

# 4-H Connections

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## National 4-H Week, October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>

- Member Monday:** Add a 4-H frame to social media profile pictures!  
Alternate Option: 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 and/or wear your favorite 4-H memorabilia!
- Shop Saturday:** 4-H Night Out – Support a community business!

**Contest:** Send us photos of your participation in National 4-H Week ‘s “spirit week” and one lucky 4-H’er will win a prize! Submit photos by email to Leslie at [lesliedenise@ksu.edu](mailto:lesliedenise@ksu.edu) or by tagging us on Facebook!

# Information for the 2023-2024 4-H Year



## Re-Enroll in 4-H Online



October 1<sup>st</sup> begins the new year in 4-H, which means it is time to re-enroll! All youth members, volunteers, and Cloverbuds will need to re-enroll to participate in 4-H again this year. **All youth can select the “Pay by Check” option and 4-H Council**

**will cover the fee to enroll!** Remember that enrolling by December 1<sup>st</sup> can be counted as one of your items on your auction eligibility!

This is also when new members can enroll in 4-H for the first time. Encourage your friends to join 4-H!

Enroll here: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Need help? Find the family enrollment guide here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/docs/Family%20Enrollment%20Guide.pdf>

Kansas 4-H has updated some of the project names! Here are the 2023-2024 projects, or check them out on the website here <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/>.



Beef  
Dairy Cattle  
Dairy Goats  
Dog  
Horse  
Meat Goats  
Pets  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine  
Veterinary Science

Sewing & Textile Design  
Shopping in Style  
Family Studies  
Fiber Arts  
Foods & Nutrition  
Health & Wellness  
Interior Design & Architecture  
  
Environmental Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

Entomology  
Agronomy  
Forestry  
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Ag Mechanics Welding  
Building Block Engineering  
Astronomy  
Computer Science  
Electric & Renewable Energy  
Robotics  
Aerospace/Rocketry  
Small Engines  
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems  
Woodworking

Communications  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Visual Arts

Civic Engagement  
Leadership  
Reading Adventures  
Self-Determined





## Newsletters

Would you like a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to you each month? If so, please fill out this form:



[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_03dFcdNPiRH7loW](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_03dFcdNPiRH7loW)

## 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 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 or
- will hold programs without Extension 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).



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

Volunteer(s) 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](mailto:me@listserv.ksu.edu) or 620-873-8790. All volunteers will need to enroll as a volunteer at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and must complete the volunteer screening process.

Local needs include, but are not limited to, the following projects:

- Woodworking
- Rocketry
- Welding

## S'mores at the Lake

October 7<sup>th</sup>

4-H Ambassadors will be putting on "S'mores at the Lake" on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> for a toasting good time to kick off the new 4-H Year. Bring a friend and come hang out! Event takes place from 7:30pm-9:30pm and parents are welcome!



## 4-H Sunday & 48 Hours of 4-H

October 8<sup>th</sup>

4-H Sunday will be at the Plains Methodist Church (601 Grand Ave, Plains) on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The service begins at 11am, with coffee and breakfast items at 10:30. We will go back to the Extension Office for lunch and our 48 Hours of 4-H Service Project after church. All 4-H families are invited to church, lunch, and the service project! The office will provide spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad for lunch. Please bring a side dish if you can!

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. We are planning on 1-2 hours of work. Please bring yard work tools such as tree trimmers, rakes, hoes, shovels, etc. We would also like one family to bring a trailer to haul away branches and debris from garden beds.

## 4-H Council

October 8<sup>th</sup>

We will have our 4-H Council meeting after lunch on 4-H Sunday.

## 4-H Officer's Training

November 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3pm at the Extension Office

## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf)

November 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 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. 4-H Council pays \$100 of the fee thanks to donations, so the individual fee is \$150 (\$100 for conference + \$50 for Friday night stay).

**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>





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 October 16, 2023

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

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



The coat drive sponsored by 4-H Ambassadors has been extended through October 16<sup>th</sup>! Please bring new or lightly used coats and new gloves and hats to the Extension Office to help out our community!

## Ambassador Thanksgiving Meals

Please turn all items in to the Extension Office by Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Each club is responsible for one sheet. Contact your club leader to sign up!

Stuffing (2 boxes each person)

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Dry Gravy Packets (3 packets each person)

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Potatoes (5 lb bag)

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Canned Fruit (2 cans each person)

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Pre-baked rolls (1 dozen each)

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## Volunteers Needed!

Kismet Public Library is hosting a Family Fall Festival on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. They are in need of volunteers and have requested some help from our 4-Hers! Volunteers will help with games, hot chocolate, hay rides, and more. If you are able to help, please contact Suzan at Kismet Public Library at 620-563-7357 or let the office know by October 6<sup>th</sup>.



Please note updated time and location for our Achievement Banquet! We will ride in the parade in the afternoon and then meet for supper and the banquet in the evening!

**Date:** Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Plains Methodist Church

We can't wait to celebrate all your hard work and achievements!

## 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!





# October 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4-H Enrollment Opens!	4 Leaf Clover Club Meeting					S'mores at the Lake, 7:30pm
<b>NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!!</b>						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
4-H Sunday, 48 Hrs of 4-H, 4-H Council Meeting, Town & Country Club Meeting		Extension Board Meeting 6:30pm				State Shotgun Match
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
3 C's Club Meeting	KYLF registration deadline	Plains Livewires Club Meeting				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
		Halloween				

Monthly Club Meetings	Date	Time	Location
• 3 C's -	15 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Fowler Grade School
• 4 Leaf Clover -	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm	4-H Building
• Plains Livewires -	17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Plains United Methodist Church
• Town & Country-	8 <sup>th</sup>	After Council Mtg.	Extension Office



# **Year in a Glance:**

## **Important dates for 2023-2024!**

### **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 – State Shotgun Match
- 16 – KYLF Registration Deadline

### **November**

- 5 – Officer Training
- 18-19 – Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

### **December**

- 3 – Achievement Banquet & Christmasing in Plains

### **February**

- 18-19 – Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- TBD – County Club Day

### **March**

- TBD – Regional Club Day