



### **Shout Out!!!**

November Shout Out to Taylor, Maggie and Maisie Bryant! These three have set up several classes for various clubs, school classrooms and the county on Entomology! This has generated a great deal of interest in this project area! They have been a great asset to the county and truly live the motto of "To Make the Best Better" Thank you girls and we are looking forward to seeing new entomology projects at the fair this year!

*If you have anyone that you would love to recognize for going above and beyond in 4-H please email a brief description and a photo if you have one to [asharpe@ksu.edu](mailto:asharpe@ksu.edu)!*



### **2024-2025 4-H Enrollment**

**Who?** 4-H Members and volunteers both need to enroll in 4-Honline

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

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

**How?** 1. Visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

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! **Any other option or putting in credit card information will delay the process!**
4. The State 4-H office has provided a PDF enrollment guide, it can be found at [this link](#).

**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

### **4-H Day Registration is Now Open!!!**

4-H Day will be taking place **February 8th** 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! Regulations, and helpful tips found here: <https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/4H%20Day.html>. The registration link is <http://bit.ly/254-HDayReg> and is due by January 24th! **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 Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 4:00pm at the K-State vs. Texas Tech 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! <https://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththecats2025>

**This is a great club or family activity!**





## **Seniors - Scholarships!**

The 2025 Kansas 4-H Scholarship application can now be found online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2025. 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>

## **K-State Junior Swine Producers Day**

March 1, 2025. Register by February 5th for \$20/Person at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashnetg/static/storefront/KSUASIND/catalog>. Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, lunch and a wealth of knowledge from speakers. All skill levels are welcomed from youth, to parents, to leaders, extension agents, and ag teachers. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. Registration is capped at 400 participants so please register early!!! The Flyer is attached

## **K-State Junior Meat Goat Producers Day**

March 22, 2025. Register by February 26th for \$20/Person at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashnetg/static/storefront/KSUASIND/catalog>. Participants will receive a K-State Show Meat Goat Guide, t-shirt, lunch and a wealth of knowledge from speakers. All skill levels are welcomed from youth, to parents, to leaders, extension agents, and ag teachers. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. Registration is capped at 400 participants so please register early!!! The flyer is attached!

## **Horse Panorama**

Horse Panorama will be February 22-23, 2025! Registration Information will be coming! [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.

## **4-H Project Fair**

Maddy Mosteller from the Nemaha County 4-H is working on a senior project and hosting a 4-H Project Fair on January 11th from 12-2pm at 1615 Branch Street, Seneca, KS! This will be a great opportunity to see various projects available in 4-H as well as how other counties operate! Please RSVP to her at [25mostellerm@usd115.org](mailto:25mostellerm@usd115.org). There is a flyer attached to the newsletter!

## **4-H Camp 2025**

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.





## **Citizen Washington Focus**

Greetings CWF delegates and families! First and foremost, thank you all for being so patient with us as we worked with National 4-H to secure our 2025 session date. We will be attending the 2nd Session 6/14-6/20: Leaving Manhattan on 6/11 and returning on 6/21/25! This will be here before we know it!!! I look forward to meeting with our delegates in the coming months to finalize our excursion planning to maximize the CWF experience to the fullest. Just an FYI, the \$800 deposit will be DUE to your participating county no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup>. You are welcome to bring them to the retreat on the 3<sup>rd</sup> as well. This will be the date of CWF evening retreat, taking place in Wabaunsee County (times and details TBA).

## **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 16-17, 2025 Topeka. Deadline of February 5th. [Find full information here.](#)

## **County Council Meeting**

The next County Council meeting will be held on 1/27/25 at 7pm in the Sunflower room with the Budget committee meeting beginning at 5:30pm!

## **ZBooks - Project Reports Online!**

A new online record book option is here for Kansas 4-H youth. Zbooks provides an 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](http://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

## **Membership and Record Book Awards**

Now is a great time to start thinking about membership awards as well as project record pins! Included is a list of possible awards to think about!



## Dates to Remember

### December

- 11 Record Book Help/Evaluation
- 23-31 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

### January

- 1 NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 1 Enrollment Deadline for fees to be covered
- 4 K-State Women's Basketball
- 9 NE Area Project Report Screening
- 20 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- 27 4-H Council, 7pm, Sunflower Room
- 28 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

### February

- 8 4-H Day, St. George
- 16-17 Citizenship in Action, Topeka

### March

- TBD Beef Weigh In

### April

- 19-24 National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C.

### May

- TBD Small Animal Weigh-In
- 15 Tagging Deadline for ALL Livestock

### June

- 4-6 Discovery Days
- 13-15 State Geology Field Trips
- 22-28 National Shooting Sports Championship

### June/July

- Rock Springs Camp

### July/August

- 30-3 The Best Fair in America! Pottawatomie County!

### September

- 5-14 Kansas State Fair

### October

- 1 New 4-H Year







# 4-H'er Awards 101



## 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 presentations 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.

