Enrollment Deadline is Approaching!

The enrollment deadline is quickly approaching. It is time for returning members to re-enroll in 4-H. In order to access your family profile, you will use the same email and password as when you created the account. If you forgot your password, contact the extension office and we will be able to provide you with a temporary password to have access to enrollment.

Use the following link to enroll: ks.4honline.com

Returning members have until December 15th to finalize enrollment. New Families have until May 1st to finalize enrollment.

Congratulations to all 4-Hers!!

The 2015 Achievement Banquet was a success this year. I am very proud of all that you have accomplished. We have so many great 4-Hers in Finney County. I only hope that you continue on within 4-H. Remember that most of those awards are based on participation within your club as well as completion of record books. I cannot stress enough the importance of filling out the Kansas Record Books and Kansas Award Portfolio and turning those into the county for recognition. Remember to also fill out your pin applications at the same time as record books.

Thank you to the Kourageous Kids and Sherlock Strivers 4-H Clubs for all of your work in preparing the meal and decorating the 4-H Building. It looked great. Just a note for next year, it will be the Finney Flyers and Wide Awake club’s turn to help with the 2016 Achievement Banquet.
Enrollment and re-enrollment for 2015-2016 is now open as of October 1st. This will once again be done strictly online by each 4-H family using the same username and password created at initial registration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension Office 272-3670.

**Step 1: Create a Family Profile**
1. Click [I need to set up a profile] button.
2. Select your county, then type in your family email address in both email fields.
3. Enter your family/household Last Name. (This is the name that will appear on mailings)
4. Create your password. (Must include letters and numbers/symbols, with a minimum of 8 characters).
5. Click [Create Login].

**Step 2: Family Information Page**
This general information is for your immediate family. Individual family members will be added in step 3.
1. Fill in the blank fields of the [Profile Information]. Do not check Update Member Records yet.
2. Click [Continue] at the bottom of the page.
3. You do not need to enter or change your password.

**Step 3: Add Youth in Family**
1. Click the drop down box under [Add a New Family Member], then select [Youth].
2. Click [Add Member] to access the [Youth Personal Information] screen.
3. Enter personal information for that specific youth.
4. Click [Continue] at the bottom.
5. Review and complete additional information. Efforts are being made to include all authorizations from the Kansas 4-H Participation Form beginning with the 2016 4-H enrollment year.
6. Click [Continue] when all fields are complete.

**Step 4: Add Club to Youth**
The next screen includes a series of “tabs” that represent different aspects of 4-H participation.
1. Select your club from the drop down menu.
2. Click [Add Club]. The club must appear in the [Club List].
3. Click [Continue].

**Step 5: Add Projects to Youth**
1. Under “Select a Project,” click on the drop down menu; select the first project for this member.
2. Click [Add Project].
3. Repeat 1-2 to add each additional project.
4. Click [Continue] when done adding all projects.
5. Click [Submit Enrollment] when finished with this member’s enrollment.

This will submit the member’s enrollment for local Extension staff to review & accept.

**Deadlines:**
* Enrollment for returning families will be due December 15, 2015.
* New 4-H families will have until May 1, 2016 to enroll in 4-H and all projects that will be exhibited at the Finney County Fair.
ATTENTION ALL 4-Hers!!

4-H Council News

If you are a 4-H Council representative from your 4-H Club and you want to be a 4-H Council Officer, it is best that you are present for the elections. Those nominated will need to introduce themselves and address the rest of the council on their qualifications for the office. This is a great opportunity for a county 4-H office. Club representatives should be present at all meetings. Because of low attendance at the last meeting, elections were not able to be conducted. The November Meeting will be held on November 23rd at 7 PM in the 4-H Building.

4-H Council meets on the 4th Monday in January, March, May, September and November, unless announced otherwise.

**Mark your calendars: January 4-H Council Meeting is Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7PM**

4-H Ambassador Interviews to take place November 30th

Thank you to all who turned in an application to be 4-H Ambassador.

**If you submitted a 4-H Ambassador Application, we have scheduled the 4-H Ambassador Interviews for Monday, November 30th starting at 6 PM at the Finney County Extension Office.**

Please make sure that you dress nicely to represent yourself and the position that you want as a 4-H Ambassador. As for the types of questions that we will ask during the interviews, they will mostly be focused on your leadership roles within 4-H and other activities, your involvement in 4-H, your experiences with 4-H, what you wish to see within 4-H and promoting 4-H, and of course why you would like to be an ambassador. So think about some of these subjects while preparing for your interviews.

It will be a first come first interviewed, so we will not assign time slots. Please arrive on time and we will try to get the interviews done in a timely manner.
ATTENTION ALL 4-Hers!!

Cloverbud Club

If you have a child between the ages of 5 & 6 this is the time to start getting them involved in 4-H through the Cloverbud Club! Come learn about 4-H, meet some of our junior leaders, interact with other kids, participate in games/crafts, and most importantly... have fun!! Our next meeting will be **November 24th at 6:00PM in the 4-H Building** For more information, please feel free to contact the Extension Office at 620-272-3670, or email Tayla at tlcannella@ksu.edu.

Mark your calendars! The December Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6PM, 4-H Building.

Become a Junior Leader!

It is that time of year to be thinking about what all you would like to be involved in through 4-H. Have you ever thought about becoming a junior leader?

Junior Leaders are a very crucial part to 4-H as they are needed to help us teach younger kids about 4-H and what all they can do as members. Some things that you may be involved with as a junior leader include: Recruit new members to the club, serve as a "mentor" or "big friend" to a new member, assist with Cloverbud Club meetings, guide new members in the selection of their projects, assist members in setting project goals, suggest topics for talks/demonstrations in a particular project area, help members in developing and presenting a talk/demo, assist members in the completion of their project records, assist a project leader with one or more meetings for a project area, conduct a project meeting for members, demonstrate the "conference judging" concept for members, and help members understand exhibit rules for county show in project area. If you are interested in becoming a Junior Leader, add it to your enrollment on 4-Honline, it is listed under activities.

Age Requirement: Finney County 4-Hers Ages 12-18
Meeting Dates: After Cloverbud Club Meetings

(November 24, 2015)
Volunteers get your renewals & applications in!

VIP orientation is one of the required steps to becoming VIP certified. Who needs to complete the VIP?

Definition of a 4-H volunteer:

Registered VIP = 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 them in close, ongoing, one-to-one interaction with youth. (Examples: judging team coach, community/organizational leader, project leader, camp assistant or counselor, Discovery Days or other event chaperone, ex-change trip chaperone, project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, county-wide project leader, fair superintendent, etc.)

Episodic Volunteer = An episodic volunteer would be a volunteer helping with a single “episode” or activity. This person is not required to complete the VIP process. Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, assistant fair superintendents, guest speakers, etc.

◊ All volunteers who have previously completed VIP training and want to continue as active 4-H volunteers will need to complete VIP renewal forms.
  • Renewal forms due now for this year. All VIP certified volunteers will need to complete the annual VIP Renewal Form at the beginning of each 4-H year. When the 4-H members re-enroll the VIP Volunteers will also renew their VIP.

◊ Any adult with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with other adults present in a public setting OR a volunteer whose position puts them in close, ongoing, one on one interaction with youth must complete the Volunteer Information Profile (VIP) screening process. This includes, but is not limited to: Organizational Leaders, Project Leaders, County wide Leaders, Master Volunteers, Teen Leaders, Ambassadors.

◊ Any youth over the age of 13 who serve in the role of a Junior Project Leader or work with other 4-H youth in any way, must complete a VIP Application and attend a scheduled VIP Orientation.

Because of statewide changes with the VIP Registration process, it is important that ALL volunteers (or those considering being a volunteer) fully complete the process ASAP!

To become a registered VIP, please pick up an application from the Extension Office, or you can find it online at http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=487.

For volunteers who are already Registered VIP Volunteers, it is important to complete the Annual VIP Renewal Form to keep your Profile active.

4-H VIP orientation will be available on 4-HOnline. They are still working on getting the orientation active, but you will be notified when it becomes available.
Honor Flight Fundraiser

♦ The 2016 Honor Flight Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, January 16th at the Finney County Fairgrounds starting at 11 AM - 6:30 PM. All 4-H Clubs are invited to participate.

♦ 4-H Mini Fair:

   All 4-H members are asked to promote 4-H with 4-H displays, posters, project items made etc. Those items are to be brought to the Exhibition Building on Saturday morning, early February 15th., or drop them by the Extension Office.

Each 4-H Club is to provide the following for the fundraiser:

Desserts: Four or more (4) 9x13 desserts in FOIL PAN (Cake, Brownies, Rice Krispy Bars, Bar Cookies, Cupcakes)

Bake Sale: One (1) bake sale item per 4-H family, consisting of minimum - 2 dozen cookies, whole pie, 2 dozen cinnamon rolls, cakes, fruit cobbler, cupcakes, etc.

Silent Auction: One or more donated item per 4-H Club (suggest baskets or items donated from businesses)

All proceeds from this event will Fund Sending our area WWII Veterans to Washington D.C. to see their Monument at no expense to them.

Citizenship Washington Focus

June 16 – June 27, 2016

Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues.

There are 50 spaces available for this trip! There are no county quotas. Applications will be accepted until January 15, or until the 50 spaces are filled; whichever comes first.

Ages: Youth must be 15– 18 years of age as of January 1, 2016.

Delegates and/or their counties are responsible for the cost of $1,675. A non-refundable deposit of $250 is due at the time of application.
Upcoming 4-H Events

Volunteer Opportunity for 4-H Clubs

There is an organization that meets monthly at the Senior Center, the first Friday of each month for a covered dish dinner and entertainment. 4-H clubs have been invited to join the group one month for bingo and dinner. Dinner and bingo prizes will be provided. All they need are the young people to join the seniors at dinner and play bingo!

Possible dates would be Fridays, January 8, February 5 or March 4 at 6PM.

If your club is interested, please contact Tayla at the Extension Office. 272-3670, or if you have any further questions email Tayla: tlcannella@ksu.edu.

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I have received several calls regarding fundraising ideas for 4-H clubs. I have a few different options for clubs at the Extension Office. If you need any new ideas, please let me know.

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Finney County Spring Show is Coming Back!!

We are bringing back the Finney County Spring Show. It will now be a part of the Cimarron Valley Livestock Series and will be held on Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st. We are needing adult volunteers to serve on a planning committee. The primary responsibility of the committee will be to help secure sponsors and of course help on the days of the show. Without your help, the show will not be possible. Please let Katelyn or I know if you would like to help in any capacity. We would greatly appreciate any and all help. We are very excited to bring a spring show back into Finney County.
Happy Holidays from the Extension Office!!

The Extension Office will be closed for the holidays from December 24th until January 3rd. The office will re-open on Monday, January 4th at 8 AM. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season.

Calendar of Events

**November**

10 Officer’s Training
15 Achievement Banquet
20-22 KYLF & KVF
23 4-H Council Meeting
24 Cloverbud/Club Jr. Leaders Meeting
26-27 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
30 4-H Ambassador Interviews

**December**

15 Enrollment Deadline Current 4-Hers

Cloverbud Club/Jr. Leaders Meeting
24-31 Office Closed

**January**

1-3 Office Closed
15 Friends on the Farm Day
16 Honor Flight Fundraiser
19 Cloverbud Club/Jr. Leaders Meeting
25 4-H Council Meeting

2016 Finney County Fair Dates
July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

2016 Finney County Fair Quilt Contest

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Quilt What Kansas Means To You

Any Size, Any Technique, Any Form, Any Medium
Entry Must Be Quilted
Let Your Creativity Flow!!!
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