



Crawford County 4-H News

March 2024

Dear 4-H members, parents, leaders, and friends,

We are starting to get back into the busy season so read the calendar carefully! If you have any questions about upcoming events or activities, please remember to reach out to me. 4-H members if you or your club are doing something great please remember to share it!

Sincerely,

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www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/



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March 1	State 4-H Scholarships Due
March 2	Junior Beef Producer Day Manhattan
March 12	Fair Board Meeting 7:00PM
March 16	Junior Sheep Producer Day Manhattan Wildcat Extension District Makers Fair @ Parsons Research Center
March 19	Foods Project Meeting 6PM @ Extension Office
March 23	Market/Feeder Steer Weigh in 12:30-2:00PM @ Mesa Animal Clinic
April 7	Dog Project Meeting 1 PM, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds
April 1	Fair Book goes lives online.
April 9	Fair Board Meeting 7:00PM
April 15	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30PM 4-H Council Meeting 7:30PM
April 27	Small Animal Weigh In 8:00-10:00AM @ Fairgrounds
May 1	Deadline to Enroll for NEW Families Market Beef State Nomination Due
May 15	Fair Entry System Opens
June 1	Horse ID Papers Due
June 5-7	Discovery Days
June 10-11	Greenbush Overnight Camp Youth 7-9 Years
June 12	Floating on Leadership Youth 13-18 Years
June 19	Greenbush Day Camp Youth 10-13 Years – DATE CHANGED
June 18-20	Wildcat District Livestock Judging Camp
June 18-20	Sewing Camp at Extension Office
June 24	5:30PM Fair Entry Help Night 6:30PM Junior Leaders Meeting 7:30PM 4-H Council
June 25	Area Challenge Day in Emporia
June 27	Area Livestock Contest

New Youth and Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year was **October 1st**! Don't forget that all returning families have until **January 31st** 2024 to re-enroll in 4-HOnline. All new families have until **May 1st** to enroll in 4-HOnline. All volunteers must renew their 4-HOnline.

<http://v2.4honline.com/>

If you have enrolled and selected "pay by check" please mail that to the state 4-H Office at this address as soon as possible.

Kansas State 4-H Office
201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin Road
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

Picking Projects

Picking projects is a fun and exciting time. Check out this link to learn about all of the projects offered in 4-H. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/> If you have questions please do not hesitate to reach out. Remember you have until **May 1st** to pick your projects.

New Volunteers

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Will to learn more on how to become a certified 4-H volunteer.

4-H at your Fingertips

Coming to a phone near you; Wildcat 4-H Connection phone app! With our app you will be able to quickly have access to 4-H Online, each county page, as well as registration links and our district calendar. This is a FREE app, scan the QR Code

Check out the new Wildcat 4-H App!

Wildcat 4-H Connection



District Wide and County Specific Calendars
Event Registration Links
Camp Information



Junior Leaders

Junior Leader's next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. Remember each club should have 2 council reps, 1 club president, and 2 adult leaders attend. If one is unable to attend then they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

Livestock Tag/Weigh-In

Below is some information for the Livestock Tag/Weigh In for the 2024 Fair. Remember it is not required that you weigh in but it is required for all market animals and bucket calves to be tagged in either on or before the designated days listed below. If you are unable to make the designated tag in days then you need to make prior arrangements with me to set a time to tag your animals. No animals will be tagged after the designated tag in days. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL LAST MINUTE TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OR YOU RISK NOT GETTING YOUR ANIMALS TAGGED IN ON TIME.**

Market Steer/Feeder Steers- The tag/weigh in will be on **Saturday March 23rd at Mesa Animal Clinic 518 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS 66743 from 12:30-2:00PM.** If you are unable to attend you must make prior arrangements with me to tag your animal or it will not be eligible to show at the fair. The tags are \$4 each please bring cash or a check made out to 4-H Council to pay for your tags. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL LAST MINUTE TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OR YOU RISK NOT GETTING YOUR ANIMALS TAGGED IN ON TIME.**

Small Animals- Small Animals include Bucket Calves, Market Goats, Market Sheep, and Market Swine. This will be on **Saturday April 27th 8:00-10:00am at the Fairgrounds.** The tags are \$3 each for goats, sheep, and swine. The tags are \$4 each for bucket calves. Please bring cash or a check made out to 4-H Council to pay for your tags. If you are unable to attend you must make prior arrangements with me to tag your animal or it will not be eligible

to show at the fair. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL LAST MINUTE TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OR YOU RISK NOT GETTING YOUR ANIMALS TAGGED IN ON TIME.** Breeding Class animals do not have to be tagged in however I encourage you to tag them in in the event something would happen to your Market Class animal.

Foods Meeting

March 19th at 6:00PM there will be a meeting to educate youth of the Sugar Calculation rule that was implemented last year. All youth participating in the Foods project are encouraged to attend. **Call (620) 378-2167 to RSVP by March 11th.**

Entomology Project Meeting

The next Entomology project meeting will be Saturday, March 16th at the Allen County Extension Office. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. Bring your pinning supplies and insects to pin. Make sure to put insects in your relaxing chamber for 24 hours before the meeting. We will continue to work on the service project we started in February. If you have not started on this, you will have time to catch up in March - please bring 75 cents for the supplies. If you have not gotten the template for making the labels to go under each insect in your collection, please bring a zip drive so we can get that for you. Questions - call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Dog Project Meeting

An introduction to dog obedience meeting will be held on April 7th at 1:00 PM at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. We will cover the basics of care and beginning obedience training. You do not need to bring a dog to the meeting, but if you would like to bring a dog, please return the 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record to the Extension Office prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristin Heuer or Johanna Walker at k_heuer@mail.com.

Photography Project Meetings

Here is an opportunity that Southwind has shared with us. Photographers Jennifer Han, and Ken Kraxberger are joining with Susan Stich, 4-H Photo Action Team member, to bring Photography project

meetings to Southwind District. Photography project meetings will be held on the following dates. February 13, 2024, March 19, 2024, April 9, 2024, May 14, 2024, June 11, 2024 Location to be determined, July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos. Parents are welcome to come and stay for the meetings.

The location will be at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran church unless otherwise noted. They will be held 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Any type of camera is okay to use, bring your cameras with you to each meeting. Please **RSVP** if you are coming for the first meeting. All photography project members are welcome to come to any of the meetings. Contact Susan Stich at home: at 620-431-6986 or cell: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information

Rabbit Project

Rabbit project Meetings will begin at 9:00AM.
-Fairgrounds- 4/13/24 Also rabbits Q&A if you can't make it in February-project members bring their rabbits if they have them to demonstrate
-Fairgrounds-5/11/24-Meat pen Q&A (picking a breed, breeding for meat pen, showing, etc.)
-Fairgrounds-6/8/24-Fair entries/classes also basic grooming and care, putting rabbit on the table and showmanship
-Fairgrounds-7/13/24-Finalize for fair Q&A-tattoos, supplies needed etc.

I hope you have a great upcoming 4-H year and please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any other project members for questions. My e-mail address: pagekristine@yahoo.com

Archery

2024 Crawford County 4- H Archery will begin Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m. at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, South side of the Marvin Green Bldg. Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (April 14 & 21) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners **MUST** attend the range and safety orientation on April 14 to participate in the program. If you cannot make that meeting, please contact me about possibly making other arrangements. Equipment will be provided for beginners, PLEASE leave yours at

home. The veteran archers and beginners will begin meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

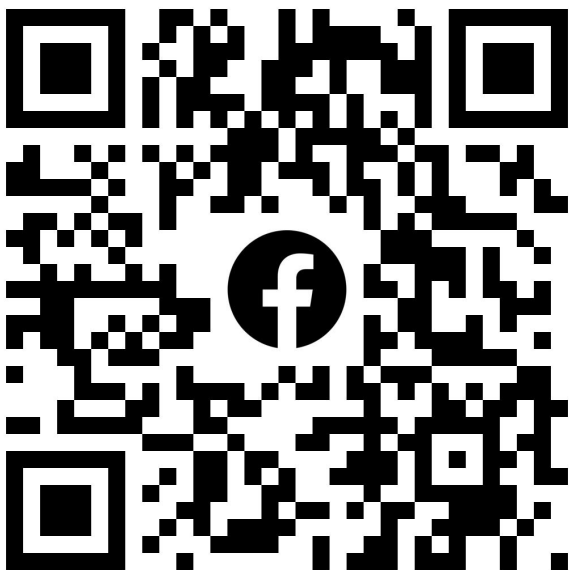
Wildcat District Competitive Teams

If you are currently participating, volunteering, or interested in one of our Wildcat Districts Competitive Teams you will need to complete the following task listed below.

- Watch the SHORT information video about our teams. YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/qCEJrJIOZKM>
- Take a quick 4 question survey to record that you have watched the video for this year. Qualtrics Survey Link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9YMs0BvVPb6RT7M
- Check out our Competitive Teams tab on the website if you are interested in any other opportunities. <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/competitiveteams/index.html>

Wildcat District Livestock Judging Team Facebook Group

Parents, please use this QR code to join this private group. It will help you stay up to date on all of the latest happenings.



4-H Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available through the 4-H Council. These are limited to one per youth per year. To be eligible for this you must complete a Talk/Demonstration at County 4-H Club Days or participate in Favorite Foods Contest. The Scholarship will be refunded up to \$100 upon the youth's return from camp. This is a great way for youth to experience more youth development opportunities! There is also the scholarships from Carolyn Zagonel and Americas Farmers Grow Comminutes donation. By filling out this application youth can receive a \$100 scholarship to go toward a 4-H camp/activity. Please call Will if you have any questions.

4-H Camps Save the Date:

The following are camps that we will be offering locally this summer. Please mark your calendar and the sign up information will be coming out soon. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

-Discovery Days- June 5-7 in Manhattan for youth 13-18 years

-Greenbush Camp- June 10-11 at Greenbush for you 7-9 years. This is an overnight camp. Cost \$80
Reservations Open March 1st and close May 1st or until Full

-Floating on Leadership- June 12 in Noel MO for youth 13-18 years. This is just a day camp and cost \$40.

-NEW-Greenbush Day Camp- This is a new day camp that we will be offering this year on **Date Change June 19**. It is for youth 10-13 years old. Cost \$25. **Reservations Open March 1st and close May 1st or until Full**

-Rock Springs Camp- Check out their website for more dates and information.

-Livestock Judging Camp- This will be June 18-20.

-Sewing Camp- June 18-19 for youth 10-18 years. Cost is \$20. Call the office to sign up. May not attend if you have attended 2 times before.

Pre-Fair BBQ.

4-H Council is accepting bids for the 2024 Pre-Fair BBQ to cook the meat and beans. If you would like to submit a bid, please reach out to a club leader or Will.

State Events

Save the Date: 4-H Horse

Show Judges Seminar

Kansas 4-H, the KSU Horse Judging Team and Colby Community College are excited to offer a 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar on Friday, April 12, 2024, in Colby, KS. Please share with potential 4-H Horse Show judges, volunteers and youth.

Registration information is forthcoming.

Save the Date 2024 48 Hours of 4-H

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! October 12-13, 2024

Kansas Sheep Association Starter

Flock Program The Kansas Sheep Association (KSA) Starter Flock Program was initiated with the intent to encourage and assist young people to enter the sheep and wool industries and help sustain this important food and fiber industry and our American culture. Available for Kansas residents between age 12 and 25, it can be a good fit with 4-H members looking to start their own flock. Selected participants will receive up to six ewes (based on breed) purchased by KSA, and will also be provided a list of producers who have volunteered to supply a ram. Applications must be submitted by mail or email by February 24. For full details and an application form please contact Joe Hobbs, 402-278-0202 or hobsshowlambs@yahoo.com.

Wanted Host Families for 2024

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 23 – August 15. Kansas 4-H International

Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 35-40 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 10-17, 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. The Japanese Delegates personal information forms arrive in February.

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.





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