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October 2021

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.

4-H Week is October 3-9. 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!

48 Hours of 4-H is October 9-10. 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,

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Meetings Coming Your Way

NEW 4-H Council – October 12, 6:00 p.m. – Fairgrounds – Potluck supper

Ways to Contact Us

- You can reach the 4-H Office Voice Mail at (785) 628-9430
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- October 1** – KS 4-H Youth Council & 4-H Conference Aps Due
- October 8** – 4-H Dog Conference Registration Deadline
- October 15** – Register for KS 4-H Leadership Weekend @ Rock Springs
- October 20** – RSVP for 4-H Achievement Banquet
- October 31** – Early Bird Deadline for 4-H Camp 2022
- November 1** – 4-H VIP Renewals completed in 4-H Online
- November 1** – 4-H International Travel Aps due
- November 1** – 4-H Club Financial Reports due
- November 1** – Register for KS 4-H Leadership Weekend @ Rock Springs
- 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!

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4-H Enrollments

Welcome to the New 4-H year! The 4-H Online enrollment system is open now to update your enrollment choices for 2021 -22. **Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update your profile and make project selections.**

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.

We ask that you take time this month to complete this 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.

VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

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 complete a profile for yourself under your family account. 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 VIP 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.**

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 you complete **VIP Renewal Form by November 1.**

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



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 9-10, 2021

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!



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!!!

KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Exhibits will return to the Ext. Office on Thursday, October 7. You can pick them up any time after that.

4-H Council Meeting is October 12

At the next 4-H Council meeting, we will hold elections and begin setting goals for the new 4-H year. We will meet at the Fairgrounds for a potluck meal and some fun prior to the meeting. Please bring a dish to share and a chair.

Council representatives can run for office, alternates cannot. We will elect persons to the following offices:

President	Vice President	Fair Board Representatives
Secretary	Treasurer	Adult Sponsors
Parliamentarian	Reporter	

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.

4-H Achievement Banquet – Find YOUR Spark!

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.

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

"Spark" Art Contest – Everyone is encouraged to create a "spark" related art exhibit to enter. There will be several age divisions, including adult. **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 to the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 20 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 \$8 for every meal that is not served as reserved.***

The caterer will provide the meal and the dessert this year.

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!

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

The [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) will be November 20-21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2022. **Early-bird registrations are due October 15. Final deadline is November 1.** This event includes: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the 19th State 4-H Council.

4-H AMBASSADORS

Would you like to help others learn more about our great organization? If so, consider applying to be a 4-H Ambassador! 4-H'ers 8th – 12th grades are invited to apply for this high energy team. They do promotions during the Fair and throughout the year. **Ambassador Aps are due October 8.** Interviews are set for Thursday, October 14.

4-H WATER AMBASSADORS

Teens 13 and up are invited are invited to apply to join the 4-H Water Ambassador team for 2022. Here's a chance to help educate others on the importance of our water resources. The team members will receive training and go out into the community to teach others at schools and community events throughout the year. **Apply by December 1.** Interviews will be held soon after. Training will take place in January and February. You do not need to be a 4-H member to apply.

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.

International 4-H Exchange Opportunities [Applications Due November 1](#)



How about an International experience? Applications for outbound travel in 2021 are found at www.kansas4-h.org. Countries we plan to offer for 4-H teens include: [States' 4-H International Exchange Program \(kansas4-h.org\)](#). Countries offered to 12-18 or 15-18 year-olds are Argentina, Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, Romania, South Korea and Taiwan. All these exchanges are 3-4 weeks except the extended exchange in Japan which adds a language and culture study program before the home stay for an additional 4 weeks in Tokyo. All except Argentina include home stays with local families.

Scholarships are available from the Kansas IFYE Association and many local Extension units provide support to active 4-H'ers in their programs. For more information on the exchanges, the application or eligibility, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange coordinator at 785-238-3631 (please leave a message) or munson@ksbroadband.net. When you download your application form on the web site, be sure to also save the reference form and give it to the two persons whom you list on your application to be returned to Mary Kay in a confidential manner.

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. We urge any interested IFYE candidates to apply through Kansas 4-H.

KS 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN EARLY 2022

Get an early start on your application for the [2022 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 WEEK WINDOW DISPLAY

The Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promotion committee set up a window displays on Main Street. Check out the special displays and thank Tri-Central Office Supply and the Hays Arts Council for allowing us the use of their store windows in downtown Hays. Also, thanks to Trio in Ellis and Victoria Elementary for displaying our coloring contest entries during 4-H week and beyond.

[4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl at Rock Springs is October 23-24](#)

If you love working with your dog, check out this great statewide event all about dogs! **Registration is due October 8.**



AWARDS CORNER

Kansas Award Portfolio CONGRATULATIONS!

We had a great turnout of 4-H members submitting KAPs again this year! There were over 50 individual KAPs 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! **The system is ready for you**

to start entering your goals for the new 4-H year.

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 travel to Rock Springs 4-H Center November 20-21.



To learn more and to register by the Early Bird **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.**

Planting Seeds, Growing Leaders

This club will focus on all things outdoors! Gardening, water, the environment, plants, animals, service and leadership in our community.

Join us as we start the new "Growing Leaders 4-H Club"

Monday, October 11,
7 p.m.
Front Meeting Room
@ 601 Main in Hays



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Join us as we elect officers, set goals and get this new 4-H club started **Growing Leaders!**

