**HAPPY NEW (4-H) YEAR!**

Welcome to the new 4-H year! This year is sure to be full of memories that will last a lifetime!

What better way to kick off the new year than by getting out into the community and completing service project(s) for National 4-H Week and 48 Hours of 4-H?! We can’t wait to see what you do to put your “hands to larger service” and hope that you are as excited as we are to get this new year started!

Remember to enroll for the new 4-H year by **December 1st**. This is the final communication that will be sent to our 2019-2020 4-H families, so **you will have to re-enroll before you will receive anymore information regarding the new 4-H year from us**. We certainly want to keep you in the “know”, so re-enroll today!

https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollingin4h/

Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions about 4-H, enrollment, clubs, projects, or hey, just want to chat!

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**ENROLL NOW!**

Don’t forget to enroll in the new 4-H year! Enrollment is an easy 2 step process that can be completed on your own, with the help of a community club leader, or by simply stopping by the Extension Office anytime between now and **December 1st**.

1) Enroll in 4-H Online and pay the State 4-H enrollment fee ($15) by check or credit card. (You may choose to request a waiver of the fee so that you do not have to pay it!)

2) After you submit your membership and it is approved by Kansas 4-H, we will send you a membership report to verify project enrollment. Please sign and date the forms verifying the correct project enrollment and return to the Extension office by December 1st.

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**Extension Council Elections**

The elections will be held in the Extension Office, **October 12th-16th 8a-5p including the lunch hour**. Elections are held each year to elect representatives to help plan programs in Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development and Community Development. Your vote is important! Please take the time to come into the office and cast yours this year!
**48 Hours of 4-H**

48 Hours of 4-H is set for October 10th and 11th!! This is a great way to promote 4-H in your communities following National 4-H week. Each club will be completing at least one community service project—talk to your club leaders and ambassadors about what your club is doing.

**BEFORE THE EVENT:** Register your project with Kansas 4-H

**DURING THE EVENT:** Keep track of how many youth/adults participate, what you accomplish, and how much time you spent

- Take lots of pictures!!!!

**AFTER THE EVENT:**

- Have your club’s reporter send something to the newspaper about your project! Include pictures, number of people, and a summary of what you accomplished.
- One person from each club should report event results and participation numbers online at kansas4h.org
- Send thank you notes to anyone who helped make your event a success or went the extra mile.

**ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET**

**October 18, 2020, 3pm**

We are SO proud of Coffey County 4-Her’s for your growth and accomplishments in the 2019-2020 4-H year! Mark your calendars for a fun afternoon celebrating your accomplishments! The achievement program will be hosted by Stringtown Bombers 4-H Club on **Sunday, October 18th, beginning at 3:00pm** at the Livestock Arena at Kelley Park. If any club has sponsors, buyers, or any special person that they want to invite—please send a list of those invitees with addresses to Stringtown Bombers leaders right away. Each club should RSVP with the total amount from your club attending the achievement banquet by October 9th. Your club leader may RSVP to the Extension Office at 620-364-5313.

**4-H Recruitment**

With a new 4-H year starting, it’s a good time to be out recruiting new families to join your clubs. Think about getting out to your local school, library, & other public meeting places to spread the word about 4-H! Get with your club leaders and ambassadors to learn about how your club is promoting 4-H. We have several recruiting and informational items about 4-H in the Extension Office. Give us a call or drop by if you need any help!
State Fair Highlights

View State Fair results online!  Click Here
LEADER INFO

2020-2021 Club Assignments

Stringtown Bombers & Hay Busters: 4-H Sunday
Liberty: Parade of Purples Set Up
Tip Top: Achievement Banquet
Blue Ribbon: Assist with County Fair Horse Show
Smilin’ Thru: Assist with Spring Show Committee

Financial Audit Reports Due...It is required that all 4-H Clubs have their Treasurer’s books audited every year before the new Treasurer takes over, even if the Treasurer is re-elected. A copy of the Annual 4-H Audit Report should be turned into the Extension Office by November 1st. Each club’s report will be reviewed by the Extension Executive Board at their December meeting!

** NO EXCEPTIONS**

Blank financial reports are available on our county 4-H page under the “4-H Financial Review” tab.

2021 Coffey County Fair Theme Ideas...Each club may submit a fair theme idea to the Coffey County Fair Board for the 141st Annual Coffey County Fair by November 13th! Send your ideas to Karen Sergeant at ksergeant@gmail.com. The Fair Board will vote on your ideas to select the theme for this coming year!

CLUB PROGRAM BOOKS...Please turn your 2020-2021 Club Program Books into the Extension Office by December 1, 2020. These books are very important resources for prospective and new 4-H families. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

We would also like one copy of your club bi-laws this year to keep on record in the Extension office.
4-H Project Record Report Form Replaces KAP

After piloting a new 4-H Project Record Report Form with 10 units (comprising of 26 counties) the 4-H KAP Revision Taskforce is excited to announce the launch of a new project-based record keeping and award system for the 2020/2021 4-H program year. This means that for the new 4-H year beginning on October 1, 2020, Kansas 4-H members will no longer use the KAP forms.

The new system is designed to emphasize project learning and growth and resembles more of a record than an award application, while also developing career readiness skills. The Taskforce is working hard to collect data and feedback from pilot units who are in the midst of record book deadlines and evaluation. As you can imagine, their feedback is of high value as the task force makes their last refinements to the forms and evaluation rubric.

Couple of highlights:

- At the local level, 4-H members will submit a project record report form for each project. The report form includes project reflection and photos.

- There are 2 versions of the project record report form. An animal form and a general project form. There are also 3 age versions of each form, one form for juniors age 7-9, one form for intermediates 10-13, and one form for seniors 14-18.

- At the regional level, the top local senior 4-H member in each project area will submit their project record report form, as well as a cover letter and resume.

- At the state level, the top 2 senior 4-H members from the regional screening in each project area will submit their project record report form, cover letter & resume and video submission.

- We will be rolling out the new forms, an instructional guide, evaluation rubric and dates for trainings for KSRE staff, 4-H members, parents and leaders in the next few months.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK—October 4 –10th!

4-H Spirit Day—October 7th—wear your clover to school / work.
Time to enroll in the new 4-H year.

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Check out the project resources at...

https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/cloverclassroom.html

Club Leader Resources in the Club Corner...

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html