

*September 2023*  
4-H Newsletter

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# FAIR 2023



Premium checks are ready!!

We have a packet for each club with the checks that you can pick up at a club meeting.

Club leaders: please come pick up your packets starting tomorrow (9/20)

If you are missing a project from the fair, or sent a project to the state fair, please come pick them up from the office or reach out to [sydneypine@ksu.edu](mailto:sydneypine@ksu.edu)

Please be continuing to write and send the thank yous to your award sponsors/buyers! If you need help with an address or any other info, don't hesitate to ask!

**FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT WITH ANY QUESTIONS!**

**785-457-3319 OR SYDNEYPINE@KSU.EDU - SYDNEY, 4-H AGENT**

# RILEY/POTTAWATOMIE 4-H STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

Sign up for spring disciplines is Oct 1st-14 and intro to shooting sports class is on the evening of Oct 27 & all day on the 28 all new shooters must attend class. See the flyer below for more!

For more information please contact

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## AWARD SEASON IS UPON US!

### HERE ARE SOME VERY IMPORTANT DATES...

September 22nd - Project Reports are due

September 29th - Award applications due

October 4th - Trips and Awards meeting

October 11th - Outstanding 4-Her interview

## FORMS FORMS AND MORE FORMS!

Many different forms can be found on our county website and will be linked below! Please reach out to me (Sydney) if you have any questions, or if I can help in any way!

[Project Report Forms](#) - Record Books

[Achievement Forms](#) - Pin awards, Outstanding 4-Her, "I Dare You", etc.

## AWARD APPLICATIONS CONT.

Don't Forget to apply or nominate someone for special awards!

"I Dare you award" - The "I Dare You" award recognizes character and leadership qualities in young people and encourages and challenges them to have creative and purposeful lives.

"Thelma Hubbard Award"- This award is dedicated to Thelma Hubbard. It is designed to honor individuals who are genuinely helpful and frequently volunteer for tasks which they see through to their completion. Volunteerism is not limited to 4-H work and may include other types of community service

"4-H Service Award"- This award is designed to show appreciation to: a project leader, award donor, business person, news media, fair superintendent or others who have provided leadership for your group or the county 4-H program and does not have immediate family directly involved in the 4-H program.

## CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)

CWF is a leadership and civic engagement opportunity for high school age 4-Hers! Traveling to Washington D.C., connecting with other 4-Hers from across the country, and learning how to become change agents are only a few of the opportunities that come with CWF.

Join us for an informational meeting October 12th at 6:00 at Pattorf Hall in Manhattan, and see the flyer below for dates on the fall garage sale.

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Some dates to put on your calendar if they aren't already:

Remaining 4-H council meeting dates for the 2023 are: 9/25 and 11/27

# KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM (KYLF)

Registration for 4-H Leadership Weekend is now live!

Leadership Weekend will be November 18-19 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum.

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2024.

KVF is for all Adult Kansas 4-H Volunteers.

KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, a speaker and opportunities to learn and have fun.

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other.

Registration deadline is Monday, October 16, 2023.

Cancellations after October 17, I will be subject to the full cost of registration.

## 4-H TRIPLE E

Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 at the Columbian Theatre, the 4-H TRIPLE E will hold their Bingo Fundraiser! Doors open at 6:30 and games start at 7:00! They will also be taking orders for pies from Golden Boys Pies and will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving!

TRIPLE E is a Multi-County 4-H exchange trip group for 12-18 year old 4-Hers! For more information, call or text 785-844-0781. They will be traveling in 2024 and hosting in 2025. Participation can also help fulfill CWF requirements.

## FLINT HILLS 4-H RABBIT RAISERS

This multi-county project group welcomes anyone wanting to learn more about rabbits! Please mark your calendars for the monthly meetings on Sundays

September 24th, October 29th, December 10th

Meetings are from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds in Alma. For more info, call/text 785-844-0781

## 2023 OFFICER TRAINING

Join us November 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan for our annual officers training. Both Jr. and Sr. officers are encouraged to join us for the evening. We will have break out sessions for president, VP, secretary, parliamentarian, treasurer, reporter, rec. leader, and song leader. If you can't make this date work please reach out to [sydneypine@ksu.edu](mailto:sydneypine@ksu.edu)



## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day, Office closed
- 7 State Fair 4-H entry and judging day
- 8-17 Kansas State Fair
- 22 Project Reports due
- 24 Rabbit Raisers meeting
- 25 4-H Council
- 29 Award application due

## OCTOBER

- 1 New 4-H Year
- 4 Trips and Awards meeting
- 7,8 48 Hours of 4-H
- 11 Outstanding 4-Her interviews
- 14 Straight Shooter Deadline
- 16 Leadership weekend deadline
- 22 Awards Banquet
- 27,28 Intro shooting sports class
- 29 Rabbit Raisers meeting

## NOVEMBER

- 14 Officer training
- 18-19 KYLF

This is our last newsletter before the start of the new 4-H year!!  
Be on the lookout in the next newsletter for some updates on  
changes in the new year!

## 4-H Straight Shooters

participate in many events:

- 4-H Local, State and National Matches
- Daisy National BB Gun Matches
- Youth Hunter Education Challenges
- 4-H County and State Fairs
- USAS & CMP Shooting Matches

**Organizations & people that support the 4-H Straight Shooters are:**

- Riley County 4-H Extension Office
- Riley County 4-H Foundation
- Pottawatomie County 4-H Ext. Office
- Trained/Certified 4-H instructors
- Riley County Fish and Game
- Kansas Archery Center
- Fancy Creek Shooting Range
- Oregon Trail Trading Post
- Daisy Outdoor Products
- Kansas State Rifle Association
- Kaw Valley Muzzleloaders Assoc.
- Kansas Muzzleloaders Association
- National Wildlife Turkey Federation
- Flint Hills Pheasants Forever
- Justin Corbet Foundation
- Friends of NRA
- Manhattan Wrecker
- Many local and county businesses
- Shooting Sports families & friends

*Thank you all*

for your continued support of our  
4-H Youth Shooting Sports  
Program!

## 4-H IS FOR EVERYONE

4-H is the largest out-of-school youth organization in the world. All 50 states have 4-H programs and all 105 Kansas counties have 4-H community clubs, over 80 of which offer Shooting Sports as a project and/or project club.

4-H began in the early 1900s to help teach rural children home and farm skills. Now 4-H serves young people and volunteers from major urban and suburban communities as well as rural non-farm settings.

Communication, decision making, social interaction, civic responsibility, and positive self-esteem are all stressed in 4-H activities. Recognizing and respecting the differences among people are skills fostered through 4-H.

### **DEADLINES to ENROLL:**

➤ **OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** –  
BB gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle,  
Hunting Skills, Western Heritage.

➤ **JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>** –  
Archery, Muzzleloading,  
Shotgun, Small Bore Pistol,  
Small Bore Rifle.

**Enrollment – [ks.4honline.com](http://ks.4honline.com)**

**Riley/Pottawatomie  
4-H  
Straight Shooters**



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## WHAT IS THE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM?

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program teaches youth the safe and responsible use of guns, fundamentals of shooting, wildlife ID, general hunting knowledge, and history of the American West.

Learning to handle firearms safely enables youth to develop important decision-making skills, an inquiring mind, and cultivate their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources. This program strengthens family participation in life-long recreational activities.

## OUR MISSION

Provide a safe and comfortable atmosphere for youth to learn the safe handling of firearms and archery equipment while learning basic marksmanship skills with the opportunity to advance.

## WE OFFER ALL 10 DISCIPLINES!!

|                   |                  |           |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| BB Gun            | Air Pistol       | Air Rifle |
| Archery           | Hunting Skills   | Shotgun   |
| Muzzleloading     | Western Heritage |           |
| Small Bore Pistol | Small Bore Rifle |           |

## We focus on these life skills:

- A positive self-concept
- An inquiring mind
- A concern for the community
- Healthy interpersonal relationships
- Sound decision making

## WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED?

RL/PT 4-H Straight Shooters provide equipment and ammunition for all *beginning* classes only.

### Beginning classes: (4-H age 8+)

- Beginning Air Gun Class
  - BB (4-H age 8-14)
  - Air Pistol (4-H age 12-18)
  - Air Rifle (4-H age 12-18)
- Beginning Archery
- Hunting Skills
- Western Heritage

### Intermediate classes: (4-H age 12-18)

- Muzzleloading
- Shotgun

### Advanced classes: (4-H age 13-18)

- Small Bore Pistol
  - (1 year Air Pistol *required*)
- Small Bore Rifle
  - (1 year Air Rifle *required*)

Youth may purchase ammunition from the club for Air Pistol and Air Rifle. Limited supplies of Muzzleloading & .22LR ammunition may be available.

## IMPORTANT LINKS:

County Extension offices:

Riley - [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu)

Pottawatomie – [www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu](http://www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu)

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/r1p14hstraightshooters](https://www.facebook.com/r1p14hstraightshooters)

## WHEN ARE CLASSES?

Disciplines are split into 2 seasons, Spring and Fall, each with their own State Match. Disciplines meet year round, and some have fluctuating dates for classes and practices as follows:

- Beginning Air Gun Class:
  - (Friday evening & all day Saturday – 1 weekend only)
  - Mid October
- Air Pistol/Rifle: (Sundays)
  - Weekly October – April
- BB Gun: (Sundays)
  - Weekly October – April
- Beginning Archery Class:
  - (Saturdays)
  - Weekly February – March
- Archery: (Saturdays)
  - Weekly May – September
- Hunting Skills: (varies)
  - Classes year round
- Shotgun: (varies)
  - Class & practices May – Sept.
- Small Bore Pistol/Rifle: (varies)
  - Class & practices May – Sept.
- Muzzleloading: (Wednesdays)
  - Weekly May – September
- Western Heritage: (varies)
  - Classes year round

Discipline dates & times subject to change dependent on range and instructor availability & schedule.



# 4-H Garage Sale

## November 3-4

### 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, November 1, 5-8 PM**

**Thursday, November 2, 10 AM - 8 PM**

## **Garage Sale**

**Friday, November 3, 9 AM - 8 PM**

**Saturday, November 4, 8 AM - Noon**

**Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350**

