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48 Hours of 4-H

The 4-H Pledge: “I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living. For my club, my community, my country, and my world.” These words have been said by numerous 4-H youth all across the country. The pledge is said at every 4-H meeting to symbolize unity and to bring a sense of belonging.

“I pledge my hands to larger service.” These seven words are a promise to give as much as we can to our world. We can step back from our own needs and give to others. One way our 4-H youth live out this promise is through community service. Throughout the 4-H year, our youth and 4-H clubs dedicate time to give back to their club, their community, their county, and their world.

During National 4-H Week, we dedicate a specific weekend to give back to our local communities. This Kansas 4-H Service Challenge was held October 9-10, 2021. These 48 hours may seem like just a weekend of service, however, it’s truly a lifetime of impact. The following River Valley Extension District 4-H Clubs participated in the 2021 48 Hours of 4-H.

- Clay County 4-H put together the “Socks for Seniors Drive”. They teamed up with Meals on Wheels and Senior Centers for this event to give senior residents in Clay County socks during the month of December.
- Hill and Dale 4-H Club passed out food and drink to local farmers at the Concordia terminal.
- The Discovery 4-H Club painted the local cemetery in Bellville, KS.
- The Merry Meadowlark 4-H Club washed windows for local businesses in Cuba, KS, and cleaned the park’s playground equipment in Haddam, KS.
- The Busy Bee 4-H Club gathered donations for the annual Angel Tree in Washington, KS. The Angel Tree gives to community members who are less fortunate during the holidays.
- The Farmington 4-H Club did yard work and cleaned up Munchkinland Park in Washington, KS.
- The Hanover 4-H Club cleaned the St. John’s Catholic Church in Hanover, KS.
- The Happy Workers 4-H Club cleaned and painted at Ricky’s Café in Hanover, KS.
- The Linn Livewires 4-H Club cleaned out flowerbeds, decorated pumpkins, and made cards for the local nursing home residents in Linn, KS.
- The Lucky Four 4-H Club helped set up and tear down their local buddy walk event in Clyde, KS.
- The Stick-To-It 4-H Club cleaned up at the Washington County State Lake in Washington, KS.

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