2022-2023 4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year is here (GASP)! That means it’s time for re-enrollment in 4-H online.  
**Who?** 4-H Members and volunteer both need to enroll in 4-H online  
**When?** Beginning Oct. 1st, enrollment will be open! I highly recommend doing so soon!  
**Why Soon?** A big reason is, 4Honline is our primary way staying in contact with 4H families (i.e. this newsletter)  
**Cost?** Nothing! 4-H Council and Blue Valley Technologies cover the cost of enrollment  
**How?**  
1. Visit 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

Shooting Sports Enrollment

If you are wanting to participate in shooting sports (new and returning shooters), especially BB Gun, Air Pistol and Air Rifle, please make sure that you are enrolled by tomorrow, **Friday Oct. 14th**. S.S. has a limited amount of equipment for air pistol and air rifle and need to know how many they will have. Practices will start the end of this month. Flyer with ages and disciplines found at the end of the newsletter.

Achievement Banquet

The achievement banquet will take place at 1pm on October 23rd at St. Bernard catholic church in Wamego. We are asking that families **RSVP ends tomorrow, Friday, October 14th** using the link below. Cost is $9 per person and will be collected at the banquet. Cash or check will be accepted. **RSVP Here**

Pictures Needed!

Each year we put together a slideshow of 4-H pictures for our Achievement banquet. Over the next month or two, I’d love to get photos to represent each club from families! Picture can be e-mailed to skuciusd@ksu.edu. Pictures that contain multiple members are great to have!

Ambassador Applications

Are you currently a freshman in high school or older? Consider becoming a 4-H Ambassador. Ambassadors will be the face of all things Pottawatomie County 4-H. They promote our local 4-H program at county-wide events, raise funds, and work as a team to ensure the 4-H mission is known in our local communities. We are currently accepting applications [found here on our website] for those interested in taking their 4-H experience to the next level.  
**Applications are due November 1st.** Interviews date is TBD based on availabilities.
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum - (Seriously, do it! It’s an awesome experience)
KYLF Weekend will be November 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2023 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. Registration will end October 24, 2022 by 11:59 p.m.
Register here

Officer Training
Full details are TBD shortly, but county officer training will be at 5pm on Sunday, November 13th at the Extension office in Westmoreland. This year’s officer training is being planned and sponsored by your 4-H council events council! We look forward to bringing our counties officers all together for a night of learning (and fun) . Details will be available soon.

Fair board Fundraiser
The Pottawatomie county fair board will be hosting the “Dust to Diamonds” fundraiser on November 12th. This kick-off fundraiser will be to support the fairgrounds facility enhancements. Find the flier at the end of this newsletter.

Mount Mitchel Volunteer Opp.
The Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards, managers of the Mount Mitchell Heritage Prairie Park three miles south of Wamego, invite the 4-H youth of Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee Counties to help maintain the Park’s trails Saturday October 22 from 8:30 to 11:30. Lunch will follow. Mike Goodwin of the Kansas Trails Council will be bringing the group’s Trail in a Box with all the necessary equipment. For more information contact Michael Stubbs at 785-221-4061. Suggested age group 12 and up. The Mount Mitchell Heritage Prairie Parks was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its significance to our nation’s history.

Triple E Exchange Trip
At the end of the newsletter is a spotlight article from Cherie Trieb (exchange trip volunteer coordinator) about our local 4-H exchange experience group. This article details what the group has been up to, what is planned, and how you can get involved! Applications are due November 1st for those interested.

Rabbit Project Meeting
A rabbit group is forming that will provide informative rabbit meetings to teach rabbit basics and youth contest skills. The group is trying to recruit new 4-H’ers to the rabbit project while enhancing skill in more experienced rabbit raisers. Please join them at 3:00pm on Sunday, November 27th at Wabaunsee county fairgrounds in Alma. This will be a multicounty group that will also provide leadership and citizenship opportunities. - Questions? Contact Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781
4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Review Committee members: start looking at the annual 4-H Club Financial Audit! This audit includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. The Annual Financial Report document can be found here: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/clubs/club-finances/docs/KSU_4.3_CLUB_Financial_Report_Form.pdf](https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/clubs/club-finances/docs/KSU_4.3_CLUB_Financial_Report_Form.pdf) We ask that it be turned in before November 1st.

Dates and Deadlines

**October**
- 19th: Outstanding 4’er Interviews
- 22nd-23rd: Dog Conference at Rock Springs
- 23rd: Achievement Banquet

**November**
- 1st: KYLF Registration Due
- 11th: Veterans Day - Office Closed
- 13th: Officer Training
- 19th-20th: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum “KYLF”
- 24th-25th: Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- 28th: 4-H Council

**January 1st**
Re-enrollment Deadline

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**Parents: Main thoughts for October**

#1 Thing - Enroll your family in 4-Honline!!

**Once you’ve done that...**

- **Project Records and pins, already?!?!**
  I know no one wants to think about record books right now... But! **Consider setting project goals now.** This will be a big help towards having a quality Project report for next Fall. The same goes for Achievement pins, make sure you know what you need to do this year before it’s too late in the 4-H year!

DUST to Diamonds

POTTAWATOMIE CO FAIR
FACILITY ENHANCEMENT
FUNDRAISER

Kick-off event

Saturday · November 12th · 6-10 PM
St Bernard’s Parish Hall, 17665 Old Post Rd, Wamego

$50/ticket | $350/table
Adult (21+)Event | Country Bling Attire

Meal catered by Barleycorns, commemorative glass included!
Silent Auction, Live Auction, Fun and Games!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND
ORDER TICKETS BY
11/1/22

Prices increase to $75/ticket and $500/table after the 1st!

Click/scan to register or go to:
https://forms.gle/vuGWGnx8jQu8Cpaa7

Call/text Emilie Fink
610.451.7645

All proceeds go to support the Pottawatomie County fairground renovations.
Learn more at: https://www.facebook.com/pottcofairplan
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4-H
STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

Enrollment Starts
October 1st

BB Gun (4-H age 8-14)
Air Rifle (4-H age 12-18)
Air Pistol (4-H age 12-18)
Western Heritage (4-H age 8+)
Hunting Skills (4-H age 8+)

New Shooter
Safety Class
October 21st & 22nd

For more information please email
sschanks@yahoo.com
Spotlight on 4-H TRIPle E Excellent Exchange Experience

In our Exchange experience, our group traveled to Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota in June 2018, hosted a 4-H group from Huntingdon, Pennsylvania in July 2019, but we were unable to travel there in 2020 nor 2021, so we hosted Van Wert County Ohio in June 2022. In June 2023, we will be hosted for several days in Ohio, then travel on to West Virginia to be hosted by 4-H families there. West Virginia 4-Hers will travel here to be hosted in 2024. We have had participants from Riley, Morris, Shawnee, Clay, Pottawatomie, and Wabaunsee Counties, so it’s an opportunity for 4-Hers to network with 4-Hers from other Counties in Kansas as well as other states.

This Exchange program is open to any 4-H member 12-18 as of 6/10/2023 and selected adult chaperons, who have submitted Application, any required fees (chaperons exempt), initialed Delegate Requirements page, and signed Code of Conduct. The Exchange period is generally for 7-10 days. Exact dates are confirmed each year as soon as possible, considering other 4-H conflicts. Those who travel with the program are expected to host the following or previous summer, in their home, or by engaging in activities, planning, and fundraising. It is hoped that those who host, will be able to stay with that 4-Her when we travel there. Host families are to provide room and board. A separate room is not required but a separate bed is (air mattresses can be approved as a separate bed) – talk with Coordinator about your situation. Homes are to be clean – a little clutter is acceptable, but a dirty house is not. Host families are to provide transportation to and from the meeting point of the group tours, provide supervision and treat the Exchange teen as a member of the family. No special family activities need to be planned for the week, as we want youth to have an experience of learning about the normal life of 4-Hers in other states, plus there will be planned group activities and tours that are selected by the teens. Our group will have monthly meetings and form committees to plan group activities and itinerary while hosting and when traveling. Teens will raise funds by participating in fundraising activities to cover all group expenses described specifically for hosting and traveling years, except for $75 required fee. Participating in TRIPle E can be counted as a requirement for CWF. Through TRIPle E, leadership, citizenship, cooperation, goal setting, planning, and communication skills are enhanced.

When we travelled West, we visited Burlington, Colorado, were hosted 1 night in Cheyenne, Wyoming where we toured the Rodeo Grounds & Museum, then we spent a weekend in Montana touring Historical Museums, Custer’s Last Stand, Pompey’s Pillar, and ranchland. Being hosted 3 more nights in Wyoming, we toured Yellowstone, Shell Falls, Hot Springs State Park, plus other local attractions in Sheridan, Cody, Worland, and Thermopolis, then on to South Dakota where they took us to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, WWII Bunkers, and hosted us in a bunkhouse on a ranch.

Our trip out West was not a typical Exchange, as we stayed with 4 groups, but not 1 of them were able to travel back to us, so we hosted PA and were looking forward to travelling there, when COVID-19 cancelled our travel for 2020 & 2021, thus we began planning with Ohio. We are excited to travel to them!!! In addition, we have an arrangement with West Virginia to travel there from Ohio, and host them the following year here in Kansas.
Hosting in Kansas, activities have included Topeka Capitol Dome, Bison Potluck Tour, Fort Riley Helicopter Simulation & Stables, Milford, Abilene, Strataca Salt Mine, Cosmosphere, 4th of July Parade/Fireworks, KSU Garden, Milling Science, Call Hall Dairy Bar, Konza Prairie, Ziplining, Alma Cheese, Grandma Hoerners, Stocker Unit, OZ Museum, Columbian Theatre, Wolf House, plus some of our families travelled to additional locations like Lindsborg, Ranch Tour, Oregon Trail, USA Geodetic Center, World’s Largest Ball of Twine, Lavender Farm, Tallgrass Prairie, and Historic Hand Dug Well.

Above left 2019 Host Pennsylvania
Photos below 2022 Host Ohio
After our August meeting, it seems that we have a possibility of 18 4-Hers from 4 Counties in our group planning to travel with us. For more info on attending our meeting October 4th, to join this group of terrific, energetic, enthusiastic families, text Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781 or call. Fee of $75 + applications are due November 1st. Please join us at our Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 5-8 PM on Thursday, October 13th.