

4-H Newsletter



September 24, 2015

Dear 4-H Families:

Here's information on 4-H activities, events and other items you may be interested in.



National 4-H Week October 4 - 10, 2015

Through 4-H America's youth gain valuable academic, leadership, and life skills, with the opportunity to take on challenging responsibilities through community service projects and educational events.

48 Hours of 4-H will be observed October 10-11 in every County across Kansas.

4-H members, adult volunteers, alumni, and friends will help improve their communities by adopting a service project that is right for them. These projects can be done as individuals or groups (clubs, extension units, etc.) No matter what project you choose, this is one weekend we will make a difference. See the enclosed flyer page with our local organized activities and make your plans now.



The goal of 48 Hours of 4-H is to challenge 4-H members in every 4-H Club to take the second weekend in October to make a big impact in Kansas.

Achievement Banquet is for All 4-H'ers

4-H Council would like to invite you to the Stevens County 4-H Achievement Banquet to be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, November 1, 2015 at Memorial Hall in Hugoton. The Achievement Banquet is our special awards event when 4-H'ers and leaders receive year pins, project awards, recognition pins, and special awards for the past year's work. All 4-H members should attend.

As in the past, Community Leaders and 4-H members who have been active in 4-H work this past 4-H year, will be guests of the Stevens County 4-H Council.

Be sure to ***make your reservations and get your tickets by Friday, October 23rd*** at the Extension Office. We need to know by this date so we can give the caterer the final number of meals needed.

New members, parents and other guests can also make reservations and buy tickets at the Extension Office. Tickets for the dinner are not available at the door. The cost of the banquet tickets will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 4-H age.

Be sure to make your reservations and get your tickets **by Friday, October 23rd**. If you should have any questions, **please let us know**.

Club Duties

The 4-H Council set up the following club assignments at their last meeting:

Setup/Drinks: Wranglers
 Decorations: Buffalo Boosters, City Slickers
 Invocation: Cloverleaf Cowboys
 Clean-up: Heartland

SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET !

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4-H'ers Exhibit at State Fair

Several Stevens County 4-H'ers exhibited their projects and/or took part in the State Fair activities. Their results are as follows:

Sydney Beesley age 13, Horse: Stock Type Geldings, Fourth; Showmanship, Fourth; Trail, Reserve Champion; Level III Horsemanship, Fifth; English Pleasure, Reserve Champion; English Equitation, Sixth; Western Pleasure, Reserve Champion; Horsemanship, Reserve Champion.

Jacob Bell age 12, Demonstration, Red; Photography, Blue; Visual Arts Welding, Participant; Weed Control Exhibit, Purple.

Lacey Brecheisen age 15, Food Product, Red; Visual Arts Ceramic, Participant.

Landon Brecheisen age 17, Food Product, Red.

Laramie Brecheisen age 14, Food Product, Red.

Megan Bryan age 18, Food Product, Purple; Rabbits: Jr Doe, Red.

Nicholas Bryan age 12, Rabbits: Int Buck, Blue; Jr Buck, Purple, Best of Breed; Jr Doe, Blue; Showmanship, Red; Judging Contest, Blue.

Victoria Bryan age 12, Rabbits: Sr Buck, Blue; Jr Buck, Purple; Jr Buck, Blue; Jr Doe, Purple; Showmanship, Purple; Judging Contest, Purple, Reserve Champion.

Claire Clark age 14, Food Product, Red; Horse: Trail, Participant; Level IV Horsemanship, Third; Reining, Participant; Horsemanship, Participant.

Claudia Clark age 9, Food Product, Red; Photography, Blue.

Kynna Crawford age 11, Clothing, Blue; Food Product, Purple; Market Hog, Seventh.

Grace Dillinger age 10, Photography, Blue.

Tala Eckert age 10, Clothing, Red; Food Product, Red.

Rylee Fann age 9, Clothing, Red; Patchwork Quilt, Red.

Frances Gaskill age 12, Clothing, Red; Photography, Blue; Horse: Level III Horsemanship, Sixth; Trail, Sixth; Horsemanship, Ninth; Western Pleasure, Participant; Showmanship, Participant; Working Ranch Horse, Eighth.

Catie Gooch age 10, Visual Arts Leather, Participant; Photography, Blue.

Isabella Hall age 12, Food Product, Red.

Madison Hall age 14, Breeding Heifer, Fifth; Market Steer, Breed Champion.

Brady Heger age 18, Breeding Gilts, Sixth and Seventh.

Casle Heger age 14, Breeding Gilt, Eighth.

Jayce Heger age 9, Breeding Gilt, Ninth.

Amya Johnson age 11, Photography, Blue; Visual Arts Ceramic, Participant, Rock Springs Selection.

Rebecca Johnson age 14, Clothing, Purple; Food Product, Red; Horse: Level IV Horsemanship, Fifth; Working Ranch Horse, Participant; Horsemanship, Participant.

Sarah Johnson age 16, Clothing, Blue; Food Product, Red; Horse: Trail, Tenth; Level IV Horsemanship, Reserve Champion; Western Pleasure, Participant; Showmanship, Ninth; Stock Type Geldings, Participant; Working Ranch Horse; Sixth; Horsemanship, Eighth; Photography, Blue.

Jewels Kraisinger age 9, Clothing, White; Food Product, Red.



Carter McClure age 9, Food Product, Purple.

Molly McClure age 11, Food Product, Red; Horticulture, Blue; Photography, Blue.

Toby McClure age 13, Food Product, Red; Patchwork Quilt, Red.

Megan Newlon age 13, Breeding Ewes, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth; Horse: Stock Type Geldings, Tenth; Trail, Tenth; English Pleasure, Fourth; Showmanship, Champion; Horsemanship, Champion; English Equitation, Fifth; Level IV Horsemanship, Champion; Photography, Red.

Lakota Persing age 9, Clothing, Red; Food Product, Blue; Photography, Blue; Sweet Spread, Blue.

Vallery Persing age 14, Clothing, White; Food Product, Blue; Photography, Blue; Sweet Spreads, Red.

Jayla Stump age 14, Breeding Gilt, Tenth.

Maggie White age 16, Fashion Revue Construction, White; Photography, Blue; Visual Arts Dyed Scarf, Participant, Rock Springs Selection.

Zachary Willis age 10, Food Product, White.

Katya Wolters age 10, Food Product, Red; Photography, Purple.

Congratulations to all our 4-H'ers on a great job.

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VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

VIP is the process to be completed by anyone working directly with our 4-H members. This includes: project leaders, club leaders, adults who drive youth to 4-H events, etc. It is designed to protect everyone, youth and adults alike.

The first step in completing this process is to fill out a Volunteer Service Application. It is available on the State 4-H website: <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H673.pdf> or at the Extension Office. Contact Josh if you have any questions.

VIP Renewals

All of our currently VIP registered volunteers need to fill out a 4-H VIP Renewal Form for the coming 4-H year. This is required by the State 4-H Office for us to remain in compliance with this state mandate.

If you are currently registered, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Extension Office by Monday, November 2nd.

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Attention All 4-H'ers and Parents

ENROLLMENT Is ONLINE ONLY This Year

Enrollment for the 2015-16 4-H year will be completed via the Kansas 4-H Online enrollment website, <https://ks.4honline.com>, beginning Thursday, October 1st. Because everyone has an account from enrolling last year it will be easier this time. However, if you do not remember your password you will need to get it from the option "I forgot my password".

The deadline for all members returning to enroll is November 10th. You may still add or drop projects until May 15th, as in the past.

It is imperative that you include current and most frequently used contact information for all 4-H members and parents. For example, if a 4-H'er has a cell phone and frequently receives text messages, and any email addresses that are used regularly, we encourage you to include all of them in your online account. Technology and postage costs are pushing us to use texts and email as much as possible to notify everyone, youth and adults, of meetings, deadlines, and other general information.

All youth who are age 7 before January 1, 2015 may enroll in 4-H for the 2015-16 project year. We can help you in the office if you need a computer or have problems completing enrollment. But please, call to make an appointment so we are sure a computer is available, and one of us is ready when you come.

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Enrollment Residence Policy

We will continue to enforce the current state policy (D7 Residence and Enrollment Policies) which states: Permission for youth to participate in a county, district or state other than the one in which they reside, as well as permission for youth to participate in 4-H project work in more than one local Extension unit, must be agreed to by both local Extension Executive Boards. The decision of the respective boards is final and not subject to area or state appeal. This applies to all 4-H'ers who are not permanent residents of Stevens County.

If you know of current or potential 4-H'ers who are not permanent residents of Stevens County, who have not already done this, please let them or us know.

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4-H Council and Junior Leadership

We will not have October meetings as was announced at the September Meeting.

Instead, 4-H Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16th to elect officers. Junior Leadership Club, for all 4-H'ers age 12 and older by January 1, 2016, will meet immediately after at 7:45 p.m., also to elect officers.

Junior Leaders have voted to place Veteran's Day flags at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th, and remove them at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday the 11th. Meet at the Extension Office by 6:45 p.m.

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Annual Fall 4-H Horse Trail Ride

You don't have to be in the 4-H Horse project to come join in on the fun at a trail ride at Bob and Judy Parson's home at 1343 Road CC on Sunday, October 11th. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Meet to ride at 2:00 pm, baked potato bar supper will start about 5 pm, and a short project meeting will follow. Everyone bring a potato topper and a side. Also bring lawn chairs. There will be activities for those not riding. Please RSVP to Judy at 453-1034. Everyone is invited to come join us for a fun fall afternoon, whether you ride or not.

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November 20-22, 2015 Rock Springs Center

The 16th Annual Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Forum is designed for youth 14-18, and will include speakers, workshops, consulting groups and the election of the State 4-H Council. The fee of \$200.00 includes a conference t-shirt, lodging, meals, insurance, and program fees. Online registrations are due by October 15th, fees are partially non-refundable.

Classes are filled on-line on a first come-first serve basis. All online registrations are contingent upon an Extension Agent's approval and having a current and complete Kansas 4-H Participation Form on file. Come to KYLF to learn more!

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4-H Dates

September 29 Record Books Due in Extension Office

October

- 1 4-H Online Enrollment Starts
- 1 Ellsaesser Funds Application Due, Extension
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 10-11 48 Hours of 4-H Promotion
- 11 Horse Project Trail Ride, Judy Parsons Home
- 15 Youth Leadership Forum Deadline
- 23 Achievement Banquet Tickets Deadline

November

- 1 4-H Achievement Banquet, Memorial Hall
- 2 VIP Renewal Forms Due
- 6-8 Shooting Sports Project Leader Training, Ulysses
- 10 Online Re-Enrollment Deadline
- 10-11 Jr. Leaders Take Care of Veterans Day Flags
- 16 4-H Council and Jr Leadership Club Elections
- 20-22 Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Center

February

- 13 County 4-H Club Day, Hugoton Middle/High
- 27 Regional 4-H Club Day, Liberal
- May 31-June 3 Discovery Days
- June 16-27 Citizenship Washington Focus

Lost at the 4-H Building If you found a pair of ivory leather sandals in your box after the county fair, please bring them to the Extension Office.

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Citizenship Washington Focus

This trip will be June 16 to 27, 2016, and the cost is \$1625. Applications must be submitted online, and are being accepted until January 15, or sooner if all the spaces are filled. For more information go to <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=456>.



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Be sure to 'like' our 4-H Facebook page and check it regularly for meetings, events and reminders of all things 4-H!



We hope that everything is going well for you. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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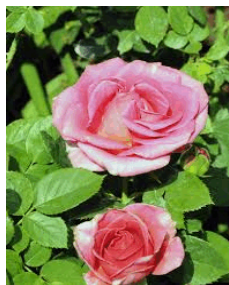
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Attention All 4-H Families! Important Upcoming Events! We Are All Celebrating 48 Hours of 4-H.

Oct 4-11th is National 4-H Week. We ask all Stevens County 4-H'ers to be involved in **one or more** of these community events. Many of these can count as community service projects for the next year, and all of them are great ways to show your 4-H spirit and help those in our community.



Sunday, Oct 4th - 4-H Kick off Event at the Stevens County Fair Grounds. Please invite anyone you know might be interested in joining 4-H.

3:30-6:00 p.m. Extension Office staff will have 4-H enrollment information
4:00 Dedication of Montana's Garden
4:15-5:30 p.m. Games and Activities for Kids
4:30-5:30 p.m. Free Hots Dogs and Hamburgers

Friday, Oct 9th - 4-H Bake Sale at Homecoming Football Game. We need 4-H families to donate baked items to sell. These can be brought to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. the 9th, or taken to the football game. We also need volunteers to sit at the bake sale during the game. Call the Extension Office if you plan to bring items, or can volunteer to sit at the bake sale.

The money raised from the bake sale will be used to purchase care package supplies to send to active Stevens County Military Service men and women. In November we will have a county wide packaging event to prepare the boxes to send. We will also accept donated items for the care packages at the game and at the office throughout October.



Saturday, Oct 10th - 9:00-11:00 a.m. - 4-H Clean-up Project. All 4-H'ers and their families are invited to meet at the Stevens County 4-H Building to form teams and pick up trash around town. Bring trash bags, gloves and appropriate clothing for picking up outside trash.

Saturday, Oct 10th - 1:00- 3:00 p.m. - Meet at the Extension Office to bag baked goods to distribute to senior adults in our communities. We ask that each 4-H club provide at least 4 dozen small items (cookies / muffins / rolls etc.) to be packaged and distributed. We welcome any individuals who would like to donate items. If you know anyone who might enjoy some baked items please provide the office with their name and address. This is a great way to remember our older community members!



Possible Plans for *Your* 48 Hours of 4-H Project

48 Hours of 4-H can be any service project that makes a difference in our community.

- Mowing a lawn or cleaning up a yard for an elderly person.
- Doing simple painting jobs.
- Picking up trash along the road or highway (making sure to keep safety and rules in mind).
- Making care packages for the military.
- Planting trees or plants in the community.
- Raising money to support other organizations, such as Red Cross, Relay for Life, Children's Miracle Network, etc.
- Volunteering at the community animal shelter.
- Collecting items for donation to a homeless shelter or other non-profit organization.
- Hosting a car wash and donating the money to a local charity.
- Hosting a bake sale and donating the money to a local charity.
- Collecting supplies for people who have been in a fire or natural disaster.
- Making tie blankets, pillows, and other bedding for a local shelter
- Organizing and hosting a "Reading Day" at the local library.
- Volunteering at nursing homes.
- Hosting a fundraiser to donate the proceeds to an organization or charity that focuses on hunger initiatives.
- Delivering meals to those in need, such as the elderly or others needing help.

