

4-H Connections



Can you believe we are already at the end of the 4-H year? September means it is time to drop off your State Fair exhibits, complete your record books and pin applications, start encouraging your friends to join 4-H!

September Club Meetings

There are some items to discuss at your September club meetings:

- 2023 Record Book Party ideas & dates
- Club Officers for the new year, elections in October



Ambassadors for 2023-2024 4-H Year!

Due Friday, September 15th

Meade County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of committed 4-H members who work closely with County Agents and Advisor, Dixie Harlow to promote 4-H, organize events, and become positive role models for other members of the community. Serving as an ambassador is an excellent way to improve your leadership skills and serve the community and looks great on a college application! To become a 4-H Ambassador, 4-Hers must be at least 14 years old and submit an application by September 15th.

Applications can be picked up at the office or you can email Leslie to request one. Please return the application to the Extension Office!

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4-H Record Books, Project Records, & Pin Applications

Due Date: September 22nd at 4:00 PM

All members are encouraged to complete the Kansas Project Records. A 4-Her's project awards and achievement pins will be awarded at our Achievement Banquet On December 3rd. 4-Her's can receive Achievement Pins, related to their membership and participation in local events, and Project Pins, if they are selected as a winner for the project they completed a record for. You may complete record books by filling out the PDFs at the link below, or joining ZBooks.

Why complete a record book?

Record keeping is a valuable skill that will come in handy throughout a 4-Her's life! Keeping records of your 4-H projects and the finances involved is excellent practice for keeping records as an adult. This is one of the life skills that 4-H helps teach!

4-H Council also awards youth with \$25 for one record book and \$50 for 2 or more to use towards 4-H event registrations such as camps and state events.

Youth may choose to complete a noncompetitive record book or a competitive record book. Competitive record books are taken to another county to be judged by agents and volunteers. In Meade County, the top half of each project record books are awarded with pins. For example, if four youth submit a Food project record in the Intermediate Division, two will be selected as winners. If an odd number is submitted, we will round up for number of winners in that group.

For a noncompetitive record book you need:

- Personal Information Page
- 4-H Story (general, 2 page maximum)
- Permanent Record

For a competitive record book you need:

- Record Book Check Sheet
- Personal Information Page
- Project Record Report Form (One for each project you are completing a record book for; either general or animal for livestock projects for the correct age division)
- Permanent Record (this form hasn't changed and you just keep adding to it from the previous year's)

All project record book pages and forms can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>

Achievement Plans and pin applications can be found here:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html>

All applications and record books must be signed by your Club Leader before turning them in. You must complete your Kansas Project Record to be eligible for an Achievement Pin, and have it turned in by Friday, September 22nd.

Achievement pins are awarded to 4-Hers who have been active in 4-H projects, leadership, and other 4-H related activities. Pins, listed in order of requirements, include 4-H activities from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Membership
Bronze
Clover
Emerald
Silver
Silver Guard
Leadership
Gold
Gold Guard

4-H Ambassadors Give Back

The 4-H Ambassadors are putting on a Winter Coat Drive during the month of September! If you have new or lightly used coats or new gloves and hats that you would like to donate, you can bring them by the office!

Share The Warmth

WINTER Coat Drive

Please help families in need by donating clean or lightly used winter gear that can last them through the Winter season!!

Coats: New or lightly used
Gloves & Hats: New

September 1, 2023 to September 29, 2023

Drop-Off Location	Meade Co Extension 407 E Rainblet St. Meade, KS 67864
For Additional Information	620-873-8790

Hosted by the Meade Co 4-H Ambassadors. In partnership with the Meade County Health Department.

4-H GROWS HERE

Information for the New 4-H Year – No Action Needed Until October 1st, 2023



4-H Online



October 1st begins the new year in 4-H! We hope you are ready for another exciting year! All youth members, Cloverbuds, and volunteers are required to re-enroll in 4-H Online beginning **October 1st. All youth can select the “Pay by Check” option and 4-H Council will cover the fee to enroll!** This is also when new 4-H members can begin enrolling in 4-H Online. Encourage your friends to join 4-H! Please make sure not to re-enroll until October 1st or it will create a duplicate profile.

Volunteers in 4-H Online

We are updating our volunteer records over this next year and making sure that we are following 4-H Policy. All volunteers will need to re-enroll in 4-H Online in October and make sure to select the projects for which you are a volunteer or project leader.

If you are an adult volunteer that:

- is a club or project leader
- will take youth on overnight events as a chaperone
- will hold programs without the agents present

you will need to go through the screening process and complete a background check (if you have not done so in the last 3 years). We will send more information in October when enrollment begins, but we wanted to get this on our volunteers' radars! We could not do all of the cool 4-H things without our amazing volunteers!!



Updated Project Names Coming Soon!

Kansas 4-H is updating some of the names and curriculum of specific projects. Changes will be updated on the Kansas 4-H Projects website in October and will be reflected in 4-H Online. Local offices don't have all of the information yet, but we wanted to give everyone a heads up if you notice slightly different wording when you enroll in projects starting in October.

National 4-H Week!

October 1-7th



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
October 1, 2023 to October 7, 2023

MEMBER MONDAY: SHOWCASE THAT YOU ARE A 4-H FAMILY! ADD A 4-H PROFILE FRAME!
FARMER APPRECIATION DAY: WEAR YOUR BOOTS AND JEANS!!

T-SHIRT TUESDAY: WEAR YOUR 4-H SHIRTS!!

WEAR IT WEDNESDAY: 4-H GREEN OUT- WEAR AS MUCH GREEN AS YOU CAN!!

THANKFUL THURSDAY: TAKE REFRESHMENTS TO A BUSINESS/SCHOOL IN SUPPORT OF 4-H OR TELL A 4-H VOLUNTEER THANK YOU!!

FAVORITE FRIDAY: SHOWCASE YOUR FAVORITE 4-H PROJECT. WEAR YOUR FAVORITE 4-H MEMORABILIA!

SHOP SATURDAY: 4-H NIGHT OUT- SUPPORT A COMMUNITY BUSINESS!!

JOIN US ONLINE!
THE FAMILY WHO HASHTAGS THE MOST 4-H DURING THE WEEK, WINS A PRIZE!!!!
#MEADCO4H
#4HWEEK2023
#INSPIREKIDSTODO

S'mores at the Lake

October 7th

4-H Ambassadors will be putting on S'mores at the Lake on October 7th. Bring a friend and come hang out! From 7:30-9:30pm.



SAVE THE DATE



JOIN THE
Meade County 4-H Ambassadors
7 OCTOBER 2023 - 7:30PM TO 9:30PM
Meade State Park, Meade, KS

FOR A TOASTING GOOD TIME TO KICK OFF THE NEW 4-H YEAR. BRING A FRIEND AND COME ENJOY A SMORE!!
(PARENTS WELCOME)

4-H Sunday, 48 Hours of 4-H, & 4-H Council Meeting

All on October 8th

4-H Sunday will be at the Plains Methodist Church on October 8th. Everyone is welcome to attend! We will go back to the Extension Office for lunch, 4-H Council Meeting, and our 48 Hours of 4-H Service Project after church. The office will provide spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad for lunch. Please bring a side dish if you are able!

4-H Council moved for our service project this year to help the agents "spruce up" the Extension Office and outdoor areas at the office. Some of the projects we will be working on are painting, cleaning out garden beds, some light tree trimming, etc.

Seeking Project Leaders



Meade County 4-H is seeking county-wide Project Leaders for the upcoming year to provide positive learning experiences for 4-H youth. With project leaders, we are better able to assist 4-

The following is a list of project areas with high enrollment. Local needs include, but are not limited to the projects on this list:

- Woodworking
- Rocketry
- Welding

Hers with project based learning. If you have a passion for one of the 4-H projects, consider volunteering!

The volunteer(s) in these positions would be responsible for the following:

- hold educational project meetings/activities for project members throughout the year
- serve as a resource to project members
- work under the direction of the Meade County Agents with direction from the 4-H Youth Development Program Development Committee.
- communicate with families enrolled in the project(s)

Volunteers need not be current 4-H parents/family members, so if you know someone in the community that would be willing to help out, have them get in touch with us! To apply, contact the Extension Office at me@listserv.ksu.edu or 620-873-8790. All volunteers will need to enroll as a volunteer at v2.4honline.com and must complete the volunteer screening process.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf)

November 18th-19th, 2023

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2024 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

When: November 18-19, 2023

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024

Registration Deadline: October 16, 2023

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

4-H Council pays \$100 of the fee thanks to donations, so the individual fee is \$150 (\$100 for conference and \$50 for Friday night stay).



Our 2023 Achievement Banquet will follow a similar schedule as last year. We will have lunch, receive achievement pins, and then we plan to go over to ride in the parade for Christmas in Plains!

2023-2024 Project Idea!!

Horticulture is one of the many 4-H projects, and you can enter a horticulture notebook at the county fair! This notebook is a written narrative describing your horticulture project, such as a landscape design or installation, lawn renovation, garden, lawn mowing service, etc. The Extension Office has 2 garden bed spaces available for 4-Hers to adopt if you would like to participate in this project and need a garden space next spring! See the Meade County Fair Book for details on the fair entry and let one of the agents know if you would like the project curriculum!



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Office Closed! Town & Country Club Meeting			State Fair Exhibits go to Hutchinson!		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
3 C's Club Meeting		Extension Board Meeting 5:30pm			Ambassador Apps Due in Office by 4pm!	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					Record Books Due in Office by 4pm!	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Plains Livewires Club Meeting					

Monthly Club Meetings

	Date	Time	Location
• 3 C's -	10 th	3:00pm	Fowler Grade School
• 4 Leaf Clover -	TBD	6:30pm	4-H Building
• Plains Livewires -	25 th	9:00am	Plains United Methodist Church
• Town & Country-	4 th	6:30pm	Building B

Year in a Glance:

Important dates for 2023!

September

- 7 – Kansas State Fair Entry and Judging Day
- 8-17 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 30 – State Archery Match

October

- 1 – New 4-H Year begins, 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
- 1-7 – National 4-H Week!!!
- 7 – S'mores at the Lake
- 8 – 4-H Sunday, 48 Hours of 4-H, Council Meeting
- 14-15 – State Shotgun Matches

November

- 18-19 – Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

December

- 3 – Achievement Banquet & Christmasing in Plains