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National 4-H Week – The Start of a Prosperous Year

Saturday, October 1st marked the beginning of the new 4-H year. This means National 4-H week has begun and online enrollment is now open for youth to join 4-H in the River Valley District.

National 4-H week, October 2 – 8, 2022 kicks off the start of the new 4-H year. This annual event is designed to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our local communities. The week gives us the opportunity to showcase the positive impact 4-H makes in a youth’s life as well as in our local communities. During National 4-H week, youth participate in several events such as 4-H Sunday, Spirit Day, and 48 Hours of 4-H. Throughout the week you may see youth giving back to their local community or wearing their 4-H t-shirt, as well as seeing join 4-H flyers and local business windows painted showing their support to our organization.

So, why the push to join 4-H? 4-H is a research-based experience where youth can find their passion in one of our 47 project areas. It’s the largest youth development organization in America and the only organization where you find the youth of all ages working together and family oriented. 4-H gives youth the skills that will benefit them throughout their life such as self-confidence, independence, resilience, and compassion. Research shows that 4-H’ers are 4x more likely to give back to their communities, 2x more likely to make healthier choices, participate in STEM activities, and be civically active.

River Valley 4-H welcomes all youth to join from the age of 5 – 18 years old as of January 1st, 2023. Our organization has project areas from entomology to photography, and from STEM to shooting sports. No matter your passion, we have the space for youth to learn, grow, and find their spark within 4-H.

To join 4-H or to learn more about River Valley 4-H, please contact Macy Hynek at 785-527-5084 or mhynek@ksu.edu. You may also contact the 4-H Program Manager in your local county or scan the QR code below.

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