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Monthly newsletter of the Wyandotte County 4-H Youth Development Program



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WHY DO YOU CHOOSE 4-H?

Written by Jessie Carr, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Happy 4-H New Year! As we wrapped up the year began preparing for the coming 4-H year I found myself reflecting. One question I reflected on was "Why 4-H?" I wasn't a 4-H'er when I was a kid (but now I definitely I wish I would have been!) so I didn't even really know what 4-H was. However, the more I learned about 4-H the more I loved it!

I found that 4-H provides incredible experience for youth to grow, to pursue and find new passions, to become leaders and active citizens, and more all while having fun and developing lasting relationships. I may not have been a 4-H'er when I was a kid, but now I have the opportunity to work with some incredible 4-H'ers and I think that's pretty cool!

As we start the new 4-H year I'd encourage you all, both youth and adults, to reflect on "Why 4-H?" We'd love to hear from you too! Let us know why you choose 4-H!



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Oct 1:** Happy New 4-H Program Year: Re-enrollment Opens for WyCo 4-H via 4HOnline
- **Oct 1:** Organizational Forms for each WyCo 4-H Club is due to KSRE 4-H Office
- **Oct 4-10:** National 4-H Week: Opportunity 4 All
- **Oct 7:** Spirit Day for 4-H: Wear Your 4-H Logo Shirts, Hats, etc.
- **Oct 9:** Deadline to sign up to be Club Communications Project Leader for your club
- **Oct 10:** Wyandotte County 4-H community service project during 48HRS of 4-H
- **Oct 15:** 4-H Council Meeting
- **Nov 1:** Club and Project Annual Forms due to KSRE 4-H Office

4-H COUNCIL INFORMATION

- Oct 15 7:00 p.m.. 4-H Council meeting – all WyCo 4-H members; via Zoom
- The purpose of the Wyandotte County 4-H Council is to aid in the development of all county 4-H youth programs approved by the Wyandotte County Extension Council Executive Board, by giving leadership to the planning and conducting of educational events and activities, volunteer leader training, and leadership development.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Position: WyCo 4-H Council Officers (President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Reporter)
- Start Date: October 2020
- Each officer shall be elected from the youth 4-H Members. Each officer shall be elected to a one-year term. No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. See the WyCo 4-H Council Bylaws, Article VI, Officers and their duties for more information.
- If interested in being nominated for an Officer Position, please contact Jessie Carr, 4-H Agent at (913) 299-9300 or carrjessie@ksu.edu or Debra Sweeten, Program Assistant, at dsweeten@ksu.edu.

PROJECT UPDATES

2020/2021 BB GUN AND AIR RIFLE PROGRAM INFORMATION

The first practice and training session for the 2020-2021 BB Gun and Air Rifle program will be at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at the Tri-County Rod & Gun Club, 18573 Stillwell Road, Linwood, KS. 66052

All participants are required to be 4-H members and must register at 4HOnline.com Registration at 4HOnline will not open until October 1, 2020. If you are interested in the Shooting Sports BB Gun/Air Rifle Program, you must attend this first meeting even if you have not yet registered at 4HOnline.



A Notarized Liability release form must be brought to this first meeting. The form can be obtained [here](#), or at the end of the newsletter. Participant fees and expectations will be discussed at this meeting.

NOTE: New participants must attend the first meeting. If they miss the first meeting, we will ask them to return the following year. All participants must be 4-H age 8. If you have any questions, please contact; Ron Letcher; Cell (913) 219-1603 or Cyndi Bird: Birdclan6@yahoo.com

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 4-H MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS

October is known as the month for 4-H re-enrollment for 4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers. In October, Members and Volunteers will need to log in to their 4HOnline profiles to re-enroll in 4-H, Clubs and projects for the 4-H year Oct 1, 2020 thru Sept 30, 2021. [Get started here!](#)



Learn how
to enroll
in WyCo
4-H here

4HONLINE HAS BEEN UPGRADED TO 2.0

With the new version, you'll see some minor changes when you reenroll. If you login and your password doesn't work just ask to reset password on the login page. All WyCo 4-H Club Members, Club Leaders and Project Leaders are encouraged to re-enroll as soon as possible during October. Volunteers in leadership role(s) in 4-H who wish to remain in their volunteer roles must complete their 4HOnline re-enrollment, checking the boxes for their KS 4-H Volunteer role and project(s) in which they are leader by November 1.



New Family Resources for 2.0
have been posted here for
families and volunteers.

ANNUAL 4-H CLUB FORMS DUE SOON

Submitted by Debra Sweeten, WyCo 4-H Program Assistant

- **4-H Club Organizational Form** - Newly elected officer's names must be written on the 4-H Organizational form and submitted to the Extension office by **October 1** annually. Designated 4-H Council Representatives and Alternates must be turned in to the Office in order to have a vote during 4-H Council. If names are not submitted to the Office, votes will not be allowed from that club during Council.
- **4-H Club Treasurer's Record Book with Financial Review Forms** - 4-H Clubs, Projects or groups who have a bank account or eIN number, need to annually complete a Financial Review annually by **November 1**. Please note, (note: treasurer and check signers cannot be the reviewers). These are the only approved forms from Kansas State University.
- **4-H Club By-Law Reviews** - Copies of the reviewed or revised By-laws, signed and dated by the reviewers and by the newly elected Club President and Club Leader are due to the Extension Office annually by **November 1**.
- **4-H Secretary's Records and Club Standard Forms** - Club Standards are a great way to track growth and progress as a club. These forms and records are due to the Extension Office annually by **November 1**.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 4 – 10: OPPORTUNITY4ALL

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. [This toolkit](#) is designed to help you leverage National 4-H Week on social media, in your community and beyond.

Let's Social Media Blitz! Let's all have some fun, while showing 4-H pride to our community. Here are some easy, fun ideas:

- Change your Facebook profile frame to a 4-H frame
- Change your Facebook cover photo to a 4-H image
- Share pictures of your kids in 4-H logo shirt, hats, glasses, etc doing something w/their project
- Participate in our 4-H Council Community Service Project, and share photos of kids taking pride in community service
- October 7 is Spirit Day, so wear your 4-H logo items.



Wyandotte County Lake Shoreline Clean Up!

Join the Wyandotte County 4-H program and the Stewards of Wyandotte County Lake for this 48 Hours of 4-H community service event. This annual event is hosted by 4-H programs from across Kansas where youth give back to their communities during National 4-H Week in October!

Saturday, October 10 • 9 a.m.- Noon
Parking: 3488 West Drive • Kansas City, KS 66109



Items to bring:
Rubber gloves,
Waterproof boots,
Facemask,
Grabber tools,
Drinking water



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RECORD BOOKS AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FORMS- DUE OCTOBER 1

Submitted by Debra Sweeten, WyCo 4-H Program Assistant

What is a Record Book?

- The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. In 4-H, young people have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, and much more using the iconic 4-H Record Book. In addition to record keeping, the 4-H Record Book gives members an opportunity to reflect on their year, measure their achievements and growth, and set goals, and develop plans to meet those goals.
 - [Record Book Information and Forms](#)

Achievement Pins and Scholarships Achievement Awards

- Achievement awards takes optimum advantage of the 4-H experiences available, recognize the accomplishments earned by 4-Hers and are awarded yearly during the annual Achievement Night Celebration at the end of the 4-H year. Applications due by October 1, and to be turned in with youth Record Books to the Extension Office.
 - [Achievement Pins and Scholarship Information](#)



SOLAR OVEN S'MORES - FUN 4-H AT HOME ACTIVITY W/THE KIDS!

4-H at Home can be fun, exciting and educational. In this activity, kids will learn about how engineers harness the power of solar energy.

Kids will use tin foil to convert energy from the sun into conductive heat to cook s'mores in a cardboard box. [Check out this step-by-step guide!](#)



CLUB COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

WyCo 4-H and Kansas 4-H are excited to continue to develop young people into #TrueLeaders through this effort. Using National 4-H Council's 4-H Communications Curriculum, Module 1, we will offer a series of webinars to train club volunteers to utilize six lesson plans with their 4-H members. Club leaders and other club volunteers will be strongly encouraged to facilitate lessons during their monthly club meetings as part of their educational program time. This will strengthen and ensure hands on learning, youth engagement and communications skill building for all club members. Interested in leading this exciting effort for your 4-H Club? [Check out the Communications Project Leader Position Description for details such as time required, dates, and more here.](#)

Sign up by October 9th to be the Communication Project leader for your club.



Volunteer Resources

VOLUNTEER HOURS AND YOUTH CONTACTS REPORT DUE

Submitted by Debra Sweeten, WyCo 4-H Program Assistant

As we near the end of the 19-20 reporting year, we are asked to complete the quarterly effort report for July 1 through September 30. Please submit your Volunteer Hours and Youth Contacts to dsweeten@ksu.edu

Volunteer Hours: What Counts?

Anytime you spend doing 4-H work such as making phone calls, communicating by email, coordinating meetings or programs, prep time, teaching time, cleanup after meeting time, paperwork on behalf of project, club or educational programs, and the like is considered volunteer hours. What is not considered volunteer hours is simply helping your own kid(s) only with their projects.

We don't need a detailed minute by minute account. We do need total time per event, meeting, program, etc. For example:

- 9/22 ABC Club meeting 5 hours 22 Youth 3 Adults
- 9/30 Coordinating community service project for 4-H Council 8 hours
- 9/30 Club Paperwork time and communications during month 5 hours

Youth Educational Contacts: What Counts?

With the switch to more virtual programming, here is a reminder about what counts as a direct educational contact. Direct educational contacts are when both the Adult Volunteer or Extension professional and the youth/receiver are linked together at the same time and/or place for educational purposes. With the switch last March to more virtual programming, here is a reminder about what counts and doesn't count as a direct educational contact.

- Participants in live zoom meetings and webinars can be counted as direct educational contacts. The number of people that view a recording is not considered a direct educational contact unless they have completed a follow-up evaluation or followed up with the presenter.
- Although most social media is not counted as a direct educational contact, the participants of a Facebook Live presentation can be counted as a direct educational contact.
- Facebook videos and posts are not counted as direct educational contacts unless someone posts a comment or question that the agent responds to with educational information.
- Participants in a workshop series can count the participants every time they attend one or more sessions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- WyCo 4-H Council is in immediate need of volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting a slate of nominees for Wyandotte County 4-H Council officers pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of our WyCo 4-H Council By-Laws.
- 4-H Council by-laws can be found [here](#)



[BECOME A VOLUNTEER](#)

HEAD

HEART

HANDS

HEALTH

KANSAS 4-H TIP SHEET

The Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet is a monthly newsletter that provides valuable information to local Extension offices, as well as Kansas 4-H families. The deadlines posted may be different than those set by local Extension offices. In addition, local Extension offices may not be able to provide chaperones and/or transportation to statewide Kansas 4-H events, programs, trainings and activities. Always check with your local Extension office before registering.

UPCOMING KS 4-H EVENTS AND RESOURCES

- [Virtual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and Youth Council Elections](#)
- [KYL registration will open in late September](#). Save the dates now!
- 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge is October 10-11, 2020! [Get your projects registered now!](#)

4-H ONLINE

- [New Sponsored Program Fee Process](#) - Kansas 4-H Youth Development is able to offer "coupons" for purchase to those who wish to sponsor a percentage or the full amount of the \$15 Kansas 4-H Program Fee for youth members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- [Achieving the Extension Mission Through Volunteers](#) - Professional Development Opportunity – Achieving the Extension Mission through Volunteers provides you with a great opportunity to enhance your skills which will strengthen your overall volunteer management success. Register early. The course fills quickly.



[State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl](#) - The 2020 State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be hosted virtually. Please save the dates of November 6, 7, and 8.

KANSAS 4-H GENERAL PROJECT REPORT FORM

Fill out a project report form for each general project you are enrolled in. This form is used to report one year's worth of 4-H project work, and is for 4-H members age 10-18.

This Record Belongs to: _____ Year: _____

4-H Club: _____ Age as of Jan. 1: _____

My Project is: _____ Years in project: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

As a person of character, who is trustworthy, responsible and fair, I have personally prepared this report and certify that it accurately reflects my project work. I will respect the judge's final decision.

Record Approved by: _____ 4-H member _____ Date: _____

Record Approved by: _____ Parent/Leader _____ Date: _____

Record Approved by: _____ Club leader _____ Date: _____

SECTION 1: PROJECT GOALS

Take goals written on General 4-H Project Goals, K-12 and insert here. Include project goals of all types, i.e. learning goals, leadership goals, and citizenship goals.

What	When?	Who is going to help me?	Check if Accomplished
I want to learn how to use watercolors.	January	Sally Smith, project leader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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SECTION 2: PROJECT PRESENTATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Include project-related communications, such as demonstrations, talks, newspaper articles, social media, digital media, blogs, YouTube videos, etc. Fill out only those items from this page.

Date	Demonstrations, Talks, Social Media, Other Communications	Leadership	Skills, Science and/or Research
Jan. 12	Illustrated Talk "The positive effect of pollution"	4-H Club Day	Blue Blue

[1]

[Project Record Report Form](#)
Replaces [KAP](#) - After piloting a new Project Record Report Form for 2020/2021 4-H program year!



[Kansas Clover Classroom Offers New Resources](#) - We're excited to share a new opportunity and some new resources with 4-H families and other educators through the new Kansas Clover Classroom.

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**Wyandotte County
4-H Shooting Sports**

LIABILITY RELEASE

We, the parents (legal guardian) of _____, grant permission for his/her participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports program; and approve of the use of firearms and/or archery equipment while participating under the supervision of a 4-H certified shooting sports leader. I understand that shooting sports are potentially hazardous and certain risks are involved. These potential hazards include possible injuries from firearms and/or archery wounds that could possibly result in paralysis, loss of vision, limb or life.

I agree that participation in this activity is entirely voluntary and agree that I will not hold the 4-H project leaders, County Extension Council, Kansas State 4-H Staff, local extension staff, Kansas State Research and Extension or the Curators of Kansas State University liable for any accidents.

I also understand that safety procedures and practice will be strictly adhered to and that our children (ward) may be immediately expelled without recourse from the program as a result of horseplay, inattentiveness, inappropriate conduct, violation of safety rules and failure to range officer's direction.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this ____ day of _____ Year ____

Notary Public _____

My Commission expires _____

The 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.