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Central Kansas District 4-H

November 2023

4-H NEWSLETTER DEADLINES FOR 2023-2024

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

- December/January - November 11
- February - January 11
- March - February 11

4-H COUNCIL NEWS

November Meeting

The November 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m., Salina. We will meet in the College Center Conference Room on the K-State Salina Campus.



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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.

Any 4-H member wishing to participate in the 4-H Club Day contest must be enrolled by December 1. In order to exhibit at the county fair, the enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members is December 1, and for new 4-H members, the deadline is May 1. All 4-H members have the opportunity to add and drop projects. This deadline is May 1. This will allow for mastery in the project(s) for which the 4-H member has enrolled.

All volunteers should also be enrolling in 4HOnline.



Project Award Application Changes 2024

On page 4 of the October Newsletter, there is a listing of projects available for the 2023-2024 4-H year. Some projects in that listing have name changes, which are noted with their former names underneath those projects in the newsletter. Other projects moved from their “parent” project, such as the STEM projects. These are now individual projects, as opposed to being under the STEM heading previously. As a result of these types of changes, the following list reflects the 2023-2024 Project Award categories. Please be aware of the project categories as youth begin their record keeping for this year.

Aerospace/Rocketry
 Ag Mechanics Welding
 Agronomy
 Astronomy
 Beef
 Building Block Engineering
 Civic Engagement
 Communications
 Computer Science
 Dairy (includes Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goats)
 Dog
 Electric & Renewable Energy
 Entomology
 Environmental Science
 Family Studies
 Fiber Arts
 Foods & Nutrition
 Forestry
 Geology
 Health & Wellness
 Horse
 Horticulture & Landscape Design

Interior Design & Architecture
 Leadership
 Meat Goats
 Performing Arts
 Pets
 Photography
 Poultry
 Rabbits
 Reading Adventures
 Robotics
 Self-Determined
 Sewing & Textile Design
 Sheep
 Shooting Sports
 Shopping in Style
 Small Engines
 Swine
 Veterinary Science
 Visual Arts
 Wildlife
 Woodworking
 Uncrewed Aircraft Systems



4-H Celebration of Achievements

The 2023 4-H Celebration of Achievements will be held on Sunday, November 5, 3 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Salina. The 4-H Celebration of Achievements committee is working hard to make this celebration a special one. RSVPs are due on October 30 and can be made by individual/family. We hope to see everyone at the 2023 4-H Celebration of Achievements!

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 (<https://www.centralkansas.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/Scholarship%20Application.doc>), but that it is submitted to either Extension Office before 5 p.m. on the day of the registration deadline. Any applications received after 5 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.

2023 Fall Photography Event

If you are a 4-H Photography Member interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills, register for this event. Family members may attend, as well. Parents, learn along with your kids! Get a head start on your photography project. There is no charge to attend! The event is sponsored by the Photography Action Team and 4-H Foundation. Attendees are encouraged to wear/bring costumes. In keeping with 4-H Code of Conduct, we ask that no blood or weapons be part of the costumes. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Introductions and workshops will begin at 9:30 a.m., November 4 at Old Jefferson Town, 703 Walnut Street, Oskaloosa, Kansas. RSVP to Christy Befort at clixbychristy@gbta.net



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.

First in a Series of Questions About the Saline County 4-H Development Fund

What exactly is the Saline County 4-H Development Fund? What do they do? These are questions you might have heard at a 4-H club meeting, and we would like you to know the answers.

The Saline County 4-H Development Fund was started in 1995 as a not-for-profit organization with the sole purpose of providing financial support to create, enhance and sustain youth and adult development opportunities in the CKD 4-H program. In simple terms, that means we raise and manage money which is then used to help you, the 4-H members, of Saline County! Our most visible support comes in the form of continuing education scholarships. Those have been enhanced in recent years and in 2024 will include up to 10) \$2,000.00 College Scholarships and 5) \$500.00 Technical/Vocational Community College Scholarships. These scholarships were just added in 2024 to help even more 4-H members with their continuing education.

Districtwide Project News

Reading Adventures Project Meeting

There will be a district reading meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 4 at the Salina Public Library. We will be touring the library to learn about how it works and the services it offers. There will be a brief meeting after the tour to discuss SMART goal setting. We will stay at the library for the meeting.

If you have questions, or to RSVP, please email Amber at prachtamber@gmail.com or call or text 785-787-0890.

Free All-Purpose Flour

For those interested in the Foods and Nutrition project, contact Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent in the CKD Minneapolis 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 - lnewman@ksu.edu



Lost and Found

A notebook was found at Officer Training and Family Event. If you lost it, please call the Salina Extension Office.

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 can find the application online at <http://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h> under 4-H Youth Development, 4-H Member Forms & Documents. 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 Jacob.



Leadership Opportunities

2024 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 1, 2023, they will be assigned to a committee.

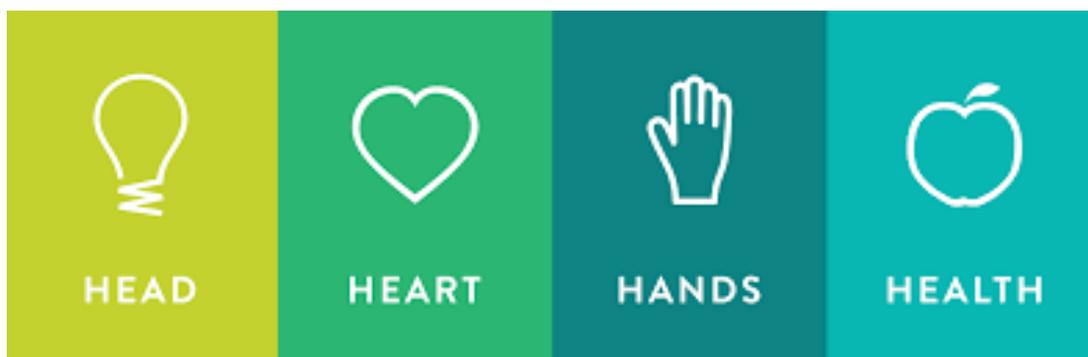
Everyone DOES NOT have to be on 4-H Council in order to serve on a 4-H Council Committee. We encourage 4-H members and adults of all ages to serve on a 4-H Council Committee.



The 2024 4-H Council Committees are:

- Finance & Fundraising
- 4-H Club Day
- 4-H Celebration of Achievements
- FCS and Photography Judging
- Agriculture Development
- Social
- Ottawa County Fair
- Tri-Rivers Fair
- Promotion & Recruitment
- Trips & Awards (Adult Only)

To sign up to serve on a committee and to see descriptors of committee duties, individuals should go to <http://tinyurl.com/CKD-CouncilComm2024>





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 15. The link to this form can be found at <http://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h/orgleaders/index.html>

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 and 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.
- _____ Club Visit Forms should be completed and returned to either Extension Office by November 15.



Promote/Recruit

- _____ Promote 4-H Camp.

Remember

- _____ 4-H Council Committee request ONLINE, November 1.
- _____ End of the Year Financial Review Form, Due November 15.
- _____ 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 Club Day Entries available online, December 1. 4-H'ers must be enrolled by December 1, 2023, to participate in 4-H Club Day. This deadline WILL NOT be extended because of enrollment issues.

End of Year Financial Review

In September, all organizational leaders received an email with a link to a letter from Jacob with information about the 2022-2023 Financial Review. Remember, the report is due to either Extension Office by November 15 at 5 p.m. The Financial Review Form is posted online for your convenience under *Organizational Leaders*. If you have any questions, please contact Jacob.



New for 2023 Financial Review

In addition to the Financial Review documentation, each club is required to submit copies of **every monthly bank statement for all club accounts** in the previous 4-H year (October, 2022 – September, 2023).

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'er 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'ers 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, Fair, Gavel Games, 4-H Camp, 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



November, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING DATES: December 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			1 Council Committee Requests, DUE Online	2	3	4
5 Celebration of Achievements, 4-H Building, Salina, 3:00 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10 Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed	11 December/January newsletter articles due to Kate 
12	13	14	15 Club Financial Reviews, DUE Organizational Leader Report, DUE Online	16	17	18 KYLF, Rock Springs
19 KYLF, Rock Springs	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed 	24 Minneapolis & Salina Offices Closed	25
26	27 4-H Council, K-State Salina, College Center Conference Room 103, 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30		



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TIME FOR CELEBRATION

Dear 4-H Families,

It is hard to believe we are already into the second month of the 4-H year. We took time to recognize all of the hard work of our 4-H members and volunteers this past 4-H year at the annual Central Kansas District 4-H Celebration of Achievements. I hope you were able to make it to this event to help us celebrate.

As we enter a busy season, be sure and take time to enjoy it, but don't forget about things coming up. You can keep on top of 4-H events, activities, and deadlines by taking a moment to read this newsletter and any emails that may come from the Extension Office. As always, if you have any questions, please be sure to let me know.

I am thankful that you have chosen to be a part of the Central Kansas District 4-H Family. Happy Thanksgiving!

Jacob

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