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4-H UPDATE

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4-H Coming Events

September

- 21 Re-Ignite Your Spark: Volunteer Training **Registration Deadline**
- 27 4-H Records and Awards Applications Deadline, Extension Offices

October

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- 12 Club Leaders and Treasurers Zoom Meeting
- 15 KYLF Early Bird Registration
- 30 Shutterbug Event, Hays
- 10/31 **Early Enrollment Deadline for 4-H'ers only,**
to **2022** Rock Springs Summer Camp

November

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- 20-21 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch

Check the 4-H Tip Sheet for State Events Information

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/>



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

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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%204-H%20Endowment%20Fund.pdf>

Kansas State Fair Results

Results are posted here for the entries entered from the Extension Offices: <https://faireentry.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/>

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Northwest 4-H Advisory to Host Team Building Workshop Guru, Michelle Cummings

Do you want to learn about Team Bonding, Team Building or Team Development then you won't want to miss the NW 4-H Advisory Training Wheels Workshop in Hays, Kansas on Friday, October 1st and/or Saturday October 2nd. Mark your calendars and **get registered by Friday, September 24th.**

In this workshop, Michelle Cummings will share insights and strategies on how to surface behaviors through play through experiential activities. This high-energy, hands-on workshop will teach participants how to play some of the industry's best icebreakers, leadership games and unique ways to reflect on what you are learning. Michelle will engage you physically, intellectually and mentally with lots of opportunity for laughter and learning. Attendees will discover how powerful the impact of the value of connection, leadership, and purposeful play have on the participants in your programs.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-3921 or rdeines@ksu.edu.

Want to learn more about horses?

Join us for Horse Bowl/Hippology practices starting **Sunday, October 10th** at 12:30 pm at the First Christian Church in Hugoton. For more information about Horse Bowl, please contact Judy Parsons at 620-453-0732.



Application Process for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National 4-H Conference

There are two ways young people become members of the Kansas Youth Leadership Council. This year we are using the same application process for both Youth Leadership Council Representatives and National 4-H Council Delegates.

Those who are selected as National Conference delegates will serve a two-year term on the council. Applicants must be 15-18 before January 1, 2022. See information here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/index.html>

Youth may also be run for a one year term as a representative on the council. Youth Council Applicants must be ages 14 and 18 before January 1, 2022. See information here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

Elections will happen at our Kansas Youth Leadership Forum this year, and National Conference Delegates will be announced there as well. Right now the plan is for this event to be in person. Please watch Kansas 4-H Facebook for a post.

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

Haskell

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

October

- 1 Enrollment Opens for New 4-H Year, 2021-2022
Youth Leadership Council/National Conference
Applications Due
- 1-2 Team Bonding, Building, Devel. Workshop, Hays
- 1-3 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 9 First Robotics SPIN Meeting, Liberal
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KYLIF Early Bird Registration
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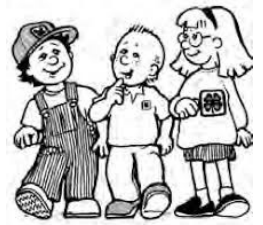
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Registration Deadline
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- 6 District Wide Officers Training, Hugoton
- 10 Cloverbuds
- 13 Achievement Banquet, Commercial Building
- 20-21 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch

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

Calendar

September

- 16 Cloverbuds
- 20 Seward 4-H Council and Record Book Help
- 21 Re-ignite Your Spark: Volunteer Training registration deadline
- 27 4-H Records and Awards Applications Deadline, Extension Offices

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- 6 District Wide Officers Training, Hugoton
- 6 Achievement Banquet, 4-H Building
- 18 Cloverbuds
- 20-21 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch

Cloverbuds

We will have Cloverbud meetings in Seward County. Cloverbuds is for youth ages 5 and 6 by January 1, 2022. The meetings in Seward County are on the third Thursday of the month at 5 pm. 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.



Seward County Achievement Banquet

Save the Date: November 6th at the 4-H Building

Stevens

Calendar

September

- 20 Submit quote and picture for 4-H Week Hermes Ad
- 21 Re-Ignite Your Spark: Volunteer Training
Registration Deadline
- 26 4-H New Year Kick-Off, Fairgrounds
- 27 Record book/pin awards/trip applications Due
- 30 Cloverbud Families Meeting

October

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- 1 Youth Leadership Council/National Conference
Applications Due
- 1-2 Team Bonding, Building, Devel. Workshop, Hays
- 1-3 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 9 48 Hours of 4-H Community Services
- 9 First Robotics SPIN Meeting, Liberal
- 9-10 48 Hours of 4-H Participation
- 10 Horse Quiz Bowl / Hippology Practice, Hugoton
- 12 Club Leaders and Treasurers Zoom Meeting
KYLf Early Bird Registration
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National 4-H Week Newspaper Page

4-H Council members voted to have quotes and pictures from senior 4-H'ers in our Thank you ad for National 4-H Week. If you are a 4-H'er 14 or older and want to send a short quote about what 4-H means to you, what you have learned, or what you enjoy most, we would love to include it. Please email or text it along with a picture of you or your project to Nancy or Devin no later than **September 20th**.

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: Cloverleaf 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.

Cloverbuds is coming to Stevens County!

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**

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Learning more?

**Come to the Stevens County
Extension Office on Thursday
September 30th at 7pm**

**Contact Devin at
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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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A Kansas 4-H Volunteer Training

Re-Ignite Your Spark!

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Volunteer Training Timeline

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

Register for your chance to win a door prize!

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Register by September 17th:

<https://tinyurl.com/4HSparkTrain>



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4-H SPIN Robotics Club



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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!

