Hello 4-H families!

Happy 4-H New Year! I hope that your 4-H year has started off well and that you are enrolled. We will send the Chatterbox out to everyone through November and then will switch over to the 2022-2023 mailing list, so be sure to enroll soon so you don't miss anything!

You will want to mark you calendars for Achievement Night on November 5th and Officer Leader Training on November 13th. Achievement Night postcards with more details will be going in the mail soon, so keep an eye out! If you plan to attend Officer Leader Training, please email me with your name and the office you are holding by November 7th.

We do have a few dates for this summer for your calendar:

- Shawnee County Fair Horse Show July 15-16
- Shawnee County Fair July 20-23
- Happy October Everyone!

-Grace
Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

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48 Hours of 4-H

Promoting 4-H during National 4-H Week?

Have a 48 Hours of 4-H project?
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**Kansas 4-H State Events and Activities**

**Dog Conference**
The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all Kansas 4-H members, accompanying parents, volunteer 4-H leaders and KSRE staff. This year's theme is Doggie Olympics. This is a fun weekend with your dog to learn and do things with them. There will be class presenters, prepared presentations given by 4Hers, Quiz Bowl competitions, and activities for the 4H members. Don't forget your dog costumes!

**Deadline is Oct 1.**

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**Youth Council and National 4-H Conference Applications**
The application link for the Kansas Youth Leadership Council and National 4-H Conference is live now and ready to accept applications. Please encourage young leaders to consider applying.

The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2023 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2023 may apply for National Conference.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview process and they serve a two year term on council.

**Deadline extended to October 3, 2022.**

https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/index.html

https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/index.html
Leadership Weekend November 19-20, 2022

Leadership Weekend will be November 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum.

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2023 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers.

This year's speaker will be Kent Julian, always a crowd favorite.

Again, this year participants in both forums will register though the same system. Registration deadline is Monday, October 24, 2022 which is a little later than earlier indicated. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

Fees:
- $210 KYLF Youth and Adult Registration
- $50 KYLF Youth and Adults Friday night (after 8 and no programming planned) and breakfast Saturday
- $140 KVF Adult Registration Regular
- $115 KVF Adult Registration for Life Members
- $70 KVF Friday Night and Saturday Breakfast

Registrations cancelled on or before October 24, will be subject to a minimum of $25 Cancellation Fee. Cancellations after October 24, will be subject to the full cost of registration.

Registration link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bgvvh8Euhj8PYai
Join us in a food and fund drive for our local Harvesters!

September is Hunger Action Month! Brenda Jarboe, our SNAP-ED nutrition educator and chair of the Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods-Healthy Eating Workgroup, has worked to organize this drive.

Shawnee County 4-H is jumping in and making this a county-wide 48 Hours of 4-H project! There are donation boxes at the Extension Office.

**When: September 26 - October 9**

**Where: Shawnee County Extension Office OR online**

Harvesters is in need of Protein Foods! These include canned beans and meat, nuts and nut butters, and shelf stable milk.

Monetary donations can be made online at www.harvesters.org/virtualfooddrive.

Contact us if you have any questions!
Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

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Mark Your Calendars!

Record Books are DUE
October 3rd!

Jr. Leader Kickoff
October 9, 5-8:30 PM
Lake Shawnee, Shelter 4

48 HOURS OF 4-H
October 8-9, 2022

Achievement Night
November 5, 2022
Auburn Community Center
6:30 PM
Homemade Biscuits Foods Project Meeting

Saturday, October 22, we will meet again for a new year and new skills to learn! We will be baking (and eating) some homemade biscuits. We will learn/practice some basic measuring techniques and then learn how to cut fat into flour, lightly knead the dough then roll it out and cut it for a flaky big biscuit that can really soak up some sausage gravy or butter! Class will be held at Maranatha Baptist Fellowship from 9:30am to about 11am Saturday, October 22. Class size is limited, so be sure to sign up early by emailing Laura.krainbill@ks.gov. I will email you a supply list the week of the class.
Upcoming Contests

Make It With Wool Contest

This year's contest is fast approaching. The entry deadline is **October 3, 2022**. The contest will be November 6, 2022 at Justin Hall, Kansas State University. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the Fashion Show starts at 1:30 p.m. The Divisions Offered are: Pre-Teen, Junior, Senior, Adult, Made for Others and Wearable Accessory.

Check [https://makeitwithwool.com/](https://makeitwithwool.com/) for all the information and forms needed to register!

In addition, participants may apply for the Make-it-With-Wool Scholarship, part of the Marilyn and Jerry Dudley Scholarship Fund, to help cover entry fees. Contact the extension office for information on how to apply!
Outbound Applications Due November 1, 2022

For 4-Hers 12-18
States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs has posted the application for outbound programs in 2023. Travel opportunities are offered for 12-18-year-olds to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Costa Rica. Minimum age varies by country. (Norway 4H will be sending members to the U.S. in 2023 rather than accepting our members.) We expect descriptions of these programs after September 26; however, they will be similar to those offered in 2022 which are currently posted on our website: States' 4-H International Exchange Program (kansas4-h.org). Check after October 1 for the 2023 flyers about each outbound travel experience. There is a link to the States’ 4-H online application which has been updated. Completed applications are due November 1, 2022 to Mary Kay Munson, State Exchange Coordinator. Required interviews and the first orientation are November 20 at Junction City. For information on outbound exchanges, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas International Exchange Coordinator at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

For Young Adults 18-25
Kansas young adults 18-25 are eligible to travel abroad to one or two countries where they will have multiple host families through the IFYE Exchange Program, managed by IFYE USA. Applications are through IFYE USA, but interviews and pre-trip orientation are conducted by Kansas. Options are offered for two months, three months and 6 months beginning in June 2023. A link to the online application is found on the Kansas 4-H website at International 4-H Youth Programs (IFYE) (kansas4-h.org). Interested persons may contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. To meet the Kansas application deadline, they should be submitted to IFYE USA by November 1 and notify Munson that they are submitting an application. Interviews are November 20 in Junction City.
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**Club Chatter**

**Deer Trail**

For our September meeting, Deer Trail 4-H Club had a picnic at Gage Park. We ate a pot luck meal, held officer installation, and played capture the flag. Thanks to everyone for making it a fun evening!

- Grace Funk

**Shawnee Riders**

Shawnee Riders 4-H Club volunteered at the Topeka Zoo as part of their 48 hours of 4-H to hang lights for the upcoming Topeka Zoo Lights. That runs from late November thru December. We got to hang the lights in the lions den walkway with White lights and started on the gingerbread house with Blue lights. A tiger made himself known to us and let use all get a picture with him.

**Silver Lake**

Our September meeting featured a scavenger hunt and hayrack ride. It was sure hot!!

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Weber
Silver Lake reporter
# Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

## October

- **1** Beginning of 4-H Year
- **2-8** National 4-H Week
- **3** Record Books Due to Office from Leaders
- **3** Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
- **8-9** 48 Hours of 4-H
- **9** Jr. Leader Kickoff, Lake Shawnee, 5 pm
- **13** Events Council Meeting, 7 pm
- **22-23** Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl, Rock Springs Ranch
- **24** Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
- **26** Chatterbox Submissions Due

## November

- **5** Achievement Night, Auburn Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **7** Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- **10** Jr Leaders Meeting, 6 pm
- **13** Officer Leader Training, Air National Guard Museum, 12 pm
- **19-20** KYLF, Rock Springs Ranch
- **26** Chatterbox Submissions Due
- **28** Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm