



September



4-H NEWSLETTER

Returning to Normal Hours



Starting **Monday, September 2**, the Extension Office will return to our normal business hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed for lunch: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

We look forward to serving you!



We will be holding a Welcome Reception for Ag and 4-H Agent, Shelby Robertson, on Wednesday, **September 10th** at the office. This will be a come and go event from **4:00pm to 6:00pm**. Stop in to introduce yourself so she can start getting to know our wonderful 4-H families.

We can't wait to see you!

State Fair Entries

If you are sending an entry with Wadona to the state Fair, those need to be to the extension office no later than **Wednesday, September 3**. You should have received an email with instructions, but you can call the office if you have questions.



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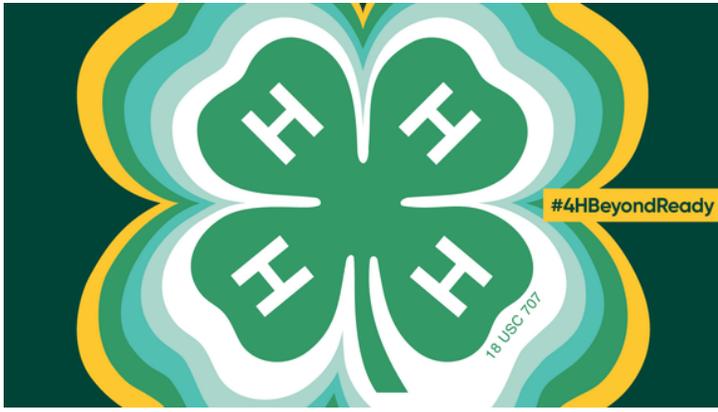
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NEWS AND EVENTS

UPCOMING 4-H NEW YEAR



Watch these
DATES

October is a very important month for 4-H. Please pay attention to the newsletter for updates as we finalize details for the following events and prepare to be Beyond Ready!

- Enrollment begins: October 1st
- National 4-H Week: October 5 -11th
- 48 Hours of 4-H: October 12-13th
- 4-H Sunday: October 13th
- 4-H Council Meeting: October 13th

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

What: Build leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2026 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected. Up to 6 National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process.

When: November 22-23, 2025

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2026

Registration/Information:

Visit [Kansas4-H.org](https://kansas4-h.org)

2025 Fees have not been released.

Note: 2024 Fees were \$210 + \$50 for additional, optional Friday overnight and breakfast.

Registration Deadline:

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.

Interested in Being a 4-H Ambassador?

4-H Ambassadors are a team of 14-18 year old 4-Hers who work to promote 4-H in the county. The 4-H Ambassador team is lead by the advisor, Dixie Harlow, and the Extension Agents. To be a 4-H Ambassador, you must be enthusiastic about 4-H, have a passion for spreading the program in our county, and be willing to consistently participate and be part of a team.

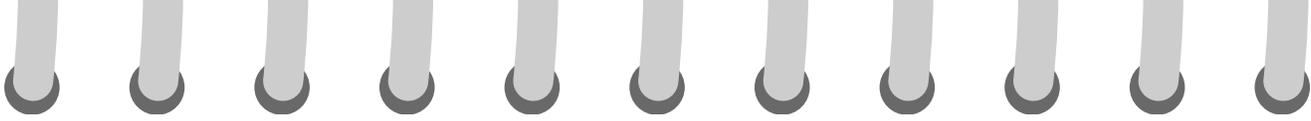
Commitment: Average of 4-8 hours per month, including monthly meetings to plan activities.

Ambassador Application for the 2025-2026 4-H Year

<https://forms.gle/Z8WuuVrxFPiD4NMZ8>

Deadline: Submit an application by Friday, September 5th!

Note: Please start early, take your time, and put some thought into your answers. We are looking for youth who are really going to make a difference in our 4-H program!



AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND RECORD BOOKS

Due Date: September 19th at 4:00 PM

4-H offers a variety of Awards and Recognition opportunities to celebrate the achievements and hard work of its members. These include scholarships, achievement pins to recognize members' dedication and growth in specific areas, and project awards that honor excellence in a wide range of 4-H projects.

Kansas 4-H Member Achievement pins are designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series. As a member's 4-H journey progresses, the achievement pin requirements expand to challenge individuals to explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills.

Kansas 4-H Project Recognition awards youth for completing a record book in a project area. Project records are a summarization of a given year's 4-H work within a certain project. 4-H members assemble their project report into a specified document and submit those for evaluation. The top half of record books in each project are awarded with a project pin. Meade County also currently offers a non-competitive record book option. The purpose of non-competitive books is to encourage all Meade County 4-Hers to participate in some form of record keeping. However, the competitive record book option is what we strongly recommend.

Membership Achievement Pin Applications and Record Books are due September 19th at 4:00pm. Both must be signed by the parent, 4-H member, and your Club Leader prior to turning them in to the office. Information for both Member Achievement Pin Applications and Project Records can be found at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html>.

Record book options:

- **Non-competitive**
 - Not judged, no project pins received
 - Receive \$25 credit from 4-H Council towards local or state 4-H events
 - **For a non-competitive record book you need:**
 - Personal Information Page
 - 4-H Story (general, 2 page maximum)
 - Permanent Record
- **Competitive**
 - Taken to another county to be judged
 - Receive \$25 for one or \$50 credit for 2 or more from 4-H Council to use towards local or state 4-H events
 - Top half scores in each project will receive awards (project pins)
 - **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 (Keep year to year; continue adding to it.)

Membership Achievement Pins:

Pins are awarded in the following order:

Membership
Bronze
Clover
Emerald
Silver
Silver Guard
Leadership
Gold
Gold Guard

Achievement Plans and pin applications can be found here:

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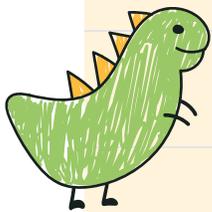
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CLOVERBUDS



Cloverbuds is an introduction to 4-H for youth ages 5 and 6. Cloverbuds will meet monthly throughout the school year. Youth will have the option to attend in Plains or Meade. See the reverse side for dates.

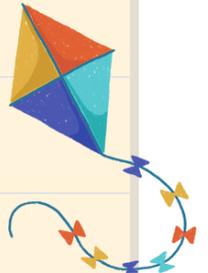


- Fun
- Activity Focused
- Non-competitive
- Group-centered learning
- Leader directed
- Positive
- Success oriented

ENROLL:

v2.4honline.com

[Opens October 1st](#)

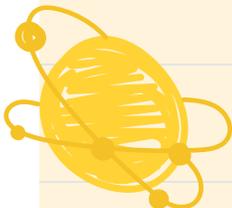


MORE INFO:

Meade County Extension

620-873-8790

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/enrollment.html>



2025

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4LC Mtg	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 T&C Mtg	15	16	17	18	19 Pin App & Record Book Deadline	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

4-H Council Meeting: October 13th



Stay Connected with BAND!
 4-H Online no longer sends text notifications for newsletters and updates. Download the BAND App to receive timely reminders, important deadlines, and event announcements—don't miss out!

Monthly Club Meetings

Club	Date	Time	Location
4-Leaf Clover	1st	6:30pm	Extension Office
3 C's	--	--	3 C's Mtg Check with your leader.
Town and Country	14th	4pm - 7pm	Building B @ Fairgrounds
Plains Livewires	--	--	PLW Mtg Check with your leader.



YEAR IN A GLANCE:

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025-2026!

August

7: State 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan
16: Ford County Shotgun State Qualifier
16: Gray County Archery State Qualifier
23: Gray County Shotgun State Qualifier
23-24: State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September

4: Entry Day for 4-H Static Exhibits,
Kansas State Fair
5-14: Kansas State Fair
20: State Archery Match; Wakarusa, KS
27: State Fall Small Bore/Muzzleloading
Match, Topeka, KS

October

1: 2025-2026 4-H Online Enrollment Begins
3-5: Kansas Junior Livestock Show,
Hutchinson, KS
4: State Hunting Skills Match and Field Day,
Junction City, KS
11-12: State 4-H Shotgun Match
11-12: 48 hours of 4-H

November

22-23: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum,
KS Association of 4-H Volunteers, Rock
Springs

January

10-11: Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council
Orientation Retreat, Rock Springs
23: State 4-H Horse Judging, Topeka
27-29: Kansas 4-H Program Rally, Great Bend

February

15-16: 4-H Citizenship in Action, Topeka
21-22: 4-H Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

