

Online 4-H Enrollment

Online 4-H enrollment is open!! There is a direct link to 4-H online on the front page of our website

www.cottonwood.ksu.edu, just scroll down and it is on the right hand column. Additional information can be found under "Barton County 4-H" on the left hand side of the page.

All health information is also completed during enrollment, so have health insurance info ready. Once submitted the enrollment will be "pending" and will need to be "approved" by our office. If anything is missing, Brenda will send you an email and offer assistance to complete your enrollment.

If you can't recall which email address you originally used to set up the account, give us a call or send us email and we will help you out. DO NOT create a new family account. If you cannot remember the password used – click on "I forgot my Password" and via email you will be sent a temporary password to get in to your account.

CLOVERBUDS - age 5 and 6

There are always questions about what the rules are for Cloverbuds.

- * Must be in kindergarten (5 or 6) by Jan. 1, 2019.
- * A member MUST be age 7 by January 1 to be a regular 4-H member.
- * Cloverbud 4-H members will also enroll online.
- * Cloverbuds can work in the following project areas: cat, hand pets, aquarium pets, arts and crafts, foods, gardening/flowers or reading but will not enroll in any specific project. Cloverbud members may exhibit items at the fair from these projects and they will all be exhibited in one location. No premiums are paid and participation ribbons will be given.
- * Cloverbuds are not allowed to enroll in or show livestock projects.
- * Membership in Cloverbuds does not count toward years in 4-H.

Last year Hoisington Jets had a special time for Cloverbuds during their meetings and TLC will be trying that this year. Is there a junior leader who would like to lead some Cloverbud meetings in Great Bend - what a great leadership project this would be!?

4-H Program Fee

The enrollment fee for 4-H began last year. Kansas 4-H Youth Development will be asking families to invest a \$15 annual enrollment fee in the future of the program. Across Kansas there is a significant investment of time in 4-H but there is a limit of what can be done with declining state funds.

The primary investment at the state level will go to project support and program enhancements for community clubs and foundational supports.

What if a family cannot afford \$15? There will be scholarships available for families who need it. No child who wants to participate in Kansas 4-H will be denied the opportunity.

Whether enrolling for the first time or re-enrolling, please read the "4-H Enrollment Guides" That can be found on the front page of 4-H online or stop by the office and we will give you a printed copy.

On the Kansas 4-H Program fee page you will check one of the payment options:

- I will pay online with credit/debit card
- I will pay by mailing a check to the state office.
- I am a Cloverbud and there is no fee.
- I wish to request a waiver.*

Note: BT county does not have a local sponsor.

*If you request a waiver, you must give a reason in the text box provided. You will have to fill this out for each youth in the family.

If you have any questions, please come to the Extension Office, 1800 12th Street, Great Bend and we will assist you in enrollment.

4-H Council Meeting October 15th

The next council meeting will be **Monday, October 15th** at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

You will be electing officers. The **two** council reps that your club elected will be eligible for election of council officers. If the newly elected council members are unable to attend, please send two reps. so your club will have two votes. Two adult leaders from each club also will have voting privileges and can vote for officers.

Items on the agenda are:

- * Officer Elections
- * Set date for 4-H Day - Consider a Sunday in Feb.?
- * Select Friend of 4-H

Kansas State Fair Results

- ★ **Lexi Straub** and **Paige Koehn** did a great job in State Fashion Revue.
- ★ Congrats to **Isabelle Mayers**. She had a perfect score of 200 in Agility and placed 4th. **Congrats to Noah Deines, Sean Hames and Jesseca Hames** for placing with purple ribbon placings. **Nicole Rziha** also did well in dog showmanship.
- ★ **Talen Barry** placed 3rd in Senior Horse Western Pleasure, English Equitation AND English Pleasure 9-13! **Rebekah Harmon** and **Rynn Harmon** also showed and placed well.
- ★ **Paige Koehn** - 2nd place individual in Senior Photography Judging!! **Lexi Straub, Alaina Straub and Hailey Hicks** also judged on the senior team.
- ★ **Natalie Williams** placed 21st in the Intermediate Photography judging. Other team members were Ailey Williams, Samantha and Shelby Huston.
- ★ **Lexi Straub, Dinah Newman and Kyle Rziha** placed 6th in State FCS Senior Judging contest. **Alaina Straub, Natalie Williams and Ailey Williams** judged intermediate division.
- ★ **Dathan Proffitt, Jayla Wyant and Liam Proffitt** judged in the Poultry judging contest.
- ★ In the foods project **Kirsten Miessler** and **Christopher Schneweis-Trickey** received purple ribbons.
- ★ In Clothing and Textiles, **BrayLynn Anshutz, Haley McCormick, Kylie McCormick, Clarise Snapp, Alexa Straub and Faith Schneweis-Trickey** received purple ribbons.
- ★ **Elydia Harr** recieved a purple on her 1st year Geology box.
- ★ **Jayla Wyant** placed with a purple in Rocketry.
- ★ “Kudos” to all State Fair animal exhibitors! It is so much work to pack up animals and all the equipment to get animals to the state fair.

Great Job 4-H members!!

State Shooting Sports Results

Archery Barebow Results -

Colton McPherson - 1st in FITA and 1st overall!
Jayla Wyant - 2nd in FITA and 4th overall
Colton and Jayla were the 1st place barebow team!!
Cole Ringwald also did well in Barebow.
Elsa Lopez, Alivia Bautista, Jayla and Colton also did well in Bowhunter.

Barton Co. Small Bore Rifle and Pistol

members competing in Topeka were **Katelyn Reh, Will Clark, Gus and Woodson Corbett**.

Congratulations to Katelyn Reh - she placed 5th overall in Small Bore Pistol and has been invited to the National Shoot. Katelyn also placed 6th overall in Small bore rifle.

4-H Shooting Sports guidelines

A 4-H member must be 8 years old **before** January 1 to participate in the Kansas 4-H shooting sports as directed by National Shooting Sports policies and states must follow this.

A booklet with guidelines for the Barton County shooting sports project will be handed out at the first meeting and parents will be asked to read the booklet and sign that they understand the guidelines. It will be posted on the website www.cottonwood.ksu.edu

Shooting Sports starts Oct. 23

Please re-enroll ASAP so you can get started in the air rifle shooting sports project.

The starting date for **air rifle** is Tuesday, October 23rd, 7:00 pm at the Blue American Building this is just across the road from Aaron's Repair. All new members must be present. And no one will be allowed to shoot until you have enrolled online and enrollment is approved.

Archery meetings will not start until January. The state shoot for archery is in the fall and so getting started with meetings is not as detrimental.

To ALL Shooting Sports Participants: Please help clean up at the end of practice, if everyone pitches in the clean up goes much quicker.

Project Leaders Needed!

It is so much more fun (and educational) to have projects meetings for the projects you enroll in. That only happens when adults or junior leaders from the club step up and offer to be a project leader.

We would love to have a foods, arts and crafts, clothing and even photography leaders in every club because those are the high enrollment projects.

What group would you like to lead?

We have so many resources available that 4-H teens, 4-H parents, 4-H alumni or even other interested adults could use to teach new things to a small group of 4-H youth. Would you help?

Ambassador Applications Due October 19th

Please consider applying for this important position. The application can be found at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu and look under “Barton Co 4-H” and “forms”. Please check on this now, because you do need a letter of recommendation to turn in with your application. There will be interviews scheduled during the first part of November and it is a two-year term.

4-H Ambassadors are asked to help promote 4-H in the county. 4-H Promotion can be accomplished in many ways - radio, newspaper, community events, 4-H events, Facebook, etc.

As with any leadership position that you apply for, please be sure that you can be committed and ready to participate. Ambassadors have been meeting on Sunday afternoons, but the group will be deciding what time works best for the selected group at their first meeting in January.

We always need adult leaders to guide the work of this group. Thank you so much to Karla Reisner for her help the past several years. I understand we have two parents ready to step up and lead this great group of teens.

Kansas Leadership Weekend

KYLF will be held November 17-18, 2018 at Rock Springs Ranch. Youth participants must be 14-18 years old before January 1, 2018. Early registration is due October 15th or register late for more \$\$. Register on-line @ www.kansas4-h.org. Click on the link “4-H Event Registration”. For class information search for “Kansas Youth Leadership Forum”. Check out the website and check out all the fun workshops and speakers for the weekend. You will learn new things about how 4-H helps our county and our state.

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum

The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers invites you to the Volunteer Forum held at on the same date as KYLF. The online registration deadline is October 15th.

Looking Ahead

**Put these dates on your calendar
June 11-14, 2019 - 4-H Camp at RSR**

National 4-H Week October 7-13

Each year, we celebrate the beginning of the 4-H year with National 4-H Week. Each club and each member should plan to do something to tell the community about our great program. Consider these great ideas:

- ✓ Wear a 4-H T-shirt to school everyday during National 4-H week.
- ✓ Make posters and hang them up at school, church or at the day care center.
- ✓ Plan to hang a 4-H banner or plan a window display for your school, library or business in your town.
- ✓ Invite a friend to the next 4-H meeting.
- ✓ Say thanks to 4-H donors with a plate of homemade goodies.
- ✓ Celebrate 4-H Sunday during 4-H Week.

Help Promote 4-H

When you are elected to be an officer in your local club, you become a “representative.” You represent not only your local club, but also the entire 4-H program in your county and in your state. When others (who do not know about 4-H) hear about our work, they tend to judge ALL of 4-H by what we say and what we do. So here are some ways to promote 4-H as a 4-H Club officer:

- * Be present at local club meetings - ready to do your job.
- * Make plans ahead of the meeting for what your job calls for.
- * Keep in contact with the other officers of your club and your leaders. - Find out their cell phone numbers or create a group on Facebook.
- * Be an encourager. Encourage the younger members to make a motion. Members over 12 years old should not be making the motion to adjourn the meeting. If the older members divide up and sit beside the younger members this would be a great opportunity to teach a younger member how to make this motion!
- * We can also promote 4-H by reminding people that 4-H is a “real-life” experience. The things that we do in 4-H are things we’d be doing in our adult life. We have “real-life” projects and we carry out “real-life” activities.

Photography members!

The Shutterbug Event will be held October 13, 2018 in Hays. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00-9:15 a.m. Registration

Workshops will last until Noon.

The workshops are offered on sites around the K-State Research Center Farm just south of Hays. In case of bad weather, workshops will take place inside. Registration is not required and there are no fees associated with this event.

If you have any questions, check out the Facebook page “Kansas 4-H Photography Action Team Events”.

What is the Leadership Project?

Leadership is a project we would like all 4-H youth age 12 and older to enroll in. Leadership involves helping others learn. All youth enrolled in the leadership project are also invited to get involved with the Barton County 4-H Junior Leaders. You will be invited to join the group’s organized activities and, you are not required to be in the group but, they do plan some FUN events.

Junior leaders can also sign up to be a project leader or an assistant. You will need to complete the Volunteer Screening process. In order to fulfill your obligations, you do need to hold meetings or help plan project meetings.

County Committees

Junior leaders working to earn achievement pins will want to sign up for a county committee. County events can only happen with a lot of extra volunteer help from both junior leaders and adults. Consider signing up to work on one of the following county committees:

* 4-H Achievement 2018 (you are also welcome to join this year’s committee and meet with us on October 15th before Council at 6:30 pm)

* 4-H BBQ Committee - plan the Fundraiser

* 4-H Day 2019

* Family and Consumer Sciences

* Recognition and Awards (one adult from each club)

The T-shirt committee will be selected from 4-H Council members. Any 4-H junior leader or adult can sign up to serve on other county committees.

Thank You

Thank You again to **Mandy Kern and family** for a great day of 4-H at the Wetlands. The drone demonstration, and the project workshops were wonderful. Also thank you to our junior leaders who helped out in all areas.

Thank You also to the great crew who came out to help clean along the nature path at the Wetlands. A job well done!!

If you are interested in the Science Day at the Wetlands on October 28th please remember that you must RSVP and there is room for only 20 members. Sign up today by calling the Wetlands Education Center.

What is a Parent’s Committee?

Clubs need a parent’s committee to help to strengthen a club. If your club doesn’t have one, consider organizing one to help build a strong base for your club.

A rule of thumb to remember: the community leaders work with the 4-H members; the parents committee works with the parents. However, it may take the community leaders’ leadership to get the parents committee moving. Usually the community leaders need help.

So, where do we begin?

- ★ Get a chair for the parent’s committee – a past community leader or a long time leader will have some knowledge of the work that needs to be done. The chairperson can communicate with the community leaders and work together to keep the parents involved.
- ★ Review the roles of the parent’s committee, such as recruiting project leaders, identifying a key person to be an awards coordinator, asking one parent to be a new family coordinator, or finding a qualified person to be a demonstration trainer.
- ★ All parents can help in some small way and the club can benefit greatly. Keep the lines of communication open. Remember you all depend on each other.
- ★ All leaders are asked to complete the Volunteer Screening process. This is not a complicated process and it is an assurance that our children are being taken care of.

**Please join the Barton County 4-H Family for the
83rd Annual 4-H Achievement Celebration
Sunday, November 11, 2018
6:30 pm
Barton Community College Union**

The evening meal begins at 6:30 pm and awards will follow.
Last year we finished up by 8:20 pm

The Achievement Celebration has several purposes:

1. Celebrate the accomplishments of our youth, leaders and 4-H supporters.
2. Gather our 4-H family together to share in a celebration.
3. Even if you did not apply for an award, you still have a chance to see what others are doing and a chance to win a door prize!

Meal is Roast Beef, Potatoes, Salad, Vegetable, Roll and Brownie
Cost is \$3 per person

**Please purchase meals by November 2nd so an accurate meal count
can be turned into Barton Community College.**

**4-H Achievement Celebration Reservation
Due November 2nd.**



****If your club is paying for the meal and turning
in this form for you then PLEASE contact the
person from your club to RSVP.**

****If your club asked each family to RSVP, please return this to
the Extension Office and pay the \$3 per family member.**

The _____ 4-H family will have _____ family
members attending the celebration on Sunday, November 11th.
Enclosed is _____ (\$3 each) Checks to Barton County 4-H.



Learn computer science
by hands-on doing.

4-H.org/NYSD

4-H National Youth Science Day



Sunday October 28

Kansas Wetlands Education Center

2-4pm

592 NE K-156 HWY, Great Bend

Spend the afternoon at the KWEC discovering how technology and nature can coexist. Learn basic computer coding using Scratch and then hook up an Arduino computer to raise and lower the water gates of our model of Cheyenne Bottoms.



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY'S
**KANSAS WETLANDS
EDUCATION CENTER**

Free Event - But registration limited to 20

Call 1-877-243-9268 or email amkern2@fhsu.edu



October, 2018



Dear 4-H Families,
Happy New Year!! This is the beginning of a new 4-H Year. Check out all the 4-H activities and pay special attention to DUE DATES. Please attend your next monthly 4-H meeting to get on track for the beginning of the new 4-H year.

October 7 - 13, 2018 - National 4-H Week - Help promote 4-H!

Invite a friend to your October 4-H meeting!

October 15 - 4-H Council meeting - 7:30 pm at the 4-H Building

Achievement committee meets at 6:45 pm

November 11 - Achievement Celebration -

6:30 pm at Barton Comm College Union

Sincerely,

Berny Unruh

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