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Introduction

Welcome to our **Volunteer Resource Guide!** This guide is designed to assist 4-H families needing support with certain projects. We hope you find this guide useful!

How to use

Following Kansas 4-H guidelines, this guide is divided into seven project categories and additional sections for other areas where families may need assistance. Within each category, you will find a list of related projects.

Each project has a link to the official Kansas 4-H project page, which contains valuable information such as project guides, learning resources, event links, and more.

After the project page, you'll find a list of registered volunteers who serve as project leaders. (*See below for the difference between a project leader and a superintendent.*) Each project leader's contact information, including email and phone number, is provided. Their level of involvement varies—some may host meetings, others answer questions, and some may periodically check in with your family.

Since we don't have many project leaders, these volunteers play a vital role. They have generously offered their time to:

- Answer questions
- Help interpret rules from the fair book
- Guide you in finding the right resources
- Provide general project support

Our project leaders come from various backgrounds, including current and former 4-H families, businesses, partners, and individuals passionate about 4-H. Within the volunteer section, you'll find details about their experience in each project area.

We encourage you to reach out and learn from these dedicated volunteers!

We are always looking to update and improve this resource. If you know someone who would like to be included as a volunteer, please have them contact us. If there's a project that needs further evaluation, let us know.

Good luck with your projects—we can't wait to see you at the County Fair!

- *Harvey County 4-H Staff*

The difference between a Project Leader, a Project Superintendent, and a volunteer:

Project Leader

- They have gone through the registered volunteer process. (continuous background checks, application with references, interview with agent, Positive Youth Development orientation, Extension Board Approval)
- They typically meet one-on-one with 4-Hers and/or their families.
- They provide education to 4-H and/or their families.
- We can provide contact information from 4-H online for enrolled 4-Hers.

Project Superintendent

- Typically, they only help with their project at the fair. (scheduling, weigh-in, stall assignments, helping during the judging process, essentially helping to facilitate the judging process)
- They are not a registered volunteer.
- They are not one-on-one with 4-Hers.
- They are not providing education.
- They might be a project leader and a superintendent.
- We cannot provide contact information to these volunteers.

Volunteers

- They might be a past leader or superintendent.
- They could be a current superintendent.
- This group of individuals has a passion for 4-H and the project they are listed under.
- They could or could not be a registered volunteer (see above in the project leader for what that means).
- These individuals are open for phone calls, emails, and any sort of questions you may have.
- They have self-selected to be included in this booklet.

Animal Sciences

Beef

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/beef.html>

Project Leaders:

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Tara Bina tarajoellerman40@gmail.com
Jim Schwarz jscharolaisranch@gmail.com

Volunteers:

Melinda Bass

melbrnemtp@yahoo.com
620-960-2408

Experience:

- Current/Former Profession
- Former 4-H Project
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help.

Bucket Calf

Project page: Kansas 4-H does not have one

Project Leaders:

Aaron & Lori Hurst lori_k-statefan@hotmail.com Lori: 620-755-6430

Volunteers:

Melinda Bass

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620-960-2408

Experience:

- Current/Former Profession
- Former 4-H Project
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help.

Dairy Cattle

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/dairy-cattle.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Dairy Goat

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/dairy-goats.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Wendy Basye

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316-217-5189

Experience:

- Current/Former Profession
- Former 4-H Project
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help

Dog

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/dog/>

Project Leaders:

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620-566-7686

Marcia Oden

marcia.jo@hotmail.com

316-217-2907

Volunteers:

Horse

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/>

Project Leaders:

Kelly and Scott Harder skharder90@gmail.com Kelly: 316-284-2459

Volunteers:

Meat Goats

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/meat-goats.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

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Experience:

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- Children are/were part of this project

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Pets

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/pets.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Poultry

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/poultry.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Rabbit

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/rabbits.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Sheep

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/sheep.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Wendy Basye

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Experience:

- Current/Former Profession
- Former 4-H Project
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help

Swine

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/swine.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Veterinary Sciences

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/veterinary-science/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Livestock Judging Team

Project page: Kansas 4-H does not have one

Project Leaders:

Alex Acheson acheson@ksu.edu

785-366-1185

Volunteers:

Communication & Expressive Arts

Communications (public speaking)

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/communication-and-expressive-arts/communications.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Performing Arts

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/communication-and-expressive-arts/performing-arts.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Photography

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/communication-and-expressive-arts/photography.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Visual Arts

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/communication-and-expressive-arts/visual-arts.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Consumer & Family Sciences

Sewing & Textile Design

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/consumer-family-sciences/sewing-textile-design.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

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Experience:

- Current/Former Profession
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help.

Shopping in Style

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/consumer-family-sciences/shopping-in-style.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

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Experience:

- Former 4-H Project
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help.

Family Studies

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/consumer-family-sciences/family-studies.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Fiber Arts

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/consumer-family-sciences/fiber-arts.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

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Experience:

- Current/Former Profession
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help.

Foods & Nutrition

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/consumer-family-sciences/foods-and-nutrition/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Melinda Bass

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- Current/Former Profession
- Former 4-H Project
- Children are/were part of this project

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Experience:

- Former 4-H Project
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help.

Health & Wellness

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/consumer-family-sciences/health-wellness.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Melinda Bass

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Experience:

- Current/Former Profession
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- Children are/were part of this project

Contact her if you have questions or need help.

Interior Design & Architecture

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/consumer-family-sciences/interior-design-and-architecture.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Engineering & Technology

Aerospace/Rocketry

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/aerospace-rocketry/>

Project Leaders:

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Experience:

- Children are/were part of this project

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Ag Mechanics Welding

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/ag-mechanics/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Astronomy

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/astronomy/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Building Block Engineering

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/building-block-engineering/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Marcia and Caleb Oden

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316-217-2907

Experience:

- Current/Former Profession
- Children are/were part of this project

Contact them if you have questions or need help.

Computer Science

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/computer-science/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Electric & Renewable Energy

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/electric-renewable-energy/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Robotics

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/robotics/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Small Engine

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/small-engines/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/uncrewed-aircraft-systems/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Woodworking

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/engineering-technology/woodworking/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

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Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/leadership-personal-development/civic-engagement/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Leadership

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/leadership-personal-development/leadership.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

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Reading Adventures

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/leadership-personal-development/reading.html>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Self-Determined

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/leadership-personal-development/self-determined.html>

Project Leaders:

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Natural Resources

Environmental Science

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/natural-resources/environmental-sciences/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Geology

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/natural-resources/geology/>

Project Leaders:

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Volunteers:

Shooting Sports

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/natural-resources/shooting-sports/>

Project Leaders:

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Volunteers:

Wildlife

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/natural-resources/wildlife/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Plant Sciences

Agronomy

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/plant-environmental-science/agronomy/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Entomology

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/plant-environmental-science/entomology/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Forestry

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/plant-environmental-science/forestry/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Horticulture and Landscape Design

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/plant-environmental-science/horticulture/>

Project Leaders:

Volunteers:

Other

Record Books & Membership Pins

Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/>

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