Kicking off the New 4-H Year!

Happy New Year! October 1, 2023, marked the start of the new 4-H year. To celebrate the start of a prosperous 4-H year our organization participates in National 4-H Week. The event takes place from October 1 – 8. Youth promote 4-H by painting the town green, wearing their 4-H t-shirts, participating in 4-H Sunday and 48 Hours of 4-H.

48 Hours of 4-H is one of my favorite events because youth hone in on the third H in 4-H - hands. Our 4-H pledge states “I pledge... my hands to larger service” meaning youth are working all year long with their hands through numerous project areas. It also means that youth are giving back to their community and helping others to make their club, community, country, and world a better place to live. River Valley 4-H worked hard over the 48-hour weekend trying to make a difference within our local communities. 4-H’ers fed local farmers during the harvest season, cleaned up local parks, collected bed sheets for the Orphan Grain Train, collected dog food and pet products for the local shelter and so much more.

National 4-H week is also the beginning of enrollment for our organization. 4-H welcomes all youth ages 7 to 18-years-old and is a great place for them to find a spark in one of our 45 projects. River Valley also has a Cloverbud program for youth 5 and 6-years-old, to explore 4-H and to get acquainted with our organization. You can enroll in 4-H by visiting, https://v2.4honline.com.

As excited as we are for October and the new year, the past year was full of so much success and growth for our 4-H youth and organization. To celebrate these milestones and achievements, we host annual Achievement Celebrations in each of our counties. Clay County will kick off the celebrations on November 4th, followed by Cloud County on November 5th. Republic County will be on November 12th and wrapping up the excitement in Washington County on November 18th. We are so proud of all the hard work, dedication, and success of our 4-H’ers and we can’t wait to recognize them.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding River Valley 4-H youth development, please contact Macy Hynek at 785-527-5084 or at mhynek@ksu.edu.

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