September in 4-H is all about the Kansas State Fair and record books! 4-H’ers have already made their entries for animal and non-animal projects for the state fair and we are ready for those entries. The office will accept entries to take to Hutchinson Sept. 1, 2, 6, and 7th. We will be open for entries till 5pm on the 6th and we are taking foods and flowers at this time too. 4-H exhibits will be judged starting the 7th, before the State Fair opens to the public. We have the entry cards to attach to the exhibits and the State Fair tickets every youth that entered receives. Good luck to all of our youth who are exhibiting!

This year 4-H Achievement Night will be November 5th at the Auburn Community Center. The decorating committee is coming up with a theme and clubs can dress up to the theme, if they would like. Events Council also approved door prizes, must be present to win! In the past we have had cameras, Lego sets, bikes and sewing machines. So pencil in the date and spend the evening with your 4-H friends celebrating your success!

Lastly, start making preparation for National 4-H Week Oct. 2nd-8th. I hope your club can participate in their challenge to promote Shawnee County 4-H! The national theme is Opportunity4All, but you can promote however your club would like. There are marketing materials and more on the National 4-H website: https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/

Opportunities for learning and fun are all over this issue of the chatterbox, be sure to read closely so you don’t miss out!

-Grace
We are looking for volunteers to help plan 48 Hours of 4-H in Shawnee County.
Contact the office if interested!

County Wide Food Drive for Harvesters

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

Details will be in the October Chatterbox!
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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! Registration will be open soon. Deadline is Oct 7.

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**Leadership Learning Opportunities**

All Regional Leadership Forums are using the theme Unearthing Possibilities! For Youth 12-18 years of age before January 1, 2023. Shawnee County will be participating in the Eastern Regional Leadership Forum this year.

- **Saturday, October 8** - Eastern Regional Leadership Forum - Rock Springs Ranch

Find registration and more details here:
https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/regional-events/regional-forums/index.html
Registration is due Friday, September 23rd
Leadership Weekend
Kick off the new 4-H Year at Leadership Weekend! November 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch, the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum will be held! 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. Registration will be open sometime in September. Again, this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2022 for both events. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

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. The deadline will be October 1, 2022.
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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
Congratulations to Gwen VanLeeuwen and Timothy Biggs! They will each receive $500 from the Bonnie McNorton Memorial Scholarship! In addition, Emma Biggs will receive $300 on behalf of the McNorton Family.
Upcoming Contests

4-H Photographers...Fall Photo Contest

Our Shawnee County Education Foundation is seeking fall photo entries to be featured on the cover of its Thanksgiving card sent to all its donors.

- It can be a picture that was taken in prior years.
- Please submit one photo per 4-her via email to pfannz4h@gmail.com by September 25th. Submit your photo in a jpeg file format and complete the release form https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/documents/Photo-Release-Form.pdf

Youth will be credited for the selected photo on the card and will receive an award of 4-H swag!!! Your entry can also be noted in your record book and on your pin applications as a submission to a publication!

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/ 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!
Deer Trail

This year, members of the Deer Trail 4-H Club submitted a wide variety of projects to the fair. We would like to congratulate those who qualified for state:

- JoyAnne Boutz: Two photos, Photography Judging, Fine Arts
- Willa Swanson: One photo, Photography Judging, Fiber Arts
- Daniel Funk: Metals & Jewelry
- Bella Bricker: One photo, Geology box
- Kai Bricker: Geology box
- Kaylin Phillips: One photo, Foods & Nutrition
- Marshall Gibson: One photo, Poultry
- Lincoln Thompson: Wildlife notebook, Horticulture notebook

During our August meeting, we held elections. The offices were filled as follows:

- President: Kaylin Phillips
- Vice President: Marshall Gibson
- Treasurer: Lincoln Thompson
- Secretary: JoyAnne Boutz
- Parliamentarian: Caley Phillips
- Reporter: Grace Funk
- Historian: Bella Bricker

Congratulations everyone! Great job this last year and good luck this coming year!

-submitted by Grace Funk

Ted Ensley Garden

Taken and Submitted by Kyelie
Arb, Auburn 4-H Club
Indian Creek

Dear fellow 4Hers,

Indian Creek had a great, productive August meeting where we elected officers for the 2022-2023 4-H year. It’s been a great year being able to share with you all the fun and achievements of the Indian Creek Club. Here is a picture of our club’s new officers. I am turning over Reporter to Riley Hoffer for the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted for my last time,
Daniel Biggs, Indian Creek Reporter

Silver Lake

Silver Lake 4-H club learned how to make rice crispy treats and about cats at the August meeting, not in the same project talk:-). We are looking forward to our fundraiser this fall of working the concession stand at the Silver Lake High School football games.

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

**September**

3 Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show, Hutchinson
5 Office Closed
5 Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
6 Exhibits dropped off to Extension Office by 5pm!
9-18 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
22 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
24 State Archery Match, Lindsborg
26 Chatterbox Articles Due
26 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
30-Oct 2 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
30 End of 4-H Year

**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, 5pm, Lake Shawnee
13 Events Council Meeting, 5:30pm
22-23 Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl, Rock Springs
24 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
26 Chatterbox Articles Due