4-H Awards and Project Recognition
Now! Right now! Is an ideal time for 4-H families to make a plan and set goals for desired 4-H awards, achievement pins, and project reports. An “Awards 101” document is at the end of this newsletter to help families understand what all is available and begin to plan for awards season!

4-H Day
4-H Day will be taking place February 4th at St. George grade school. 4-H day is a great opportunity for 4-H’ers to work on their presentations skills. From speaking to musical performances, individuals and groups, 4-H day has something for all! Registration, regulations, and helpful tips found here: https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4h/4H%20Day.html. Deadline for entries is January 20th!

Hint: 4-H day is also a great way to add to your project report, achievement pin, and help club goals!

4-H Day with K-state Women’s Basketball
This fun annual event will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 1:00pm at the K-State vs. Oklahoma Women’s Basketball game. Tickets are $25 each for a ticket to the game, a t-shirt, and a $10 meal voucher that can be used at the main concession stands at the game! A flyer with all of the details for the event, including the online registration link, is found at the end of the newsletter. This is a great club or family activity!

Horse Panorama 1/28/23
Horse Panorama registration has opened! For this interested in attending, you may now view full information and register. See full information at the link below. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters. Full information and registration is found here.

Seniors - Scholarships!
The 2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarship application can now be found online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2022. This is a great opportunity for our seniors! Find out full information and apply at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

Livestock Tagging - 2022
The livestock committee has set the 2022 4-H livestock tagging deadlines

- Small livestock tagging date @ Extension office (Meat goat, Swine, Sheep, b.calf)
- ALL livestock species tagging deadline for Pottawatomie 4-H Fair

Please note, there will be a fee for “on the farm” tagging once again this year. To avoid this, please plan on tagging animals at designated tagging events or at the KSRE office by appointment.
**4-H Camp 2023**

All 4-H camp sessions are now available for registration online at [www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org](http://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org). This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions.

**Some things to know:**

- Purple Power Pack (our former camp group) has decided NOT to designate a preferred session going forward - 4-H’ers may continue to choose any session that works for them and their friends.
- Priority registration for 4-H members to attend 4-H Camp at a **10% discount** this summer is available November 15 through December 31.
- Camp options are available for 2nd grade and older.
- Interested in the CIT program as a 12th grader? Full camp scholarships may be available to you.

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**2022-2023 4-H Enrollment**

**Who?** 4-H Members and **volunteer** both need to enroll in 4-H online.

**When?** Now! Before January 1st for returning members (see below).

**Cost?** Nothing! 4-H Council and Blue Valley Technologies cover the cost of enrollment.

**How?**

1. Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
2. Existing login and member information has been transferred from the previous system. So only new families/volunteers need to create an account profile.
3. When selecting payment method, choose "Payment for this invoice will be collected by 4-H Institution". Click confirm, but do not send a check for payment. The fee is covered!
4. The State 4-H office has provided a PDF enrollment guide, it can be found [this link](#).

**NEW**: Re-enrollment deadline: Re-enrolling 4-H’ers must be enrolled by **January 1st** to have their $15 membership fee covered. The final date to add/drop projects will remain May 1st for everyone.

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**Kansas 4-H Summer Interns**

Kansas 4-H is hiring educators/summer interns again this year to work in local offices throughout the summer. If you know a college student or teacher (active or retired) who would be interested in serving as an educator/intern from May 22 through August 4, have them check out the position announcement at: [https://careers.pageuppeople.com/742/cw/en-us/job/514039/4h-educatorintern](https://careers.pageuppeople.com/742/cw/en-us/job/514039/4h-educatorintern)

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**Citizenship in Action**

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you’ll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. February 19-20, Topeka. Deadline of February 1st. [Find full information here.](#)
Insect Spectacular 2023
The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!

ZBooks - Project Reports Online!
A new online record book option is here for Kansas 4-H youth. Zbooks provides on online platform for keeping and organizing project report records. Zbooks should make projects reports a lot easier to make and maintain!
- The website for zbooks is: 4h.zsuite.org
- Visit the Kansas information site here.
- Find a quick video overview of using Zbooks for record projects at this link.

Also, some perks of Zbooks are:
- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device that is connected to the internet.
- Unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
- Permanent Record is also included

Meet Your Goals...
With 4-H Day!

Record Book ✔
Project Presentation
Purple Seal ✔
10% of Club attends 4-H Day
Achievement Pin ✔
Take part in Club Day
Parents: Main thoughts

- Make sure families have re-enrolled via 4-Honline
- Encourage youth to prepare for and sign-up for 4-H Day
- 4-H’ers in need of leadership activities? Consider hosting a project meeting. We would love to advertise project meetings in this newsletter. Other ideas can be found here: [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1110.pdf](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1110.pdf)
- 4-H’ers in need of volunteer activities? This time around the holidays is a great time to add volunteering to project reports!
KANSAS 4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

$25: Ticket, Voucher ($10 concessions), & Shirt
$15: Ticket & Voucher ($10 concessions)

HOW TO GET TICKETS?
1. Register! Use the QR code or the link below!
2. Pick up ticket packages - location TBD (2/12/23, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM)
3. Doors open for the general public (2/12/23, 12:00 PM)
4. Tip-off! (2/12/23, 1:00 PM)

Online registration for this event will be due January 15th, 2023. No paper registrations will be accepted. To register, go to: https://conta.cc/3UkNwIO

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Membership Achievement Pins

Achievement Pins are given for accomplishment and progress in 4-H work. 4-H’ers may earn only one pin a year and generally a member will earn the pins in the order listed. Under special circumstances, a new member joining at an older age may want to skip to the Silver Pin. (Silver through Gold Guard must be earned in the order listed.) This should be discussed with your leader or 4-H agent. Each member should sit down with parents and leaders early in the year to create a plan for earning an achievement pin.

Member Achievement Plan 1 (4-H Membership Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 2 (Bronze Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 3 (Clover Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 4 (Emerald Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 5 (Silver Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 6 (Silver Guard Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 7 (Leadership Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 8 (Gold Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 9 (Gold Guard Pin)

Project Recognition

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable life skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and Non-4-H Experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

4-H’ers may submit their completed project reports for judging in late September. Pottawatomie awards project pins to the top two reports in each project area per age division (Jr, Int, Sr). As well, the top senior report in each project area is able to advance to area project report judging.

There are four parts to a complete project recognition submittal:

CHECK SHEET  PERSONAL PAGE  PROJECT REPORT  PERM. RECORD

Form fillable documents can be found at this link. As well, 4-H’ers may utilize the online and mobile friendly “zbooks” system to track and fill their project reports.

The biggest tip for awards success is to plan ahead!

Set goals and make a plan early to achieve awards season success!
# Other Awards

**Award application can be found on the Pottawatomie Extension Website**

## Key Award

The Kansas Key Award is one of the highest honors awarded to 4-H members across Kansas. As a 4-H award, the applicant needs to highlight 4-H related events, activities and achievements accomplished within the 4-H club, county/district, region or state. Recipients have demonstrated high levels of achievement in the areas of Community service, Personal and Elected Leadership, Project completion, Diversified Participation, and Communication skills. It is vital to plan ahead in order to achieve this award.

## I Dare You Award

The “I Dare You” award recognizes character and leadership qualities in young people and encourages and challenges them to have creative and purposeful lives. Qualifications include being a 4-H member who has demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership, excellence in character, and personal and social development in 4-H, school and the community.

## Outstanding 4-H’er

Two outstanding 4-H’er awards are given per age division each year. This award is based on an individual’s total involvement in the 4-H program. Often, they not only participate at the club level but also at the county and state level. 4-H’er are judged on not only the awards application, but also an outstanding 4-H’er interview.

## Pottawatomie County 4-H Public Presentation Award

This award is given based on a 4-H’ers application that demonstrates above and beyond presentation skills. Objectives of this award:

1. To recognize 4-H’ers who present their presentation(s) a number of different times and increase their proficiency in making a public presentation.
2. To honor 4-H’ers that shared things learned in the 4-H program thereby promoting 4-H Public Speaking Program and the 4-H program

## Thelma Hubbard Award

This award is dedicated to Thelma Hubbard, a long time 4-H volunteer. The attributes that made her a well-loved volunteer include the way she encouraged people, her willingness to work, and her positive attitude. She had a way of bringing out the best in people and was not judgmental. The person who wins this award should have similar characteristics. This award is not designed to recognize 4-H’ers who have won many prizes; however, it does not exclude them. Rather, it is designed to honor individuals who are genuinely helpful and frequently volunteer for tasks which they see through to their completion. Volunteerism is not limited to 4-H work and may include other types of community service.