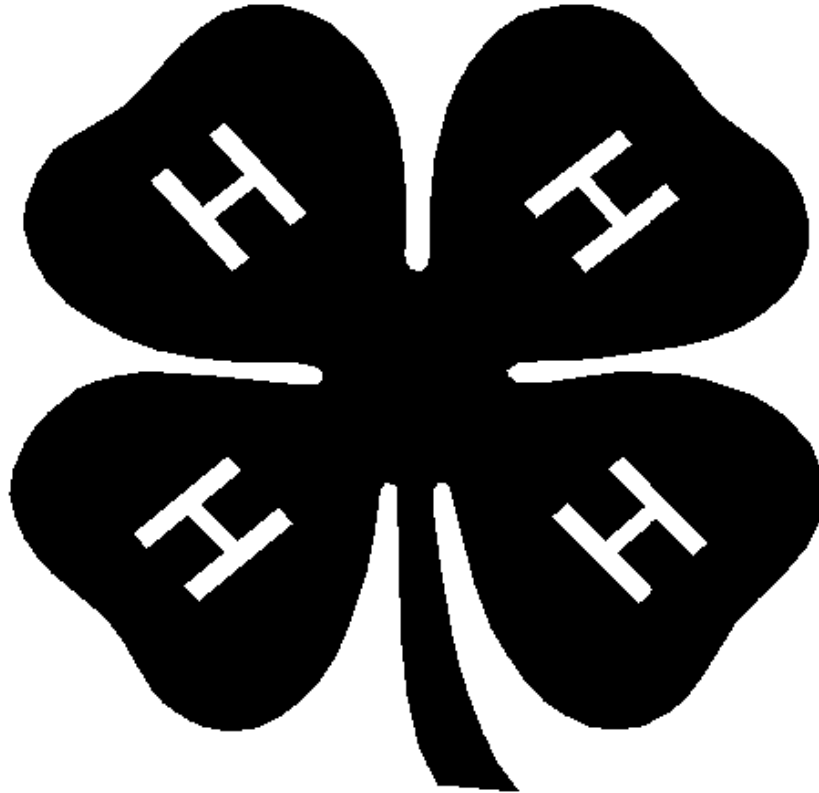


Labette County 4-H Family Handbook



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Dear 4-H Family,

Welcome to 4-H! This handbook is designed to provide introductory information about the 4-H program and what it involves. The goal of 4-H is to provide every member with opportunities to experience and explore new interests and master skills that will help them to grow into positive and productive citizens.

4-H is about hands-on learning, leadership, citizenship, decision making, goal setting, career exploration, record keeping and much, much more.

You will find that 4-H is a family oriented organization. It is hard for members to reap the full benefit of 4-H without the involvement of caring adults. Your level of involvement is up to you.

If you have any questions about the Wildcat Extension District 4-H program in Labette County, please contact our office at; 524 Huston St, Altamont, KS. Our phone number is (620) 784-5337 or we can be reached by email at, jtraxson@ksu.edu ludwigk@ksu.edu or rkmartin@ksu.edu a great source of information is our website www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu

We appreciate your interest in the 4-H program and hope you have a great 4-H experience!

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4-H Motto: “To Make the Best Better.”

4-H Pledge:

I pledge
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
And my Health to better living,
For my club, my community,
My country and my world.



4-H Colors: Kelly Green & White – Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, spring-time and youth. White symbolizes purity.



4-H Emblem:

What is 4-H

While 4-H had its beginnings in rural America, it now serves youth in all communities: urban, suburban as well as rural. Kansas 4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 7 and 18.

4-H is a nationwide program led by state land-grant universities in cooperation with local county extension councils. In Kansas, 4-H is the largest youth educational program, aside from public schools.

Each of the four H's on the clover represent ways youth can grow and develop in 4-H.

The four H's represent:

- Head-critical thinking, problem solving.
- Heart-self-discipline, integrity, communication.
- Hands-serving others.
- Health-choosing healthy lifestyles.

4-H Clubs

Project clubs, community clubs and SPIN clubs are the types of 4-H clubs that youth may join. Community clubs include youth who enroll in a variety of projects. Community clubs typically have structured business meetings, and emphasize community service, recreational activities and improving communication skills. In a project club, similar meetings and community activities are conducted with focus on a specific project. SPIN clubs meet for 6-8 weeks for a very specific project.

4-H and Families

4-H brings families together as they learn together. Families may plan meetings, events, projects and activities together. Family members may also serve as club leaders, project leaders, meeting helpers, transportation aides and in a variety of other ways. Parental involvement can help ensure the best learning experience for your child.

4-H and the Community

As part of the 4-H experience, 4-H members are encouraged to learn about and contribute to the betterment of their communities. 4-H utilizes a variety of community resources to enhance the educational experience of members. Those resources may include meeting places, guest speakers, volunteers and field trips.

Projects

In 4-H, youth learn by doing. Much of that learning happens through project experiences. From beef to bicycles...electricity to entomology...forestry to food science...photography to plant science...rabbits to rockets...Kansas 4-H offers many project areas designed to develop the wide range of interests that appeal to today's young people. In addition to subject-matter skills, many young people develop interests that last a lifetime.

Life Skills

Successful adults often credit their experiences in 4-H as turning points in their lives. They credit planning, organization and public speaking skills as essential to their success. The Kansas 4-H Program has played a leadership role in identifying the five life skills most needed to help young people.

Skills learned in 4-H will last a lifetime:

- A positive self-concept.
- An inquiring mind.
- A concern for the community.
- Healthy interpersonal relationships.
- Sound decision making.

Volunteers

The 4-H Program, like many other youth groups, relies heavily on volunteers, who are involved in nearly every aspect of the program. More than 16,000 volunteers work directly with 4-H youth throughout the year as club leaders and project specialists in Kansas. Another 3,500 assist with events, club organization and 4-H promotion.

Labette County 4-H Clubs

Altamont Rooters

Meetings: WEEC (Altamont) 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
(620) 778-4763
Community Leaders: Amber Hodgden
amberriedle@gmail.com
Michelle Cerne
mdcpowercat@yahoo.com (620) 820-1707

Chetopa Aggies

Meetings: Mae Leslie Community Bldg 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
(620) 778-0994
Community Leader: John & Christy Albertson
the7albertsons@gmail.com
David Schertz
schertzdj@hotmail.com (918) 542-0369

Chetopa Pacers

Meetings: Chetopa Library 3rd Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
(620) 762-3222
Community Leader: Amanda Moore
amoore7901@yahoo.com

Foland Fliers

Meetings: Bartlett Grade School 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
(620) 820-1567
Community Leader: Melissa Falkenstien
falkenmom@gmail.com
Jessica Sorrell
jls595@hotmail.com (620) 423-0943

Horse Club (project club)

Meetings: Parsons State Hospital Arena Summer: 1st & 3rd Monday
(620) 423-5810
Community Leader: Nick & Stacy Johnston
ridenforaliven@hotmail.com
Elvin Payne
epainks@gmail.com (602) 778-4320

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Meetings: Cross Timbers Church (Edna) 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Community Leaders: Kim Maxson (620) 423-5853
ktan4007@yahoo.com
Deb Smith (620) 640-1101
ksdrifertoo@hotmail.com

Livestock Challengers (project club)

Meetings: Wave Wireless Parsons 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Community Leader: Gypsy Brackney (620) 778-3608
dazed_g@yahoo.com
Bev Browne (620) 423-9170
bev.browne@hotmail.com
Sandy Manners (620) 423-7430
sandy@wavewls.com

Midwest Ranchers

Meetings: Oswego Library 2nd Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Community Leaders: David & DeRhonda Newby (620) 423-6645
dr_newby@yahoo.com

Montana Road Runners

Meetings: Neosho Heights Elem Oswego every other 3rd Sunday, 4:00 p.m.
Community Leader: Therese Schmidt (620) 778-4764
teschmidt75@yahoo.com
Chad Dozier (620) 212-0053
oeagle23@yahoo.com

Pumpkin Creek

Meetings: Mound Valley Community Cntr 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Community Leader: Teresa Jones (620) 778-4217
skctjones@yahoo.com
Michelle Clevenger (620) 252-8111
michelleclevenger01@gmail.com

Shooting Sports (project club)

Archery Leader: Shannon Vail (620) 820-9157
svail@parsonspd.com
Air Rifle & Small Bore: Tim Pearson (620) 423-9681
timpearson25@yahoo.com

Sunflower

Meetings: Cross Timbers Church (Edna) 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Community Leaders: Christina Beason (620) 252-9043
rcbeason@ckt.net
Jeanie Barnett (620) 515-3426
sportinglifebj@yahoo.com

Thrifty Thrivers

Meetings: First Baptist Church (Parsons) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Community Leaders: Brad & Jeannette Shields (620) 421-5980
jshields@usd447.org
Bethany Dusher (620) 605-9757
dwdusher@yahoo.com

Timber Hill

Meetings: Dennis Community Center 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Community Leaders: Loretta Hucke (620) 778-1119
running4h@wavewls.com
Leigh Beeson (620) 778-4584
dlrbeeson@gmail.com
Gina Pearson (620) 423-3797
ginapearson70@yahoo.com

What are 4-H club meetings like?

A meeting includes business, educational program and recreation. 4-H meetings normally last 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Meetings may have:

Demonstrations - “Show and Tell” type presentations where the 4-H’ers share some of the things they’ve learned in their projects. Most consist of three parts:

Introduction - explains the purpose of the demonstration

Body - outlines subject step by step

Summary - reviews important points and gives opportunity for questions

Illustrated Talks - Differ from demonstrations in that they tell how rather than show how. Charts, models and other visuals are important for illustrated talks.

Project Talks - Project talks are given about the member’s projects. The project talk can relate things experienced in the project, or give information relating to the project.

Business Meeting - The business portion of the meeting should be short and snappy. It is a small democracy in action. It presents the opportunity for group consensus and parliamentary procedures to be learned and practiced.

Recreation & Refreshments - Most likely your recreation leader(s) will have an activity or game planned. Some clubs serve refreshments at meetings. Most often different families are host each month. The learning experience for the members who select, prepare and serve the refreshments is the prime concern.

Conducting the Meeting - The officers of the club and 4-H members are the ones responsible for conducting the meeting. Adult leaders of the club serve as advisors when needed by the 4-H’ers.

Who's Who in 4-H

4-H Member

Any child 7-18 years of age by January 1 of the current year (latest birth date December 31) who enrolls in 4-H Online at <http://bit.ly/1GNWCQg> and meets the club requirements is eligible for membership in 4-H.

Community Club Leader

An adult certified volunteer who is responsible for the organizational part of the club.

Project Leader

A certified volunteer who helps to teach 4-H members their hobby or skills. This person is often a 4-H parent, Jr. Leader, or a person from the community who agrees to help with a project in which they have knowledge.

Jr. Project Leader

A 4-H member who is 12 years old and enrolled in the leadership project. They take an active part in helping the younger members in the club. By doing this, they grow, mature and learn leadership skills. They are encouraged to complete the Volunteer Process.

Parents

The important ingredient to the success a child will have in the 4-H program.

Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and project meetings with their child. All county-wide events are open and parents are encouraged to attend.

4-H Council

4-H Clubs each have two youth representatives and two adult representatives for this group. They meet four times a year. The group plans 4-H activities, events that take place on a county-wide basis and implements a county wide fund raiser.

4-H Program Development Committee (PDC)

This group is an elected body of 18 people district wide (6 from each county). They are responsible for the youth development program direction on a district-wide basis. They implement and help carry out new programs and suggest improvements for 4-H and other youth programs conducted by the Extension Service.

County Extension Agents

These are the professionals who cooperatively bring research based information from Kansas State University. Wildcat Extension District currently has 3 4-H & Youth Development Agents and 1 4-H Program Assistant, 3 FCS Agents, 1 Horticulture Agent, 3 Agriculture Agents, 1 EFNEP Agent and 6 program assistants. The Labette office is located at 524 Huston, Altamont (620) 784-5337. Check us out on line @ www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu

Age for Membership

Regular 4-H membership in Kansas is open to all boys and girls when they turn 7 before January 1st up to 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

Enrollment Timeframe

Youth may join any time during the 4-H year however Labette County youth must re-enroll by January 31st of the current 4-H year and new members by March 1st of the current 4-H year to participate in the Labette County Fair. Market livestock project choice must be made before the time of nomination. To enroll go to 4-H Online at <http://bit.ly/1GNWCQg>

Residence

Kansas youth typically enroll in 4-H in the county in which they reside. Although, a 4-H member may choose to participate in another county they can only enroll and exhibit in one county. Decisions regarding 4-H membership in a non-resident county (a county you do not live in), rest with the County Extension Board in the receiving county. Their decisions are final.

DEADLINES!

Submitting things on time and following the rules is part of the 4-H learning experience. Individuals not complying with these expectations may lose awards and privileges. Members not complying with established and published dates and deadlines for exhibition may be denied participation privileges as well as premiums or awards for the project. Read your 4-H Newsletter carefully and follow these deadlines.

What are 4-H projects?

Projects include hands-on learning experiences that teach many basic skills.

Here are some of the areas you can learn about through 4-H.

Beef Cattle	Clothing & Textiles	Dairy Cattle	Dog Care
Electric	Entomology	Family Studies	Fiber Arts
Foods and Nutrition	Forestry	Geology	Goats
Healthy Lifestyles	Home Environment	Horse	Judging
Leadership	Performing Arts	Pets	Photography
Plant Science	Poultry	Public Speaking	Rabbits
Reading	Self-Determined*	Sheep	Shooting Sports
Small Engines	Space Technology	Swine	Visual Arts & Crafts
Wildlife	Woodworking		

**Self-Determined: Can be anything that interests the 4-H'er, but does not fit into another category i.e.: clowning, computers, collecting, any hobby turned into a project.*

What Are Project Leaders and What Do They Do?

4-H Project Leaders are people who have an interest in one particular project area. They are willing to share their time, talents and efforts with a small group of 4-H'ers. *YOU could be a Project Leader!* It doesn't take an expert in photography to be a photography leader, the same with most all projects. One of the most important ingredients for project leaders is that they be sincerely interested in working with youth. If you are considering being a project leader, visit with your club's community leaders. A leader must fill out a Volunteer form as well as complete several more steps before working with the youth.

Record Keeping in 4-H

The fact that most youth and adults do not enjoy record keeping does not diminish the value of developing those skills. A good 4-H record is a measuring stick to help measure progress and stimulate self improvement. 4-H records can reflect accomplishments and, therefore, serve as a basis for trips and awards.

THE 4-H YEAR RUNS FROM OCTOBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR.

If a 4-H member is interested in applying for an award in a specific project area, a Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) must be completed.

What are the Different Records?

4-H'ers are asked to keep different types of records.

4-H Personal Page	It contains space for a picture of the member, listing of (Annual Record Sheet) the 4-H story. A new annual record sheet is issued each year.
Permanent Record	The summary of all projects, exhibits made, offices held, events attended and other participation for the entire year is made on the permanent record. Only one such record sheet is necessary for all the years that a person may be a member.
Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP)	This is a form which allows you to keep records while also applying for awards at the end of the 4-H year. Seniors (age 14-19) and intermediates (10-13) will use the same standard KAP form (the senior KAP).
Jr. KAP	Used by 7-8 year olds which consists of project sheets.

What 4-H Awards Are Available?

Awards are not an end in the 4-H program. The objective of awards is to encourage and further a youth's educational development and to help him or her look farther up the road of achievements. Some recognition and awards offered in the county are:

4-H Sign - Awarded to members when they join 4-H for the first time.

4-H Achievement Pins - Membership pins are awarded to members who complete one year of membership and meet minimum requirements. Bronze, Clover, Emerald, Silver, Silver Guard, Leadership, Gold, and Gold Guard are awarded to members based upon fulfilling goals stated. The Gold Guard is the highest award that can be presented a 4-H'er by the county. The applications for all of these awards are due the same time as the record book, generally September. Awards are presented at the Achievement Banquet in November. A 4-H member may receive only one pin per year. Generally, a member will earn the pins in the order listed. Under special circumstances a new member joining at an older age may want to skip beginning pins. Each pin requires that 4-H members attend a majority of the regularly scheduled club meetings.

- 1 4-H Membership Pin - Awarded to members completing their first year. Members must attend one county-wide event or activity.
- 2 Bronze Achievement Pin - 4-H'er must exhibit at County Fair or similar event, attend one club or county event, and turn in completed 4-H record book.
- 3 Clover Achievement Pin - 4-H'ers must exhibit at the County Fair or similar event, present part of a program for at least one regularly scheduled club meetings, turn in completed 4-H record book and complete 3 of the optional requirements.
- 4 Emerald Achievement Pin - 4-H'ers must exhibit at the County fair or similar event, present part of a program for at least one regularly scheduled club meeting, turn in completed 4-H record book, and complete 5 of the optional requirements.
- 5 Silver Achievement Pin - 4-H'ers must have received the Emerald Achievement Pin, exhibit at the County fair or similar event, present part of a program for at least one regularly scheduled club meeting, turn in completed 4-H record book, and complete 7 of the optional requirements.
- 6 Silver Guard Achievement Pin - 4-H'ers must have received the Silver Achievement Pin, exhibit at the County fair or similar event, present part of a program for at least one regularly scheduled club meeting, turn in completed 4-H record book, and complete 9 of the optional requirements.

- 7 Leadership Achievement Pin - 4-H'ers must have received the Silver Guard Achievement Pin, exhibit at the County fair or similar event, present part of a program for at least one regularly scheduled club meeting, turn in completed 4-H record book, participate in a 4-H community service project and complete 11 of the optional requirements.
- 8 Gold Achievement Pin - 4-H'ers must have received the Leadership and Silver Guard Achievement Pins, exhibit at the County fair or similar event, present part of a program for at least one regularly scheduled club meeting, turn in completed 4-H record book, participate in a 4-H community service project and complete 15 of the optional requirements.
- 9 Gold Guard Achievement Pin - 4-H'ers must have received the Gold Achievement Pin, exhibit at the County fair or similar event, present part of a program for at least one regularly scheduled club meeting, enroll and participate in the Leadership project, turn in completed 4-H record book, participate in a 4-H community service project, complete 16 of the optional requirements.

Key Awards - Are presented to 4-H members that are 16 years old and older and meet the requirements. Selection is based upon all-around 4-H leadership and participation in local, county and state 4-H activities. Applications for this award should be obtained early in the year and are due at the end of August. The award is presented at the Achievement Banquet.

County Champion Medals - Selection is based on the completion of the record book. Record books are judged in September by leaders in another county. Awards are presented at the 4-H Achievement Banquet.

Kansas Award Portfolio - Also known as KAP's. 4-H members that are selected as County Project Champions based on their record books are eligible to advance to the area level and potentially, state level to be recognized as State Project Winners. 4-H members complete a KAP to compete on the area level. Each county may submit KAP's to the area level for consideration and each area may submit two KAP's to the state level screening, held in March. Recognition is given to the State Project Winners at the prestigious Emerald Circle Banquet held in June. KAP's are judged on the area level in January.

4-H Scholarships - Kansas 4-H has 42 scholarships that are given at the Emerald Circle banquet in June. Competition is stiff for these scholarships. The state 4-H website www.ks4h.org has the most up to - date information on the scholarships being offered and eligibility requirements. Scholarship applications are due in late February.

Special Awards – Labette County is able to present two youth with the William H. Danforth, I Dare You award at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Emphasis for this award is placed on leadership given by the 4-H member at the local club level.

What 4-H Scholarships Are Available?

State & National Scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$1000 are available to outstanding 4-H members. Applications for these are due in the spring.

What 4-H Trips Are Available?

National 4-H Four outstanding 4-H'ers from Kansas are selected to Conference and represent the state at this conference. Participants must be (Washington D.C.) High school seniors or college freshmen and excel in leadership, achievement and citizenship.

Citizenship in Action This event is held in February in Topeka. Members have a chance to meet with their area representatives and learn first hand how KS government works.

Citizenship Washington Focus All 4-H'ers 15-18 years of age (by Jan. 1 of the current Focus 4-H year) are eligible to apply for this 11 day citizenship learning experience to Washington, D.C. 4-H'ers from across the state travel together and see awesome sights along the way.

National 4-H Congress This trip is offered to State project winners. The Congress site rotates throughout the country.

4-H Camps

Sunny Hills is a multi county camp held at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City, KS each June. Campers must be in 3rd to 7th grade to participate. Counselors must be Sophomore to Senior in high school for the upcoming school year.

Greenbush Camp is for 4-H members age 7-9 of the current 4-H year. This is an overnight camp at the Greenbush facility near Girard, KS. Counselors must be 14 years of age as of January 1.

4-H Discovery Days

Discovery Days is held at Kansas State University in early June. Youth must be (not just 4-H, any youth may attend) 13 years and older, leaders and parents are invited to attend. The focus of the event is to help you DISCOVER more about a project area, strengthen what you are learning and share with others.

What do 4-H Ribbons Mean

Judging begins at the red ribbon level.

A **RED RIBBON** means that the project has met all the minimum standards for its class. The exhibit demonstrates that an honest effort has been put forth, and while there are visible signs of needed improvement, the skill level of the 4-H'er is going up.

A **BLUE RIBBON** means that the project has exceeded the minimum standard set for its class. The exhibit has small flaws where improvements can be made.

A **PURPLE RIBBON** means that the exhibit is outstanding in all of the standards set up for the project. If flaws are present they are only minor and usually invisible to the untrained eye.

Lastly is the **WHITE RIBBON**. In all 4-H competition, the white ribbon is probably the most misunderstood ribbon placing. A white ribbon means that, for whatever reason, the exhibit did not meet all of the minimum standards. A white ribbon **DOES NOT MEAN** that the exhibit is not worthwhile! In fact the white ribbon best demonstrates the meaning of 4-H; that the 4-H member has attempted a learned skill and demonstrated that skill in a public event.

4-H Council

4-H Council meets four times during the year to make decisions concerning 4-H activities in Labette County. Their primary purposes are:

- To assist agents in providing and developing an adequate County 4-H Program
- To coordinate 4-H activities
- To encourage and develop leadership
- To provide an exchange of ideas for 4-H club work
- To put into operation, the policy set forth by the District Executive Board, the Labette County Fair Board, and the 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC)

Each 4-H club can have up to four voting representatives. Representatives must be 2 youth and 2 adults as determined by the club. The 4-H Council plans 4-H activities and events that take place on a county-wide basis and is in charge of the Pork Bundle fund raiser.

4-H is a Family Affair

Parents - Partners on the 4-H Team

4-H parents are the most important in their 4-H'ers lives. By making 4-H a family affair, you will be able to take an active role in your children's' activities. Few other programs allow children and their parents and other adults to work side by side, play together and watch each other develop skills and talents.

You need to know three things before many of you will be willing to cooperate with 4-H club work. They are:

1. What is expected of your children in 4-H;
2. What is expected of you as parents of a 4-H Club Member;
3. That you as a parent have an active, not passive, part in the 4-H Club's Leadership.

Specific Areas of Parent Responsibility

Enrollment

- ① Learn what 4-H is about, its purpose, its objectives.
- ② Assist your children in selecting projects they like, that they have the ability to do, and one for which you can furnish needed materials.
- ③ Show a genuine interest and enthusiasm in 4-H and in your children.

Club Meetings and Activities

- ① Encourage your child's participation in 4-H Club activities.
- ② See that your child has a way to get to club meetings and that they attend regularly.
- ③ Attend club meetings with your child.
- ④ Be willing to provide transportation for both your children and others.
(Share this responsibility throughout the club year.)
- ⑤ Be willing to volunteer for tasks that you can accomplish on the club and county level.

Project Activities

- ① Give encouragement and guidance in your children's project work by showing enthusiasm and interest in their work with record keeping, KAP forms, demonstrations, judging, etc. Help them understand what to do - but give them the responsibility for the actual work that is to be done.
- ② Show an interest in the projects which they select and other events in which they participate.
- ③ Inspire and encourage your boys and girls to keep up with their 4-H records and complete their work.

- ④ Provide for ownership and growth. Make it possible for your children to own their projects and help them plan for expansion of their project work.
- ⑤ Share your talents & skills and become a 4-H Project Leader.

Communication

- ① Keep in close touch with all members of the 4-H Leadership team and inform and remind your children of communications that they have received.
- ② Respond to correspondence from the Extension Office.

4-H Activities

There are a wide variety of activities that are offered to 4-H members and their families. Participation in these activities are encouraged, but not required. For many activities there are pre-entry needs, and for some a cost to participate (especially trips). The following is a list of most of the activities offered on the local, county, state, national and international levels. More information is available in the 4-H newsletter, on the Wildcat Extension District <http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/index.html> website or contact the Extension Office.

Local Club Activities

4-H Meetings – Most Clubs meet monthly.

the community and to encourage unity and fellowship between club members.

Club Tours - Tours provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to “show and tell” their projects to other 4-H'ers and parents in their club. Another family activity may be included with the tour.

4-H Sunday – Club attends church service as a group as well as actively participating.

Community Service Project - The purpose of the club project is to perform a service to

Additional club activities are planned by the individual 4-H clubs. Visit with your club's leaders about the particular activities of your local 4-H club.

County-wide Activities

4-H Club Day - 4-H'ers give presentations to share what they've learned in 4-H. Presentations include speaking (show and tell, project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations) talent and musical numbers (solo and group), par law and model

meetings. This event is usually held in February. Top Blue recipients from 4-H Day have the opportunity to participate in Regional 4-H Club Day held in March.

Livestock Shows – Several livestock shows are held in southeast Kansas from April through June giving 4-H members a chance to exhibit their projects.

Judging Schools & Contests – Judging provides the opportunity to learn about making decisions. 4-H members may participate in any judging contest regardless of projects enrolled in. Judging opportunities include horticulture, crops, photography, horses, livestock, meats, and skill-a-thon.

Labette County Fair - The Fair provides an opportunity for youth to show their project work. Exhibits are evaluated by judges and receive a ribbon denoting its quality in comparison to a standard. The fair is held in Oswego. The fair book is available in

June and will be on the Wildcat District Extension <http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/index.html> web site. Pre-entry is required for livestock exhibits. Conference judging is used for all divisions.

4-H Council – The county 4-H Council is made up of members and leaders from each 4-H club. The Council plans county-wide events, activities and fundraising activities. The council meets four times during a year.

Officer's Training - All club officers are asked to attend this yearly event to learn about their office duties and leadership development.

Achievement Banquet - Is held at the end of the 4-H year to recognize 4-H members for their accomplishments throughout the year.

State & National Activities

Discovery Days - Discovery Days is a project enrichment and career exploration on the campus of Kansas State University. Youth 13 years old and older can join teens from all over Kansas in conference activities. Registration due April 15, there is a cost.

District 4-H Horse Show - 4-H'ers 9 years old and older compete in performance and halter classes to qualify for the State Fair Horse Show. Our show is held in July. Achievement Levels are required.

Kansas State Fair - Starts the first Friday after Labor Day, held in Hutchinson. Livestock entries are due July 15. Other entries are due August 15. 4-Hers who receive State Fair Blues or Purples at the 4-H Fair are eligible to exhibit in the 4-H division at the State Fair. The minimum age is 9 for exhibition. Market animals must be nominated by May 1 for beef; June 15 for Sheep and Swine.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show - 4-H'ers can enter beef, sheep, and swine in this show held at the Kansas Coliseum. Entry is required by August 15. Market animals must be nominated by May 1 for beef; June 15 for Sheep and Swine.

National 4-H Week - A week is set aside annually to recognize and promote 4-H across the country. It is the first full week of October.

National 4-H Congress – Annually National 4-H Congress is attended by nearly 1,500 4-H members from all states and territories. Delegates are selected as state winners in

certain project areas based on the Kansas Award Application.

KYLF - Kansas Youth Leadership forum is a leadership conference for youth 14 years and older. This event is held in November at Rock Springs. Youth have the opportunity to run for the state 4-H Youth Council.

Citizenship Washington-Focus - Each year Kansas selects 55 youth to travel to Washington, D.C. over an 11 day period to attend this citizenship experience at the National 4-H Center. Delegates are involved in citizenship, leadership workshops, in addition to viewing the historic areas. Applications are due in early January.

Labette County 4-H Time Line

This is an outline of most county and state activities that take place and approximate month in which it happens. Dates may change so check each month in your 4-H Newsletter to see the correct date of all events.

January

31 4-H Enrollment deadline for County Fair Participation-returning member
4-H Council Meeting
Area KAP Screening
State Horse Panorama

February

Steer Nomination for County Fair
4-H Club Day

March

1 4-H Enrollment deadline for county fair participation-new members only
4-H Council Meeting
State Shootings Sports Certification

Workshop

Regional 4-H Day

April

State 4-H Wildlife Judging Contest

May

1 Horse Id's due to Extension Office
1 Steer nominations due for KJLS & State Fair
1 KAFCE Scholarship Deadline
Nomination day for market swine, market lambs, market goats, feeder calves and bucket calves LCHS
ABC Classic Sheep & Goat Show, Oswego

June

Discovery Days
State Horse Judging Contest
Area Horticulture Judging
Area Photo Judging
Area Crops Judging
Area Favorite Foods Judging
4-H Council Meeting
Nomination deadline for market swine, meat goats, and lambs for state fair & KJLS
Area Livestock Judging
State Senior FCS Judging
Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
Greenbush Camp
4-H Council meeting

July

1 County Fair Pre-Entries Due
Construction, Buymanship,
Modeling
Foods Judging
County Fair Starts
District Horse Show
31 KSF Horse entries due

August

15 Interstate Fair, Coffeyville
Entry Deadline State Fair, State Fair
& KJLS Livestock Entries
State 4-H Livestock Judging
State 4-H Horticulture Judging

September

Kansas State Fair
Record Books/Pin Applications due
in extension office
Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
Officer Election for 4-H Clubs

October

National 4-H Week
Begin new 4-H Year
Re-enrollment/enrollment in 4-H
State 4-H Dog Conf and Quiz Bowl
4-H Council Mtg & Officer Election

November

Achievement Banquet
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
State Volunteer Leader Forum

December

Beef Expo – Hutchinson