



April 2023

4-H Agent Transition

Since Daniels departure, for any 4-H questions or assistance, contact our office professional Jeanna at 785-457-3319 or jjanna@ksu.edu. She will direct questions to either Ag agent Shannon Blocker or FCS agent Erin Tynon depending on the topic area.

Pottawatomie County Spring Livestock Show—April 15

Sheep/Goat 9:00 am show, check-in 7:00-8:00 am

Beef 1:00 pm show, check-in 10:30 am -12:00 pm

Swine 5:00 pm show, check-in 2:30-4:00 pm

Contact: Darrin Figge (785)-456-5762 or defigge@hotmail.com [Flyer and Entry Form](#)

Livestock Tagging/Weighing - 2023

The livestock committee has set the 2023 4-H livestock tagging deadlines

- May 3rd - Small livestock tagging date @ Extension office (Meat goat, Swine, Sheep, b.calf) **4-6:30pm**
- May 15th - ALL livestock species tagging deadline for Pottawatomie 4-H Fair

Please note, there will be a fee for “on the farm” tagging once again this year. To avoid this, please plan on tagging animals at designated tagging events or at the KSRE office by appointment.

4-H Council Meeting

A reminder to council member that 4-H Council will meet next on Wednesday, May 17 at 7pm in the sunflower room. Come ready to plan for this next year! Remaining 4-H Council meeting dates for 2022-23 are: 5/17, 7/24, 9/25, 11/27

YQCA Pre-Test and In-Person Training

Although participating in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is beneficial for all livestock youth, it is required for those selling beef to Tyson after the County Fair or any youth exhibiting beef, sheep, swine, or meat goat at the Kansas State Fair or KJLS. Annual training can be completed online (\$12) or in-person (\$3).

In-Person Training—Tuesday, April 18, 6:30-7:30 pm or Sunday, April 23, 3:00-4:00 pm in the Sunflower Room. Please register, pre-test, and pay ahead of time at www.yqcaprogram.org. This year a pre-test is required before in-person participants complete.

Directions for locating and completing YQCA Pre-Test

1. Login to user account at www.yqcaprogram.org.
2. Hover over and click username (in blue box in the upper right of page).
3. Select “Enrolled ILT Trainings” towards the bottom of the list.
4. List of enrolled trainings will appear.
5. Click the blue “Pre-Test” button on the right to have each child complete their pre-test.

New Livestock Award Opportunity: Livestock Breeds

Trips and awards committee, based upon recommendations, has added a new opportunity to sponsor breed awards. Those wanting to sponsor a \$20 breed banner award must call or e-mail our office each year before June 1st. Breed banners are on a first-come first-serve basis. Breed banners awarded will be based upon yearly available sponsors and not necessarily given to all breeds. Contact Jeanna at jjeanna@ksu.edu to sponsor.

Camp Scholarship

At the last 4-H council meeting, 4-H council once again approved a \$25 scholarship for each 4-Her that attends a Rock Springs camp this summer. This scholarship will be given as a reimbursement after we receive a list of youth that attended at the end of camp season. [Find Rock Springs Camping information here.](#)

Pullorum Testing Changes - Poultry

New pullorum testing guidelines have been released. Going forward, routine surveillance testing will be performed a minimum of once every five years (rather than every year) for county fairs. Current plans are that Pottawatomie's first turn will be in 2024. We will not test poultry in 2023.

State Fair Horse Show Qualification and Horse ID Changes

There are new changes this year to 4-H Horse project that impact state and local levels. Anyone participating in or interested in the horse project should check them out! Find the 2023 changes at this link: [Horse Project Changes](#)
The biggest impact county fair wise is that horse ID papers are now due June 1st (prior date of May 1st).

4-H Camp 2023

All 4-H camp sessions are now available for registration online at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions.

Some things to know:

- Purple Power Pack (our former camp group) has decided NOT to designate a preferred session going forward - 4-H'ers may continue to choose any session that works for them and their friends
- Camp options are available for 2nd grade and older


Rabbit Project

Multi-County RABBIT PROJECT Educational Group

The Rabbit group has formed that is providing monthly informative rabbit meetings to teaching and enhance Youth Contests Skills. Please join us at our 2:00 pm meetings Sundays, April 16th, May 21st-Wabuasee County Fairgrounds in Alma. The group provides leadership and citizenship opportunities. For more info call or text 785-844-0781.

Cloverbud Connections:

Do you work with Cloverbuds? A great blog with new articles and activities can be found at <https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections>. Articles are posted twice a month. The blog also has a feature to search for topics using keywords and you can subscribe to receive email notifications when new articles are posted



Foods and Nutrition Project Resources

For youth that want to perfect that Fair recipe, we are allowing check-outs of scales and oven thermometers at the Extension office. Why do I need a scale? The scales will allow youth to weigh out all their ingredients, allowing a more expert level food product. Using a scale is the only way to avoid discrepancies in your cooking. It may seem time consuming at first, but the end result is a better yield and more consistent results.

Why do I need an oven thermometer? Many ovens have a variance in their temperature. By testing your ovens temp, it allows you to see the exact measure of the internal temp of your oven to ensure even more exact cook times and results. You can then make adjusts based on that. If you would like to check out either of these items please contact the Extension Office!

Reminder: Join us for the 4-H Camp Open House in April!

Camp families and friends are invited to attend Open House at Rock Springs Ranch! Rock Springs Ranch is 735 acres in the Flint Hills and we want to share the 4-H camp experience with everyone.

Come and join us for a tour of the property, meet our staff and learn all about the fun to be had at Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Guests will get to see our cabins, activity center, pool, ropes course, horses, dining hall and lots more. Our team is so excited to meet you and answer all of your questions.


Sunday, April 23, 2023
1-4 p.m.

Tours begin at 1 p.m. and run until 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information & to RSVP please visit <https://bit.ly/2023-RSR-Open-House> or call Rock Springs Ranch office at 785-257-3221.

100 Years of Discovery Days

The 100th Anniversary of Kansas 4-H Discovery Days (formerly known as Round Up) will be happening on K-State campus from June 7-9, 2023. Registration for the event opened on Saturday, April 1. Registration will remain open until May15, but some of the classes will be limited in size, so make sure they don't wait if there is a class they really want. We are excited to have the Kansas 4-H Foundation also celebrating the Emerald Circle event during this years Discovery Days. All the information that is available, will be found on our Discovery Days webpage found [here](#). Registration opened on Saturday, April 1, so sign up today! <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>



Wanted Host Families for Japanese Exchange Summer 2023

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 22 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 30-35 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 - 16. Our responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

Pottawatomie County Fair Theme — Barn in the USA

Tractor Safety Training

A Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture course (tractor safety) will be conducted on Tuesday, June 6, and Wednesday, June 7, at KanEquip, 18035 East Hwy 24, Wamego. The class will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the first day and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the second day. The cost is \$30 which includes materials and lunch both days. The course is taught by KSU Extension Agents from Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties.

Any youth 14 or 15 years old who will operate a tractor, work with livestock or doing other qualifying farm labor for someone other than their parent is required to pass the course to be legally employed. Youth working on a family farm with their parents are encouraged to attend to learn safety skills on a farm. Youths age 12 and 13 are welcome to participate in the class, but cannot be certified until age 14. Youth 16 years old and older are also welcome to attend. Register on the Pottawatomie County Extension website by May 27 [here](#).

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Requests received less than two weeks before the event will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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April

TBA State Shooting Sports Match
15 Pottawatomie County Spring Livestock Show
16 Multi-County Rabbit Meeting, Alma
18 YQCA In-Person Training, 6:30 pm, Sunflower Rm
20 Last Day Order Market Beef DNA Envelopes
21-22 CWF Garage Sale, Cico Park
23 YQCA In-Person Training, 3:00 pm, Sunflower Rm

May

1 4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline
1 State Market Beef nominations due
3 Small Livestock Weigh-in/Tagging day
15 All Species tagging deadline - PT County
17 4-H Council
29 Memorial Day, office closed

June

1 Horse ID deadline (New date!)
3 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
5 Last Day Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
6-7 Tractor Safety Training, Wamego KanEquip
7-9 Discovery Day, KSU Campus
8 State Horse Judging, Salina
TBA State Geology Field Trip
15 State Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat nominations due
16-17 Insect Spectacular- KSU

July

4 Fourth of July, office closed
15 County Fair Entries Due
17 State Fair Livestock (Grand Drive) Entries Due
24 Fair Grounds Set Up
24 4-H Council
28 Pre-Fair
29 Horse Show

August

2-6 Pottawatomie County Fair
9 State Fair Entries Due to Ext. office
12 State Horticulture Contest (tentative)
15 KJLS Entries Due
19-20 Livestock Sweepstakes (tentative)

September

4 Labor Day, office closed
7 State Fair 4-H Entry and Judging Day
8-17 Kansas State Fair
25 4-H Council
TBD Project Report and Awards Due

October

1 New 4-H Year
7,8 48 Hours of 4-H

Parents/Leaders: Main thoughts

- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Encourage Discovery Days 2023
- Remind families of the May 1 enrollment deadline for dropping/ adding projects
- Promote YQCA in-person or online training
- Attend or participate in Pottawatomie County Spring Livestock Show



4-H Garage Sale

April 21-22

Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

We are looking for a huge selection of items
to be donated.

We do not accept TVs of any kind.

Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley,
& Wabaunsee Counties

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, April 19, 5-8 PM

Thursday, April 20, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, April 21, 9 AM - 8 PM

Saturday, April 22, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350

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