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STATE 4-H NEWS

4-H PROJECT PARTNERSHIP TEAMS

Serve to bring youth, volunteers, and K-State Research and Extension professionals together to provide leadership opportunities across the state. The teams are—Animal Science, Communication & Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Science, Discovery Days, Engineering & Technology, Leadership & Personal Development, Natural Resources, and Plant & Environmental Sciences. For more information and to apply—[Project Partnership Teams](#) Application deadline is September 15.

KANSAS 4-H JUDGES NEEDED

Adults interested in judging county and state 4-H projects, including animal exhibits (livestock, horse, dog, rabbit, etc. shows), static exhibits, communications and 4-H Day events, are invited to register for the Kansas 4-H Judges Database by September 30. Visit [Kansas 4-H Judges Database](#) to learn more!

KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

November 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum (KVF). KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2026, and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers. Registration deadline is October 15, for both events. There will also be an option for coming in on Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance. For more information—[Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) and [Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum](#)

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE & YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The application for and information about the [State 4-H Youth Leadership Council](#) and [National 4-H Conference](#) is open and available now! The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for the National 4-H Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from these four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one-year terms on the council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF, and they serve a two-year term on the council. The deadline will be October 1.



STATE 4-H NEWS

48 HOURS OF 4-H

Let's see how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, October 11 and 12, is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too! 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, and 4-H Alumni It's time to make plans for your club to participate, and registration is open on the [48 Hours of 4-H](#)

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES IN 2026

Five International partners have agreed to host U.S. 4-H'ers for outbound exchanges in the summer of 2026. Kansas 12-18-year-olds, at the time of the exchanges, are eligible to participate in one-month exchanges beginning in June and July with accepted applicants from other states. Destinations include Costa Rica, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and Argentina. All exchanges include a homestay with a host family. Japan's Labo offers a month-long study program in Tokyo with another family (prior to the 4-week program) for older participants, making it an 8-week offering. Argentina 4-H is offering a program of Spanish study and group activities, along with a homestay with a Cordoban local family next year. Adults, 25 and over, may apply as chaperones for each of the groups. For more information, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator, at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. Kansas applications are due online by November 1 through the States' 4-H web-based application. The online application includes reference forms and photo requirements. Applicants will be expected to participate in interviews and a first orientation on November 21, in Junction City. Details will be communicated to applicants after November 1. For more information check out—[Global Citizenship](#)




LOCAL 4-H NEWS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council — September 22 at 7:00 pm at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room
Rooks County 4-H Council—September 8 at 7:30 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building
Rooks County 4-H Livestock Committee—October 13 at 6:30 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building
Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders—October 13 at 7:30 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

KANSAS STATE FAIR

September 5-14. 4-H exhibits to be transported by the Phillips-Rooks Extension District staff should be dropped off to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Offices by September 3 at 4:00 p.m. Items will be transported to Hutchinson on September 4.



LOCAL 4-H NEWS

OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE DAY

Record Books, Pin Applications and Project Report Forms are all due on October 1 to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Offices. Members can complete all materials by pencil/paper, typed and printed (form fillable pdf) or ZBooks (online record keeping system—[RECORD REPORT FORM PILOT](#)). Please refer to this link to answer your questions regarding project recognition and project report forms—[Master Guide with Rubrics.pdf](#) Materials including tutorial videos can be found at the following links:

Record Book Personal Page: [Personal Info Page.pdf](#)

Record Book Permanent Record: [Project Recognition](#)

Member Achievement Pin Applications: [Awards and Recognition](#)

Project Report Forms: [Project Recognition](#)

A complete record book will have a personal page, permanent record and age appropriate project report form (general or animal project forms are available).

ONLINE RECORD KEEPING — ZBOOKS

ZBooks is the online 4-H record keeping software. This online software is identical to the pdf forms used for many years—Both are evaluated using the same rubric and set of standards. Some features of ZBooks include: mobile friendly, internet-based, unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted, permanent record is included, and the live online support chat feature. ZBooks resources can be found here: [RECORD REPORT FORM PILOT](#)

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK & 4-H SUNDAY

October 5-11. Make plans to invite new members to 4-H. 4-H Sunday will be held October 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Phillipsburg United Methodist Church. Radio spots will be recorded and refreshments will be provided after the service.

Go Green on October 6. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint—anything green goes. You can also give a short presentation to a group at school. 4-H For Good is October 9. A day to recognize all 4-Hers who are doing good and making a positive impact by helping their communities.

CLUB TREASURER AND LEADERS: FINANCIAL REVIEW

The yearly review of the club treasurer's books will take place on:

Phillips County—October 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room

Rooks County—October 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building

Each club should be represented by the club treasurer and one leader to complete the review of other club treasurer's books.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Phillips County—November 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Phillips County Fair Building.

Rooks County—to be determined.

LOCAL 4-H NEWS

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS

As the new 4-H year approaches, so does your Club Officer Elections. Please follow the Guide to Parliamentary Procedure for your club: [meeting-will-come-to-order-simplified-guidelines-for-parliamentary-procedure 4H440.pdf](#)

Please make sure that all club members know that elections are taking place. Each club needs to have at least two club leaders selected from the club's parents committee. The club leaders can be set up on rotating terms at the club's discretion. Good luck with the upcoming 4-H year.

PHILLIPS COUNTY APPLICATIONS

Due October 1. Phillips County Club Seal Application, Phillips County Outstanding 4-H Member Application, and Phillips County 4-H Scholarship Application can all be found here—

<https://wakelet.com/wake/74cEuoNhURuinIF84b0dF>

The Phillips County 4-H Scholarship Application is for any Phillips County 4-H member that will be graduating from high school in 2026.

PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATIONS

Due October 24 by noon. Officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter. Application can be found here—<https://wakelet.com/wake/74cEuoNhURuinIF84b0dF>.



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID TO MAKE
OUR COUNTY FAIRS A SUCCESS!
WE APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE
OF YOU!**

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

3 Kansas State Fair Non-Livestock Exhibits Due
5-14 Kansas State Fair
8 Rooks County 4-H Council
15 4-H Project Partnership Teams Application Deadline
22 Phillips County 4-H Council

October

1 4-H Online Re-enrollment Begins
1 4-H Record Books, Pin Applications and Project Report Forms Due
1 Phillips County 4-H Club Seal Application Due
1 Phillips County Outstanding 4-H Member Application Due
1 Phillips County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
1 National 4-H Conference and Youth Leadership Council Applications Due
3-5 Kansas Junior Livestock Show
5-11 National 4-H Week
5 4-H Sunday
6 Go Green Day
9 4-H For Good
11-12 48 Hours of 4-H
13 Rooks County 4-H Financial Review
13 Rooks County 4-H Livestock Committee
13 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
24 Phillips County 4-H Council Officer Applications Due
27 Phillips County 4-H Financial Review
27 Phillips County 4-H Council

November

15 Phillips County 4-H Achievement Banquet
22-23 Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend



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