4-H Youth Clover Connection

It’s time to get involved Finney County 4-Hers!

4-H is more than just completing projects, having animals, and getting to spend the week at the county fair with all of your friends. As 4-H members, I hope that you take advantage of all of the leadership opportunities that 4-H has to offer. Finney County offers the following leadership opportunities: 4-H Council Representative, Jr. Leaders, 4-H Ambassadors, 4-H Club Officer, Camp Counselor, and Jr. Superintendent. See the next few pages for descriptions of these opportunities. By being involved, you will gain great leadership skills and it will help you when it comes time to apply for scholarships, college, and jobs. If you have questions about any of these opportunities, please let Tayla know by calling the Extension Office or emailing tlcannella@ksu.edu.

Celebrate National 4-H Week

Celebrate National 4-H Week October 4th—10th. Wear your 4-H Shirts, tell a friend about 4-H, and take part in Tractor Supply’s Clover Campaign October 7th through the 18th. Let’s make 4-H grow in Finney County!

4-H Officer’s Training — November 10th

I have scheduled an Officer’s Training for Tuesday November, 10th in the Grandstand Meeting Room starting at 7PM. All 4-H Officers of each club are highly encouraged to attend. We will have lots of relevant information that will help guide you through the responsibilities of your job as an officer. Please let Tayla know if you plan to attend by emailing tlcannella@ksu.edu or call the office. Thanks!

THANK YOU!!
FINNEY COUNTY PARENTS, 4-H VOLUNTEERS, FINNEY COUNTY 4-H CLUBS AND MEMBERS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
4-H Online Enrollment 2015-2016

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.
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!!

Now Accepting 4-H Ambassadors Applications!

Purpose:

♦ To promote and represent 4-H throughout Finney County while developing personal leadership and communication skills. Work together with a team of 3-8 Ambassadors, to develop a small scale public information program.

Qualifications:

♦ POSITIVE attitude, Public Presentation Skills, Willingness to meet people and promote ideas, Enthusiasm for youth and the 4-H program, Good human relations and communications skills, Willingness to cooperate as a team, Responsible -- follow through on commitments, Takes initiative, a self-starter, Recognized as a good role model for all youth. Serve as exemplary member of the 4-H program to the community and out-of-county events, Interest in promoting the 4-H program, Ability to communicate with youth and adults, Time and commitment to work with developing a 4-H Public Relations Program

♦ 8th Grade to age 18

Application Process:

♦ Must fill out an application which is available at the Extension Office, Current Ambassadors will need to reapply. Must attend a formal interview with the Advisors and current Ambassadors and leaders. Ambassadors or Community Members may nominate youth for the Ambassador Program. Applications will be taken until October 15th.

4-H Council Meeting: Monday, November 23, 2015

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.

4-H Council meets on the 4th Monday in January, March, May, September and November, unless announced otherwise.
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 first meeting will be **October 27th 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

**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

(October 27, 2015)

Contact Tayla Cannella at the Extension Office at 620-272-3670, or email tlcannella@ksu.edu
Attention Volunteers

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, 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 is now available online. The online address for 4-H VIP Orientation is:

http://www.kansas4-h.org/onlinetraining/main.aspx?type_=4-H
Upcoming 4-H Events

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend—KYLFF & KVF

◆ Are you ready to “Think BIG”? Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2016 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

◆ Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend will be held November 20-22, 2015 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The weekend includes the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Forum. Online Registration will open in late August. Registration will be due on October 15.

◆ KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2016 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers.

◆ The Youth fee of 200.00 includes: a conference t-shirt, lodging, meals, insurance, and program fees. Some classes have additional small fees to pay for supplies. Delegates and chaperones should pay fees to their local Extension Office that will in turn write one check payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Registration fees are due for all who register.

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.
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.

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.
**Kourageous Kids & Sherlock Strivers... Tag, You’re It!!!**

Kourageous Kids and Sherlock Strivers are in charge of the Achievement Banquet this year. Please be sure that you are contacting each other and find a time to start to plan our Achievement Banquet. It is scheduled for **Sunday, November 15th**. Let Tayla know if you have any questions in the meantime.

**Calendar of Events**

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**2016 Finney County Fair Dates**

July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

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**2016 FINNEY COUNTY FAIR QUILT CONTEST**

**KANSAS, MY KANSAS**

*Quilt What Kansas Means To You*

*Any Size, Any Technique, Any Form, Any Medium*

*Entry Must Be Quilted*

*Let Your Creativity Flow!!!