4-H UPDATE

September 17, 2021

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4-H Coming Events

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Check the 4-H Tip Sheet for State Events Information
https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/

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Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp 2022
Registration for Camp 2022 started on September 1st for Kansas 4-H’ers for priority enrollment. If you have any questions talk to your council reps or Devin. You can also check out the camp website at https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/. They have new payment options available, including monthly installments, and a 10% discount for those who register before November 1st. Each 4-H Council will still be providing scholarships similar to the cost covered in previous years.

Record Books Are Due
We are ten days out from record books being due. All of the information linked below is due on Monday, September 27th by 5 pm to your local extension office. Record Book in-person help sessions are listed below; please bring your laptop with you. You are welcome to travel to both sessions. You are also welcome to contact me for one-on-one help, or email me with any questions you may have. Just a couple reminders that your record book must be complete to be eligible for judging. Record books turned in that are not complete will not be eligible for county awards.

Record Book Help Sessions:
- Monday, September 20th immediately following 4-H Council approximately 6:30pm-7:30pm at Seward County Office
- Tuesday, September 21st at 7pm-8pm at Haskell County Office.

To help you get a jump on things before you come to a help session check out these videos. Here is one I did on getting started: https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/recbook.html Here is another page that has some more videos: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/record-keeping/pilot.html.

Make sure to look at the one for permanent records. Only the information from this 4-H year needs to be entered into the ZSuite program. You do not need to go in and enter your previous years’ information. Just make sure when you turn in your record book that you include your previous permanent record along with the new one. You no longer have to submit a general 4-H story or general pictures.

Here is the link to the Achievement Pin Applications https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html. If you are unsure which one you need, please contact your local extension office and we can let you know. You can also find the Key Award Application on this page.

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Haskell County Only
Haskell County Achievement Trip Applications: https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/haskell%20record%20book.html
Club Seal and Top 4-H’er Applications can be found at the bottom of the linked page https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/haskell%20record%20book.html.

Seward County Only
Seward County Achievement Trip Application: https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html

Stevens County Only
Stevens County Achievement Trip Application: https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/stevens%20county%204h.html
The Frank and Catherine Ellsaesser Endowment Fund for those 4-H’ers interested in attending other programs that focus on leadership opportunities. https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/docs/The%20Frank%20and%20Catherine%20Ellsaesser%20Endowment.pdf

Kansas State Fair Results
Results are posted here for the entries entered from the Extension Offices: https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/15710.

Enrollment Opens on October 1st
Reminder: returning 4-H members must be enrolled by December 1st to be eligible to show at the 2022 county fairs. First year members must be enrolled by May 1st. May 1st is also the project add/drop deadline. You must be enrolled in the projects in which you will to exhibit at fair. For those new 4-H members interested in livestock, you must be enrolled before the appropriate species weigh in deadline dates.

Kansas Leadership Forum
The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is planned for November 20-21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun.

We also will plan for an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

Registration will open in September, the deadline is October 15, 2021 at an early bird rate, or before November 1 at the regular rate. Once registration is open, a note will be sent to the KSRE system.

Follow this Link to State 4-H Events Calendar
https://www.kansas4-h.org/calendars/
4-H Club Financial Reviews
End of the 4-H year financial records will be due November 1st by 5 pm to your local extension office. Be looking for more information via email.

Club Leaders and Treasurers
There will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at 7pm to help you with your treasurer’s book and financial review. This information is due to your local office on November 1st. If you would like some one on one help contact Devin.

Re-Ignite Your Spark in
Kansas 4-H Volunteer Training
Sit and think for a moment. What makes your 4-H role have meaning and purpose? What is something you are passionate about, the hidden flame that motivates you? The Search Institute describes this passion as one’s “spark”. Sparks are activities and interests that brings out a person’s energy and joy, allowing them to express their personality and contribute to the world.

Join us at 7:00 PM on September 23rd to re-ignite YOUR spark in Kansas 4-H as we hear from current volunteers and passionate 4-H alumni. Participants will explore how to find their spark, engage families, and realize the impact they have on youth.

This event is intended for Kansas 4-H Club Volunteers including community and project leaders. Please contact your local Extension Office for information on the event location.

Volunteer Training Timeline:
7:00 Welcome - Wade Weber, State 4-H Program Leader and Department Head
7:10 Re-Ignite Your Spark - Susan Mueller, Kansas 4-H Volunteer
7:40 Share Your Spark - Group Discussion
8:00 The Magic of Connections - Conrad Cologne, 4-H Alum and Supporter
8:30 Closing Comments

Registration deadline to participate in Re-Ignite Your Spark in Kansas 4-H: A Kansas 4-H Volunteer Training is September 1. This event is intended for Kansas 4-H Club Volunteers including community club and project leaders, Extension professionals and other interested community members.

Club Leader Meeting
There will be a Club Leader meeting on Tuesday, November 2 at 7pm in Hugoton, or you are welcome to join via Zoom.

District Wide Officers Training
Date: November 6th in Hugoton, more information to come.

Shutterbugs at Big Creek
Where: Agricultural Research Center, Hays, KS
When: Oct. 30, 2021
### Calendar

#### September
8  Cloverbuds  
21  Record Book Help Sublette  
21  Re-Ignite Your Spark: Volunteer Training  
     Registration deadline  
21  Haskell County 4-H Council  
27  Record book/pin awards/trip applications Due  
30  Submit Videos for Facebook to Devin

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### Cloverbuds
We will have Cloverbud meetings in Haskell County. Cloverbuds is for youth ages 5 and 6 by January 1, 2022. The meetings in Haskell County are on the second Wednesday of the month at 4pm.  
If there are any 4-H’ers that would like to come teach, please let Devin know. If you have any questions, please contact Devin at deramsey@ksu.edu.

### Awards Applications Due
Top 4-H’er and Club Seal applications will be due on September 27th by 5pm.

### National 4-H Week
The 4-H Council decided to have 4-H’ers put together short videos to be shared on Facebook during National 4-H Week October 3rd-9th. You are welcome to talk about anything 4-H related: your favorite project, something you have learned, or events you have attended. Please submit your videos to Devin by September 30th. Please keep your videos a minute or less.

### Haskell County Achievement Banquet
Save the Date: November 13th at 6:30pm at the Commercial Building. Victory-Meat, Cloverleaf-Salad, Bread & Decorations, Colusa-Potatoes.
## Seward

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### Seward County Achievement Banquet

Save the Date: November 6th at the 4-H Building
New 4-H Year Kick Off
We want to invite all Stevens County 4-H’ers, their family and friends to a new 4-H Year Kick-Off on **Sunday, September 26th at 5:00 p.m.** at the fairgrounds. The 4-H Council will provide hamburgers and fixings for all. Each club is asked to bring 2 games to play with large groups and we will have some fun prizes to give away as well! We are asking project leaders to set up displays or bring project items to share with potential and current 4-H’ers to encourage them to enroll in various projects. This is a great opportunity to invite new 4-H’ers of all ages. We will also have information about enrollment available, which starts October 1.

Cloverbuds is coming to Stevens County
Cloverbuds is for those that are 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2022. We will be hosting an informational meeting for families as well as doing some crafts. This meeting will be Thursday, **September 30th** at 7pm at the Stevens County Extension Office. Current 4-H families please share this information with anyone that may be interested.

48 Hours of 4-H
Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 9th** to participate in 48-Hours of 4-H in Stevens County. The 4-H Council members chose to do a community service activity of taking baked goods and soups to homebound or older adults in the Moscow and Hugoton Communities. Baked good will be made ahead and then bagged and distributed along with fresh soups. Be on the lookout for additional information in the coming month.

Stevens County Achievement Banquet
**Save the Date: Sunday, October 31st** at 12:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall, and will be catered by Cheryl Archuleta. Reservations are due to the office by **Friday, October 15th**. Cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children under 4-H age. The cost for 4-H’ers is covered by the council. You are welcome to come dressed in a Halloween Costume if you wish! The Club duties are assigned as follows:
- Setup/Drinks: Cloverbear Cowboys
- Decorations: City Slickers/Wranglers
- Invocation: Heartland
- Clean-up: Buffalo Boosters
- MC: Council President, Lakota Persing

Sara Lee and E. Budd Anderson Youth Grant
Now is the time to be thinking about a community service project for the next 4-H year that could use grant money, up to $1,000, to bring it to fruition. The Anderson grant was established for Stevens County youth to improve their community through leadership projects worked individually, as a small group, or as a club. The application form is on the Wild West Website under 4-H/Stevens Co and is due in January. If you have questions about projects or the grant application, please contact Nancy Honig.
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What is Cloverbuds?
- A educational opportunity for children 5 and 6 years old as of Jan 1, 2022
- The Cloverbud program does not require a fee
- The program offers hands on learning activities that promote personal development, healthy lifestyles and a sense of citizenship

Interested in Learning more?
Come to the Stevens County Extension Office on Thursday September 30th at 7pm

Contact Devin at deramsey@ksu.edu if you have any questions

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Are you too young to be in 4-H?
Cloverbuds is a fun educational program for children ages 5-6 by Jan. 1st of the current 4-H year. There is no fee for Cloverbuds!

Cloverbuds will meet once a month at the Haskell County Extension Office. The meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Cloverbuds will be meeting from 4:00-5:00pm.

Our next meeting will be:

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**What is 4-H Cloverbuds?**
An educational, youth development opportunity specifically for 5 and 6 – year old children. To be eligible to participate, a child must have celebrated his or her 5th or 6th birthday before January 1st of the current year.

Cloverbuds is an age-appropriate educational opportunity; a Cloverbud cannot be a 4-H club member at the same time.

The Cloverbuds program does not require a membership fee!

When a child reaches the age of eligibility for traditional 4-H programs (age 7 or older before January 1st of the current year), the child and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) can decide whether to transition their child into 4-H club membership.

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Get the scoop on 4-H

WILD WEST DISTRICT

Join us for National 4-H Week by learning more about 4-H

October 4th–Hugoton
October 5th–Liberal
October 7th–Sublette

All meetings will be at the Extension Office starting at 7pm for about an hour

4-H is an organization for youth 7-18 to find their spark. If your family would like to learn more please join us. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to Zoom in please contact Devin at deramsey@ksu.edu.
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Register by September 17th:
https://tinyurl.com/4HSparkTrain

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4-H SPIN Robotics Club

Who:
2nd and 3rd Graders
“Open to ALL children”

What:
Club members will meet for 6 weeks learning the basics of lego robotic coding and building

Where:
Classes will be held at the Liberal 4-H Building at 1081 Stadium Road

Leaders:
Traci Kirk & Amanda Eidson

When:
Saturday, October 9th
Meet on Saturday’s for 6 weeks (not on 10/30)
10:00-11:30

How Much:
$10 per child

To Register: Please call or email Kylee to reserve your spot!
kharrison@ksu.edu  620-624-5604
*Also open to those not currently in 4-H - Just register!