to introduce the participating member, monitor when people may enter or exit the room, get the paperwork completed, and keep the competition running smoothly.

FACS Judging is an opportunity during 4-H Club Days for members in 3 age levels to judge Family & Consumer Science classes. Junior members participate in an educational non-competitive judging while Intermediate & Senior members participate in competitive judging.

Regional 4-H Club Day is an areawide competitive event for the top presenters from District 4-H Club Day in early March. This is generally held in Clay Center with 4-H’ers from several Extension Units participating.

**April:**

Leadership Workshops: These workshops are for younger 4-H members and are generally held for 4-H members of all ages, parents, and volunteers. These 1 ½ - 2 hr. workshops teach members various leadership skills with activities and learning games. There are at least two of these workshops held throughout the year.

Camp Registration is DUE (See June).

**May:**

Adds/Drops: If a member wishes to change which projects they are enrolled in, the final deadline is May 1 ONLINE.

Enrollment: May 1 is the FINAL date that ONLINE Enrollment may be submitted for a member to exhibit at either County Fair.

4-H Campference: Registration DUE for members 12-14 (See June).

**June:**

These camp opportunities are not restricted to 4-H youth but there are scholarships available to 4-H members to assist with the costs. Bus transportation is also available.

Oz-Some 4-H Camp & Rookie Camp is held at Rock Springs. 4-H Camp is for those completing grades 3-7 and is 4 days/3 nights. Rookie Camp, for those completing 1st & 2nd grade, is 2 days/1 night. Members may participate in canoeing, horseback riding, shooting sports, arts & crafts, swimming and a lot more. Camp counselors are typically 8th graders & older and are selected after an application & interview are completed. Counselor Training is held prior to Camp.

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12 to 14 and is also held at Rock Springs. This combines a conference & camp experience. This is a statewide event.

Discovery Days is a university experience for youth 13 to 19 and is held at Kansas State University. This features workshops, service activities, dances, & free time. This is a statewide event.
July:
County Fairs are the major events where 4-H’ers can display exhibits that represent their project work. It provides members an evaluation of their exhibits and offers an opportunity for the public to see their work.

County Fair deadlines & events: Pre-entries for both county fairs vary. Please be sure to check the county fair paper and the 4-H newsletter for exact dates and details.

Ottawa County Fair: Dates vary by year, generally the 3rd week of July.

August:
Tri-Rivers (Saline County) Fair: Dates vary by year, generally Wednesday through Saturday of the first full week of August.

September:
Election of Club Officers at the club meeting for the upcoming 4-H year.

Kansas State Fair is held for 10 days in Hutchinson. 4-H members 9 years of age & older (4-H age) may enter their exhibits which qualified at their County Fair.

Record Books Due: Record books are due to be turned in to the Club Leaders for evaluation. There is a permanent record which covers the various activities members have participated in throughout the year, as well as a project record for each project in which the member is enrolled.

Pin Applications Due: There are 10 levels of Achievement Pins members may apply for. Pins are awarded at the Achievement Programs in November. Pin applications are available online at the District website.

Officers’ Training: Training for newly elected club officers provided Districtwide. Some clubs may provide their own officers’ training.

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