



SEPTEMBER 2025

Highlights:

September 1: Office Closed- Labor Day

September 5-14: Kansas State Fair

September 26: Record Books due to Office by 5 pm

October 5-11: National 4-H Week

October 11-12: 48 Hours of 4-H

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- September 5-14: Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson
- September 26: Record Books Due
- September 30: End of 4-H Year
- October 1: 4-H Enrollment Opens
- October 5-11: National 4-H Week
- October 11-12: 48 Hours of 4-H

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by September 26

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A Word From Your Agent...

September in 4-H is all about the Kansas State Fair and record books! 4-H exhibits will be judged in Hutchinson starting the 4th, before the State Fair opens to the public. If you attend, we'd love to see pictures of your exhibits or from your contests! Please send them to Lisa or I if you would like for them to be shared in a state fair highlight page in the Chatterbox. Good luck to all of our youth who are exhibiting!

Record books and achievement pin applications are due to the office by September 26th. Check with your club leaders to make sure you have met the requirements and have all the right signatures.

This year 4-H Achievement Night will be November 15th at Berryton United Methodist Church. Watch your mailboxes over the next month for postcard invitations!

Lastly, start making preparation for National 4-H Week Oct. 5th-11th. I hope your club can participate in their challenge to promote Shawnee County 4-H!

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

Changes to 4-H Online Messaging

The 4-H Online broadcast system will no longer allow us to send text message notifications when we send emails. If you would like to be signed up for text messages about county events and activities, please join our county-wide GroupMe here:

https://groupme.com/join_group/102815469/5JDLS55L

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County Notes

Upcoming Opportunities to Promote 4-H

TPS 501 Family Fitness Fun Night, September 17th 5:00 PM-7:00 PM,
Hummer Sports Park

If you are able to help with part of this event, please contact the office.
4-Hers who are involved in or interested in the Ambassador program are
encouraged to attend to help with promoting 4-H!

Promotional Materials Available

If your club is having a table at an upcoming event or National 4-H Week and
you would like flyers promoting Shawnee County 4-H, please reach out to
Grace or Lisa! We do need a few days notice, so please keep that in mind.
Enrollment for the new 4-H year opens October 1st so now is a great time to
recruit new members and volunteers!



Share Your Fall Photos for the Extension Foundation Thankful Card!

Shawnee County 4-H'ers, we need your creativity! The Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation is looking for a fall-themed photo taken by one of our 4-H members to be featured on this year's Thankful Card. This card is sent to all of our donors who generously support all Extension programs including 4-H'er college scholarships and 4-H program funding...

The winning photo will include the youth's name and 4-H Club on the card. Here's what you need to know:

- Photos must be taken by the 4-H member submitting them, but does not have to be taken this year.
- Each member may submit one photo only.
- By submitting, you give the foundation the rights to publish your photo.
- Photos are due by Thursday, September 26th.
- The winning photographer will be notified by October 1st.

You can submit your photo by e-mail attachment to candism@ksu.edu. Show off your photography skills, capture the beauty of fall, and help us share our gratitude with our supporters!

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Livestock Corner

September 5-6: State Fair Grand Drive

October 3-5: Kansas Junior Livestock Show



Livestock Judging Practices

If you are interested in improving your livestock judging skills, please join Rick Blush in the downstairs conference room of the extension office for any of our upcoming practices!

September 8th - 7 pm

September 22nd - 7 pm

October 13th - 7 pm

October 27th - 7 pm



LEAD *Challenge*

The Kansas Junior Livestock Show LEAD Challenge is an education, advocacy and leadership event that provides youth an opportunity to learn about current industry, production and animal care issues, then apply those learnings in a multi-event competition. The LEAD Challenge consists of five main components:

- Listen & Learn sessions
- Prepared speeches
- Skill stations
- Career development
- Livestock showmanship

The top five finishers overall in each age division will be awarded a physical and cash prize. More information can be found at <https://www.kjls.net/lead-challenge.html>

Sign up for the LEAD Challenge when you register for the show!

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State News

National 4-H Week is October 5-11

Join us in celebrating National 4-H Week!

Set up a display in your yard, at your school, or where your club meets! Wear your green and show everyone you are a proud member of 4-H!

October 6: Go Green Day (wear your green!)

October 9: 4-H for Good Day

October 11 & 12: 48 Hours of 4-H



Beyond Ready

48 Hours of 4-H

It's time to make plans for your club to participate in 48 Hours of 4-H!

Registration for is open on the website! Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/> to register your project!

When: October 11-12, 2025

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

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Trails and Tails: 2025 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference

Date: October 18 and 19

Location: Rock Springs Ranch

Conference sessions will include topics on obedience, searching with Kansas Game Warden, Jake Brooke and K-9 Creed; and dog photography, dog safety on the trails. Contests will include photography, quiz bowl and presentations.

Don't miss this opportunity for fun and fellowship with your dog and 4-H'ers from across the state! Registration will be open soon!

Early bird registration is due September 19 and late registration is due September 26. Complete details can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html>.



Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend- Registration Coming Soon!

Date: November 22-23

Location: Rock Springs Ranch

The Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum.

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2026, 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 open in September. Again, this year, participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2025, for both events. There will also be an option for coming in on Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

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State Leadership Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council



The Kansas 4-H Youth Council and National 4-H Conference Applications are open! Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for National 4-H Conference.

Learn more at

<https://kansas4h.org/.../teen.../youth-leadership-council/>

The deadline will be October 1, 2025.

Project Partnership Teams Applications Open

Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams (PPT) serve to bring youth, volunteers, and K-State Research and Extension professionals together to:

- Enhance learning through project pathways,
- Provide leadership in the development of a project subject matter,
- Review, recommend, and provide professional development opportunities for KSRE professionals and volunteers on curriculum and other resources, and
- Provide leadership in planning and conducting one or more state educational experiences.

Details and the application are on the state 4-H website at <https://www.kansas4h.org/volunteers/projectpartnershipteams/>

Applications due September 15



The Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams are:

- Animal Science
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Consumer & Family Science
- Discovery Days (planning and delivery of event)
- Engineering & Technology
- Leadership & Personal Development
- Natural Resources

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Club Chatter

Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers club held their August meeting at the Citizen Potawatomi Community Building August 18, 2025. The members worked on the slate of officers for the new year. The club also participated in the Tallcorn Festival parade with a float. The next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, September 14, 2025.



Grove

Several members of Grove 4-H Club enjoyed hosting Delaware 4-H members in August. The group got do many fun activities.



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Bunny Bunch

This month the Bunny Bunch 4-H members voted to donate a baking basket to help raise funds to send Team Kansas to the ARBA convention in Indiana. We met up at Walmart and did some shopping. Each of us picked our favorite cake or brownie mix, as well as mixing bowls and other baking items. We all had a great time.

Our next meeting will be September 1st at 7pm in the upstairs room of the extension office. We hope to see you there.

Octobers meeting will be the 6th at 7pm where we will be holding a costume contest it's always a lot of fun. Best child's costume, Best rabbit costume and Best child/rabbit together costume. This year we are adding best adult costume.

-Brooklynn Powell



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

September 2025

- 1 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 4 4-H Exchange, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 5-14 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson**
- 5-6 State Fair Grand Drive
- 8 Livestock Judging Practice, Downstairs Conference Room, 7 pm
- 17 TPS 501 Family Fitness Fun Night, 5-7 pm, Hummer Sports Park

Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 pm

- 22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

Livestock Judging Practice, Downstairs Conference Room, 7 pm

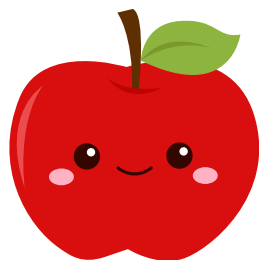
- 23 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

- 25 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

26 Record Books due to Extension Office by 5 PM

Chatterbox Submissions Due

- 30 End of 4-H Year



October 2025

- 1 Beginning of 4-H Year
- 2 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 4-H Exchange, TBD
- 3-5 Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 6 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 9 4-H Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 11-12 48 Hours of 4-H
- 15 Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 23 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**
- 27 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 28 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm



EMR= Extension Meeting Room
at Extension Office

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All dates and activities are subject to change.