



October

2023 | Newsletter



23-24 4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year is HERE!!! That means its time for re-enrollment in 4-H Online

Who? 4-H members AND volunteers both need to enroll in 4-H online

When? Beginning Oct. 1st, enrollment is open! I highly recommend doing soon.

Why soon? 4-H Online is our primary way of staying in contact with 4-H families

Cost? Nothing!! 4-H Council and Blue Valley Technologies cover the cost of enrollment

How? 1. Visit v2.4honline.com

2. Existing login and member info has been transferred from the previous system. So only new families/volunteers need to create an account profile
3. When selecting payment method, choose "Payment for this invoice will be collected by 4-H institution". Click confirm, BUT do not send a check for payment. The fee is covered!
4. The State 4-H office has provided a PDF enrollment guide that can be found at [this link](#)

Re-enrollment deadline is January 1st to have your \$15 fee covered. The final date to add/drop projects is still May 1st for everyone

2023 Achievement Banquet

The achievement banquet will take place at 1pm on October 22nd at St. Bernard catholic church in Wamego.

We are asking that families RSVP by October 14th using the link below. After that date, we have to get final numbers to the caterer so no RSVP's will be taken after the 14th.

The cost is \$9 per person and will be collected at the banquet. Cash or check will be accepted.

[RSVP here](#)

Pictures needed

Each year we put together a slide show of 4-H pictures for the achievement banquet. If you have any, please send them to sydneypine@ksu.edu to be featured in our presentation

Ambassador Application

Are you currently a high school freshman or older? Consider applying to be a 4-H Ambassador! Ambassadors help promote 4-H, raise funds, and help better our communities! Find the application and more information at our [website](#)
Applications are due Nov. 15





Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

Registration for 4-H Leadership Weekend is now live!

KYLF will be November 18-19 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch. Find the registration at either link [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#)

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2024 and will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, a speaker and opportunities to learn and have fun.

Registration deadline is Monday, October 16, 2023. Cancellations after October 17, I will be subject to the full cost of registration.


Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum

November 18-19 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch (the same as KYLF) is [Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum](#).

KVF is for all Adult Kansas 4-H Volunteers and will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other.

Registration deadline is Monday, October 16, 2023.

Cancellations after October 17, I will be subject to the full cost of registration.



Straight Shooters

Sign up for spring disciplines is Oct 1st-14 and intro to shooting sports class is on the evening of Oct 27 & all day on the 28 all new shooters must attend class. See the flyer below for more! For more information please contact Susan Schanks (785) 313-7213 sschanks@yahoo.com

CWF Meeting

Don't forget the CWF informational meeting on October 12th at 6:00 at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan!

Officer Training

This year, we have a few different options for officer training!

October 29th - We are holding a Pott. Co. officer training!! Be on the lookout for more info

Nov. 14th - Riley Co. officer training (please send sydneypine@ksu.edu) an email if you plan to attend this)

If both Pott. Co. and RL Co. don't work and you are wanting to have training, I will be helping at the Wabaunsee Co. training and would be happy to take anyone with me that would like to go.

As always, reach out to me (Sydney) if you have any questions



October

- 7,8 48 Hours of 4-H
- 11 Outstanding 4-Her interviews
- 12 CWF info meeting
- 14 Straight shooter deadline
- 15 Banquet RSVP deadline
- 16 Leadership weekend deadline
- 22 Awards banquet
- 27, 28 Shooting sports class
- 29 Rabbit raisers meeting
- 29 Pott. Co. Officer training



November

- 1-4 CWF garage sale
- 12 Wabaunsee Co. officer training
- 14 Riley Co. officer training
- 15 Ambassador applications due
- 18-19 KYLF/leadership weekend



4-H Garage Sale

November 3-4

Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

**We are looking for a huge selection of items
to be donated.**

We do not accept TVs of any kind.

**Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley,
& Wabaunsee Counties**

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, November 1, 5-8 PM

Thursday, November 2, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, November 3, 9 AM - 8 PM

Saturday, November 4, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350



4-H Straight Shooters

participate in many events:

- 4-H Local, State and National Matches
- Daisy National BB Gun Matches
- Youth Hunter Education Challenges
- 4-H County and State Fairs
- USAS & CMP Shooting Matches

Organizations & people that support the 4-H Straight Shooters are:

- Riley County 4-H Extension Office
- Riley County 4-H Foundation
- Pottawatomie County 4-H Ext. Office
- Trained/Certified 4-H instructors
- Riley County Fish and Game
- Kansas Archery Center
- Fancy Creek Shooting Range
- Oregon Trail Trading Post
- Daisy Outdoor Products
- Kansas State Rifle Association
- Kaw Valley Muzzleloaders Assoc.
- Kansas Muzzleloaders Association
- National Wildlife Turkey Federation
- Flint Hills Pheasants Forever
- Justin Corbet Foundation
- Friends of NRA
- Manhattan Wrecker
- Many local and county businesses
- Shooting Sports families & friends

Thank you all

for your continued support of our
**4-H Youth Shooting Sports
Program!**

4-H IS FOR EVERYONE

4-H is the largest out-of-school youth organization in the world. All 50 states have 4-H programs and all 105 Kansas counties have 4-H community clubs, over 80 of which offer Shooting Sports as a project and/or project club.

4-H began in the early 1900s to help teach rural children home and farm skills. Now 4-H serves young people and volunteers from major urban and suburban communities as well as rural non-farm settings.

Communication, decision making, social interaction, civic responsibility, and positive self-esteem are all stressed in 4-H activities. Recognizing and respecting the differences among people are skills fostered through 4-H.

DEADLINES to ENROLL:

➤ **OCTOBER 1ST** –
BB gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle,
Hunting Skills, Western Heritage.

➤ **JANUARY 1ST** –
Archery, Muzzleloading,
Shotgun, Small Bore Pistol,
Small Bore Rifle.

Enrollment – ks.4honline.com

**Riley/Pottawatomie
4-H
Straight Shooters**



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Contact Information:

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WHAT IS THE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM?

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program teaches youth the safe and responsible use of guns, fundamentals of shooting, wildlife ID, general hunting knowledge, and history of the American West.

Learning to handle firearms safely enables youth to develop important decision-making skills, an inquiring mind, and cultivate their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources. This program strengthens family participation in life-long recreational activities.

OUR MISSION

Provide a safe and comfortable atmosphere for youth to learn the safe handling of firearms and archery equipment while learning basic marksmanship skills with the opportunity to advance.

WE OFFER ALL 10 DISCIPLINES!!

BB Gun	Air Pistol	Air Rifle
Archery	Hunting Skills	Shotgun
Muzzleloading	Western Heritage	
Small Bore Pistol	Small Bore Rifle	

We focus on these life skills:

- A positive self-concept
- An inquiring mind
- A concern for the community
- Healthy interpersonal relationships
- Sound decision making

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED?

RL/PT 4-H Straight Shooters provide equipment and ammunition for all *beginning* classes only.

Beginning classes: (4-H age 8+)

- Beginning Air Gun Class
 - BB (4-H age 8-14)
 - Air Pistol (4-H age 12-18)
 - Air Rifle (4-H age 12-18)
- Beginning Archery
- Hunting Skills
- Western Heritage

Intermediate classes: (4-H age 12-18)

- Muzzleloading
- Shotgun

Advanced classes: (4-H age 13-18)

- Small Bore Pistol
(1 year Air Pistol *required*)
- Small Bore Rifle
(1 year Air Rifle *required*)

Youth may purchase ammunition from the club for Air Pistol and Air Rifle. Limited supplies of Muzzleloading & .22LR ammunition may be available.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

County Extension offices:

Riley - www.riley.ksu.edu

Pottawatomie - www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/r1p14hstraightshooters

WHEN ARE CLASSES?

Disciplines are split into 2 seasons, Spring and Fall, each with their own State Match. Disciplines meet year round, and some have fluctuating dates for classes and practices as follows:

- Beginning Air Gun Class:
(Friday evening & all day Saturday – 1 weekend only)
Mid October
- Air Pistol/Rifle: (Sundays)
Weekly October – April
- BB Gun: (Sundays)
Weekly October – April
- Beginning Archery Class:
(Saturdays)
Weekly February – March
- Archery: (Saturdays)
Weekly May – September
- Hunting Skills: (varies)
Classes year round
- Shotgun: (varies)
Class & practices May – Sept.
- Small Bore Pistol/Rifle: (varies)
Class & practices May – Sept.
- Muzzleloading: (Wednesdays)
Weekly May – September
- Western Heritage: (varies)
Classes year round

Discipline dates & times subject to change dependent on range and instructor availability & schedule.