Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped to make the fair possible. From superintendents to parents to sponsors to those who just offered there help whenever you saw a need. The fair couldn’t happen without you. Thank you.

County Fair Wrap-up
As a note, we currently in the process of county fair wrap-up in our office. Over the next couple of weeks we will be working on finalized results for paper publication and premium checks. If you are missing projects, be sure to give us a ring! We have some projects that were left.

Award Season
Award season is here! Below is information that you should know

Dates
October 1st Award application and Record book deadline
October 12th Outstanding 4-H’er interviews
October 24th Achievement Ceremony at St. Bernard in Wamego

Forms
Don’t forget that KS 4-H is using new forms this year for project reports! Find the new forms on our website. On our page is also a link to the state informational page regarding the new forms (they aren’t scary!). You do not need to do a project report form for every project, but we encourage it for the projects you are active and passionate about!

- Project Report forms
- New Forms PDF Guide
- Achievement Forms
  - Pin applications, club goals, key awards, outstanding 4-H’er, “I Dare You”, Thelma Hubbard memorial, etc.

For award applications, please fill them out to the best of your ability. As with last year, we know that COVID-19 has had an impact at times on what is/is not doable during the last 4-H year. With COVID in mind, Trips and Awards values being able to see a “Valid Effort” while reviewing award applications.
Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Appreciation and Programmatic Support Webinars
Have you seen this volunteer webinar opportunity? On behalf of Kansas 4-H
“It was a tough 2020-2021 4-H year, but we survived. Let’s launch the new Kansas 4-H year by honoring YOU, our volunteers, the people that make 4-H great! Join us for a professional development series to honor and appreciate YOU in August and September 2021. “
Find full information Here, at the end of the newsletter

Fall Volunteer Project Leader Training Series
Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Fall Volunteer Project Leader Training Series. As a volunteer the time and hard work you contribute to make the 4-H program an amazing experience for youth across Kansas is greatly Appreciated!

To help you kick off the new program year, this series is designed to provide tangible ideas and resources you can use to engage 4-H Youth. All sessions are free and will be recorded. The sessions are scheduled to start at 6:30pm. The general outline for sessions is as follows:

Sept. 21 – Personal Development– Public Speaking
Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry
Sept. 28 – FCS - Textile Science
Sept. 30 – Animal Science – Livestock
Oct. 5 – Service Learning
Oct. 7 – Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy
Oct. 14 – Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife

To register for the event visit - https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/project-leaders/index.html

National 4-H Week: “Find your spark!”
Don’t forget National 4-H Week, October 3rd through 9th. Now is the time to start thinking about how you and your club would like to celebrate! This is a great week to promote 4-H locally or to plan a volunteer opportunity during “48 hours of 4-H” on the 9th and 10th. Expect additional promotional material to be available from State and National levels leading up to the week.
Kansas State Fair, September 10-19

If your signed up your project for county fair, you should have received an e-mail from Daniel regarding project drop-off and transportation. If not, reach out to him at skuciusd@ksu.edu. For 4-H fair information and a schedule, visit: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/

For over all State Fair information, visit their website at: https://www.kansasstatefair.com/

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2022. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 20th – 21st. Highlights include inspirational speakers, workshops, youth council elections and meeting new people. Visit http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youthleadership-forum/index.html for more information and to register online. Registration will be open soon and classes will fill up, so don’t delay. The registration deadline is October 15th.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Wanting to take your leadership to the next level? Consider applying for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. Applications due October 1st. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, and other events along with other duties. 4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2022 are eligible to apply. Find more information here, applications will be online soon: https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/index.html

Parents: Main thoughts for August

- If you have questions about awards, don’t hesitate to ask club leaders or myself (Daniel). The achievements pins can have a learning curve!

- Hand written or typed for record books? Either way works. It’s the content that matters most.

- Don’t forget about other awards and nominations! (Thelma Hubbard, Outstanding 4-H’er, “I Dare You”, Public Presentation etc.). Some years these awards may only get one application

- October will the new 4-H year and enrollment. Start thinking about projects and awards that your 4-H’er may want to pursue next year.
Dates and Deadlines

August
20  Deadline to register for Re-Connect with Youth Volunteer Training
21/22  Livestock Sweepstakes Contest, Manhattan
24  Re-Connect with Youth Volunteer Zoom 7pm

September
7  State Fair exhibits due to Extension Office by 4pm
10-19  Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
21  State Fair Exhibits can begin to be picked up at Extension Office

October
1  Record Books & Award Applications due
1  Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
1-3  Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
3-9  National 4-H Week
9-10  48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
15  KYLF Registration due
24  Achievement Banquet

November
1  Club Financials Due
20-21  Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
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RE-CONNECT WITH YOUTH WEBINAR!

**Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 PM**

To help equip you, our dedicated volunteers, to re-engage, Dr. James Conway, a motivational speaker from the Search Institute, will share the importance of youth and adult relationships. In this workshop, participants will:

- Recognize the role that developmental relationships have played in their own lives and make a personal connection and commitment to building developmental relationships
- Understand the elements of developmental relationships that have emerged through Search Institute’s ongoing applied research
- Identify and develop a strategy to build upon their relational strengths and to address their areas for growth

This presentation is being offered to Kansas 4-H volunteers, educators, as well as other local community partners. Please register before August 20th as space is limited [Register Here.](#)

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**RE-IGNITE YOUR SPARK 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING!**

**Thursday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM**

Sit and think for a moment. What makes your 4-H volunteer role have meaning and purpose? What is something that you are passionate about, the hidden flame that motivates you?

The Search Institute describe 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 for a evening 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. Watch for more information from your local extension unit!