

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



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Extension Office Update

Congratulations on the successful Kansas State Fair! You have made Wabaunsee County 4-H proud!

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 is shut down 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.

Don't forget that youth and volunteer profiles must be updated annually. 4-H Council has voted to pay enrollment fees for the first 50 members that enroll during the week of National 4-H Week, beginning October 5 through October 11, 2025.

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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September

- 26 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference Registration Deadline**
- 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, In-Service Day**
- 14 DEADLINE to Extension Office: Record Books, Achievement Pin Applications, Club Seal, Club Financial Review, Club Organization Form**
- 15 KYLF & KVF Registration Deadline**
- 15-16 CWF Garage Sale Donation Drop Off
- 17-18 CWF Garage Sale, Cico Park, Manhattan
- 18-19 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference, Rock Springs
- 20 Achievement Night RSVP Deadline**

November

- 1 States' 4-H International Exchange Application Deadline**
- 9 Achievement Night, KanEquip Arena, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Extension Office Closed, Veteran's Day**
- 22-23 KYLF & KVF, Rock Springs
- 27-28 Extension Office Closed, Thanksgiving**

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)

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.

All 4-H Achievement Pin applications and record books are due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14.

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

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](#).

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.

CWF Garage Sales

Drop Off at Cico Park: October 15-16, 2025

Shop the Sale: October 17-18, 2025

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus garage sale raises funds for our 4-Hers to experience the behind-the-scenes of Washington D.C. in 2028. See the attached flier for more details! Have donations but can't make the timeslots in Manhattan? Contact the Extension Office!

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!

T-Shirts Sold at Kansas State Fair

The t-shirts sold at the 2025 Kansas State Fair will be available through an online order system with a Kansas 4-H partner. There will be a late November order date for them to be delivered in mid-late December. Please share at your club meeting and save on shipping with a group order, perfect for holiday gifts!

All proceeds of these sales benefit the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. Order information coming soon!

Kansas 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl

October 18-19, 2025

Fees: \$170 -two days, \$100 Sunday only

(Includes lodging & meals at Rock Springs, and conference fees)

Registration is open for this year's Kansas 4-H Dog Conference: Trails & Tails! Don't miss this opportunity for fun and fellowship with your dog and 4-H'ers from across the state!

Register here:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/8d9a2e26-428d-4f1b-a554-cdf4c0acebe8/regPage:6957439d-a752-476a-be7c-95807eacb7cc>

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](https://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.

Achievement Night

After much review and discussion, the 4-H Council Budget Committee has reorganized how the Achievement Night dinner will look! Instead of one club hosting and incurring all the expenses, the meal will be divided among all four clubs. With this change, 4-H Council will no longer be giving a meal stipend either. The hosting club will be in charge of the main dish, as well as the table service and décor. Sides, desserts and drinks will be divided out to the other clubs.

2025 Achievement Night Club Responsibilities
Hosting Club – Newbury: Main Dish, Table Service, & Décor
Maple Hill Hustlers: Side Dishes
Happy Valley: Desserts
Friendly Farmers: Drinks

2026 4-H Outbound Exchange Applications

Kansas 4-H & States' 4-H International Exchange Programs have opened applications for outbound travel in five partner countries for 2026. There are two exchange programs to Japan. Youth ages 12-18 may be eligible. For more information about the exchange opportunities: <https://kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/global-citizenship/states-4h-international-exchange-program/>

Looking Ahead – Mark Your Calendars!

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

December

25-26 Extension Office Closed, Christmas
30 Extension Office Closed, New Year's

January

1 Extension Office Closed, New Year's Day