



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER November 2021

Annual 4-H Officers Training 2021

Riley and Pottawatomie County 4-H will be partnering this year to host a virtual officers training on **Monday, November 15 at 7 pm**. The first step will be to register through the link below. After that, a coordinator will be contacting you with a Zoom link for that evening, as well as a brief informational video that talks about your specific position. We highly encourage both club officers and Jr. officers to join us for this training. See you in November!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12Rfu9nBq1ZV316UlyoZugemnoZZ7ehuqpeqw_7YxJaE/edit#gid=0

Congratulations New 4-H Council Officers

Congrats to our 2021-2022 Riley County 4-H Council Officers. These 4-Hers will serve a one-year term starting this January. Please help us congratulate President Rachael Kovar, Vice President Sydney Scheerer, Secretary Chanae Parker, Financial Liaison Jacob Wendland, and Parliamentarian Julie Peterson. Congrats 4-Hers!

Congratulations Ambassadors

A big shout-out to our newly selected Riley County 4-H Ambassadors. This group is highly active in both community and 4-H events throughout the year. Please help me in congratulating Mavrick Winter, Cade Westfahl, and Julie Peterson!

4-H Showcase Event 2022

Our 4-H Showcase event date will be announced in the coming weeks. Our hope is that once again we will be at Riley County High School one Saturday in February. It will include what was formerly Gavel Games and Club Day. Events will begin at 8:30 am and we should be done by 3:00 pm. As part of the event we will have photography and horticulture judging. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. Registration will open to 4-Hers in December so check back in with us. Start the planning process now for the February event. See you there!



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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed **November 11** in observance of Veterans Day and **November 25 and 26** for Thanksgiving



If you have something for the 4-H newsletter, please submit it to jajobe@ksu.edu by the *10 of the month*.

4-H Council Dates for 2021-2022

Monday, November 1, 2021; Monday, January 3, 2022; Monday, March 7, 2022; Monday, May 2, 2022; Monday, June 27, 2022; Monday, August 29, 2022.

Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults.

Leaders Workshop 2021

We will be hosting a leaders workshop on **Tuesday, November 9** in the clover room at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park starting at 6:30 pm. We highly encourage current club leaders AND parents who are interested in taking on a leadership role within their club to join us for the evening. Our main focus will be working toward strengthening the foundational elements of our local community clubs, but also providing leadership support and resources to volunteers in our respective county. By opening the workshop to parents and leaders from Riley, Pottawatomie, and Geary Counties, we hope to hear different perspectives on how we can continue to strengthen our 4-H program in this part of the state. Please click the link below to register for this workshop opportunity. Thank all, for what you do and I hope to see you in November!

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3oEir0b>

Plans Proceed for Full Academic Year Offerings in 2022-2023

States 4-H has limited participation Academic Year Exchanges to students from Japan and South Korea during the current year because of the uncertainty during the pandemic. They chose to focus on our long-term partners with students who had been deferred in 2020-2021 due to COVID in both Kansas and their home countries. As already noted with our new student Hiyori, this has been a very difficult year for those students. Now, States 4-H has announced it will participate in FLEX, a U.S. government exchange, which is open to students from eastern Europe and Asia that were formerly under communist governments.

4-H will be participating in YES, Youth Exchange and Service, another similar govern-sponsored exchange involving students from southern Europe, Africa, and Asia who live in countries with large Muslim populations. We expect applications for Japanese, South Koreans, FLEX, and YES students to begin arriving in late January, 2022. We encourage interested families to apply early for the widest opportunity for a student-host family match. Contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas Coordinator for information and AYP Application at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

Online Record Keeping with ZBooks

After a successful 2 year pilot program, we are excited to launch the online ZBooks 4-H record keeping software state-wide for the new 2021/2022 program year. Pilot units found that ZBooks is extremely easy to navigate and user friendly. This online record keeping software is identical to the new Project Report Form pdfs- meaning 4-H'ers and families now have the option to choose which format they feel more comfortable using. Families can continue to fill out the form-fillable pdf version of Project Report Forms or they may opt to keep their records online with ZBooks. Both are evaluated using the same rubric and the same set of standards.

Some features of ZBooks include:

- 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

Stay tuned for more information regarding available training resources, and check out the [ZBooks resource page](#).

Leaders and Parents

Consider in November

- ◆ Make sure families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online
- ◆ Install new officers & recognize new members
- ◆ Create club goals for the new year
- ◆ Have members sign up for club committees
- ◆ Talk about club holiday plans for meeting, etc.
- ◆ Financial Audit due to Extension Office ASAP!
- ◆ Encourage seniors to apply for county and state 4-H scholarships (Open in December/ January)
- ◆ Invite Mr. Jobe to a club meeting
- ◆ **Start talking to families about attending the Annual Showcase event (February date TBD)**
- ◆ Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club.



2022 Riley County Foundation Grants

Are you a Riley County 4-H youth development group seeking support funds? Consider filling out a Riley County 4-H Foundation funding request application. Application must be returned to the Riley County Extension office, 110 Courthouse Plaza, Rm B220 by **5:00 pm on November 24**. Recipients will be notified after the first of the year as to the status of their request.

Applications can be found online at <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-hfoundation/2022%20Riley%20County%20Foundation%20Funding%20Request.pdf>

If your group received a grant at the beginning of 2021 you will need to fill out a grant follow-up report <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-hfoundation/2021%20Foundation%20Grant%20Report.pdf>

Welcoming New Families

As new families come into your club, please make sure you have assigned someone to greet these families and make them feel welcome. Feeling welcome can be the difference between a family staying with the 4-H program for years to come, or dropping out after a few meetings. New Family Handbooks are available at the Extension Office to share with your new families.

Find Your Spark T-Shirts

The "Find Your Spark" t-shirts sold at the Kansas State Fair are available through an online order system with our business partner. They need to be ordered online by November 24, 2021 and they will be delivered in mid-December.



Take the order form to your club meeting and save on shipping with a group order. Perfect for holiday gifts. Plan now for matching shirts for your 4-H Day participants. The proceeds of these sales benefit that Kansas Youth Leadership Council. [Click here for the order form.](#)

2021-2022 Riley County 4-H Calendar

November

- 1 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 7 Achievement Celebration, Pottorf,
- 11 Veteran's Day, Extension Office Closed
- 20-21 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum & Kansas Volunteer Forum, Rock Springs
- 24 Riley County 4-H Grant Proposals DUE
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday, Ext Office Closed

December

- 24 Christmas Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Holiday
- 31 NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed

January

- 3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA NE Area KAP Screening, Pottorf Hall
- 17 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- 31 State and local Scholarships DUE

February

- 19 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
- 19 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 21 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- TBA Riley County Showcase Event, RCHS
- TBA State Horse Judging
- TBA Scholarship and State KAPs DUE

March

- 7 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 16 YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room
- 30 YQCA, 6 pm, Clover Room
- TBA Dog Rally-O-Workshop & Competition

April

- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- 1 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 23 Red Wheel Pick-up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- TBA CWF Garage Sale; RL Co. Fairgrounds
- TBA State Shooting Sports Match
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 2 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 2 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hulbert Arena, 5-7 pm
- 3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 31 Discovery Days, KSU Campus

- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- TBA Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
- TBA Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
- TBA Campference, Rock Springs
- 27 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
- TBA State Geology Field Trip

July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- TBA Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 14 Fair Fashion Review
- 16 4-H Horse Show
- 18 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 19 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 20 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 21-25 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 26 Fairground Cleanup

August

- 5 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- TBA KJLS Entries DUE
- TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
- 29 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September

- 5 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- TBA Kansas State Fair
- TBA Project Reports & Awards DUE

