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It's That Time of Year Again

It's that time of year again, it is time for Project Report Forms! For some this is not a joyous topic, but I think it should be. This is a 4-Her's chance to brag about what they've accomplished over the past 4-H year. They even have a chance to be recognized at the State level! The forms might seem daunting, but rest assured that they are not that bad. All Project Report Forms are a record of where you started, what you did, and where you ended with your project this year. To make the process even easier check out our Sumner County Extension YouTube channel where there is a new instructional video on how to fill out Project Report Forms.

Program News and Updates



Junior Leaders

The Sumner County Junior Leaders have been hard at work leading up to the State Fair. The group had the opportunity to go to Hutchinson to prepare several buildings to exhibit 4-H projects during the Fair. Lots of exhibit racks needed moved, cleaned, and repainted. Additionally the 4-H Program is taking over the old Department of Correction Building. With the addition of the new building, lots of cleaning and painting was needed. Needless to say, it was a hard day's work that left many covered in paint. But their hard work was recognized and appreciated by State 4-H Staff that organized the event.

When the Junior Leader's were asked why they gave up their day to come and help, they all had similar responses. They wanted to hang out as a group and if that involved work, then o-well. It is wonderful to see this group working hard and making an impact State wide!



Instructional Videos

With lots of end the year paperwork due, the Extension Office is trying something new to help out our 4-H families. We are going to start creating instructional videos to help walk families through various forms that are required. Currently we have a video out covering how to fill out a 4-H Fair Entry Card and also how to fill out Project Report Forms. We will create more videos in the future, so be on the look out for what is to come! Also scan the QR Code on this page to go directly to our YouTube channel.



Agent Notes



The Importance of Record Keeping

Let's be real, no one likes record keeping. Sitting down and writing or typing lots of stuff that's hard to remember is not always fun, but it can be very helpful later on. It may not seem like a big deal now, but having accurate records of your time in 4-H can be very beneficial later down the road.

These Project Report Forms are your chance to show off what you've accomplished this year and what you've learned. We want to see what goals you had, the struggles and successes you had along the way. Ultimately we see your projects at the 4-H Fair, but just seeing a project doesn't tell the whole story. 4-H is not just about making projects, its about learning and growing. This is the way we get to see the awesome strides you make every year. It is also a great way to recognize and reward 4-Her's for things that would never make a 4-H Fair project.

Beyond short term recognition there is the opportunity to refine and go onto regional record book judging. If your book is selected from the regional judging, it competes at the state level. Those who win at the state level are publicly recognized and get to have their work displayed in front of all of Kansas 4-H.

Not only is the recognition nice, but Project Report Forms are helpful when you reach high school, college, and the career field. When you go to fill out scholarship applications they often ask about your involvement in programs growing up and throughout your school years. Having records of all you did and accomplished in 4-H is very helpful when filling out these applications. Even if 4-Her's do not attend a post secondary education program, having the records to fill out other applications is very useful. So although it might seem tough now, making the extra effort with Project Report Forms will pay off in the long run.



Schools Back in Session!

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

Side Notes

I can personally attest to how important record keeping is. When I went to apply for scholarships it was incredibly helpful having my Project Report Forms to go back and look at. My peers struggled to remember what they did, but I had nice, neat, and organized information ready to go. Also when I went to build my resume in high school and again in college, all my Project Report Forms came in handy. It was hard to fill out my Project Report Forms as a 4-Her. But thankfully the forms have been simplified since I filled them out, and now they are very streamlined and reasonable to work on. So from personal experience I can say that they might seem hard now, but are very worthwhile to do.



Here I am in my last year of 4-H competing in the round robin. I'm just glad my big steer behaved that day!

Club News

A place to highlight clubs and share ideas



Reporter's Corner

Club News from
Sumner County



Buccaneers

The Buccaneers 4-H Club was able to get out and serve their community this month. August 6th was “National Night Out” and many Belle Plaine residence were out and about to enjoy the evening. The Buccaneers served watermelon to those in attendance and enjoyed interacting with all attendees.



Trailblazers

With a busy end of summer schedule the Trailblazers did not hold their regular August meeting. Members were busy exhibiting at the Sumner County Fair. The club will return to having regular monthly meetings in September.

Cardinals

Happy Hustlers

Redwing

4-H Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 25TH
@ 7:00 PM



Meeting Tips

HOW TO WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

WITH THE START OF THE NEW 4-H YEAR FAST APPROACHING, NEW FAMILIES MAY BE JOINING OUR PROGRAM! IT IS IMPORTANT TO TEACH THEM HOW 4-H WORKS, AND THAT STARTS WITH LOCAL CLUB MEETINGS.

IF A NEW FAMILY JOINS YOUR CLUB MAKE SURE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME. HELP THEM MEET LEADERS IN YOUR CLUB AND HELP NEW 4-HER'S MEET NEW 4-H FRIENDS.

BE SURE AND GET THE NEW FAMILY'S CONTACT INFORMATION SO THEY CAN KEEP UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CLUB AND THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU DO.

LASTLY, IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS THAT YOU OR YOUR CLUB LEADER CANNOT ANSWER, PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE.



Looking Ahead

September

- 2nd; Extension Office closed for Labor Day
- 5th; Extension Office opens at 7:45am to accept Foods Exhibits going to State Fair and depart promptly @ 8:15am
- 9th; Project Report Forms due to RFC @ 5:00pm

October

- 1st; 4-H enrollment opens!
- 12th-13; 48 Hours of Service
- 14th; Extension Office closed for Columbus Day
- 21st-25th; Extension Elections @ RFC
- 25th; Club Financial Reports due to RFC @ 5:00pm





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