



## Crawford County 4-H News

October 2025

Dear 4-H members, parents, leaders, and friends,

I hope everyone's Fall is off to a great start! As the year is busy with sports practice and other school activities, I encourage you to look at your calendar and pencil in 4-H Club Meetings. October is the beginning of a new 4-H year, so we will be celebrating our past year with an Awards Banquet in November!

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| <b>Oct 1st</b> | <b>Record Books, Membership Pin Applications, Key Award Applications, Year-End Finances, Club Seal Applications, Club in Good Standing Due</b> |
| Oct 3-5        | Kansas Junior Livestock Show   |
| Oct 5-11       | National 4-H Week  |
| Oct 11-12      | 48 hours of 4-H  |
| Oct 13         | Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30 PM @ Extension Office<br>4-H Council Meeting 7:30 PM @ Extension Office  |
| <b>Oct 16</b>  | <b>Deadline to RSVP for Banquet Meal</b>   |
| Nov 2          | 4-H Super Sunday- Office Training, Banquet, YQCA   |
| Nov 11         | Office Closed  |
| Nov 22         | Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)   |
| Nov 27-28      | Office Closed  |
| Dec 25-Jan 1   | Office Closed  |
| 2026           |  |
| Jan 15         | Regional Record Books Due to Extension Office  |
| Feb 7          | Crawford County 4-H Club Day   |
| Feb 8          | Crawford County Junior Leaders Pancake Feed  |

# Enrollment

4-H Online system opens October 1, 2025 for a new year. Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at <http://v2.4honline.com/>

## Youth/Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year is **October 1<sup>st</sup>**! Don't forget that all returning families have until **January 31<sup>st</sup>** 2025 to re-enroll in 4-HOnline. All new families have until **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to enroll in 4-HOnline. All volunteers must renew their 4-HOnline. <http://v2.4honline.com/>

## Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders' next meeting will be on Monday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m.

## 4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be on Monday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. Remember, each club should have two council reps, one president, and two adult leaders attend. If one cannot participate, they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

## Fair Wrap Up

Your checks are ready to be picked up at the Extension Office, M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Don't forget to send out Thank You cards to all who sponsored awards and bought at the sale.

## Fair Proposals

A complete document of all Fair proposals made at the 4-H Council and at the Fair board for the 2026 Fair was emailed to you. The 4-H Council and Fair Board will vote on these at their October meetings, and then the Collaboration Committee will meet. Once the committee has met in mid-October, I will send the results out to you all. 4-H families, you need to make sure you are attending your meetings this month and next in order to provide feedback for your council reps. Once the committee meets, I will be sending the results so that you have them and are aware. If there is anything else that the Extension office or Fair Board has to update/change, I will do my best to communicate it to you all as soon and often as possible. Please remember that all State Fair updates to indoor projects and proposal

changes will be in **RED** when the Fair Book is released. If you have any questions about anything, please know that my door is always open and I would be happy to talk with you.

## State Fair Exhibits

Items from the state fair can be picked up at the office M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

## Shooting Sports Coordinator

We are looking for a shooting sports Coordinator for Crawford County and potentially district-wide. This person is responsible for making sure our program is up to date and coordinating instructors when needed. They will also be in charge of completing our annual renewal. This person would not be responsible for instructing disciplines or hosting meetings. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please reach out to me. There is a required training that this position would have to attend.

## Wildcat District Livestock Judging Team Facebook Group

Parents, please use this QR code to join this private group. It will help you stay up to date on all of the latest happenings.



## Record

Now is the time thinking about record books. This year, you will be able to do those online! Recourses can be found for the forms here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html> Recourses for our online books record keeping can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>.

## Books

to begin

## 4-H Super Sunday

This will be a mini conference style where we will have an afternoon of officer training leading into our banquet. A detailed schedule will be coming out soon as well as information for sign-ups. If you are

interested in having a Project Table or leading an officer break-out session, please let Will know.

## 4-H Club Information

With the new 4-H year coming up here is a reminder of all of our clubs in Crawford County.

**New Club (Name TBD)**- September 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00PM  
CC Fairgrounds, Skubitz Building

**Bone Creek** - Meets @ Girard Fairgrounds  
4th Sunday @ 6:30 p.m.

**Farlington Best-Yet** - Meets @ Extension Office,  
Girard 2nd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.

**Happy Hustlers** - Meets @ McCune Community  
Center, McCune  
2nd Sunday @ 5:00 p.m.

**Hepler Hustlers** - Meets @ Hepler Community  
Building, Hepler  
3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

**Jolly Sunflowers** - Meets @ Arma Public Library,  
Arma  
2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

**Lucky Riders** - Meets @ Extension Office, Girard  
(Winter)/Fairgrounds (Summer)  
1st Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.

**Success Express** - Meets @ Lincoln Park, Pittsburg  
2nd Sunday @ 7:00 p.m.

**Walnut Wonder Workers** - Meets @ Walnut Hall,  
Walnut  
3rd Sunday @ 5:00 p.m.

**Win or Bust** - Meets @ Nazarene Church,  
Pittsburg  
1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

## Save the Date for 48 Hours of 4-H

October 11-12, 2025 Join us this fall to see how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H.

Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too!

## Applications are Open for Kansas Youth Leadership Council and National 4-H Conference

The application for and information about the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National Conference is open and available now! The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined again 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, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for the National 4-H Conference. This year's Kansas Youth Leadership Forum delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one-year terms on the council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF, and they serve a two-year term on the council. The deadline will be October 1, 2025

## States' 4-H International Exchange Announces Outbound Programs for 2026

Five International partners have agreed to host U.S. 4-H'ers for outbound exchanges in the summer of 2026. Kansas 12-18-year-olds, at the time of the exchanges, are eligible to participate in one-month exchanges beginning in June and July with accepted applicants from other states. Destinations include Costa Rica, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and Argentina. All exchanges include a homestay with a host family. Japan's Labo offers a month-long study program in Tokyo with another family (prior to the 4-week program) for older participants, making it an 8-week offering. Argentina 4-H is offering a program of Spanish study and group activities, along with a homestay with a Cordoban local family next year. Adults, 25 and over, may apply as chaperones for each of the groups. Flyers are available describing each program, listing dates and approximate costs on the Kansas 4-H website: States' 4-H International Exchange Program. A link to the Outbound Exchange Application should be posted by September 1, 2025. For more information, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator, at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

Kansas applications are due online by November 1, 2025, through the state's 4-H web-based application. The online application includes reference forms and photo requirements. Applicants will be expected to participate in interviews and a first orientation on November 21, 2025, in Junction City. Details will be communicated to applicants after November 1.

## 2025 Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

The Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend will be November 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum.

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2026, and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers.

Registration will open in September. Again, this year, participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2025, for both events. There will also be an option for coming in on Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

## Plan for the future!

### 4-H Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available through the 4-H Council. These are limited to one per youth per year. To be eligible for this you must complete a Talk/Demonstration at County 4-H Club Days or participate in Favorite Foods Contest. The Scholarship will be refunded up to \$100 upon the youth's return from camp. This is a great way for youth to experience more youth development opportunities! There is also the scholarship from Carolyn Zagonel and Americas Farmers Grow Communitates donation. By filling out this application youth can receive a \$100 scholarship to go toward a 4-H camp/activity. Please call Will if you have any questions.

## Regional Record Book Judging

All eligible record books are due at the office by January 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. If you would like to set up a time to look over it with me, please reach out to set that up prior to.

KANSAS 4-H EVENTS 2025-2026	
<small>*Dates subject to change. Please visit with your local K-State Research and Extension Office or visit <a href="http://www.Kansas4-H.org">www.Kansas4-H.org</a> for event details and registration information.</small>	
October 1	2025-2026 Program Year Begins / 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
October 4	State Hunting Skills Match and Field Day, Junction City
October 4	Live Well, Lead Well Workshop, Great Bend
October 5-11	National 4-H Week
October 11-12	48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
October 11	484H Volunteer Workday, Rock Springs Ranch
October 11-12	State Shotgun Match
October 18	Live Well, Lead Well/Engineering & Technology Workshop, Hays
October 18-19	4-H Dog Conference, Rock Springs Ranch
October 25	Live Well, Lead Well/Engineering & Technology Workshop, Manhattan
October 25-26	Shooting Sports Leader Updates and Full Training, Cimarron
November 1	Live Well, Lead Well/Engineering & Technology Workshop, Wichita
November 8	Live Well, Lead Well Workshop, Garden City
November 22-23	Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch
November 22-23	Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum, Rock Springs Ranch
Nov 28-Dec 2	National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA
January 10-11	Kansas 4-H Youth Council Orientation Retreat, Rock Springs Ranch
January 13	NW and SW Record Book Judging (weather date 15 <sup>th</sup> )
January 16	NE Region 4-H Project Record Judging, Manhattan (weather date 21 <sup>st</sup> )
January 16	SE Region 4-H Project Record Judging, Fredonia
January 23	State 4-H Horse Judging, Topeka
Jan 30-Feb 1	4-H Dog Judge and Leader Training, Salina
February 15-16	4-H Citizenship in Action, Topeka
February 21-22	4-H Horse Panorama, Rock Springs Ranch
March 21	NW Super Saturday Judging Contests and Workshop, Hays
April TBD	Shutterbug Photography Event, TBD
April	National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.
April 18	Spring State Shooting Sports Match - BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Great Bend
April 25	Spring into Volunteering, Salina
April 28-29	Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (YEC), Manhattan
June 3-5	Discovery Days, Manhattan
June 19-20	Insect Spectacular, Yates Center
June 12-14	State 4-H Geology Field Trip, TBD
June/July	4-H Camp, <a href="https://rockspringsranch.org/">https://rockspringsranch.org/</a>
August TBD	4-H Wheat Expo, TBD
August 22-23	4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan
August 15	State Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan
September 11 - 20	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
September 26	State Archery Match



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# Beyond Ready

## 4-H Week Activities

Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>



Paint the Nation Green by wearing Green!

Thurs. October 9<sup>th</sup>



4-H For Good! Help your community with a service project type activity



# Kansas 4-H Projects



## Animal Science

Beef  
Dairy Cattle  
Dairy Goats  
Dog  
Horse  
Meat Goats  
Pets  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine  
Veterinary Science

## Engineering & Technology

Aerospace/Rocketry  
Ag Mechanics Welding  
Astronomy  
Building Block Engineering  
Computer Science  
Electric & Renewable Energy  
Robotics  
Small Engines  
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems  
Woodworking

## Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement  
Entrepreneurship  
Leadership  
Reading Adventures  
Self-Determined

## Natural Resources

Environmental Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports (includes 10 projects)  
Wildlife

## Communication & Expressive Arts

Communications  
Interior Design & Architecture  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Visual Arts

## Family & Consumer Sciences

Family Studies  
Fiber Arts (includes 9 projects)  
Foods & Nutrition  
Health & Wellness  
Sewing & Textile Design  
Shopping in Style

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## Plant Sciences

Agronomy  
Entomology  
Forestry  
Horticulture & Landscape Design

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## Youth Test Livestock Knowledge

Members of the Wildcat Extension District 4-H judging teams traveled to K-State campus to test their livestock knowledge in four contests. The livestock industry's future looks bright in Southeast Kansas as local youth brought back several awards! The judging teams for Wildcat Extension District are composed of four counties: Crawford, Labette, Montgomery, and Wilson. Nine youth from the district participated in livestock judging, meat judging, livestock skill-a-thon, and livestock quiz bowl. Results for our Wildcat teams were:

**Sweepstakes**, an overall average of all the contests:

- Sixth place overall

**Livestock judging**, confirmation judging of an animal against an ideal standard:

- Third overall team and top reasons team consisted of Kole Harris, Kinsley Harris, Weston Koenig, and Hadley Fields.
- 28<sup>th</sup> overall team consisted of Maleeya Montee, Maddox Montee, Tatum Francis, and Allison Zagonel.

**Meat judging**, identifies and places cuts of meat based on the quality, leanness, and composition:

- Ninth overall team consisted of: Kole Harris, Weston Koenig, Kinsley Harris

**Skill-a-thon**, youth demonstrate their animal science knowledge and management through written tests:

- Tenth place overall team consisted of Kinley Harris, Kole Harris, Weston Koenig, and Hadley Fields
- 27<sup>th</sup> overall team consisted of Maleeya Montee, Maddox Montee, Jacob Tharp, and Tatum Francis
- Allison Zagonel competed as an individual

**Quiz Bowl**, question and answer rounds completed using a buzzer system to test livestock knowledge:

- Seventh overall team consisted of Weston Koenig, Kinsley Harris, Kole Harris, and Jacob Tharp

Judging teams allow youth to gain hands-on, practical livestock industry knowledge by working with dedicated volunteer coaches. Thank you to Keith Martin, Ryan and Courtney Koenig, Dick and Elaine VanWinkle, and Kyle Zwahlen for their help with our judging teams! Anyone interested in joining 4-H or a 4-H judging team should reach out to their local Extension office for more information!



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