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# 4-H News

## River Valley District

### September & October 2019

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### Kansas State Fair

Congratulations and good luck to all of the River Valley District exhibitors that qualified to exhibit or participate at the Kansas State Fair!

If you have the opportunity, head to Hutchinson to check out the Kansas State Fair from Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Check with your local extension office to see if there are any extra State Fair tickets available for purchase.

The Kansas State Fair visitors guide can be found at: <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/?fbclid=IwAR2audmXH2nS5VGg1dG3WyFqJWm8XoLC7rTHtmaAzhVL1fI84-l3Z8tNc>

### 4-H Enrollment begins Tuesday, October 1st

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 4-H year will begin on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> using 4-H Online at <https://ks.4honline.com>. Returning 4-H families must log into their profile to re-enroll. New families will need to create a new family profile to start the enrollment process.

Resources to assist with the enrollment process for new and returning families can be found on our website at <http://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/join.html>.

If you ever have questions or need assistance with the enrollment process, please contact your local 4-H Program Manager. They are able to reset passwords and walk you through the process!

Please help us by getting a quick start to the next 4-H year! We encourage all 4-H members to be enrolled by Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you for being a part of the River Valley District 4-H! We are excited for the new 4-H year and are looking forward to some new and exciting opportunities for our youth!

If you know someone who might be interested in joining 4-H, please encourage them to contact any River Valley District 4-H Staff member to learn more about our wonderful youth organization!

### 4-H Program Fee

The 2019-2020 4-H Year will be the third year for the 4-H Program Fee. The fee is \$15.00 per 4-Her. Here is a reminder of the options available for payment.

- Credit Card—paid through 4-H Online. Charges will go through after your enrollment has been accepted by your local 4-H Program Manager.
- Check—mailed directly to the State 4-H Office and made out to Kansas 4-H Youth Development. Make sure to include a list of youth name(s), 4-H Club, and River Valley District so the payment is applied to the correct account.
- Local Sponsor—4-H Club, 4-H Council, etc. Check with club leaders to see if a local sponsor will be paying your program fee.
- Waiver—if families are unable to afford the program fee, they may request a waiver during the enrollment process to cover the cost.

If you ever have questions or need assistance with the enrollment process, please contact your local 4-H Program Manager.



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## ***National 4-H Week***

The theme of this year's **National 4-H Week**, which takes place from **October 6–12, is “Inspire Kids to Do”!** The anticipation is building for National 4-H Week, when the 4-H community of over 6 million young people, 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 4-H professionals will celebrate America's largest youth organization by showcasing the incredible work that they do each and every day to make a positive impact on those around them.

### **Here are some things you can do to help promote National 4-H Week**

- Record Radio Spots inviting youth to join 4-H
- Display your club's projects in windows of local businesses
- Invite your non 4-H friends to your club meeting
- Wear your 4-H shirt to school on Spirit Day - Oct 8<sup>th</sup>
- Recruit a new volunteer to be a project leader to “Inspire Kids to Do”
- Encourage your 4-H Club to plan and complete a community service project



## ***48 Hours of 4-H***

Join the fun this fall in seeing how much 4-H can give back to our communities! 48 Hours of 4-H will be taking place Saturday and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> this year in every extension unit across Kansas. Through one weekend of service, youth can show their communities what 4-H does and how it serves others. 48 Hours of 4-H service projects must be completed during this designated weekend. Projects completed during another time are a community service project, not a 48 Hours of 4-H Project.

Please register your projects and follow up with a report of the number of volunteers and hours spent completing your project online at [www.Kansas4-H.org/484H](http://www.Kansas4-H.org/484H). You can also go to this site for more information and project ideas.

Please take lots of pictures of your project and send the photos to Jordan Schuette at [jschuette@ksu.edu](mailto:jschuette@ksu.edu) so they can be shared on Facebook.

Whatever you choose to do, small or large, go out and make a difference! Teach our 4-H members how to use their hands to larger service. **48 Hours of 4-H - “A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.”**

### **4-H Sunday**

One Sunday each year is set aside to call attention to and emphasize the spiritual “H” (heart) of 4-H.

4-H Sunday is typically the first Sunday in October and is the start of National 4-H Week. This year, 4-H Sunday is October 6, 2019. 4-H Clubs may choose to celebrate 4-H Sunday as it best suits their members and families.

Each club decides how they want to observe 4-H Sunday. Some clubs attend a member's church together, have a part in a church service, or conduct some other spiritual activity.

Bulletin inserts have been updated. Contact your local River Valley District extension office if you need bulletin inserts for a church service.

### ***Spirit Day***

National 4-H is hosting a Spirit Day on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We know that a lot of you already encourage your 4-H'ers to wear a clover to school and that's what this day will be...an opportunity for 4-H members, parents, and volunteers to show their clover pride by wearing a 4-H shirt to school/work.

### ***Officer Training***

As the new 4-H year approaches, clubs are electing their new officers. Each 4-H member that is elected to an office has many responsibilities to fill for their 4-H club. To help teach the officers their responsibilities and duties, the River Valley District holds two officer trainings across the district.

It is important for each officer to attend one of the two sessions to learn what their duties are as an officer for their club. It is also important that each club have their officers in attendance, as it is a requirement on the club seal. Check out page 4 for the different officer positions and election procedures!

Both trainings will begin ---at 2:30 p.m. and should be concluded by 3:30 p.m.

\*Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Clay Center Community High School- Clay Center

\*Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Republic County High School – Belleville



## ***Apply Now for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council***

Do you want to be a member of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council or be a delegate for the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.? Both serve on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council, which provides leadership for many state events, including Campference, Citizenship in Action, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, and 48 Hours of 4-H.

Youth must be 4-H age 14-18 before January 1, 2020 to apply for the Leadership Council. To be a National 4-H Conference delegate, **youth must be 4-H age 15-18 before January 1, 2020.**

Applications are due by **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** online at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b3eV98wwNhk1Knj](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b3eV98wwNhk1Knj).

If you advance to the interview process, interviews are held in conjunction with the Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend at Rock Springs 4-H Center. To learn more about the process, head online to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/index.html> or contact Jordan Schuette at 785-527-5084.

## ***KYLF & KVF - Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend***

“Leadership is a Jungle of Fun!” Come, have fun, and build your leadership skills through workshops, Youth Council Elections, inspirational speakers and more!

The forums will be held November 23-24, 2019, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is open to all youth ages 14-18, years of age before January 1, 2020 and the Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) is for all Kansas 4-H volunteers. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective.

Register online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> Registration **deadline is October 15, 2019 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1, at the regular rate.**

## ***2019 Jr. Leader Education Trip***

In odd numbered years the River Valley District organizes a four-day, Jr. Leader Education Trip. The trip is open to 4-H’ers within the River Valley District who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 4-H age 18. The 4-H’ers must also be enrolled and actively participating in the Leadership Project. A group of 4-H’ers from throughout the District are selected to help choose the city and find educational activities within or around this city.

This year, forty-five 4-H members and six chaperones embarked on the Jr. Leader Education Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Susan Mattila, 4-H Program Manager, in the Washington Extension Office and four 4-H’ers from around the District planned and organized the trip. The group found several educational activities and sites for 4-H’ers to visit while in Milwaukee.

Some highlights from the first full day in Milwaukee included, touring Jones Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. 4-H’ers learned how the city treats wastewater and returns it to Lake Michigan. They also learned about the different education levels and careers the treatment plant employees. Many 4-H’ers were excited to tour the Original Cheesehead Factory and some even met the owner and creator. Our group gained a new perspective on the city by taking a boat tour on the Milwaukee Boat Line where we learned about the city’s rich history. The first day ended with 4-H’ers working together at the City 13 Escape Room. We are excited to report everyone successfully escaped!

Highlights from our second day included, touring Clock Shadow Cheese Factory and tasting some of the freshly made cheese and cheese curds. We were able to visit Discovery World which focused on science, technology, engineering, and math. The day ended with 4-H’ers exploring the Harley Davidson Museum and learning about the Company’s vast history. Our last day was mostly spent

traveling, but we were able to stop in Waterloo, Iowa to tour the John Deere Museum. Specifically, 4-H’ers learned about the John Deere Tractor and the history of the company.

Our River Valley District 4-H’ers had a very full and educational trip. Our chaperones received many compliments about the behavior and respect our 4-H’ers exhibited on the trip. If you are interested in learning more about 4-H or our Junior Leader Education Trip, please contact your local Extension Office. Contact Jordan Schuette at 785-527-5084 or [jschuette@ksu.edu](mailto:jschuette@ksu.edu) to learn more about 4-H in the River Valley District.



## ***Officer Positions and Descriptions***

4-H teaches skills that youth will use for their lifetime. Leadership is one of these lifelong skills. Successful 4-H Club meetings depend on leadership from effective officers.

4-H Club officers are elected each year at the beginning of the 4-H program year. It is important to have elections completed in time for the new officers to attend one of the two officer trainings. You can read more about the River Valley District 4-H Officer Trainings on Page 2.

Through the election process and holding officer positions, members:

- Learn about and participate in elections
- Learn to be responsible to their group, develop leadership skills, and practice basic parliamentary procedure
- Establish ownership in their club meetings

Before elections take place, an advisor or teen leader should do the following:

- Explain the duties of each office
- Share any qualifications needed to run for the office, such as attendance, participation, etc.
- Discuss the need to elect members for their ability, rather than for their popularity
- Discuss the election procedures to be followed, with written ballots used when voting

### **4-H clubs usually elect the following officers:**

**President** – Prepares an agenda and presides at all meetings. Understands and follows basic parliamentary procedure. Appoints committees. Works with leaders to ensure that each meeting runs effectively.

**Vice President** – Presides over the meeting in the absence of the president. Serves as chairman of the program planning committee and introduces the program at club meetings.

**Secretary** – Keeps complete and accurate minutes of each business meeting. Writes club correspondence. Records attendance of members and advisors.

**Treasurer** – Handles club money. Maintains accurate and current financial records. Completes the yearly financial review forms for the River Valley District board.

## ***County Fair Thank You Notes***

**Congratulations** to our exhibitors at the four county fairs in the River Valley District!

Just a reminder, if you haven't already, make sure to **send thank you notes** to your **plaque sponsors and livestock and/or project auction premium buyers**.

**Council Representative** - Attends the bi-monthly county 4-H Council meetings, represents the club's wishes and relays council decisions back to the club. Two adult leaders and two 4-H members are needed for council representatives. Clubs may consider electing alternate council representatives to attend the council meetings if a representative is unable to attend a meeting.

**Parliamentarians** – Assist club officers and leaders by enforcing the correct parliamentary procedures to make the meetings run smoothly.

**Reporter** – Writes interesting and accurate reports of club meetings and special activities. Sends reports of meetings and activities to local media. Photos are encouraged for events and community service activities for newspapers. Maintains the Club Reporter book.

**Historian** – Keeps items of historical significance to the club and arranges them in the Club Historian book.

**Recreation Leader** – Plans and leads recreation at each meeting. Plans special events and parties. Involves other members in leading recreational activities.

**Song Leader** – Plans and leads songs or music at each meeting.

The size of the 4-H Club and the age of the members may determine the number and kinds of officers to be elected.

In 4-H Clubs with younger and older members, electing Junior Officers may be helpful. A Junior Officer should be a younger 4-H member that works with the regular Officer in the same position to learn the responsibility and duties of their particular office. This would also be helpful in the Recreation and Song Leader positions to meet the needs and interests of the different age groups. Junior Officer roles also help the younger members to gain confidence in front of a group. Junior officers should run at least one meeting during the 4-H year.

Since one of the goals of 4-H is to develop leadership skills, it is a good idea to pass officer positions around through many years, so members gain different experiences. This means that a member should not hold the same office in consecutive years. A variety of experiences will help the member grow in leadership and develop new skills.

If you have any questions, regarding the roles of an officer, please call a member of the District 4-H Staff!

## **We Temporarily Moved!**

**The River Valley District**

**Washington Office Will Be Temporarily**

**Located at:**

**323 C Street**

**(the Washington County News Building)**

## ***Election Methods***

4-H Clubs across the District are electing new officers for the 2019-2020 year.

Before officers are elected, your 4-H Club should spend some time discussing the things you are looking for in your officers. You might want to think about such things as regular participation, experience in the club, ability, and willingness to serve as an officer, etc.

Nominating the officers can be done by different methods. Clubs may even choose to combine several of these ideas to use within their elections but nominations should always be allowed from the floor.

- The first method is a **nominating committee**. A committee of three to five members is usually appointed by the president to create a slate of officers. The committee meets with the 4-H club leader prior to the club meeting when the election of officers is to take place. If it is a small club, a slate of officers having only one person per office is appropriate. Each prospective officer must be asked if they are willing to serve prior to completing the slate of candidates. The slate of officer candidates is then presented at the

club meeting as a committee report.

- The second method is to have **members sign up for the offices for which they would like to be elected** prior to the election. A short questionnaire/application works very well with this method. Ballots are made, based on who applied for each office. At the election meeting, these members are given the opportunity to give a short statement as to why they should be elected to the office.
- The third method of electing officers is solely by **nomination from the floor**. In this method, the outgoing president calls for nominations from the floor for president. Once nominations are closed for president, the ballots are cast for the president. Next, nominations are accepted for vice president, nominations are closed, and ballots are cast. Continue this sequence to elect all of the club's officers.

If you have any questions regarding the election process, please call a member of the District 4-H Staff.

## ***4-H Ambassadors***

What are ambassadors you ask? It's a group of high school age 4-H members in your county that have interest in promoting 4-H to different kinds of audiences.

The following youth and advisors will be serving as 4-H Ambassadors for the 2019-2020 4-H year!

- **RVD-Clay County:** Mattie Blackburn, Katie Brady, Logan Fickes, AnnaLeah Johnson, Ryan McClure, Julia Rieger and Zachary Stitt. Judy Stitt - Advisor
- **RVD-Cloud County:** Gage Amerin, Rachelle Anderson, Gunner Boden, Hana Cool, Macy McMillian, Riley McMillan, Cole Stahlman and Gage Walter. Shea McMillian and Kaylee Mosher - Advisors
- **RVD-Republic County:** Blake Aurand, Braden Frasier, Andrew Hubert, Trey Melton, Kiersten Morgan, Ella Pachta, Hayley Piroutek, Kendall Reynolds, Terin Rundus, and Tyler Stindt. Lauren Field - Advisor
- **RVD-Washington County:** Madison Bruna, Taylor Koch, Carly Kolle, Kael Lange, Reanna Rencin, Mandy Simmons, Aliyah Sinn, Chloe Sinn, Coy Stamm, and Nathaniel Tice. Katlin Bruna - Advisor

Congratulations and good luck to our Ambassadors as they promote and recruit for River Valley District 4-H!

## ***2019 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl***

The 2019 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme this year is "**Rock Star 4-H Dogs**". 4-H members 7-18 years of age may attend. Only one dog is allowed per youth participant that must be noted on the registration form. Dogs are optional and may be included in the conference to aid their socialization skills. However, youth do not have to bring a dog to participate.

Participants must choose Track 1 or follow Track 2. It is not possible to mix-and-match tracks. **Track 1 - Educational Classes:** 1. Train the Trainer Dog Tips; 2. Dog Poisonings and Toxins; 3. Bling Your Dog Like a Rock Star; 4. American Kennel Club Experiences; and 5. Canine Good Citizen Program. Or **Track 2** - is open only to current dog teams or dog teams ready to advance into more

advanced training.

The conference will have a special youth-dog activity outside, "Dog Fashion Show and Karaoke" evening program, dog skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, plus s'mores and much more.

All youth must be chaperoned by parent or 4-H leader. County groups must be housed in the same cottage and all dogs must be on leash or kenneled in your room. Owners must pick up and bag after dogs.

The cost is \$125.00 for full-time participants, \$75.00 for Saturday only and \$50.00 for Sunday only. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered on-line for an additional cost of \$11.00 and \$27.00 respectively. **Registration is open and will close on October 7, 2019, 11:59 p.m.** To register, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>.

## Kansas 4-H Key Award Application

The Kansas Key Award is one of the highest honors awarded to 4-H members across Kansas.

As a 4-H award, the applicant needs to highlight 4-H related events, activities, and achievements accomplished within the 4-H club, county/district, region, or state.

The basic requirements for the applicant are the following:

1. Be 16 years old (4-H age)
2. Complete four or more years of 4-H work
3. Have been enrolled into the 4-H Leadership project for four or more years

Plus applicants must meet 9 out of the 11 other requirements on the form. This form can be found on the district webpage at <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/awards/Key%20Award%20-%20Updated%2009.2017.pdf>.

Completed forms must be given to your club leader for their signature so ask for the date it is due!

## Member Achievement Plans-Pin Applications

Member Achievement Plans (Pin Applications) are an opportunity to receive recognition for your participation and achievements in 4-H! Pin applications will get increasingly tougher as youth get older, to challenge their participation.

There are 9 pin applications to apply for throughout one's 4-H career. You may find the pin applications on our district 4-H page at <http://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/recors awards forms.html>.

You may hand-write your application or use the form-fillable versions from our website to complete the application. If you choose to do the form-fillable version, keep in mind that you may not be able to save your application, only print it.

Here are a few guidelines for completing these applications:

- You may only receive one achievement pin a year. However, you may receive both a pin and the 4-H Key Award the same year as they are two separate award applications.
- It may take a couple of years to receive a pin, especially for the upper level pins. Make sure to take the opportunity at the beginning of the new 4-H year to look at what you need to accomplish during the next year! Set goals!!
- Make sure you are using the newest version! Pin applications should have a revision date of June 2015 listed on the back.

- Report ONLY 4-H participation! Do not include school, church, or other youth organization related events and/or activities.
- Activities and events should be from the current 4-H year only! Only the Gold & Gold Guard pins allow the use of prior 4-H years' work on select optional requirements.
- An event/activity can only be used one time per application.
- Check all of the optional requirements you have completed, even if you have more that is required. One that you may think fulfilled a requirement may not be accepted.
- If there is a blank line for a requirement, you must fill in the details! Be as detailed as possible!
- On some pin apps, an optional requirement is to receive recognition at your county's Achievement Celebration. Only individual recognition counts. You are not able to use your club's overall recognition for his requirement.

Most importantly, if you have a question on what application you are ready to apply for or have questions about what events may qualify for a certain requirement, please contact your local 4-H staff. We are here to help!

Remember that the application needs to be signed by your 4-H Club leader so make sure to ask them what the deadline is for your club!

## RVD Achievement Celebrations

Every year, we have the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H members throughout the River Valley District! Below are the dates for the four Achievement Celebrations in the River Valley District!

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| • Republic   | Sunday, November 3rd                | 2:00 p.m. | Republic County 4-H Building (Fairgrounds)                |
| • Clay       | Saturday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:30 p.m. | UMC-Family Life Center (Potluck Meal)                     |
| • Cloud      | Saturday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 6:30 p.m. | Cloud County Fairgrounds (Potluck Meal)<br>And Barn Dance |
| • Washington | Saturday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 6:30 p.m. | Washington Co. High School (Catered Meal)                 |

Please save the date for your Achievement Celebration! Join us as we commend the hard work and dedication of our 4-H members!

## Record Books

4-H Record Books are an ongoing documentation of everything a 4-H'er has accomplished through their 4-H career. The record book is updated yearly by completing a new Personal Page, writing a general story of your current 4-H year's projects and activities, and by adding to your Permanent Record.

Every 4-H member in the River Valley Extension District is expected to complete a record book for the 2018-2019 4-H year. Your record book is turned in to your club leaders for review by the deadline date set by your club leaders. Record books are **not** turned in to the Extension Office but a list of youth that complete record books should be turned in by club leaders to the extension office. Completing a record book helps your club meet requirements to achieve the yearly club seal and it may also help a member meet requirements for achievement pins.

As you prepare for college, record books are extremely helpful in completing college scholarship applications as it is a record of your offices held, volunteer and community service activities, public presentations, and other leadership activities.

Record Book resources are located online at [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/record\\_book\\_forms.html](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/record_book_forms.html).

If you need any assistance with completing your Record Book, please contact any of the River Valley District 4-H Staff.

## Shooting Sports State Trap Match

The River Valley District 4-H Shooting Sports program will have some 4-H members at the State 4-H Trap Match on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in Kechi, Kansas. Good luck to these 4-H'ers!

# 4-H GROWS HERE

## General Project Records /Animal Project Records and KAP's

Animal Project Records and General Project Records consist of:

- Project Story – Get detailed about your specific project area. Tell about your project from beginning to end – why you chose it, what was challenging, share successes, what you've learned, and how you've helped others. This is your bragging rights so express yourself.
- Project Record Forms - which include photos pertaining to your project and how you demonstrated leadership and citizenship in the project.

There are 3 different age appropriate versions to pick from, which can be found on the River Valley District website, <http://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4h/projectrecords.html>.

Juniors are 4-H age 7-8, Intermedi-

ates are 4-H age 9-13, and Seniors are 4-H age 14-18.

We encourage every 4-H member to pick at least one of their favorite projects to complete a project record over. All Animal Project Records and General Project Records must be signed by club leaders, so turn it into your leader by their September deadline.

Project records are sent to another county within the River Valley District to be judged. If you are interested in helping judge, contact your local 4-H Program Manager. Judging is a great learning opportunity!

Project Record winners are announced at your Achievement Celebration this fall. Senior Division winners may be chosen to advance to the Northeast area screening in January, where they are eligible to be selected for the State Judging.

## Club Seal Report

Each 4-H Club has a charter from Kansas 4-H showing they are an official 4-H Club. Each year, 4-H Clubs can meet requirements that demonstrates participation to receive a club seal – Purple, Blue, Red, or White. These club seals are placed on the 4-H Club's charter each year.

There are 8 basic goals, which at least 6 must be met by each club. Then, depending on your club's membership numbers, each club must meet a specified number of options on the list to obtain a club seal.

4-H Clubs are given this report at the beginning of the 4-H Year so they may set goals to accomplish and achieve the highest club seal.

During each achievement celebration in the River Valley District, 4-H Clubs will be recognized for the club seal they obtained.

Club leaders must have the completed form to their local extension office by Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.



# RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Highlight, circle, underline, etc. the important dates for your family to remember!**

Then, use this calendar as a reminder – place it on your fridge, with your calendar, on your bulletin board, etc.!

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>September</b>			
9/2		RVD Offices Closed – Labor Day	RVD Extension Offices
9/6-9/15		Kansas State Fair	Hutchinson
9/23	7:30 p.m.	RVD-Concordia 4-H Council	Courthouse Meeting Room – Concordia
<b>October:</b>			
10/1		4-H Enrollment Begins	<a href="https://ks.4honline.com/">https://ks.4honline.com/</a>
10/1		Youth Leadership Council Applications Due	
10/5-10/6		State Trap Match	Kechi, KS
10/6		4-H Sunday	
10/6	2:30 p.m.	Officer Training	Clay Center Community High School
10/6-10/12		National 4-H Week	
10/7		Dog Conference Registration Due	
10/7	6:30 p.m.	RVD – Clay Center Ambassadors	Ext. Office Meeting Room – Clay Center
10/7	7:00 p.m.	RVD – Clay Center Jr. Leaders	Ext. Office Meeting Room – Clay Center
10/7	7:45 p.m.	RVD – Clay Center 4-H Council	Ext. Office Meeting Room – Clay Center
10/8		Spirit Day – Wear Your 4-H T-Shirt	
10/11-10/12		48 Hours of 4-H	
10/13	2:30 p.m.	Officer Training	Republic County High School – Belleville
10/14	7:30 p.m.	RVD – Washington 4-H Council	FNB Basement – Washington
10/15		Early Registration Due – KYLF & KVF	
10/19-20		KS 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl	Rock Springs 4-H Center
<b>November:</b>			
11/1		Registration Due – KYLF & KVF	
11/3	2 p.m.	RVD – Republic Co. Achievement Celebration	Fairgrounds – 4-H Building
11/9	6:30 p.m.	RVD – Clay Co. Achievement Celebration	UMC – Family Life Center
11/11		RVD Offices Closed – Veterans Day	RVD Extension Offices
11/23	6:30 p.m.	RVD–Cloud Co. Achievement Celebration	Fairgrounds – Commercial Building
11/23	6:30 p.m.	RVD – Washington Co. Achievement Celebration	Washington Co. High School
11/23-11/24		KYLF & KVF	Rock Springs 4-H Center
11/25	7:30 p.m.	RVD – Concordia 4-H Council	Courthouse Meeting Room - Concordia
11/28-11/29		RVD Offices Closed – Thanksgiving	RVD Extension Offices
<b>December:</b>			
12/2	6:30 p.m.	RVD – Clay Center Ambassadors	Ext. Office Meeting Room – Clay Center
12/2	7:00 p.m.	RVD – Clay Center Jr. Leaders	Ext. Office Meeting Room – Clay Center
12/2	7:45 p.m.	RVD – Clay Center 4-H Council	Ext. Office Meeting Room – Clay Center
12/25		RVD Offices Closed – Christmas	RVD Extension Offices

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## Be a 4-H Volunteer. Inspire Kids to Do.

Volunteers are essential to the 4-H Program. The leadership, knowledge, time, and talents that volunteers share with 4-H youth is priceless.

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**Volunteers don't get paid. Not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.**  
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The River Valley District is so thankful for all the wonderful registered volunteers that are currently working with the youth in our 4-H program! If you are not a volunteer, please consider becoming one!

To be a volunteer, you must complete a registration process, including an application, 4-HOnline profile, volunteer orientation training, interview, and criminal background checks.

If you are currently a registered volunteer, make sure to update your registration by completing the renewal application and 4-HOnline profile.

If you are not sure what you need to complete, check out our website at [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteer\\_screening.html](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteer_screening.html) or contact any member of the River Valley District 4-H Staff.

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