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Central Kansas District 4-H

November, 2025

Offices Closed

Both the Minneapolis and Salina Extension Offices will be closed:

- November 11 and will re-open November 12
- November 27 and 28 and will re-open on December 1.



Enrollment Deadline

Youth may join 4-H at any time during the 4-H year (October 1 through September 30); however, participating in some parts of the 4-H program may require enrollment or ownership deadlines.

• 4-H Club Day Enrollment Deadline for Participation

- **December 1** - Returning 4-H members
- **December 1** - New 4-H members

• County Fair Enrollment Deadline for Participation

- **December 1** - Returning 4-H members
- **May 1** - New 4-H members

• Add and Drop Projects Deadline

- **May 1** - ALL 4-H members have the opportunity to add and drop projects any time prior to this deadline. This will allow for mastery in the project(s) for which the 4-H member has enrolled. Projects cannot be added or dropped after May 1.



4-H Newsletter Deadlines for 2025-2026

If you have something you would like in the *4-H Newsletter*, be sure to email it to ev13104@ksu.edu. Deadlines are:

- December/January - November 10
- February - January 10
- March - February 10

4-H Council News

November Meeting

The November 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m., in Minneapolis. We will meet in the Courthouse Meeting Room in Minneapolis.

Adult Chaperones Needed

If you are interested in serving as a chaperone for Citizenship In Action and/or Discovery Days, please complete the Adult Chaperone Application and return it to either Extension Office **by December 15**. You will soon find the application on the CKD 4-H Website. By completing an application, you have let us know you are interested in serving as a chaperone; ***it does not commit you to serving as a chaperone.*** If you have any questions, please contact Kate.



4-H Online & Emails

It is important that 4-H Families are receiving emails through 4HOnline. The Central Kansas District tries to eliminate the amount of emails that we send. However, sometimes it is the only means of communication based on the timetable we are given. Everyone is encouraged to make sure their settings are such in 4HOnline that allows for you to receive emails to the email in which is checked the most.

By default, all members are subscribed to 4HOnline email. If you have received an email that you think doesn't pertain to your family and click on unsubscribe, it will unsubscribe you from ALL emails. To check if you are signed up for emails through 4HOnline, pull up your family profile. Click on "Family" on the left side of the page. Next to "Subscribe To Emails?" under the green Family tab, you will see the Yes/No box. Be sure the Yes box is blue. Once you have clicked on the Yes box, you will see a prompt on the screen that says "Opted in to receiving emails." It may take up to 48 hours for the change to take effect.



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4-H Council Scholarships

4-H Council scholarships continue to be available for numerous 4-H sponsored events, including virtual events. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, it is important that you not only complete the 4-H Council Scholarship Application on the website <http://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h> under 4-H Member Forms & Documents, but that it is submitted to either Extension Office before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the registration deadline. Any applications received after 5:00 p.m. on the registration deadline will not be considered for a scholarship.

All applications need to be the original application. No emailed applications please.

Farm Service Agency Youth Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency offers a youth loan program for youth who are 10-20 years of age, are involved in a 4-H club and/or FFA chapter, and are interested in starting or expanding an agricultural related business. The purpose of the FSA loan program is to help youth gain knowledge of the importance of the financial and record keeping responsibilities that come with a “business.” With a viable business plan, FSA can loan up to \$5,000 to eligible rural youth. The loan must be for a project that is modest sized and an income producing agricultural enterprise. The educational objectives of the FSA youth loan program are to help youth develop skills that will be used throughout their life. Please feel free to contact FSA loan personnel in Salina at 785-825-8269 for additional information.

Volunteer Orientation

The next Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for Monday, November 17. Online “RSVP” is required by Monday, November 10. Orientation will be from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Location for the orientation will be determined by the RSVPs. The links can be found on the website at <http://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h> under Upcoming Events and Online Registration. If there are not enough individuals interested, it will be cancelled, and those who sign up will be notified.

Youth in the 4-H program often engage in leadership and volunteer experiences as part of their 4-H program participation. Youth are welcome to attend Volunteer Orientation as a leadership workshop.

Master Calendar Updates



There are two updates for the 2025-2026 Master Calendar. Please be sure to mark these changes on your calendar!

- Regional 4-H Club Day - March 28, 2026
- State 4-H Scholarship Deadline - January 5, 2026

NEW Deadline for Kansas 4-H Scholarships!

Attention, Kansas 4-H members! The deadline for the Kansas 4-H Scholarships is Monday, January 5, 2026.

We know spring is packed with 4-H activities and deadlines, so this change is designed to make your scholarship experience smoother and less stressful. With two separate due dates for project award applications and scholarships, you'll have more time to prepare your best work in both areas!

Plus, selections will be completed early enough for seniors to share scholarship results with their high schools, so you can be recognized for all your accomplishments.

The scholarship application is now live on the Kansas 4-H website — don't wait, start yours today!

<https://kansas4h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

NOTE for Local Scholarships Local scholarships, including Ottawa County 4-H Foundation, Saline County 4-H Development Fund, Tri-Rivers Fair, etc., continue to have a March 1 deadline. This information will be coming out soon on the Central Kansas District website under 4-H Youth Development.

Leadership Opportunities

2026 Central Kansas District 4-H Council Committees

As we all know, committees are where the work gets done in an organization. It is said that many hands make light work! It is important that we have ample committee members to accomplish the work at hand, otherwise opportunities are missed and things do not happen. The Central Kansas District 4-H Council Committees operate on a January – December calendar.

According to the Central Kansas District 4-H Council Constitution and By-Laws, each club should have four (4) elected 4-H members to 4-H Council and two (2) elected alternates. Each club should also have two (2) adult members. The above-mentioned individuals must serve on a 4-H Council Committee. If they do not complete the 4-H Council Committee Online Request by November 10, 2025, they will be assigned to a committee.

Everyone DOES NOT have to be on 4-H Council in order to serve on a 4-H Council Committee. We encourage 4-H members and adults of all ages to serve on a 4-H Council Committee.

The 2026 4-H Council Committees are:

- Finance & Fundraising
- 4-H Club Day
- 4-H Celebration of Achievements
- FCS Judging
- Photography Judging
- Agriculture Development

- Social
- Ottawa County Fair
- Tri-Rivers Fair
- Promotion & Recruitment
- Achievements & Awards (Adults Only)



To sign up to serve on a committee and to see descriptors of committee duties, individuals should go to <https://tinyurl.com/CKD-CouncilComm2026>.

WELCOME NEW 4-H FAMILIES IN STYLE

Make a special effort to welcome all new 4-H members and their families. Try to involve them in club activities--not just at the first meeting, but **throughout** the year. Remember how you felt as a new 4-H member and 4-H family. Help those new to the organization not be overwhelmed. Here are some suggestions to welcome new 4-H families.

- ✿ Explain the “sometimes” confusing 4-H terms. Don’t assume they understand.
- ✿ Form a “mentor” system (or buddy system) by having older 4-H members help new 4-H members with meetings, records and events. Don’t forget the parents. Sometimes new parents need a “mentor” too.
- ✿ Be sure to give those new to the club a chance to speak up. Involve them in conversations and explain what is happening in the meeting.
- ✿ Advise new families of deadlines. Explain the major events that happen in 4-H, such as 4-H Club Day, Gavel Games, 4-H Camp, Fair, etc.
- ✿ Let new 4-H families participate at their own pace. Involve them in club activities, but allow them to participate at a level that is comfortable to them.
- ✿ Be aware of special family circumstances and be flexible. All families are an important part of our 4-H program.
- ✿ Remember, your club is like a family of sorts. In families, we need to make everyone feel important, help them find their own niche, challenge them to be more involved, and most importantly, accept them for who they are!

Taken and adapted from the “*Leaders of Tomorrow*” Rice County 4-H Newsletter, November, 2007

K-State Junior Producer Days

The 2026 K-State Junior Producer Days have been scheduled. The two junior producer days being hosted in the spring are a junior beef and a sheep producer day at Bilbrey Family Events Center, Manhattan. These are one-day, educational events for families to learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects.

- K-State Junior Beef Producer Day - Saturday, March 7, 2026
- K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day - Saturday, April 11, 2026

There will be an optional tour of the KSU Sheep and Meat Goat Center on the Friday night prior to junior sheep producer day, as well as after the program concludes on Saturday.

All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. Only those who register by the appropriate deadline will receive a t-shirt. Registration information will be released in the next few weeks and will be posted at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>

2025 Kansas Wheat Commission Recipe Book Now Available!

The *2025 Recipe Book* from the Kansas Wheat Commission is here! This annual collection is packed with delicious, creative ways to use Kansas wheat products—perfect inspiration as you start thinking ahead to next year's fair season.

A handful of printed copies are available in each Extension office, or you can explore the full digital version online at: <https://kswheat.com/consumers/recipes/annual-recipe-book-archive/2025-recipe-book>.

We encourage all 4-H members to check out this valuable resource, roll up your sleeves, and step out of your comfort zone by trying a few new recipes. You might just find your next blue-ribbon favorite!





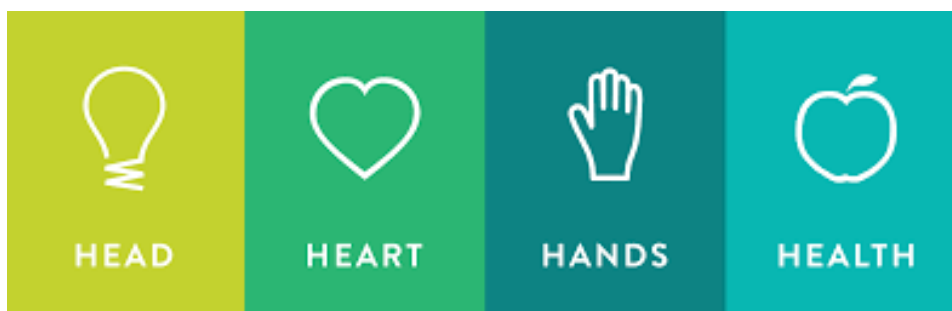
Districtwide Project News

Cool Science Artwork Competition

Cool Science is a free and public art competition held each fall for all K-12 artists. Cool Science is a collaboration between the UMass Lowell, UMass Boston, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, University of Kansas, and Kansas City Art Institute. In 2019, Cool Science received a National Science Foundation grant that helped it expand the project beyond Massachusetts to Kansas, Missouri, and Southern New Hampshire. This year's deadline is January 9, 2026. For more information, visit <https://www.coolsience.net/artwork-guidelines-rules>

Free All-Purpose Flour

For those interested in the Foods and Nutrition project, contact Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent in the CKD Salina Office, for free flour from K-State! Each 4-H member that contacts Lisa will receive 6 cups of "Willie's Pride" All-Purpose Flour while supplies last. This is a great opportunity to practice your baking skills or try out a new recipe. Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent, Central Kansas District - lmnewman@ksu.edu





EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

November Check-Up

Welcome to the second month of the new 4-H year! We've accomplished a lot in just one short month. Are you beginning to think like an experienced organizational leader? How's the club functioning? Let's do our monthly check-up . . .

_____ Organizational Leader Report is Due ONLINE by November 1. The link to this form can be found at <https://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h/orgleaders/>

Review

- _____ 4-H Newsletter read and important dates marked on calendar.
- _____ Highlight key points from the 4-H Newsletter at club meeting.

To-Do

- _____ Membership recruitment plan formulated and started.
- _____ Parents' Committee functioning.
- _____ Project leaders and volunteers need to "enroll" as a volunteer in 4HOnline.
- _____ Encourage project leaders to start meetings.
- _____ Complete club program books and give to families. Turn one copy into the Extension Office.
- _____ Check club mailbox at Extension Office.
- _____ Visitor packets requested. Available at either Extension Office.
- _____ New member packets requested. Available at either Extension Office.
- _____ Encourage New Family Coordinators to conduct meetings.
- _____ Provide new member with membership packets.
- _____ Complete enrollment or re-enrollment in 4HOnline.
- _____ Enrollment of Volunteers, complete Volunteer Screening forms.
- _____ Update 4-H Records, PAAs and Pin Applications.



Promote/Recruit

- _____ Promote 4-H Camp.

Remember

- _____ 4-H Council Committee request ONLINE, November 10.
- _____ End of the Year Financial Review Form, Due November 3.
- _____ Club representative should attend the 4-H Council meeting.
- _____ Gavel Games/Model Meetings/Quiz Bowl teams started. Entry information will be emailed to the Organizational Leaders.
- _____ 4-H members must be enrolled by December 1, 2025, to participate in 4-H Club Day. This deadline WILL NOT be extended because of enrollment issues.

November, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING DATES: December/January 1 —Returning 4-H Members: Online Enrollment DUE to participate in county fair 1 —New & Returning 4-H Members: Online Enrollment DUE to participate in 4-H Club Day 15 —Chaperone Applications DUE Online 24-January 1 —Offices Closed						
2 	3 Club Financial Reviews, DUE to either Extension Office, 5:00 p.m.	4	5	6 	7	8
9 Celebration of Achievements, 4-H Building, Salina, 3:00 p.m.	10 December/January newsletter articles due to Ellie Council Committee Requests, DUE Online	11 Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed 	12	13	14	15
16	17 Volunteer Screening Orientation, Location TBD	18	19	20	21	22 KYLF, Rock Springs
23 KYLF, Rock Springs	24 4-H Council, Minneapolis, Extension Office Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27 Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed 	28 Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed	29
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NEW 4-H YEAR, NEW 4-H BEGINNINGS

Dear 4-H Families,

Fall is one of our favorite times in 4-H! It's when we get to celebrate everything our members have accomplished through their hard work and commitment. It's also the perfect time to look ahead, learning new things, setting fresh goals, and growing together as a community. Enjoy the beauty of fall, and stay tuned for more updates about all the exciting things happening in 4-H!

Ellie

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