

4-H Parent Handbook



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Welcome to 4-H

This handbook has been designed to help you have a better understanding of how important you are to your 4-Her, especially during the early years that your child is a member of a community 4-H club. This booklet also presents a description of the various composites that make up the county and state 4-H program.

What is 4-H

- ◆ 4-H is an educational out-of-school, volunteer-led, family oriented program.
- ◆ 4-H is for both rural and urban boys or girls 7 to 18 years old.
- ◆ 4-H is for everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.
- ◆ 4-H age is determined by the age of the member as of January 1 of the current year.

4-H helps young people develop life skills. A life skill is an ability that one can use in everyday life. There are five basic skills that 4-H teaches. They are:

1. Building self-confidence.
2. Develop an inquiring mind.
3. Setting goals and making decisions.
4. Relating to other people.
5. Develop a concern for the community.



Enrollment Cards

Enrollment cards are available from Community Leaders and the Extension Office. The completed enrollment cards are due to the Community Leader by the **October** meeting. **May 1** is the deadline for dropping or adding projects.

Exception: New 4-H members (never enrolled in Pawnee County) will be allowed to join 4-H and participate in 4-H provided they attend at least one club meeting. They can exhibit at the county fair in those projects that **do not** have a prior May 1 deadline, with the understanding that in all following years, they will have to follow the May 1 deadline. State policy requires a youth to be 7 years old by January 1 of the current year to participate in the 4-H program.

Turning the enrollment card in is a requirement to be a 4-H member and is how county-wide project leaders know who is interested in a project.

- ◆ Your community leader will provide a 4-H record book to first year members and other record

materials are available on-line.

- ◆ 4-H project leaders, if available for the project, will contact the Extension Office for a list of 4-Hers in the project.
- ◆ Your name will be placed on the 4-H mailing list. This will make it possible for your family to receive the monthly 4-H newsletter plus information on events, activities, and project related meetings. You will be notified by e-mail when a newsletter or other important information has been posted to the Pawnee County Website.

4-H Project Information

4-H projects give members experience in real life situations; they learn by doing.

It is very important that parents help members select their projects carefully. Consider the following:

- What are the members' needs and interests?
- First year member - 1 or 2 projects only is recommended

Parents and leaders should challenge and encourage members as they grow in experience and ability to do their best and to increase interests in projects.

Experienced 4-H members should specialize in one or two projects and do more work in these than in the other projects they take. This is the way awards are won for outstanding work in a project.

Each August, Project Selection guides are published in the Kansas 4-H Journal, which is sent to all current 4-H families. In the fall extra Kansas 4-H Journals are given to the community leaders for new members. A member may drop a project or enroll in another up to **May 1** each 4-H year. Notice should be sent to the Extension Office of changes by the 4-Her.

Record books are to be completed, checked over, and signed by leaders at a predetermined date in August annually. They are then to be turned in at the Extension Office by the date announced in the 4-H Newsletter.

Project Meeting Tips

Traditional Club - The regular monthly meeting with all members, leaders and parents present.

Project leaders should plan, organize, and conduct meetings and tours. Project leaders should get junior leaders to assist if possible. The project will need to be explained and members may need assistance to set their goals in planning their project work. The project leader may need to help find and get project materials. The instruction may be by talks, demonstrations, movies, and hand-out

materials.

Each meeting will probably include a workshop session so each member can do some actual work or practice. The leader encourages members to bring their records up-to-date during a few minutes at each project meeting.

A list of county-wide leaders will be given to the community leaders.

4-H Parents

As you team up in the 4-H program, you're helping your boy or girl become the finest man or woman possible. But without parental support, 4-H members can miss many chances to learn valuable skills and develop life skills. That's why 4-Hers turn to parents for help and encouragement.

4-H encourages family unity through planning, sharing, and working together. With your understanding, your patience and counsel, your child can have a pleasant and beneficial experience.

Parent cooperation and support is extremely important to a child's success in 4-H. You are expected to:

1. Attend a **majority** of the monthly meetings – especially the September organizational meeting.
2. Help your child select his/her project(s), complete project work and records.
3. Provide financial support to your child (depends on type of project).
4. Help in planning your child's time schedule so that he/she will have time to complete the project.
5. Provide transportation to project meetings, monthly meetings, and county-wide, area, and state 4-H events.
6. Assist with 4-H activities.
7. Parents should complete the Volunteer Information Profile (VIP) training.



Community Leaders need Parents Help

Community leaders may use the following methods to gain your support:

- ★ At monthly club meetings leaders will give updates to upcoming meetings and events.
- ★ Parents Night (parents put on the program).
- ★ Ask that prospective member's parents bring their boys and girls to two meetings before joining.
- ★ Make sure parents know they are needed and wanted.

4-H Leaders

Adult volunteers are vital to the success of a county 4-H program. Several groups of adults serve important functions. All 4-H Community leaders, project leaders, junior leaders, and those who will be working one on one with young people are asked to fill out a Volunteer Information Profile (VIP) form and attend a training session.

Community Club Leaders - each community 4-H Club has at least two community leaders. Their responsibilities vary, depending on the club, but in general the following summarizes their important position:

- ▶ Determine the interests of the 4-H members. Discuss the results and other predetermined club activities with the 4-H Parents' Committee, so the committee can determine the leadership that needs to be recruited.
- ▶ Enroll new members and re-enroll former members using forms provided by the County Extension Office.
- ▶ Designate the youth who will help plan the year's program for the 4-H Community Club.
- ▶ Inform club leaders, parents and members about club, county-wide, and out-of-county programs, events, and activities.
- ▶ Assist club officers in planning worthwhile club meetings by helping them with their agenda and parliamentary procedure.
- ▶ Coordinate with club project leaders and parents to maintain a balanced schedule of involvements and continually evaluate the club's progress.
- ▶ Attend leader training sessions and 4-H Council meetings to keep up to date on county-wide activities.

Project Leaders - Clubs generally attempt to have a leader for each project in which members

are enrolled. The responsibilities of the project leaders are as follows:

- Help members and their parents arrive at project selections that are challenging but within reach of the individual.
- Share knowledge of the project with members through meetings, tours, individual consultations and written references.
 - * With the 4-Hers, develop a schedule and a method for personally notifying members and families of when to attend and what will be done.
 - * Meet a sufficient number of times so members feel good about the subject matter they are learning.
- Invite other volunteers to help when the opportunity arises.
- Update skills in (a) subject matter and (b) human relations through leader workshops, consultations with other leaders, Extension staff and through reading.
- Maintain sensitivity and respond to the individual differences of 4-H members such as their interests, abilities, personal needs and family support.
- Help members find additional learning experiences and resources for themselves.
- Relate project experiences to everyday life and to career possibilities for members.
- Help members participate in broadened learning experiences offered at the county, district, or state level.
- Recognize personal growth of individuals regularly through praise, added responsibility and trust.

4-H Parent Committee - (sometimes called 4-H Club Advisory) - Each club needs a committee of 4-H parents to assist the community club leaders with organizational details. The responsibilities of this committee are:

- ✓ Identify and recruit volunteers for the leadership positions needed, such as community club leader, project leader, activity coordinator, special events coordinator and others.
- ✓ Orient and assist the new 4-H leaders in understanding the specific responsibilities they have agreed to do with the boys and girls. Outline with the new leader how these planned responsibilities relate to other learning experiences offered by the club.
- ✓ Develop a list of projects for which leadership has been recruited and present this list to the Community Club leader before enrollment.
- ✓ Recruit nominees for the 4-H Parents Committee.
- ✓ Take the leadership in preventing or solving problems that arise within the club.

Other Volunteer Leaders - In addition to the previous list other volunteer leadership positions are required. Clubs may have a New Family Coordinator, a Special Activities Coordinator, or a Records and Awards Coordinator.

Volunteer Information Profile (VIP)

VIP stands for Volunteer Information Profile. VIP is the youth protection system for Kansas 4-H programs. Safety of young people is a shared responsibility between volunteers, Extension staff, K-State Research and Extension and the state. A volunteer, adult or teen, with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with other adults present or in a public setting or a volunteer whose position puts him or her in close, ongoing one-to-one interaction with youth must complete the VIP process. Trainings are scheduled throughout the year as needed.

Activities in a 4-H Club

Tips and Suggestions

Examples of club activities include but are not limited to:

Tour - Special event where club members visit each others homes sharing their accomplished 4-H project work. Parents are encouraged to attend. Tours are held in June or July before the county fair.

4-H Sunday - A Sunday set aside for clubs to worship together. Each club conducts as they feel. However, National 4-H Sunday is held during National 4-H Week.

Parent's Night - The program planning committee in the fall usually designates one meeting as parents night. All parents should attend. Usually parents of club officers fulfill the offices that night. Parents of 4-H members who have program responsibilities may present the program.

Exchange Meeting - Clubs invite another 4-H Club to attend their meeting. The visiting club may be asked to present several program numbers.

4-H Events

4-H membership provides many opportunities for youth to participate in activities in addition to their regular monthly club meeting. The following list briefly describes the major events that take place each year on the county, area, and state level. Many of the events have entry deadlines. Be sure to watch the monthly 4-H newsletter. Other events in addition to those listed will be occurring each year. These will be listed in the newsletter.

County 4-H Events

National 4-H Week - 4-H Week is traditionally celebrated the first full week in October. The 4-H year starts October 1 and this week gives special recognition to the organization at the time of year that youth should plan to join. Pawnee County 4-H members have done various things to call attention to their organization during 4-H week. Radio programs, talks in the schools, and a special newspaper insert have been done in the past. Some clubs celebrate 4-H Sunday during 4-H Week.

Achievement Banquet - The banquet is held to recognize the achievements of 4-H members and leaders. The county champions, achievement awards and key award winners are named. Pawnee County holds it's banquet in the fall. All 4-H members, parents, and leaders are urged to attend. The cooperatives, elevators, individuals, and agri-businesses of Pawnee County have hosted the banquet for many years.

County 4-H Day - Traditionally held in February, County 4-H Day is an opportunity for 4-Hers to develop their public speaking skills. All 4-Hers are encouraged to make entries in one or more of the divisions of 4-H Day: demonstrations, illustrated talks, project talks, extemporaneous speaking, show and tell, public speaking, talent, vocal music, or instrumental music. Clubs are encouraged to enter a Model Meeting. Top entries in each division are eligible to compete in Regional 4-H Day.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Judging Contest - All 4-Hers are encouraged to participate in the FCS Judging contests. Two are held each year, often in conjunction with other events (4-H Day and County Fair). The contests enable 4-Hers to use the information they have learned in their projects.

Officer Training - 4-H Officer Training is held in September. A short training session for newly elected club's officers is to explain the responsibilities, leadership techniques and basic knowledge of each office in the club.

Pawnee County Fair - The Fair is held the end of July. All 4-Hers are encouraged to exhibit

items from the projects in which they are enrolled. The Pawnee County Fair Board determines the classes available and the fair policies for Open Class. 4-H classes and policies are determined by the 4-H PDC and approved by the Pawnee County Extension Council Executive Board. Ribbons, special awards, and premium money can be won by 4-Hers.

County Camp - Pawnee County participates in the Heart of Kansas camp group including 16 counties and 2 districts. They camp at Rock Springs Ranch State 4-H Center near Junction City for four days in June or July. This camp is open to 4-Hers who are ages 7-13 (or up to those who have just completed the eighth grade). Older 4-Hers and parents are invited to be counselors. Activities available include swimming, arts/crafts, horseback riding, archery, nature hikes, and much more.

Red Wheel Fund Raiser - Two fund raisers will be held during the year (usually in March and October). The clubs take turns being responsible for the Red Wheel Sale Pick up. The proceeds from the fund raiser go to 4-H Council to help with the 4-H program, with 25% of the profit going back to the 4-H clubs.

Tractor Safety Course - Held annually in the spring for all boys and girls age 14-15 which allows them to be qualified to work in farm jobs under the Federal Child Labor Safety Laws.

4-H: Building on Experience

Area and State 4-H Events

LABO (4-H/Japanese) Exchange - In the LABO Exchange Japanese Youth are placed with Kansas 4-H families for three weeks. The purpose of the exchange is to give Kansas families the opportunity to become acquainted with another culture. Kansas youth also have the opportunity to go to Japan.

Regional 4-H Day - Top entries in County 4-H Day are eligible to compete in Regional 4-H Day held in March. Other counties participating include Barton, Ellsworth, Rice, Russell, and Stafford.

Kansas State Fair - The State Fair, held in Hutchinson each September, is the showcase for outstanding 4-H exhibits from all across Kansas. 4-Hers qualify for the State Fair by being selected at the county fair and by meeting the age qualifications, which vary by divisions. Demonstrations and Illustrated talks which receive a top blue at 4-H Day may be entered at the

State Fair. Contact the Extension Office for specifics.

District Horse Show - 4-Hers 9 years old and over who want to qualify for showmanship and performance classes at the State Fair need to participate in the District 4-H Horse Show held each year in July. 4-Hers have to have proper level testing and papers completed by entry deadline.

State Wheat Show - The State Wheat Show is an opportunity for 4-Hers to compete on an area basis in August. 4-Hers may compete in either of the two mill-bake divisions (4-Hers enrolled in crops and 4-Hers not enrolled in crops), physical sample, loaf of bread, photography, centerpiece, and nutritious cookies. The contest offers tours and other learning experiences.

Discovery Days - This college experience held on the K-State campus gives youth 13-18 years old the opportunity to learn in a variety of classes, tours and activities. It is held the Tuesday after Memorial Day through Friday. The Emerald Circle Awards Banquet is held during this time.

Citizenship-Washington Focus - Pawnee County 4-Hers who are 15 years or older can apply to go on the Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip. The eleven day bus trip to Washington, D.C. includes sight-seeing, meeting with elected officials, group discussions and activities centering around Citizenship.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum - This exciting leadership opportunity for 4-H and non 4-H high school aged youth is held at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The event is designed for youth ages 14-18 and includes: speakers, workshops, and election of State 4-H Council.

Citizenship in Action - This event is scheduled over President's Day in February for Kansas 4-H members, 13 years and older, 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.

National 4-H Congress - This annual trip recognizes outstanding 4-H members from across Kansas who have excelled at achieving and applying leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Congress is a recognition, educational, cultural and community service experience held in late November each year in Atlanta, Georgia. Kansas' representatives consist of project delegates selected from Kansas 4-H Award winners, and Centennial delegates representing their local 4-H programs.

Campference - This event is focused on "betweeners"; 4-H members ages 12-14. Participants experience the feel of a "conference", while enjoying the "camp" activities at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Campference, held in June or July, features workshops about opportunities in 4-H; activities to energize youth while learning leadership skills, and how to interact with others.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) - This competitive livestock event is held late September in Wichita. Exhibitors must have met the identification regulations and entry prior in the

year.

The County 4-H Events Council

The membership of the county 4-H council is composed of the community club leaders, two elected 4-H representatives from each community club, club presidents, and 4-H and Youth Program Development Committee (PDC) members. The officers are elected from the youth representatives and preside over the meetings, using Robert's Rule of Order as their guidelines. The 4-H Events Council is not a policy setting body nor does it approve the focus of Extension 4-H Youth Development Programming.

The adult and youth delegates represent their club members and keep in mind their fellow club members ideas and opinions about 4-H as they discuss and vote on 4-H matters at Council meetings. Council delegates, adults and youth, develop their understanding and appropriate use at a more advanced level. Opportunity to debate with experienced delegates further sharpens their ability to think and express themselves clearly. Delegates' self-confidence is strengthened. Delegates to council and committee meetings are asked to give reports that address the business of the Council. Adults learn from their experience as club representatives, and have the double opportunity to learn by training their young club delegates. Delegates need to know how to operate as a representative of their peers and how to function as a member of officers of the Council and its committees.

The county 4-H council serves as a program implementation body for county 4-H activities and events.

It's responsibilities are as follows:

- ▶ Assist the county Extension staff in planning, coordinating, and carrying out activities and events involving 4-H members.
- ▶ Promote 4-H activities.
- ▶ Plan and conduct money raising activities necessary for the county-wide 4-H program.

Commonly used standing committees of the 4-H Council are: Trips and Awards, Achievement Banquet, Audit, Fair Scheduling, Club Day, Promotion, Day Camp, Food Stand, FACS, and Ag/Livestock.

“To Make The Best Better”

County 4-H and Youth Program Development Committee

The 4-H and Youth Program Development Committee (4-H PDC) is made up of six persons elected from the county at the annual Extension Council elections. If you would like more information regarding these elections, please contact your county Extension Office for details.

The following are the responsibilities of this committee:

- * Plan overall county 4-H and Youth program to be conducted by the County Extension Council.
- * Promote expansion of 4-H and Youth work in the county.
- * Serve in an advisory capacity to the county 4-H council in the execution of activities and events involving 4-H members.
- * Provide suggestions to the Extension Executive Board concerning eligibility of members for participation in events and for recognition of 4-H clubs.
- * A minimum of one 4-H & Youth PDC member will serve on the Extension Executive Board as required by Extension Law.
- * Recommend candidates annually to the Extension Council Executive Board for appointment to the County 4-H and Youth Program expansion and review committee which is required under the affirmative action plan.
- * Work with the other program development committees of the County Extension Council in planning and implementing a unified county Extension program.

Pawnee County 4-H Foundation

Pawnee County is one of the few counties in Kansas fortunate to have it's own County 4-H Foundation. The Foundation was established in November 1967. The purpose of the Foundation is to collect/invest donations of cash, real estate, and membership fees. The interest from the investments is used to fund trips, awards, and activities to promote 4-H work in Pawnee County.

Every parent should be a member of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation. Lifetime memberships are available for \$10.00.

The Foundation business is conducted by a board of directors. The board consists of eight

persons – five of the six elected directors must be active or former 4-H leaders; the Pawnee County Extension Director; and the chairman of the Pawnee County 4-H Program Development Committee.

A listing of all the awards the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation provide each year is published in the April 4-H Newsletter.

4-H Teen Action Club (TAC)

The 4-H leadership project is open to any 4-H boy or girl from the age of 12-18 years old as of January 1 of the current year. Junior leaders may be asked to help in the following ways:

- ◆ Assist project leaders at meetings.
- ◆ Assist younger members.
- ◆ Plan and conduct parties.
- ◆ Serve as chair of their 4-H club's major committees such as 4-H tour, 4-H Sunday, banner, etc.

To be involved in TAC, the 4-H member must be enrolled in the leadership project, complete a VIP form and attend a VIP training.

4-H Records

Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP)

4-H records are “tools” to help 4-Hers grow, gain knowledge, and develop skills. The KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) helps the 4-Her see how to improve their “best” efforts. The KAP shows others what your 4-Her has done and is the basis for awards, trips, and other recognition.

To aid in filling out the KAP your 4-Her should keep a continuing record at the time the work is done. They should write it on a calendar, in a notebook, or elsewhere - - just as long as a running record of what has been done is kept. It is important to establish record keeping as a habit.

Sometimes the younger 4-Her may have some difficulty with where to place items in the KAP. It is an excellent idea for all 4-Hers to take their records to their club meeting soon after they are received. Adult and junior leaders might explain some pointers about the records that are puzzling to the younger members. Take the record book to project meetings, too, and plan time for the leaders to look them over.

Keeping records does take time but the 4-Her actually learns more which may benefit him/her in the future. Records are an educational tool for enhancing the 4-Hers learning.

When the 4-Her joins, he/she will receive a green 4-H record book cover. This cover will be kept as long as the member belongs to 4-H. The basic records are:

- ★ Personal Page - given yearly. The 4-H member writes basic information about him/her self for the current year.
- ★ 4-H Story is to be written about the year.
- ★ Permanent Record - given only once. 4-H member summarizes years activities and events. This is used only on the county level and will not be needed for area or state judging.
- ★ KAP - each project has an individual KAP. New records are given yearly. Three pages of pictures with captions are part of the KAP. The 4-Her is encouraged to write a Project story.

Filling out records regularly during the year helps ease the pressure when books are due to community leaders. Parents are advised to oversee the 4-Hers work, but it is best if the book is completed by the 4-Her. Parents and older youth are encouraged to attend record book trainings.

Southwest Area Judging - To apply for individual projects at the area level, a KAP is submitted when a 4-Her is the top KAP in the county. It is highly recommended that the application be typed. Completed book consists of:

1. Personal Page
2. 4-H Story
3. KAP - Three pages of pictures with captions are part of the KAP

Recognition and Awards

Awards are based on the 4-Hers record book, the growth and educational achievement received from the project work, as well as how completely the record is filled according to established guidelines.

County Champion Awards

All but a few of the projects listed in the Guide to Project Selection book, have medals provided by county or national donors.

Record book judging dates vary, but will occur soon after the county fair. To have your child's record book nominated to go to county judging there are a few requirements that need to be met:

1. 4-Her must have been a member at least one year.
2. 4-Her must be currently enrolled in the project.
3. The member must show growth in the project for which he/she is being considered.
4. The 4-Hers record must substantiate the previous three requirements.
5. Awards are based only on information in the KAP.



6. 4-Her must apply for recognition. Include the form with the record book stating which projects to be recognized in.

Those 4-Hers who are selected as county award recipients in their particular project area(s), will be presented their award at the County Achievement Banquet.

4-H Achievement Pins

Awards encourage increased participation in educational and character building activities and higher quality 4-H work. **Members must make application for these awards.** Applications need to be approved by the Trips and Awards committee when the member meets the requirements. Parents and youth need to look at the next pin level at the beginning of each year (October), to help plan their child's activities for the year as requirements and optional activities increase each year to qualify for the pins.

Membership Pin - A member qualifies for this recognition at the end of the first 4-H year he/she completes.

Bronze Pin - A 4-Her may apply for this pin at the end of the second year of 4-H membership.

Clover Pin - A 4-Her may apply for this pin at the end of the third year of 4-H membership.

Emerald Pin - A 4-Her may apply for this pin at the end of the fourth year of 4-H membership.

Silver Pin - A 4-Her may apply for this pin at the end of the fifth year of 4-H membership.

Silver Guard Pin - Given after Silver pin for greater leadership and participation. Pawnee County requirement: 4-Her must be enrolled in the leadership project.

Leadership Pin - Given after Silver Guard pin for greater leadership and participation.

Gold Pin - Reserved for older 4-H members who have exhibited outstanding 4-H accomplishments.

Gold Guard Pin - Given after the Gold pin for older 4-H members who have exhibited outstanding 4-H accomplishments. Given to less than 1% of the county 4-H members for outstanding leadership.

Applications for the awards above are due in the Extension Office with the record book by the due date. Achievement pins must be received in order listed.

Key Award - Given to top 4-H members for leadership. The winners must be approved by the

Trips and Awards committee.

Special Awards

Outstanding Boy and Girl - One 4-H girl and one 4-H boy are selected each year for their outstanding 4-H accomplishments. Selection is made by judging the 4-H members record book. The award is announced at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. The winners presently receive a watch.

Scholarships

The Pawnee County 4-H Foundation has established a scholarship fund for seniors of Pawnee County that are current 4-H members and have been for the three previous years. An application must be filled out and returned by the date designated in the newsletter in order to apply.

4-H College scholarship programs are designed to encourage young men and women to continue their education beyond high school. While competition for college scholarships, grants, and loans is becoming greater, scholarships available to Kansas 4-Hers are increasing in amount and number. The Kansas and National 4-H Scholarships available vary in amounts.

For details concerning the types of scholarships available and application forms, contact the County Extension Office.

4-H... More Than You

Ever Imagined!

Livestock Animal Guidelines

Weigh-in - The Kansas 4-H rules state that steers and heifers be owned at least 120 days before fair and that market sheep, goat, and swine ownership begin at least 90 days before the county fair. All 4-H market livestock needs to be weighed in and tagged with the official 4-H livestock tags to be shown and sold at the county fair. Breeding stock must be registered or identified by the Extension Office. Heifers that do not have a registration tattoo, should also be tagged with the official 4-H tag. 4-Hers will be able to weigh-in 6 head of livestock per specie. Bucket calves must be born after January 1 of the current year.

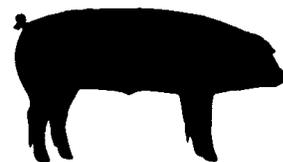
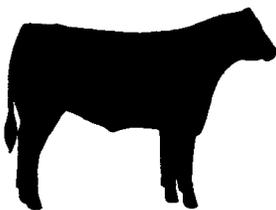
Sale - 4-H exhibitors may sell only one item in the sale at the Pawnee County Fair. Classes qualifying for the sale will come from food phase champions, poultry or rabbit meat pen, goat, market lamb, market swine, market steer, or bucket feeder steer. Market animal sale items must also be the animal the 4-Her enters in the carcass contest for that specie. A different hog may be driven in the sale ring, but buyer will be bidding on carcass entry already at the local meat locker.

4-Hers must find buyers for their carcass animal. All other 4-H market livestock will be taken home.

Pawnee County Fair Association will collect 10% from the 4-Her on the premium of the sale animal to use for improvements to the fair grounds. The 4-Her will also forfeit the class premium on the sale animal.

It is the responsibility of 4-Hers and their parents to know when weigh-in dates are. They are printed in the 4-H newsletter. If you have questions, please contact your community club leaders, or the Agricultural Extension Agent. The rules can change somewhat from year to year.

It is the responsibility of the parents and youth to read the fair book requirements.



4-

H Calendar

JANUARY

4-H Club Meeting
Project Meeting
KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) Area Judging
Red Wheel Sale Begins
Southwest Youth Leadership Forum
Citizenship In Action Registration Due
Fair Scheduling Meeting
Dog Certification Workshop
Horse Panorama
State 4-H Scholarship Application Due
Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting
Pawnee County Fair Association membership dues(\$5.00 per year)



FEBRUARY

4-H Club Meeting
Project Meeting
Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Due
Pawnee County 4-H Day
Citizenship In Action
Ambassador Training
FCS Judging Contest



MARCH

4-H Club Meeting
Project Meeting
4-H Photography Extravaganza
Red Wheel Orders Due
Regional 4-H Day
State 4-H Scholarship Judging
State 4-H Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) Judging
Red Wheel Delivery
Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting
Pawnee County Shoot Out
Beef Weigh-in
Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting

APRIL

4-H Club Meeting
Project Meeting

Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Lifetime Membership Due (\$10.00 lifetime membership)
 Livestock Project Sales
 State Shooting Sports - Air Rifle/Air Pistol
 Discovery Days Registration Due
 Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch Registration Due
 Pawnee County 4-H Foundation County Camp Scholarship Application Due
 Heart of Kansas Counselor Application due
 Campference Registration Due
 4th Grade Ag Day
 National 4-H Conference
 Community Leader Meeting
 4-H Council Meeting



MAY

4-H Club Meeting
 Project Meeting
 May 1 -Last Day to Drop/Add Project on Enrollment Card
 May 1 - Horse ID Certificates Due
 Small Animal Weigh-in & Bucket Calf tagging
 Livestock and Horse Shows
 Pawnee County Fair book Distributed to 4-H Families
 All Fair Entry Forms Distributed to 4-H Families
 Photography Camp Registration Due
 Beef Nominations to State 4-H Office (must submit to participate in Kansas State Fair, and Kansas Junior Livestock Show)

JUNE

4-H Club Meeting
 Project Meeting
 Discovery Days
 Photography Camp
 Heart of Kansas Camp
 Campference
 Pawnee County Horse Show
 Livestock and Horse Shows
 Fair Entries are Due-Fashion Revue Description and cost Sheets, Shepherd's Lead Description, and ALL other Fair Entry Forms
 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
 Pawnee County Day Camp
 Small Animal Nominations to State 4-H Office (must submit to participate in Kansas State Fair, and Kansas Junior Livestock Show)

JULY

4-H Club Meeting Tour
Project Meeting
Fashion Revue/Clothing Construction Judging
Public Fashion Revue
Pawnee County Fair
4-H Swim Party
State Wheat Show Mill-Bake Samples Due
4-H Livestock Entries for Kansas State Fair due
All Other Kansas State Fair Entries Due
District Horse Show

AUGUST

4-H Club Meeting
Kansas State Fair-pre entries due
Kansas State Wheat Show
KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) due
Achievement Pin Application and Key Award Application Due
Club Summary Reports Due
Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Award - Bicycle Essay Due
Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due

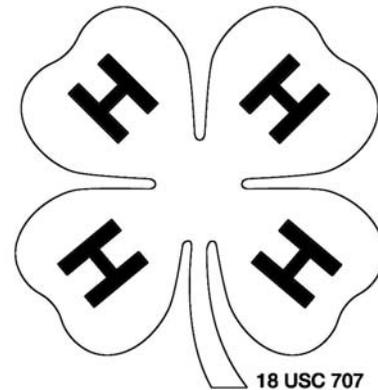
SEPTEMBER

4-H Club Meeting
Project Meeting
Kansas State Fair
4-H Officers Training
Fair Scheduling Meeting
Achievement Banquet Reservations Due
Kansas Junior Livestock Show
Articles for the 4-H Tabloid due
Red Wheel Sale Begins
Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting



OCTOBER

4-H Club Meeting
Project Meeting
4-H Enrollment Card Due
4-H Participation Form Due
National 4-H Week
4-H Achievement Banquet
Recordbook judging of another county
State Shooting Sports - Archery/Shotgun
Red Wheel Orders Due
Registration for Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Due
State Dog Conference
Red Wheel Delivery
State Family and Consumer Sciences Educational Tour



NOVEMBER

4-H Club Meeting
Project Meeting
Pawnee County Fair Association Annual Meeting
Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum
Citizenship Washington Focus Trip Applications Due
National 4-H Congress

DECEMBER

4-H Club Meeting
Project Meeting
VIP Renewal Form Due



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