

K-State Research & Extension

Greenwood County 4-H News

4-H is an organization that grows great kids!

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4-H Photos Still Needed!

Please send any of your 4-H photos taken throughout the year so we can create a slideshow to enjoy during our achievement banquet! Please send your photos to Kim (kjfogle@ksu.edu) by Friday, November 4th.

Greenwood County Extension PDC Elections

The Greenwood County Extension PDC Elections will be on Tuesday, November 5th at the Extension Office from 8am to 4:30pm. These votes help decide which individuals will be on the Program Development Committees and the focus our Educational Programs will take in the future.

SEA 4-H Record Book Judging

The SEA 4-H Record Book judging will be held on Friday, January 17th from 9am to 3pm in Fredonia. Eligible project record winners need to resubmit their books to the Extension office by 4:30pm on Monday, January 13th if they wish to compete. If you are interested in helping judge this year, please call or email the Extension office.

Greenwood County 4-H Achievement Banquet

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held Thursday, November 7th at 7pm at the Hamilton School Gym. This is a time of celebration and recognition for all 4-H'ers, parents, leaders, and volunteers. Members of the 2023-2024 Greenwood County 4-H Council please be at the Hamilton School by 6:30pm to review your speaking parts.



November

- 1 2023-2024 Financial Reports due to Extension Office by 4:30pm
- 1 2024-2025 Organization Reports due to Extension Office by 4:30pm
- 4 4-H Photos for Achievement Banquet due to Extension Office
- 5 Greenwood County Extension PDC Elections
- 7 Achievement Banquet - Hamilton School with meal at 6:30pm and program at 7:00pm (RSVP/payment due to Extension Office by 4:30pm on October 24th)
- 9 Entomology Project Meeting, Iola - 1 p.m.
- 11 Extension Office Closed - Veteran's Day
- 16 Holiday Happenings Program
- 18 4-H Council Meeting - Elections
- 23-24 KYLF @ Rock Springs 4-H Center
- 28-29 Extension Office Closed - Thanksgiving

December

- TBD Extension Office Closed between Christmas and New Years

January

- 1 Extension Office Closed - New Year's
- 3 Enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members
- 17 SEA 4-H Record Book Judging (Record books due to the Extension office January 13th)



Dates for 2025 are Set!



Although it may be months away, some dates have already been set on many 4-H Events and Activities for 2025. Mark them on your calendars now so your members doesn't miss out on all the fun!

- ⇒ SEA 4-H Record Book Judging – January 17
- ⇒ GW County 4-H Club Day & Favorite Foods Show – February TBD
- ⇒ CIA – February 16-17
- ⇒ Regional 4-H Club Day – March 22
- ⇒ Discovery Days – May/June TBD
- ⇒ Greenwood County Fair – July 25 - 28

Traits of a Strong 4-H Club

Listed below are some traits of a strong 4-H club. Can you answer YES to each statement for your club?

- ◆ Fun for Members!
- ◆ Doing things
- ◆ Meetings belong to 4-H members
- ◆ Strong leadership (both adult and youth)
- ◆ Visible in the community
- ◆ Club officers run the club meetings
- ◆ New members (and their families) welcomed and supported
- ◆ Members receive recognition for many accomplishments
- ◆ Members participate in activities, events and training beyond the club level
- ◆ High percentage attendance at meetings, activities, and events
- ◆ Family involvement at meetings and activities
- ◆ Good relationship with the Extension Office
- ◆ Fair to all
- ◆ Good communication
- ◆ Standard meeting times and places

The below link below has more information:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/clubs/strengthening-clubs-1/index.html>

Tips for New 4-H Members and Families

Listed below are some tips for new 4-H members and families:

- * Check out the K-State Research & Extension-Greenwood County website
<https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/>
- * Read the Greenwood County 4-H newsletter carefully (you can find it on the website listed above)
- * Check out our Greenwood County Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodcountyextension>
- * **Ask lots of questions!** Please don't hesitate to call the Extension office with questions, ask community and project leaders and reach out to older, more established 4-H families (contact information for the Extension office is located on the website and in every newsletter)
- * Attend every club meeting - explore county 4-H events during the entire year
- * Do just a few projects per member the first year of 4-H as you "learn while having fun"
- * Read the Greenwood County 4-H Family Handbook available through your 4-H club leaders

Re-enrollment/Enrollment

Enrollment/Re-enrollment for the 2024-2025 4-H year began on October 1st. <http://v2.4honline.com>

- ⇒ **All returning 4-H members must be enrolled by Friday, January 3rd by 4:30pm!!!** Any enrollments for returning member submitted after this date/time, **WILL NOT** be approved!
- ⇒ **Enrollment for NEW 4-H members closes on Thursday, May 1st at 4:30pm!**
- ⇒ **Project add/drop deadline is Thursday, May 1st for all members (new and returning)!**

Below is a link to the instructions on the state site:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>

If you have any problems please call the Extension office at (620) 583-7455.

There was a complication in 4-H Online with adding projects for this next program year. That issue has been resolved. Members can log into their accounts and add those at this time.



Entomology Project Meeting

The next Entomology Project meeting will be on Saturday, November 9th at the Allen County Extension Office beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning boards, pinning supplies and 2 or 3 insects to pin. If you are just starting in this project, I will have pinning set ups available to purchase for \$10. 4-Hers please bring a short talk on an insect you would like to travel and see in another country. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

4-H Council Corner

The Greenwood County 4-H Council meeting will be held **Monday, November 18th at 7pm in the Court-house.**

- One main item of business will be the election of officers. Council members may nominate themselves or be nominated by others for offices. At the time of nomination you are encouraged to give a brief reasoning why you/they are well-suited for the task.
- Other items on agenda
 - * Creating committees for council events
 - * Location of council meetings - vote if want locations to stay the same
 - * Need to vote if council will pay towards attending KYLF and CIA.

Council members should plan to attend as there must be a representative from each club at every meeting!



Leaders Notes

4-H Council - Election of Officers

4-H Council will meet **Monday, November 18th at 7pm at the Courthouse**. One main item of business will be election of officers. Council members may nominate themselves or be nominated by others for offices. At the time of nomination you are encouraged to give a brief reasoning why you/they are well-suited for the task.

Council Representative

If you haven't already done so, please submit your club's Organization Report providing a list of your club's council representatives and officers to the Extension office by Wednesday, November 1st. **Make sure you have a representative from your club at each council meeting!**

Parents' Committee

Establish a parents' committee this fall. The purpose of a parents' committee is to ensure the club has the necessary leadership to provide positive learning experiences. They also identify and recruit volunteer leaders. They work as a team, but function as a school board or board of directors. They give advice to the club, make recommendations, and provide support to the club leader. Support membership efforts, promote 4-H, assist with problem solving, decision making, training to project leaders, and orientation to new 4-H families. Committee should consist of 3-5 adults, can be elected, selected or appointed, stagger terms, senior member is chair.

Record Keeping and Project Report Forms

Our 4-H-er's did great! Record books will be returned during the Achievement Banquet on November 7th. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

The Extension office is exploring the possibility of holding a record book training next year (springtime). Please speak with your clubs and let us know if there is member interest. Thanks!

We Want to Hear from the Membership!

The Extension office is interested in hearing from our 4-H membership, and you as leaders, about ideas on what events/ programs you would like to see in our communities related to 4-H & Youth Development. Please speak with your club members and let us know what you hear!

