



Fall Newsletter

Marion County 4-H
2025 - Oct, Nov, Dec

New Year

Happy New Year - Start with the end in mind! If you have ambitions to earn a 4-H pin or project award, it is recommended to start project records and establish some goals within those projects and work towards them! If you are hoping to earn a 4-H pin, it's important to note the requirements to earn that pin. You can find information on the Chisholm Trail Extension website: bit.ly/4nEoVbe



Things to consider: Citizen and Leadership opportunities within project areas.



Communications

This newsletter will be emailed out quarterly with the following schedule: Oct-Dec, Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sept. There will be a few items that may be emailed out separate from the Newsletter, an example would be the Fair Letter that contains county fair information. The Newsletter will be posted on the Chisholm Trail District webpage, under 4-H/Youth Development, News/Newsletters. You can also refer to our online 4-H calendar for updated, new or canceled scheduled events.

4-H Awards Deadline October 3rd

Record keeping and project reporting are super important skills you learn as part of the Kansas 4-H program. You're encouraged to keep a permanent record of all your 4-H and non-4-H experiences; everything from club meetings to community service to cool personal achievements!

To get recognized for your hard work, make sure to fill out the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form. It's your chance to shine and show what you've learned and accomplished! Need help? Check out the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition. It's packed with tips to help you through the process.

Now, let's put a big shiny bow on your awesome 2024-2025 4-H year! That means it's

Record Book time! Don't forget to finish up your Project Records and Achievement Pin Applications. We want to celebrate YOU!

If you're applying for awards (and we hope you are!), be sure to get all the required signatures. Your club leaders are busy bees, so plan ahead — they aren't expected to rearrange their schedules if you wait until the last minute. Not sure which award to apply for? No problem! Just call the Extension Office and we'll help you figure it out.

And don't forget: October 3rd is also the deadline for the Club Seal application! Keep an eye on your inbox. We'll be sending out an email with all the details.

You've worked hard, learned a ton, and made a difference — now let's finish strong and celebrate everything you've achieved!

A Note From Our 4-H Council President

My name is Rylee Thomas. This is my 8th year in the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club and I am your county 4-H Council President for the 2024-2025 4-H year. I am involved in the Meat Goat, Sheep, and Visual Arts projects. This year I also served as the Horse Jr. Superintendent during the fair. I am excited about some of the changes that were made this past year, and I am

excited to celebrate everyone's achievements and successes at the achievement night in November. I think this year has been a great learning experience for many 4-Hers across the county. I encourage everyone to try something new as next year rolls around because you never know where it could take you.



48Hrs of 4-H Community Service Event

We will be meeting at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro at 3PM. We will split up and disperse throughout Hillsboro for a few projects and reconvene for a meal at 5 PM. The 4-H Council will meet around 5:30 for a meeting following the meal. Please bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, pitch forks, potato forks, etc. Lots of good ole fashioned fun!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum: November 22-23, 2025 Registration Deadline: October 15, 2025

The KYLF is an opportunity to gain leadership and interpersonal communication skills with other 4-H members from around the state within a bunch of different activities and experiences at Rock Springs 4-H camp. The 2026 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2026. There is a fee of \$215, however Marion County 4-H Endowment has provided funds to assist with those attending the forum. To find out more, go to:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/>
experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

Marion County 4-H Council

Council is made up of 4 representatives from each of our Marion County 4-H clubs (2 youth members and 2 adult volunteers). Council meets through out the year to discuss & determine the inner workings of 4-H. Council makes decisions on what activities/events occur throughout the 4-H year, how funds are spent, and what rules may need to be in place for the activities and events. IF you would be interested in serving as a representative of your club please notify your club leader.

Upcoming Events

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- Oct. 1: 4-H Online Enrollment begins
Record Books, Achievement Pins,
 - Oct. 3: Club Seals due
 - Oct. 3-5: Kansas Junior Livestock Show
 - Oct. 5-11: National 4-H Week
 - Oct. 12: 48 Hours of 4-H Service - MNCO
Fairgrounds 3PM
 - Oct. 13: Columbus Day
 - Nov. 2: Achievement Celebration MNCO
Fairgrounds 3:30PM
 - Oct. 25: Fall-O-Ween - Marion all day
 - Nov. 11: Veteran's Day
 - Nov. 22-23: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
Deadline to register: Oct 15
Kansas 4-H Volunteers
 - Nov. 26-28: Thanksgiving Holiday
 - Nov. 29: Holly Jolly Petting Zoo - Marion
 - Dec. 1: 4-H Coupon code expirew
 - Dec. 24-31: Christmas Holiday
 - Jan. 1: New Year's Day
 - Jan. 3: MNCO Winter Fair
 - Feb. 16: President's Day
 - Jun. 3-5: Discovery Days
 - Jul. 3: Fourth of July Holiday
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Project Meetings & Leadership

There will be project meetings scheduled throughout the year so please keep your eye out for these on the calendar.

If there are members/adult volunteers who would like to take a leadership role in these, please let us know! A large portion of these project meetings will occur as afterschool programs that open to all kids, so invite your friends even if they aren't in 4-H!

4-H Adult Volunteers

We are always looking for adult volunteers to help with project meetings, fair & 4-H events. If you are interested, please enroll as an adult volunteer on 4-H Online to begin the process. A criminal background check is required as part of the volunteer screening process, you can enter your information here for that:

<https://www.ejobapp-validityscreening.com/candidate/login> We are truly grateful to all those who are willing to help -Thank You!

Congratulations

Wow! Marion County exhibited 62 out of 78 registered Static Entries at the Kansas State Fair!

14 Purple ribbons

30 Blue ribbons

16 Red Ribbons

2 White Ribbons



Way to go!



4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment Opens on October 1st and closes on May 1st. The enrollment process takes place online at: 4honline.com. It is recommended to get enrolled prior to December 1st to utilize the coupon code and start receiving 4-H information.

A few key things regarding Enrollment:

- Fill out all the forms – including consents
- Include solid contact information – this is how we communicate
- Sign up for any project area that the member may be interested in – the fair entry system only allows you to make a fair entry in the projects you are enrolled in (doesn't mean you have to have a fair entry for that project)
- Coupon Code for reduced enrollment fees – the state 4-H office hasn't given us this yet. It will be distributed to club leaders when we receive it. NOTE: The coupon code is only valid till December 1st.

4-H Officer Training

We will be offering Officer Training for all of club officers again this year. This event will cover the roles/duties of each office and include a parliamentary procedure and project talk activity. 4-H Council will be determining a date & time for the event at their October meeting on the 12th, so stay tuned!

Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is a new project area recognized by the Kansas state 4-H office. We have many opportunities for youth to participate in this project area. A Marion County Sales Pitch competition will occur this fall – details will be coming out soon. We are working to collaborate with local business to create learning opportunities for youth interested in Entrepreneurship, please stay tuned as this is new project area.

Kansas Youth Virtual Entrepreneurship Challenge: Competition Closes: October 26

Do you have a business idea? Create a sales pitch in a 3-5 minute video and enter it into the Kansas Youth Virtual Entrepreneurship Challenge. This competition is open to Elementary through High School kids. More information can be found at: <https://www.campdestinationinnovation.com/kyvec>

Achievement Celebration

November 2nd, 3:30PM
at the Marion County Fairgrounds 4-H Building
Please join us as we celebrate
a year of accomplishments for our
Marion County 4-Hers.

Winter Fair

Saturday, January 3, 2026
Save the Date: More information will be pushed out as the event draws closer. In the meantime, think of some winter themed project ideas and get to creating!

Local Events - Let Us Know

If you as a club, or you as a community are actively participating in events within Marion County please, let us know. We are happy to let all of Marion County 4-H know. It would be a great way for us to come together and support one another. In fact we have a couple of opportunities listed below for any of our 4-H clubs to plug in make a difference.

"THRIVE in 2025"

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Marion Fallween: Saturday, Oct. 25 - Throughout Marion

There are many activities that day including face painting, hay bale maze, pumpkin games, haunted museum tours, kid friendly movies, etc. but one that we wanted to draw attention to is a Costume Contest that is very similar to a 4-H public style revue! How it works: you create/wear a costume of your choosing, create a short script and walk the spooky runway in the park while your script is read aloud to the audience. You can even include your pet as a costume sidekick! This classifies as an exhibit/presentation for your 4-H recordbook! Information can be found here:

Holly Jolly Christmas Petting Zoo: Nov. 29 - Marion Library, 11:30AM -2:30PM

Marion County 4-H is putting on a petting zoo for the Marion Community Event "Holly Jolly Christmas". Marion Merchants is supporting Marion County 4-H with a \$500 donation. If you are interested in helping out (with or without animals) please contact the Extension Office. There are many festive activities taking place that day in Marion so please come join the fun!

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