



4-H Council Meeting

A reminder to council member that 4-H Council will meet this month on January 23rd at 7pm in the sunflower room. Come ready to plan for this next year! Remaining 4-H Council meeting dates for 2022-23 are: 1/23, 3/27, 5/TBD, 7/24. 9/25, 11/27

4-H Awards and Project Recognition

Now! Right now! Is an ideal time for 4-H families to make a plan and set goals for desired 4-H awards, achievement pins, and project reports. [An "Awards 101" document is at the end of this newsletter](#) to help families understand what all is available and begin to plan for awards season!

4-H Day - Registration due the 20th!!

4-H Day will be taking place February 4th at St. George grade school. 4-H day is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to work on their presentations skills. From speaking to musical performances, individuals and groups, 4-H day has something for all! Registration, regulations, and helpful tips found here: <https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/4H%20Day.html>. Deadline for entries is January 20th!

Hint: 4-H day is also a great way to add to your **project report, achievement pin, and help club goals!**

4-H Day with K-state Women's Basketball Registration due Sunday the 15th!!

This fun annual event will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 1:00pm at the K-State vs. Oklahoma Women's Basketball game. Tickets are \$25 each for a ticket to the game, a t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher that can be used at the main concession stands at the game! [A flyer with all of the details for the event, including the online registration link, is found at the end of the newsletter.](#) **This is a great club or family activity!**

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: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseChangesPublic9.8.22.pdf>. **The biggest impact county fair wise is that horse ID papers are now due June 1st (prior date of May 1st).**

International 4-H Pen Pals

A Pen Pal Program is offered to Kansas 4-H'ers this Spring, February 1-April 23, by States' 4-H International Exchange Programs. The pals will be 4-H members in Taiwan and South Korea programs. 4-H members 8-19 may participate by registering on line and paying a \$10 participation fee. Applications are due January 23 or when all pals are taken, whichever is first.

Click [here](#) to view brochure for more details and [here to register](#)

Insect Art Contest

The Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H'er's and art students across the state. The theme this year is "Insect Superheros". The program encourages youth and adults to get creative and create an entry before the April 14, 2023 deadline. [See this link for contest rules and entry forms.](#)

Willie and the Beanstalk

Willie and the Beanstalk is a soybean competition for Kansas K-12 students to encourage interest in the field and increase their knowledge of soybean development. Students who enter the competition will work to see who can grow the largest soybean plant. The contest can prove to be a valuable teaching tool as it allows students to plant their own soybean, then watch it grow and document the progress the plant has made. [Find out more and register by February 20th at this link.](#)

Save the dates! Insect Spectacular 2023

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!

Seniors - Scholarships!

The 2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarship application can now be found online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2022. This is a great opportunity for our seniors! Find out full information and apply at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Livestock Tagging - 2022

The livestock committee has set the 2022 4-H livestock tagging deadlines

May 3rd - **Small livestock** tagging date @ Extension office (Meat goat, Swine, Sheep, b.calf)

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.

K-State Junior Producer Days

K-state Junior producer days are on the horizon! These are one-day educational programs for all ages and skill levels to learn about the selection and management of youth swine and meat goat projects. The deadline to register for both events is February 15th and 22nd respectively. [Find out more and register at this link.](#) Informational fliers are found at the end of this newsletter.

Junior Swine Producer Days - March 11th,

Junior Meat Goat Producer Days - March 18th

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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
- Priority registration for 4-H members to attend 4-H Camp at a **10% discount** this summer is available November 15 through December 31.
- Camp options are available for 2nd grade and older
- Interested in the CIT program as a 12th grader? Full camp scholarships may be available to you

Kansas 4-H Summer Interns

Kansas 4-H is hiring educators/summer interns again this year to work in local offices throughout the summer. If you know a college student or teacher (active or retired) who would be interested in serving as an educator/intern from May 22 through August 4, have them check out the position announcement at:

<https://careers.pageuppeople.com/742/cw/en-us/job/514039/4h-educatorintern>

Citizenship in Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

February 19-20, Topeka. Deadline of February 1st. [Find full information here.](#)

Meet Your Goals... **With 4-H Day!**



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January

- 1- Re-enrollment Deadline
- 2- NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 16- MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- 20- NE Area Project Report Screening
- 23- 4-H Council
- 28 Horse Panorama, Salina

February

- 4- 4-H Day, St. George
- 12- 4-H Day with Women Wildcats
- 19-20 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 20 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed

March

- 1- State Scholarships Due
- 11- Junior Swine Producer Day - KSU
- 18- Junior Meat Goat Day - KSU
- 27- 4-H Council
- TBA Beef Weigh-in

April

- TBA State Shooting Sports Match

May

- 1- 4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 1- State Beef nominations due
- 3- Small Livestock Weigh-in/Tagging day
- 15- All Species tagging deadline - PT County
- TBD 4-H Council

June

- 1- Horse ID deadline (New date!)
- 7-9 Discovery Day, KSU Campus
- 8- State Horse Judging, Salina
- TBA- Sate Geology Field Trip
- 16-17 Insect Spectacular- KSU

July

- 4- Fourth Of July, office closed
- 15- Fair Entries Due (tentative date)
- 24- 4-H Council
- 28- Pre-Fair (tentative date)
- 29- Horse Show (tentative date)

August

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

September

- 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

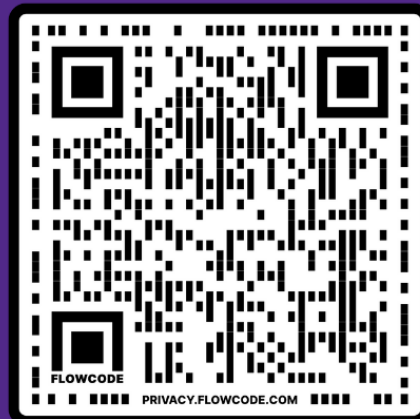
Parents/Leaders: Main thoughts

- Make sure families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online.
- Know your youth want to go to 4-H Camp? Sign up soon!
- Talk to families about attending 4-H Day. Deadline is approaching!
- This is a great time to begin hosting project meetings (even if it's virtually). No PHD's or doctorates required, YOU are qualified!
- Start the conversation about how to go about project learning and the in/out of exhibiting at county fair with new families.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023, 1:00 PM



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KANSAS 4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

\$25: Ticket, Voucher (\$10
concessions), & Shirt

\$15: Ticket & Voucher (\$10
concessions)

HOW TO GET TICKETS?

1. Register! Use the QR code or the link below!
2. Pick up ticket packages - location TBD
(2/12/23, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM)
3. Doors open for the general public (2/12/23,
12:00 PM)
4. Tip-off! (2/12/23, 1:00 PM)

Online registration for this event will be due **January 15th, 2023**. No paper registrations will be accepted. To register, go to: <https://conta.cc/3UkNwIO>

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4-H'er Awards 101



Membership Achievement Pins

Achievement Pins are given for accomplishment and progress in 4-H work. 4-H'ers may earn only one pin a year and generally a member will earn the pins in the order listed. Under special circumstances, a new member joining at an older age may want to skip to the Silver Pin. (Silver through Gold Guard must be earned in the order listed.) This should be discussed with your leader or 4-H agent. Each member should sit down with parents and leaders early in the year to create a plan for earning an achievement pin.

[Member Achievement Plan 1](#) (4-H Membership Pin)

[Member Achievement Plan 2](#) (Bronze Pin)

[Member Achievement Plan 3](#) (Clover Pin)

[Member Achievement Plan 4](#) (Emerald Pin)

[Member Achievement Plan 5](#) (Silver Pin)

[Member Achievement Plan 6](#) (Silver Guard Pin)

[Member Achievement Plan 7](#) (Leadership Pin)

[Member Achievement Plan 8](#) (Gold Pin)

[Member Achievement Plan 9](#) (Gold Guard Pin)



Project Recognition

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable life skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and Non-4-H Experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition

4-H'ers may submit their completed project reports for judging in late September. Pottawatomie awards project pins to the top two reports in each project area per age division (Jr, Int, Sr). As well, the top senior report in each project area is able to advance to area project report judging.

There are four parts to a complete project recognition submittal:

CHECK SHEET

PERSONAL PAGE

PROJECT REPORT

PERM. RECORD

Form fillable documents can be found at [this link](#). As well, 4-H'ers may utilize the online and mobile friendly "zbooks" system to track and fill their project reports.

The biggest tip for awards success is to plan ahead!

Set goals and make a plan early to achieve awards season success!



Other Awards



[Award application can be found on the Pottawatomie Extension Website](#)

Key Award

The Kansas Key Award is one of the highest honors awarded to 4-H members across Kansas. As a 4-H award, the applicant needs to highlight 4-H related events, activities and achievements accomplished within the 4-H club, county/district, region or state. Recipients have demonstrated high levels of achievement in the areas of Community service, Personal and Elected Leadership, Project completion, Diversified Participation, and Communication skills. It is vital to plan ahead in order to achieve this award.

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. Qualifications include being a 4-H member who has demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership, excellence in character, and personal and social development in 4-H, school and the community.

Outstanding 4-H'er

Two outstanding 4-H'er awards are given per age division each year. This award is based on an individual's total involvement in the 4-H program. Often, they not only participate at the club level but also at the county and state level. 4-H'er are judged on not only the awards application, but also an outstanding 4-H'er interview.

Pottawatomie County 4-H Public Presentation Award

This award is given based on a 4-H'ers application that demonstrates above and beyond presentation skills. Objectives of this award:

1. To recognize 4-H'ers who present their presentation[s] a number of different times and increase their proficiency in making a public presentation.
2. To honor 4-H'ers that shared things learned in the 4-H program thereby promoting 4-H Public Speaking Program and the 4-H program

Thelma Hubbard Award

This award is dedicated to Thelma Hubbard, a long time 4-H volunteer. The attributes that made her a well-loved volunteer include the way she encouraged people, her willingness to work, and her positive attitude. She had a way of bringing out the best in people and was not judgmental. The person who wins this award should have similar characteristics. This award is not designed to recognize 4-H'ers who have won many prizes; however, it does not exclude them. Rather, 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.



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K-STATE *Junior* MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY



Saturday
MARCH
18

Join us on March 18 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 22 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 22 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

\$ *Registration*
\$20/person by February 22
\$25/person after February 22
*Must register by February 22 to get a t-shirt.
**To register by mail, contact Lexie Hayes for a form.
***All attendees, including youth and adults, must register.

Tentative Schedule
8:00 Check-in Opens
9:00 Welcome
9:15 Project Selection
10:00 Morning Breakout Sessions
Meat Science
Nutrition
Facilities & Equipment
Noon Lunch
12:45 Health & Wellness
1:30 Afternoon Breakout Sessions
Showmanship
Reproduction
Clipping & Grooming
3:00 Wrap-up
3:30 Optional Post -Event Sessions:
YQCA Certification & State Nominations

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Register Online
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

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K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Register By
February 15

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Join us on March 11, 2023 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. There will also be door prizes! The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the February 15 deadline, or \$25/person after that date. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

Register Online

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>



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Tentative Schedule:

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 Project Selection
- 10:00 Breakout Sessions
 - Meat Science
 - Swine Breeds & Ear Notching
 - Equipment & Daily Care
 - Reproduction
- Noon Lunch
- 12:45 Swine Health
- 1:30 Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition
 - Clipping, Hair Care, Show Day Prep
 - Showmanship
- 3:00 Wrap-up
- 3:30 YQCA Certification & State Nominations (optional)



Registration

- \$20/person by February 15
- \$25/person after February 15
- *Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt
- **To register by mail, contact Lexie for a registration form.
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