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October 2020

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The new 4-H year is HERE! What is your family going to focus on in 4-H this year? Take advantage of the great opportunities to practice and learn new skills by being actively involved in the Ellis Co. 4-H program. It's time to set goals and plot your plan for getting the most out of this year's 4-H experience. You will find the [goal form](#) on the Forms Page of our website to help you get started!

4-H Week is October 4 -10. What's your club doing to invite new families to join us? **Be sure to WEAR GREEN** and **invite your friends** to come and get involved! There's a 4-H Facebook frame to help invite others to "Join the Club"!

48 Hours of 4-H is October 10 - 11. KS 4-H is sponsoring this special service weekend. Learn more elsewhere in this letter. Be sure your club gets registered for this great way to give back to our community.

There are many great learning opportunities ahead in the new 4-H year. We'll look forward to working and learning together!

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to ask . . . a leader, a 4-H member, or Extension Staff.

Yours in 4-H,

Susan Schlichting

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Meetings Coming Your Way

NEW 4-H Council – Watch for a Doodle poll coming your way soon

Ways to Contact Us

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- October 1** – 4-H Ambassador team Aps Due
- October 15** – 4-H Dog Conference Registration Deadline
- October 15** – 4-H Virtual Volunteer Conference Registration Deadline
- October 16** – RSVP for 4-H Achievement Banquet
- November 1** – 4-H VIP Renewals completed in 4-H Online
- November 2** – 4-H International Travel Aps due
- November 2** – 4-H Club Financial Reports due
- November 10** – Register for KS 4-H Leadership Weekend @ Rock Springs
- November 16** – 4-H Fall / Winter Event Scholarship Aps Due
- December 1** – 4-H Enrollments Updated for new 4-H year in 4-H Online

Remember, **DEADLINES** are **DEADLINES** in **Ellis Co. 4-H.**

Please pay attention to and respect those deadlines so that your child doesn't miss out on an opportunity!

If a deadline is listed, we will accept your paperwork in the office by close of business that day. You can also drop paper work in the drop box on the front of the office and it will be accepted if it is in the box at the start of the next business day.

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4-H Enrollments – NEW SYSTEM – NEW 4-H YEAR

4-H Online 2.0 enrollment system is up and ready for you to sign in starting October 1. You will use your same log in credentials. The system will look much different than it has in past years. [Here's a link to a guide](#) to help you navigate the new system.

The 4-H project selection list has changed. Please review it carefully and make sure you are enrolled in the projects you'd like to be enrolled in. We suggest that you enroll in the broad project category, unless you absolutely know that you will only participate in a specific part of that project. I.e. Enroll in "Beef" so you are eligible to enter breeding, market, feeder or bucket calf projects. If you know at the start of the year that you only plan to do "Bucket Calf" as a project, then it is ok to choose that option. If you are unsure about what types of project animals you will take, please select the broad category of "Beef" to ensure you are enrolled in all options. Same is true for other animal projects, Shooting Sports, Fiber Arts, etc. If you know you only plan to knit, sign up for "Fiber Arts – Knitting". But if you decide after May 1 that you want to try quilting, then you are only eligible for Knitting and you aren't able to exhibit a quilt in 4-H, so entering in "Fiber Arts" as a broad category would be a better enrollment option. If you have questions about this, give us a call.

The \$15 fee per member is payable to the KS 4-H program as you enroll. Your enrollment is not considered complete until you make a payment and hit the **SUBMIT** button. You can pay by credit card or by check to the State 4-H Office. **Payments do not come to the local Extension Office.** If this fee is a hardship for your family, you can select the "Request a Waiver" button and the State 4-H Office will consider your request. If you have trouble with the payment process, please let us know ASAP.

NEW THIS YEAR - The State 4-H Office will delete your enrollment after 60 days if they haven't received payment. **Please make every effort to finalize your payments by January 1.**

We ask that you take time this month to complete the enrollment process. Reenrollments should be finalized by December 1.

You will be able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects. Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each specie.** I.e. Market Beef is usually weighed in early February and Small Livestock weighed in in late April.

4-H Volunteers

4-H volunteers working directly with youth in the club, as a leader or project leader are required to go through this screening and training process. The application is available as part of the 4-H On-line website. You will need to complete a profile for yourself. Take part in the training modules available on that site. Contact the Ext. Office to let us know you've completed these steps and schedule an interview. At that time, we will provide you with a link to the background check process. Aps can be submitted at any time during the next few months, but the screening and training process **must be completed by January 1.**

National Background Checks—Kansas 4-H requires national background checks for all volunteers. 1/3 of our 100+ current 4-H volunteers will go through this process this year. Your club leader has this list and will be contacting you to complete this process now. **All volunteers will be required to go through this process every 3 years.**

NEW - Current Volunteers - If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION** on the 4-H On-line system as your renewal as a 4-H volunteer **by November 1.**

New & Returning Volunteers – **will need to add yourself to the 4-H On-line system.** Visit with your club's leader or our office if you need assistance with this!

KANSAS STATE FAIR

Congrats to all 4-H'ers who exhibited or participated in this year's Fair. There were a number of personal "bests" at the event. Way to represent, Ellis Co. 4-H'ers!!!

4-H AMBASSADORS APPS DUE OCTOBER 1

Think you'd like to join the 4-H Ambassador team? If you are in 8th grade or older, you should have received an application in your mailbox. They are due in the Extension Office October 1. Interviews are set for October 8. As you apply for a position on the Ambassador team, you will also sign up for an interview slot.

48 Hours of 4-H

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and past 4-H'ers too! Find all the information here and start planning your projects.



When: October 10-11, 2020

Learn more @ <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

4-H Leaders – Remember to register your club's project on the kansas4-h.org website so that they can track how many youth and hours went into this statewide effort!

"Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" The Drive By option – is in the planning phases for Saturday, October 24, 8 – Noon. If your 4-H club would be willing to help at one of the locations, encouraging and collecting donations, let Susan know. Watch our facebook pages for more details on locations and scheduling options as they come available.

4-H Council Meeting is in October

At the next 4-H Council meeting, we will hold elections and begin setting goals for the new 4-H year. Council representatives can run for office, alternates cannot. We will elect persons to the following offices:

President	Fair Board	Treasurer	Parliamentarian
Vice President	Secretary	Adult Sponsors	

Think about stretching your leadership abilities by running for an office. Be sure that **if you decide to run that you are able to be committed and fully participate** in the 4-H Council meetings. We will also take nominations from the floor at the meeting. If you'd like to have your name placed on the ballot ahead of the meeting, please contact the Extension Office.

Congrats to the 4-H Council who applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from the Heartland Community Foundation and the Wal-Mart Foundation for the Small Animal Barn project.



4-H Achievement Banquet – Saturday, October 24, Fairgrounds

Each year we meet at the end of the current 4-H year to celebrate the successes of our members, parents, leaders and to thank our 4-H supporters. At this time, we are planning for a face to face event. If we must make a change to a virtual plan, we will notify clubs on the 19th. (In the event of a virtual celebration, we are asking families **to email us a photo of your 4-H'er in action by October 16**. Send photos to elliscounty4h@gmail.com)

This year's theme is **"Lifting Each Other Up in 4-H"** The committee's been working hard to bring you a fun event. **Plan to join us for a special presentation**, supper and award presentations. Everything gets underway at 5:45 p.m. with the special program. Meal serves at 6. Awards at 7.

Hot Air Balloon Decorating Contest – Everyone is encouraged to create and bring a hot air balloon to enter. Made of any materials, 8"X18" max size. There will be several age divisions, including adult. **Cool 4-H prizes will be awarded in each division.**

Attire – Dress for this event is casual. We will have a special photo booth so you and your friends can have your picture taken!

Please RSVP with your order on the [on-line order form](#) by Friday, October 16 to reserve your meal. While there currently is no cost to attend, please be aware that if you sign up and don't show up to eat, we still have to pay for your meal! And that takes \$s away from other important 4-H activities that 4-H Council sponsors. **Your club will be billed \$9.00/meal that is not served as reserved.**

We'll again be holding the **Basket Silent Auction and Live Auction** to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the clubs for donating a basket of \$40 value for this project!

4-H Paper Clover Fall Promo at Tractor Supply Company!
October 7-18, 2020

Virtual KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM (KYLF)

The [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) will be November 21 - 22, 2020 online. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2020. **Registrations are due November 10.** This event includes: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the 18th State 4-H Council. This is a great chance for you to see what KYLF is all about! You can apply for a Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarship to assist with the cost of registration. Those apps are found on the Forms page of our website and **are due November 15.**



4-H Volunteers

Come and join other 4-H Volunteers from around Kansas in getting energized, and becoming more informed. To get involved, you will join the virtual conference, November 21 - 22.

To learn more and to register by the **October 15 deadline**, visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html> There are also scholarships available. Visit the website to learn more. **Deadline to apply is November 1.**

International 4-H Exchange Opportunities [Applications Due November 2](#)

How about an International experience? They are hoping to be able to offer this opportunity in summer 2021. Applications for outbound travel in 2021 are found at www.kansas4-h.org. Countries we plan to offer for 4-H teens include: Costa Rica, Norway, Romania, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan. ?s, give our office a call. Japan, South Korea and Taiwan accept applicants 12 & older. The others require 15 years by travel time. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/>

NEW in 2021 - program offers three weeks in Argentina. It will be a group experience with shared housing with other delegates in Córdoba and two chaperones, an experience with 4-H'ers in playing orchestra or soccer, a multi-day camp, Spanish study and sightseeing.

Applications will be completed online with a link on the Kansas page. They are **due November 2**. Applicants also list and secure two references as part of the online application. They will be submitted to state coordinator, Mary Kay Munson in digital form. Mary Kay will contact applicants after she receives their applications with details about in person interview scheduled for November 22. Prospective applicants may contact her with questions about the offered exchanges and the application process at mkm2@ksu.edu, 785-238-3631 or 785-375-3189. Her mailing address is 1114 N. Spring Valley Road, Junction City, Kansas 66441.

Scholarships are available from the Kansas IFYE Association and many local Extension units provide support to active 4-H'ers in their programs.

If you, a friend, or family member will be 19 to 25 next summer, IFYE exchanges are for you. They are structured to accommodate individual interests and needs and include experiences in rural communities throughout the world. They include home stays with multiple families during longer periods abroad between June and December. Most IFYE exchanges total three or six months in length. Internships, job shadowing or college credit may be arranged, in many cases. Information is available <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/> or at www.IFYEUSA.org. Contact Mary Kay Munson for details and questions.

[Ellis 4-H Fall/Winter Camp Scholarship Aps Due November 16](#)

If you'd like to participate in one of the upcoming Fall / Winter 4-H Out of County opportunities, you can apply for a \$50 scholarship from the Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarship & Development Fund. If awarded, you will need to "give back" time to Ellis Co. 4-H by assisting with a 4-H related project. **Application deadline is November 16.** You can find the ap on the ["Forms" page](#) of the Ellis Co. 4-H site.

KS 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN EARLY 2021

Get an early start on your application for the [2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarship](#). They are due in the local Extension Office in late January each year. Current college students and graduating seniors are eligible to apply. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Are you interested in Shooting Sports? Air Rifle, BB Gun and Air Pistol will begin in October. Contact Leslie Dexter NOW if you'd like to get involved. Leslie Dexter, County Coordinator 785- 656-3452 (evenings/weekends) or e-mail her at eldext@gmail.com for more information.

Virtual [4-H Dog Conference](#) & Quiz Bowl is November 6 - 8



If you love working with your dog, check out this great statewide event all about dogs! The 2020 State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be hosted as a virtual event on November 6, 7, and 8. The 4-H Dog Action Team is currently working to finalize plans for registration which will open soon. **Registration will be free** for the virtual event. Pre-registration will be requested to allow speakers to prepare and so we can get needed information to participants. During registration youth may choose to take part in a 4-H Dog Quiz which will be done on an individual basis instead of the traditional team quiz bowl.

Participants in the event will have the opportunity to engage with experts on dog care and training through live presentations and question and answer sessions. Content will also be available in recorded form after the event. **Registration is due October 15.**

4-H Communications Project Leaders Needed

You know that 4-H is known for building skills in public speaking and demonstrations. We know that we can “Make the Best Better” by offering a new opportunity. There are brand new 4-H Communications project books available. Your club leader has a copy you can view. KS 4-H is offering a special training program in 2020-21. They are inviting each 4-H club to identify a team of project leaders (could be two adults, one adult and one teen, two teens) to be trained, then lead a session for the 4-H'ers in their club. [Here's a link to the schedule.](#) You will train one month and teach the next for a total of 6 sessions throughout the club year. **The deadline to identify and register your team has been extended to October 9.** Each team will receive one FREE copy of the new Level 1 4-H project book. We hope your club will take this opportunity to strengthen the speaking skills of your club members through this fun and interactive project.



AWARDS CORNER

Kansas Award Portfolio CONGRATULATIONS!

We had a great turnout of 4-H members submitting 4-H record books again this year! There were over 30 individual records submitted. Way to go 4-H'ers! You have a great start in tracking your involvement in leadership activities. This tracking will be invaluable to you as you go to complete scholarship applications or apply for jobs along the way!

Pilot Year 1 Survey

If you took part in the pilot project this year, we would like to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to give the state committee [feedback about your experience.](#) This will help make the process better as we expand out to more counties across Kansas. **Please respond by October 15.** Thank you.

4-H Record Book Pilot – Year 2

We were able to pilot the new electronic 4-H Record books this past year. Several of our 4-H'ers gave them rave reviews! One member even did two projects, since she had so much fun with the first one!

Year 2 will have all age groups doing the new KS 4-H Record keeping process online.

That means you will use the <https://4h.zsuite.org/> site to log your participation in one or more project areas for this new year. New in 2020-21, the 4-H Permanent Record that tracks all of your 4-H activities in all project areas will be a digital document in zsuite.

Now's the time to get started for 2020-21. 1) Pick the project you want to focus on. 2) Set your goals for what you want to learn and accomplish this year. 3) Record those goals in your zsuite record. 4) Plan activities to help you reach those goals. 5) Record those activities in your zsuite record all year long. 6) In Sept. 2021 finalize and print your record. Done!

