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STATE 4-H NEWS

48 HOURS OF 4-H

If your 4-H Club held a community service project or plans to in the future, please get it registered in the state 4-H system. You can complete that here—[48 Hours of 4-H](#)

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES IN 2026

Kansas 12-18-year-olds, at the time of the exchanges in the summer of 2026, 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. 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](#)

WHAT 4-H FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 4-H PUBLICITY

As we begin the 2025–2026 4-H year, it's important to understand how publicity permissions are handled and how we, as Extension professionals, can responsibly share the stories and successes of you, our 4-H members. **What Is the Publicity Release?** When families enroll in 4-H Online, they are asked to agree (or not agree) to a publicity release. This release gives permission for the use of a member's name, image, and likeness by: Local Extension Units, Kansas State University (including the State 4-H Office), and The Kansas 4-H Foundation. This includes use in photos, videos, social media, websites, press releases, and more. If a family selects **"I Do Not Agree,"** their child's name and image **cannot** be used. Some examples include: Kansas State Fair & County Fair entry cards, schedules, or results, local or state contests, social media posts, and news articles or promotional materials. **Additional Consent Questions**—To provide more clarity, families are asked to give specific permission for: first and last name, extension unit, 4-H club or town name, media (photos, video, audio, etc.), print-only media, social media, and county fair-related publicity. These responses **override** the general publicity release and help guide what can or cannot be shared publicly. These practices help protect youth privacy while still celebrating their achievements.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

January 23, 2026 at EquiFest of Kansas in Topeka. Early bird registration is due by January 2. Register here—[Horse Judging](#)

LOCAL 4 - H NEWS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council — November 24 at 7:00 pm at the Phillips County Fair Building for Officer and Club Leader Training

Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders—November 10 at 7:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

Rooks County 4-H Council—November 10 at 7:30 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

4-H ENROLLMENT

All new and returning 4-H members, 4-H Cloverbuds, 4-H club leaders, and 4-H volunteers must enroll annually in 4-H. Enroll here: [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com) Please make sure all contact information including email addresses are accurate as this will be the information used to get important 4-H information to all members including the monthly 4-H newsletter. When enrolling please select “Pay By Check” to have your \$15 enrollment fee covered by the Phillips County 4-H Council or Rooks County 4-H Council depending on which county you are enrolling in. You must be enrolled by October 31 to get your enrollment fee paid for. DO NOT SELECT WAIVER WHEN ENROLLING! Those members that are interested in participating in the Shooting Sports project (Air Rifles) must be enrolled by November 1. Don't forget to enroll in the Leadership project if you are a 4-H member and age 12 by January 1.

4-H OFFICERS & CLUB LEADERS TRAINING

Phillips County—November 24 at 7:00 pm at the Phillips County Fair Building. Club leaders meeting to follow officers training.

Rooks County—Date and time to be announced at a later date. The training scheduled for November 3 at 7:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building will be rescheduled due to conflicts.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Phillips County—November 15 at 5:30 pm at the Phillips County Fair Building. A meal will be provided. Agra Trailblazers—set up tables, chairs and cover tables, Lone Prairie—decorations. Each club provide 2 members to greet guests at the door and seat them with appropriate club.

Rooks County—November 9 at 1:00 pm at the McKenna Youth Center in Palco. A meal will be provided. Please RSVP to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office by November 5.

PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H CLUB PROGRAM BOOKS

Due December 1 to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office.

ROOKS COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

An opportunity for youth ages 12 and up to expand their leadership skills. Be involved in planning project meetings and day camps at the county level. Bring your ideas to the next meeting on November 10 at 7:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building. Be sure to enroll in the leadership project.

COOKIES - BAKE & DECORATE

November 15 at noon
Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

FREE to attend!

With the
Rooks County
4-H Junior
Leaders



All youth ages 7 to 18 are
welcome to attend! Pizza
will be served for lunch.

Learn how to -
follow a recipe,
measure ingredients,
bake, and
decorate sugar
cookies.

REGISTER BY
NOVEMBER 12

• CALL 785-425-6851 OR
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Save the Date

2026 K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS



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November

9 Rooks County 4-H Achievement Celebration
10 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
10 Rooks County 4-H Council
11 Phillips-Rooks Extension District Closed
15 Cookies - Bake & Decorate with Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
15 Phillips County 4-H Achievement Banquet
22-23 Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend
24 Phillips County 4-H Club Officer and Leader Training
26 Phillips-Rooks Extension District Closed in afternoon
27 Phillips-Rooks Extension District Closed
28 Phillips-Rooks Extension District Closed

December

1 Phillips County 4-H Club Program Books Due
24-25 Phillips-Rooks Extension District Closed

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<https://www.phillipsooks.k-state.edu/4-h/>

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4-H PLEDGE

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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