Winter 2025 Newsletter

KANSAS 4 H VOLUNTER ASSOCIATION

Greetings from President Dixie Harlow

Hello 4-H Volunteers, as we roll into 2025, the 4-H Volunteer board wants to thank you for all you do to make 4-H the BEST!! As we usually take the first few weeks to reflect, let's change it up a minute, and let's look ahead at what is to come!! From programming, meetings, projects; your 4-H Volunteer Board is here and ready to help you grow as a volunteer and to help you grow your local 4-H youth program!!! Your passion for working with our youth is what sets 4-H apart from the rest!!!

As you plan events, meetings and/or programs, remember to reach out for help or advice. There is at least one of us close to you, and if not, we're only a call, text or email away to help with anything you may need!!!

Be watching for Springing into Volunteering information for 2025 to be coming soon!!! Mark your calendars now for April 26, 2025 for our one day event to recharge as volunteers!!!

Save the Date

2024-2025 Kansas 4H State Volunteer Board



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From NW Area VP Jacy Buchholz, Cottonwood District

Good day!

I wanted to connect with you and share that I attended the Kansas Volunteer Forum at Rock Springs in November and was elected the Northwest Vice President for the Kansas Association of 4-H volunteers. I also currently serve as the Cottonwood Extension District Program Assistant.

We will be having our first meeting, and it is my duty to report ongoings in the Northwest Region, please let me know if you have anything to share, below are some ideas. The Association also publishes a newsletter, and we can feature the content you provide in that issue!

Local Partnerships and Collaborations -

Unique partnerships with local organizations, If any Northwest districts have secured schools, or businesses.

grants or funding for new projects or

Upcoming Programs and Events -

Exciting upcoming programs like workshops, community events, or initiatives.

Youth Development Activities -

Showcase 4-H or other youth development initiatives happening in the region, especially if there have been significant achievements or participation numbers.

Grant Opportunities or Funding -

If any Northwest districts have secured grants or funding for new projects or activities, it would be helpful for others to hear about those successes or opportunities.

Volunteer Engagement -

Report on how local volunteers are being involved in activities or programs. Recognizing their contributions can inspire others to volunteer and participate.

Read more about the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers: https://kansas4h.org/volunteers/volunteer-association/index.html

About Our Treasurer

Kelli Cox, Johnson Co.

Kelli Cox was elected treasurer of the KS Association of 4-H Volunteers at the annual meeting in November. She has attended the KS 4-H Volunteer Forum for the last two years and has recently become a lifetime member of the Association.

She was an active 4-H member in Leavenworth County. She was a K-State Collegiate 4-H member and lived at Clovia House. She continued her passion for 4-H by volunteering in Riley, Dickinson, and currently in Johnson County.

Her main project and program interests have been dairy judging, bucket calf, and leadership, She has judged several 4-H Day and county fair events, been a club leader, and county Squad leader. She is currently serving as one of three sponsors for the Johnson County Ambassador group.

Gray County 4-H and Walnut Creek District 4-H along with their volunteers welcomed Rhett Laubach as a guest speaker for SW 4-H Leadership Day!!!

Rhett did an exceptional job with the 50ish 4-H youth from across SWKS that attended and touched base on these pointers during his time with them.

- "Who is in charge of deciding how much I'm worth?"
- "I get to decide how I make others feel."





Resources

Welcome to the the 4H Club Corner!

Thank you for volunteering as a Club Leader.

Click here for resources to support your role.



Kansas 4H Volunteer Page-Check out the Kansas 4H Volunteer Page for upcoming events and resources

Lifetime Members List:

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