**A Word From Your Agent...**

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, 3 and 7th. We will be open for entries till 5pm on the 7th and we are taking foods and flowers at this time too. 4-H exhibits will be judged starting the 8th, 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!

Record books and Achievement Pin applications need to be turned into your club leader by their deadline. Please check with them on when they needs those paper to review.

This year Events Council is happy to announce that 4-H Achievement Night will be November 13th 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. 3rd-9th. This is the first year we have had a National 4-H Week Events Council committee. They have an article in this CB issue and I hope your club can participate in their challenge to promote Shawnee County 4-H! The national theme is Find your Spark in 4-H, but you can promote however your club would like.

Opportunities for learning and fun are all over this issue of the chatterbox, I hope you can participate in some of them!

~Candis

**Officer Leader Training “Leaders Grow”**

Save the date of October 24th, 2021 for Officer Leader Training for the 2021-2022 4-H year. Join the training being led by the Deer Trail and Bunny Bunch 4-H Clubs at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard.

It can be scary to be elected to a 4-H office but this training will take the mystery out of your new position. There will be highlights on leadership skills like communication, responsibility and influence.

There is a registration form at the back of the chatterbox. **Registrations are due October 15th!**
September Foods Project Meeting

Start with the Basics: Now is a great time of year to start thinking of your next year’s baking entries for fair. IF you weren’t satisfied with your results from last year, or you’re new to the foods project, this is a great meeting to get you started on learning some of the basics of what makes a good baked goods recipe a purple ribbon winner. We’ll be preparing banana muffins, but all the while learning proper measuring, mixing and baking techniques as well as learning to evaluate what makes a good recipe to enter in the fair. We’ll be meeting at Maranatha Baptist Church Kitchen on September 18 from 9:30-11:30am. This is open to all ages, but space is somewhat limited, so email early to save a spot. Send your reservation to Laura.krainbill@ks.gov. I will reply back with a supply list and directions to the kitchen.

National 4-H Week Challenge

We are embarking on a new adventure in October for Shawnee County 4-H. We are all used to 48 hours in 4-H but we are now trying to up that and create excitement around 4-H in the community in the month of October by advertising. More specifically the 4-H Week Committee would love for each club to find a local business and decorate a window or a creative way to advertise 4-H for the month of October. We will find a judge to deem the winner of the participating clubs. We also have media contacts that are interested in covering the 48 Hours of 4-H event in a couple of the clubs. If we can have a heads up on what your club is doing, where and the number of youth participating that would be awesome! From that point, the media contacts will try to work those into their Good Kids segments.

The last point is if your club is looking for opportunities, the United Way of Topeka may have a couple of opportunities, we just need the number of kids and they would give us some ideas. This is super exciting and the new excitement hopefully will drive new enrollment for the new 4-H year. If you have any questions or information please contact Megan Burgess (megan_burgess@hillpet.com) or Amy Johnston (amyjohnston579@gmail.com).

National 4-H Week is October 3 – 9: Find Your Spark!
Kansas 4-H State Events and Activities

Kansas Leadership Forum
Submitted by Beth Hinshaw

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is planned for November 20-21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun.

We also will plan for an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

We will soon have a call for workshop presenters.

Registration will open in late August/early September. Registration deadline is October 15, 2021 at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. Once registration is open, a note will be sent to the KSRE system.

Youth Council and National Conference Applications

Submitted by Beth Hinshaw

The Youth Council Application and National Conference Application will be combined 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, 2022 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2022 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 at KYLF and they serve a two-year term on council.

Application information for State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National Conference will be available in late August. The deadline will be October 1, 2021.
4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training Series - Fall 21

Submitted by Shane Potter
Please help promote the Kansas 4-H Fall 2021 Volunteer Project Leader Training Series. The sessions are designed to provide 4-H volunteer project leaders with tangible ideas and resources they can use to engage 4-H Youth. All sessions are free and will be recorded. The sessions are scheduled to start at 6:30 CST. The general outline for sessions is as follows:

- Sept. 21 – Personal Development – Public Speaking
- Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry
- Sept. 28 – FCS - Textile Science
- Sept. 30 – Animal Science – Livestock
- Oct. 5 – Service Learning
- Oct. 7 – Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
- Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy
- Oct. 14 – Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife

To Register for the event - 4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training Series Registration
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2h9P3ROvNs8jI2

48 Hours of 4-H 2021
Submitted by Beth Hinshaw

We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too!

When: October 9-10, 2021

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

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. Check out the website for a helpful guide, and to register your project(s).

If you have a big Community Project planned, we have two pop up banners and one hanging banner. We would love to have those used in 3 different locations this year. Contact Beth Hinshaw (bhinshaw@ksu.edu) if you are interested in borrowing one!
Riverside 4-H Club

The Riverside 4-H Club has been busy this summer. In July, our club enjoyed a pool party. Club members took part in building a scarecrow for the fair. It was fun for everyone to show off their projects at the club tour and pizza party at the fair. In August, we had our officer elections and talked record books and fundraising.

The 21-22 officers:
President: Riley Showalter
Vice President: Lakin Stahel
Secretary: Colin Reed
Treasurer: Jacob Lehman
Reporter: Cameron Thompson
Jr. President: Laura Sobba
Jr. Vice President: Caden Kuckelman
Jr. Secretary: Clara Sobba
Jr. Treasurer: Shelby Showalter
~Cameron Thompson, Reporter

Deer Trail 4-H Club

This year at the 4-H fair, Deer Trail was busy. Our 4-Hers submitted many projects ranging from bunnies to foods, photography, arts & crafts, and much more! The Saturday of the fair we helped with the pancake feed, went on a club tour of our projects, and ran kids corner. Pop bottle rockets were the favorite at the kids corner. Although the fair was very different this year, we still enjoyed our activities.

The Haehns helped make our August meeting fun by hosting a dinner. We had our meeting and then barbecued, swam, played games, and chatted. Our club has had lots of fun in the past couple months and is looking forward to having a few more members join soon!

~Grace Funk, Reporter
Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

Shunga Valley 4-H Club

The Shunga Valley 4-H Club had a fun meeting for our August club meeting. We met at Gage Bowl and reserved two lanes for our members. One with bumpers and one without. Then the members enjoyed a snow cone after bowling. We were happy to see one of our graduated members while she was home from college.

Our next meeting will be at the Extension Office Meeting Room on Sept. 12th at 5pm.

Shawnee County Livestock Committee

Starting in September the Shawnee County Livestock Committee’s regularly monthly meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. The meeting is normally in the downstairs extension conference room. You can e-mail 4-H Program Assistant Haley Kelley to confirm that location any specific month.
Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

**September**

1  Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
1-7 Accepting Kansas State Fair Entries
6 Office Closed/ Labor Day
7 Last day to bring state fair entries to Extension office
10-19 Kansas State Fair
13 Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club, EMR, 7pm
14 Shawnee County Extension Board, 5:30pm, Zoom
15 Shawnee County Livestock Meeting, 7:30, Extension Office Conf. Room
21 State Fair Items can be picked up at Office
23 Horse Club, EMR, 7pm
25 Chatterbox Articles Due
28 Fairboard, 7pm, EMR

**October**

4  Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club, EMR 7pm
12 Shawnee County Extension Board, 5:30pm, TBD
14 Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7:00pm
20 Shawnee County Livestock Meeting, Extension Conf Room, 7:30pm
24 Officer Leader Training, National Guard Museum, 2-5pm
25 Paw Prints Dog Club, EMR, 7pm
26 Chatterbox Articles Due
26 Fairboard, EMR, 7pm
28 Horse Club, EMR, 7pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.
Leaders GROW
Officer Training
October 24, 2021

Influence
Responsibility
Delegation
Please bring a snack to share.

Communication
Integrity

$5 per person
Make checks Payable to Shawnee County 4-H

Museum of the Kansas National Guard
125 SE Airport Dr. Topeka

Registration Due October 15
Return to Extension Office or Email bboutz@gmail.com

Name ___________________________ Age ________________
Email ___________________________ Phone ________________
Club _____________________________ My club is paying [ ]
Office _____________________________

This event depends on adult volunteer. Let us know if you would like to help.

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