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November 2023

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The new 4-H year is underway and it's time to get those 4-H enrollments in! Just a reminder to those who haven't updated enrollments & participation forms on-line, they are due now. Please take time to **update them before DECEMBER 1st** to ensure that you get all 4-H information.

There are a few new names for projects, if you have any questions please reach out! Review the full project list for the new names. [2023 2024 Project Listing](#).

Make the most of your 4-H year by planning ahead! And as always, don't hesitate to give our office a call if you have a question. There is a great resource available to help you learn more about all the learning opportunities available through Ellis County 4-H. Check out the [Project Selection Guide](#).

Join our private Facebook group - **Ellis County Kansas 4-H** for more update information and for deadline reminders!

Yours in 4-H,

Tamara Robertson



Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Ag Livestock – Watch for a Doodle Poll

4-H Home Ec., BBQ, Foodstand – Watch for a Doodle Poll

4-H Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promotion – Watch for a Doodle Poll

DECEMBER Council – Watch for a Doodle Poll

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- November 9** – KSF exhibits picked up
- November 20** – Register for 4-H Officer Training by 5pm
- December 1** – Kansas 4-H Shirt order due
- December 1** – 4-H Enrollments Updated for new 4-H year in 4-H Online
- December 1** – 4-H Water Ambassador Application Due
- December 1** – Ornaments for tree to office

WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our website or contact the person in charge before traveling in, if you are in doubt about the status of an event.

Remember, **DEADLINES** are **DEADLINES** in **Ellis Co. 4-H**. Please pay attention to and respect those deadlines so that your child doesn't miss out on an opportunity!

CONGRATS TO . . .

. . . All Ellis County 4-Her's who participated at KJLS.

. . . All Shooting Sports participants that qualified and participated at the state competitions.

. . . All honorees at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet. A special congrats to our Friends of 4-H, Tom & Marcy McClelland and Four Winds Veterinary Service— Sandy Sprague.

4-H Achievement Banquet – Thank You

Thanks to everyone who served on the planning committee. They did a great job with putting together a fun and engaging event. Thanks to Dave and Linda Woods for preparing and serving a great meal!

Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for donating baskets for this year's auction. And to the many dedicated 4-H supporters who bid on the baskets. **We raised over \$2,000 to benefit the Scholarship Fund!**

Any leftover programs and state fair exhibits were placed into club boxes at the office. Please pick these up no later than November 9th!

4-H Enrollments

The 4-H Online enrollment system is updated and ready for you to sign on starting October 1 to update your enrollment choices for 2023 -24. **Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update your profile and make project selections.**

The \$15 fee per member is payable to the KS 4-H program as you enroll. Your enrollment is not considered complete until you make a payment and hit the **SUBMIT** button. You can pay by credit card or by check to the State 4-H Office. **Payments do not come to the local Extension Office.** If this fee is a hardship for your family, you can select the "Request a Waiver" button and the State 4-H Office will consider your request.

We ask that you take time this month to complete this process. Reenrollments should be finalized by December 1. This will be the last month that we will send out the newsletter notification email to both last year and this year's email list.

You will be able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects. Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each specie.** I.e. Market Beef is usually weighed in early February and Small Livestock weighed in in late April/early May.

VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

4-H volunteers working directly with youth in the club, as a leader or project leader are required to go through this screening and training process. The application is available as part of the 4-H On-line website. You will complete a profile for yourself under your family account. Take part in the training modules available on that site. Contact the Ext. Office to let us know you've completed these steps and schedule an interview. At that time, we will provide you with a link to the background check process. Aps can be submitted at any time during the next few months, but the screening and training process **must be completed by January 1.**

National Background Checks—Kansas 4-H requires national background checks for all volunteers. **All volunteers will be required to go through this process every 3 years.**

Current Volunteers - If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION** on the 4-H On-line system as your 4-H Volunteer Renewal.

New & Returning Volunteers – **will need to add yourself to your family profile in 4-H On-line.** Visit with your club's leader or our office if you need assistance with this!

Decorating Hays Public Library trees for the Holidays

Once again, Gemini Juniors are inviting all clubs to make ornaments for the trees by Hays Public Library. Please bring ornaments to the **Extension Office by 5 pm on Friday, December 1st,** and put them in the box in the entryway. Ornaments should be able to withstand the Kansas wind and elements.



48 Hours of 4-H

Congratulations to the 4-H clubs who recently participated in Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat service project!

4-H Leaders – Remember to log your club’s project on the [kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html) website so that they can track how many youth and hours went into this statewide effort! <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

4-H Officer Training – “I <3 4-H”

Again, this year we’re offering free Regional 4-H Officer training. Your club can join the fun at a regional 4-H Officer Training held on Monday, November 27, 6 – 8:30 p.m. in Russell. You don’t have to be a current officer to participate in the training. This is your chance to learn more about a specific office and meet some other 4-H members, too. There will also be a session for parents & leaders.

To join this fun learning session, **register on-line by 5pm on Monday, November 20th!** [Get registered for this FREE session.](#)

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

At the October meeting we did not have all new club reps present. At the December meeting, we will hold elections and begin setting goals for the new 4-H year. Council representatives can run for office, alternates cannot. We will elect persons to the following offices:

President	Secretary	Parliamentarian	Fair Board Representatives
Vice President	Treasurer	Reporter	Adult Sponsors

Think about stretching your leadership abilities by running for an office. Be sure that ***if you decide to run that you are able to be committed and fully participate*** in the 4-H Council meetings. We will also take nominations from the floor at the meeting.

4-H Council Canned Food Drive

4-H Council will once again hold a Canned Food Drive at their December meeting. If you would like to donate items to this project, take them to your November 4-H meeting and your 4-H Council reps will bring them to the 4-H Council meeting for distribution to a local food pantry.

4-H2O Ambassadors applications due on December 1st

Teens 13 and up are invited to apply to join the 4-H Water Ambassador team for 2024. Here’s a chance to help educate others on the importance of our water resources. The team members will receive training and go out into the community to teach others at schools and community events throughout the year. [4-H Water Ambassador Application](#) Due date is December 1st with interviews later in December



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Record Books – Calling ALL Ellis 4-H’ers!

Building record keeping skills while documenting all the great things you’ve accomplished through your 4-H career is what it’s all about. Just think, if you work at this a little bit at a time, by the end of the year, you’ll be almost done with your Project Record Book. And by the end of your 4-H career, you’ll have a great documentation of all things that can be used on scholarship and employment applications!

We encourage you to use the goal setting sheet linked in the newsletter opening to get started. Or simply open up your ZSuite site and enter those goals right there. To get started, go to: <https://4h.zsuite.org/> If you haven’t already created a family profile and member profile, now’s the time to do so. Then off you go!

Each club should have a parent and teen trained on how to use the system. Visit them or give our office a call. There is also a recording of the “Getting Started” training and a quick guide posted on our webpage.

There were several 4-H’ers who completed multiple Project Records this past year, due to the ease in completing them. See what it’s all about and get started now!

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2023 will be July 13 - 20, 2024
The Theme is "Moo'in & Groovin'!"



YQCA TRAINING
IS NOW MANDATORY TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE ELLIS
COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR
AN IN-PERSON TRAINING
IN THE SPRING!

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MANDATORY YQCA FOR 2024 ELLIS CO. FAIR SALE

The Cottonwood District Extension Board and the Ellis County Fair Board have agreed that the YQCA program is important. **To be able to participate in the 2024 Ellis County 4-H Livestock Auction, all youth must complete the YQCA program and attend the mandatory sale information meeting.** We will be planning to offer both in the springtime, watch for more information to come.

YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current, and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

KANSAS 4-H T-SHIRT ORDER – DUE DEC 1

The Kansas 4-H T-Shirts sold at the Kansas State Fair are available for online order. There are 2 designs this year! They can be ordered through December 1, 2023 and will be shipped before December 25, 2023. Group or club orders will be a good idea to minimize shipping fees. [Link to order Kansas 4-H T-Shirts.](#)

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4-H Officer Training
November 27, 2023
6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.
4-H Building - Russell, KS
702 Fairway Dr, Russell, KS 67665



If you've been elected to an important office in your 4-H Club.
Come learn your roles and responsibilities for your club.

Collegiate 4-H and other volunteers will be presenting the sessions

RSVP with the link provided by November 20th

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3HH_eNSRzSefwJuKt



Barton County—620-793-1910
Ellis County—785-628-9430
Midway District—785-483-3157



Parents come learn all about your role as a parent, online resources, and helping 4-H'ers identify ways to take project leadership and citizenship to the next level

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Kansas 4-H T-Shirts Online Order
<https://tinyurl.com/2023KS4HTSHIRT>

Order by December 1, 2023



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