

# Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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## Extension Office Update

Congratulations on the successful 2025 Wabaunsee County fair! If you haven't done so already, please get your thank yous sent to the fair award sponsors. With the level sponsorship, each member received three names in their envelope. These sponsors are integral in continuing to offer usable gifts as awards.

As the 4-H year ends, remember to turn in your Achievement Pin Applications and Project Report Forms by **October 14**. Additionally, clubs need to submit their annual financial review.

The 4HOnline system will shut down from September 20 until the new year. This shutdown allows the system to reboot for the new year and for the administration to make any changes. We have been notified that there will be a couple of changes to enrollments, including project name changes and updated publicity releases. Please let us know if you have questions regarding the publicity releases.

Please always remember that we are only a phone call or email away and are happy to help or answer any questions!

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## 48 Hours of 4-H

Let's see how much our clubs can give back in our community. 48 Hours of 4-H weekend is set for October 11-12. Start brainstorming what project your club can do. For more information and to register your project, [click here](#).

## August

- 28 Fair Wrap Up Meeting, Marlow-Lietz, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 KSF Dog Show, Hutchinson, Expo Center

## September

- 1 **Extension Office Closed, Labor Day**
- 3 **State Fair Exhibits DUE to the Extension Office by 12:00 PM**
- 5-14 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 8 **Extension Office Closed to the Public, Staff Development Day**
- 10 Record Book Q&A Zoom, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 15 **Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams Application Deadline**
- 17 Backyard Flock Workshop, Marlow-Lietz, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Record Book Work Session, E-Building, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 20 4HOnline System Shut Down
- 28 Record Book Judging, Flint Hills Junior Shooters Exhibit Building, 3:00 p.m.
- 28 Officer Training, Marlow-Lietz Exhibit Building, 3:00 p.m.
- 28 4-H Council Meeting & Elections, Marlow-Lietz Exhibit Building, 5:30 p.m.

## October

- 1 **4HOnline Enrollment Opens**
- 1 **KYLC & National Delegates Application Deadline**
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 11-12 48 Hours of 4-H
- 13 **Extension Office Closed, County In-Service Day**
- 14 **Record Books Due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.**
- 15 **KYLF & KVF Registration Deadline**

## Record Books

The Project Report Forms are age-specific. **All static** will use the **General Project Report Form**, and **all heartbeat** projects will use the **Animal Project Report Form**. These new forms have made record-keeping for your 4-H projects more concise. ZBooks is available for all youth interested in using the ZBooks software! The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. **If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, do not feel like you have to transfer over all of your previous years' activities in to the online Permanent Record.** Start this year and attach it to your previous document.

**Youth may choose to continue to use the fillable PDF Project Report Forms!**

### Forms for Everyone to Complete

Project Recognition Check Sheet (fillable PDF)  
Personal Information Page (fillable PDF)  
Permanent Record (fillable Word)  
Project Report Form Evaluation Rubric (PDF)

### Junior Forms

General Project Report Form (fillable PDF)  
Animal Project Report Form (fillable PDF)

### Intermediate Forms

General Project Report Form (fillable PDF)  
Animal Project Report Form (fillable PDF)

### Senior Forms

General Project Report Form (fillable PDF)  
Animal Project Report Form (fillable PDF)

## Record Book Work Sessions

Stephanie will be hosting a Q&A Zoom and a work session day this year! These sessions are an opportunity to ask questions, refresh yourselves on Z-Books, and dedicate time to your Record Books.

### Q&A Zoom Session

**Wednesday, September 10: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

### E-Building Work Session

**Friday, September 19: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

*\*Zoom assistance will also be open for those who cannot travel to the E-Building in Alma. Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows!*

## Project Report Form Categories

The list below is the state-recognized Project Report Form categories and the **ONLY** project areas Wab Co 4-H will accept.

- Aerospace/Rocketry
- Ag Mechanics
- Welding
- Agronomy
- Astronomy
- Beef  
(Market, Breeding, Bucket Calf)
- Building Block
- Engineering
- Civic Engagement
- Communications
- Computer Science
- Dairy
- Dog
- Electric & Renewable Energy
- Entomology
- Environment Science
- Family Studies
- Fiber Arts
- Foods & Nutrition
- Forestry
- Geology
- Health & Wellness
- Horse
- Horticulture & Landscape Design
- Interior Design & Architecture
- Leadership
- Meat Goat
- Performing Arts
- Pets
- Photography
- Reading Adventures
- Robotics
- Self-Determined
- Sewing & Textile Design
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Shopping in Style
- Small Engine
- Swine
- Veterinary Science
- Visual Arts
- Wildlife
- Woodworking
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems

## 4-H Achievement Pins

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, progressing as individuals explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills.

## Record Book Judging & Officer Training

Join us for a Sunday afternoon of officer training, record book judging, and fun! 4-H Council has voted to separate officer training from Achievement Night and put a teambuilding focus on it. Whether you are a current club officer or just looking to hone your leadership skills, we want you to attend on September 28 at 3:00 p.m. in the Marlow-Lietz Exhibit Building.

Record Book judging will take place in the Flint Hills Junior Shooters Exhibit Building. We encourage parents to come and go as much as you can to help us get through all of Chase County's books. Being a part of the judging process also helps new families get ideas for next year's projects and the things youth members can do and learn.

A meal will be served at the conclusion of Officer Training. 4-H Council will meet immediately following to elect the 2025-26 Council members. Per the bylaws, 4-H Council officers do not have to be elected from the Club Representatives. If a youth member is interested and meets the criteria below, they are encouraged to attend and run for office. Each club is given two votes.

**President:** Candidates must be at least 14 years of age and do not intend to graduate before the end of the 4-H year in which they are installed.

**Vice President:** Candidates must be at least 12 years of age.

**Secretary:** Candidates must be at least 10 years of age.

**Treasurer:** Candidates must be at least 10 years of age.

## Backyard Flock

Don't forget the Backyard Flock Program with Dr. Beyer is coming up! Please **RSVP by September 10**. This event will take place **on September 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM** in the Marlow-Lietz Building. Topics that will be covered include avian influenza, common diseases, poultry 101, and starting your own flock. **To RSVP, call the Extension Office at 785-765-3821**. Hope to see you there.

## 4-H Leadership Learning Opportunities

Leadership is just one of the many life skills strengthened through 4-H. Check out upcoming leadership learning opportunities this fall! We strongly encourage all 4-Hers to attend at least one leadership opportunity each year!

### **Officer Training – All Wab Co 4-Hers Welcome!**

September 28, Marlow-Lietz, 3:00 p.m.

*Volunteer Training Opportunities Coming Soon!*

### **Kansas 4-H Leadership Forum – 14-18 year olds & Volunteers**

November 22-23, Rock Springs Ranch

*Registration is due by October 15. Details coming soon!*

## Kansas State Fair

Congratulations and good luck to our Wab Co 4-H exhibitors showcasing their exhibits at the KSF! **All static exhibits are due to the Extension Office by 12:00 PM on September 3.**

In lieu of the KSF premiums, KSF is giving each participant 2 tickets. We hope that you all will attend the Kansas State Fair and check out all of the wonderful 4-H exhibits from across the State! The complete schedule of KSF can be found at:

[Kansas State Fair Schedule](#).

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**Office Closed for  
Staff  
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
8:30 - 5:00 PM

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## The Presidential AI Challenge

The current presidential administration is launching a year-long challenge for K-12 students across the country to spark interest in Artificial Intelligence, promote creative thinking using AI tools, and demonstrate how AI technology can be used in beneficial ways. Early training and experience in responsible AI use can demystify the technology and support America's youth in cultivating skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in an AI-driven workforce.

Students who join the Presidential Challenge can access training and resources to help them complete a project that can either be a study or the development of an AI method or tool to solve a local community problem. Educators are also invited to participate and focus on creative approaches to teaching or using AI technologies in K-12 learning. Participants can choose to enter their projects into a competition for the chance to showcase their work at a White House event next summer.

You can find the fact sheet and flyers here:

[AI Challenge Fact Sheet](#)

[Flyer for Students](#)

[Flyer for Educators](#)

Visit [AI.gov](http://AI.gov) for the most up-to-date information.

## KS Youth Leadership Council & National Conference Delegates

Are you between the ages of 14-18 and would like to serve as a youth voice for Kansas 4-H? Apply now to be a member of the [Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council](#). Applicants will be elected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs on November 22-23. If selected, you will serve for a one-year term and may re-apply next year.

Another opportunity for youth ages 15-18 is to apply to be a [National 4-H Conference Delegate](#). Applicants will go through an interview prior to KYLF, and if selected, you will serve a two-year term on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

**Applications are due October 1.**

## Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams

Have you wanted to get involved on the State 4-H level? Applying to be a member of a Project Partnership Team is a great way to enhance your leadership skills, provide ideas, help plan educational experiences, and much more. Applications are currently be accepted for the following teams:

- Animal Science
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Consumer & Family Science
- Discovery Days\*\*
- Engineering & Technology
- Leadership & Personal Development
- Natural Resources

\*\* Discovery Days also needs a team to help deliver this educational experience, and it will follow the same application process as the Project Partnership Teams and be considered as such.

To learn more and apply, [visit here](#). **All applications are due September 15.**

## Looking Ahead – Mark Your Calendars!

Fall will be here before we know it. Mark your calendars with important upcoming events and deadlines!

### November

<b>TBD</b>	<b>Achievement Night</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Extension Office Closed, Veteran's Day</b>
<b>22-23</b>	<b>4-H Leadership Weekend, RSR</b>
<b>27-28</b>	<b>Extension Office Closed, Thanksgiving</b>

### December

<b>25-26</b>	<b>Extension Office Closed, Christmas</b>
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