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4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



FALL INTO 4-H!

As the leaves begin to change and the temperatures start to cool, we're also turning the page to a brand new 4-H year! After a busy summer filled with projects, fair preparation, competitions, and plenty of memories, it's time to look ahead to what's next.

A new 4-H year brings new projects to explore, new skills to learn, new friendships to make, and new opportunities to grow. Whether you're excited to continue a favorite project or ready to try something completely new, there's always something waiting to be discovered in 4-H.

For our returning members, we can't wait to see what you accomplish this new 4-H year, and if you're new to 4-H, welcome! We're excited to have you be part of the Sumner County 4-H family and discover all that 4-H has to offer!

2026-2027 4-H year enrollment opens October 1. So, grab your project ideas, bring your enthusiasm, and get ready for another year of learning, growing, leading, and making memories!

Let's fall into 4-H!

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State Fair

Rain or shine, 4-H projects headed to the State Fair! Thursday, September 10th, started out as a rainy one, but that didn't stop Randy from hitting the road with a van full of Sumner County 4-H projects headed to the Kansas State Fair! With projects carefully packed and loaded, Randy made the trip to Hutchinson to deliver the hard work that went into preparing them, each project represents the time, creativity, and dedication of a 4-H member. The rain may have made for a dreary drive, but it couldn't dampen the excitement of seeing our 4-Her's projects make their way to State Fair. A big thank-you to Randy for making the trip and helping get our 4-Her's projects where they needed to be. We're proud to see Sumner County represented at the Kansas State Fair!



4-H Enrollment

Thinking about joining 4-H??

Wondering if 4-H is for you? Now is the perfect time to join! The 2026-2027 new 4-H year enrollment opens October 1st, 2026!

Whether you're interested in animals, cooking, gardening, photography, STEM, leadership, arts, or something completely new, there's a place for you in 4-H!

Please visit https://4honline.com to enroll, or scan the QR code.

Please do not enroll before October 1.

Enrollment Fee:

- $15 per 4-H youth member
- Cloverbud enrollment is FREE! (ages 5 & 6)
- 4-H age is determind by the member's age as of January 1 of the current year.

Important Date:

Returning 4-H member enrollment closes November 13th, 2026.

Have any questions or want to find a 4-H Club near you?? We'd love to help! Give us a call at (620)326-7477 or send us an email at sucoext@gmail.com.

Agent/Office Notes

After the Fair: What is 4-H Really About?

The 4-H Fair and State Fair are over. The projects will be picked up soon, if not already. The ribbons are hanging at home, and hopefully everyone has had a chance to catch their breath. But as we move into a new 4-H year, it's worth taking a moment to think about what 4-H is really all about.

The Fair is certainly an important part of the 4-H experience, whether that be the 4-H Fair, County Fair, or State Fair, but it is only one piece of the puzzle. Behind every project is a young person learning how to set a goal, work through challenges, accept feedback, solve problems, and take pride in something they created or accomplished.

4-H gives young people opportunities to try things they may have never considered before. They learn to speak in front of a group, care for an animal, prepare a meal, build something, grow a garden, serve their community, lead a meeting, or simply discover a new interest.

Sometimes, the most important lessons aren't learned when everything goes perfectly. They happen when a project doesn't turn out the way they hoped, when they don't receive the ribbon they wanted, or when something goes wrong at the last minute. Those moments teach perserverance, responsibility, and how to try again.

As we begin another 4-H year, we encourage our families and members to look beyond the Fair and think about what they want their 4-H experience to mean. Choose projects that challenge you. Try something new. Take on a leadership role. Get involved in your community. Make new friends, and most importantly, enjoy the journey.

Because at the end of the day, 4-H isn't just about what you take home from the Fair, it's about what you take with you when you leave it.

Here's to another year of learning, growing, leading, and making a difference!

Club News



Buccaneers

Cardinals

Happy Hustlers

At the September Happy Hustlers 4–H meeting, our club discussed what we wanted to do for membership fees and our plans for 48 hours of 4-H. Besides those votes we discussed information about our 4th annual Happy Hustlers banquet and members who want to be officers for this coming year signed up for the offices they want to run for. To conclude the meeting we had members that were in attendance sign thank you notes for the main sponsors of the Sumner County Fair.
-Happy Hustlers Reporter, Lyla Wiiest

Redwings

Trailblazers



4-H Council

SEPTEMBER 28TH
@ 6:00 PM



4-H Tips

STATE FAIR AFTERMATH

THE STATE FAIR MAY BE OVER, BUT THERE IS STILL PLENTY TO DO! NOW THAT PROJECTS HAVE MADE THEIR WAY HOME FROM THE STATE FAIR, TAKE SOME TIME TO CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS! WHETHER YOU BROUGHT HOME A PURPLE RIBBON, RECEIVED HELPFUL FEEDBACK FROM A JUDGE, OR SIMPLY GAINED A NEW SKILL, EVERY EXPERIENCE IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROJECTS, RIBBONS, AND AWARDS! TAKE PHOTOS AND SAVE THOSE SPECIAL MEMORIES FROM THE FAIR.

AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, START THINKING AHEAD! WHAT PROJECTS DID YOU ENJOY? IS THERE SOMETHING NEW YOU'D LIKE TO TRY NEXT YEAR?

CELEBRATE WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR, THEN START DREAMING ABOUT WHAT'S NEXT!

Looking Ahead

September

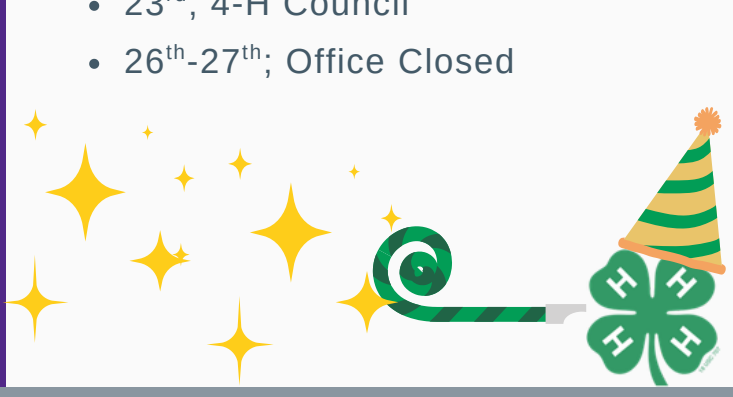
- 28th; 4-H Council @ RFC @ 6:00pm

October

- 1st: 4-H Enrollment Opens
- 4th-10th; National 4-H Week
- 10th-11th; 48 Hours of 4-H
- 12th; Office Closed
- 23rd; 4-H Financial Reviews Due by 5:00pm
- 26th; 4-H Council Project Night ***(Contact the office by October 13th if you would like to host a project night)***
- 26th-30th; Extension Board Elections in Office

November

- 1st; 4-H Award Celebration
- 11th; Office Closed
- 13th; 4-H Enrollment Closes for Returning Members, First Order Farmstead Nuts & Treats Due
- 23rd; 4-H Council
- 26th-27th; Office Closed



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