



Crawford County 4-H News

April 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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April 7	Dog Project Meeting 1 PM, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds
April 1	Fair Book goes live 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
May 19	Meat Rabbit Clinic
June 1	Horse ID Papers Due
June 5-7	Discovery Days
June 10-11	Greenbush Overnight Camp Youth 7-9 Years- Registration is Full
June 12	Floating on Leadership Youth 13-18 Years
June 19	Greenbush Day Camp Youth 10-13 Years
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
July 11	Deadline for Assistance with FairEntry
July 15	Fair Entry Deadline
July 23	Junior Leaders Make Ice-Cream- 8:30am-1:00pm @ Fairgrounds Ice-Cream Stand Training 5:30pm @ Fairgrounds Pre-Fair Clean Up 6:00pm
July 25	Top Seller BBQ Ticket Counts Due to Office

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!

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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.**

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.

Entomology Project Meeting

We will have an Entomology Project meeting on Saturday, April 13th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the

Allen County Extension Office. I hope we can go out collecting, so bring your insect nets, killing jar, and specimen containers. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate with the weather! Please bring your pinning boards and materials to pin insects with and one or two insects to pin. We will try to finish the dragonfly craft we have been working on.

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. 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.



Meats Judging

Dick is willing to take kids to the OSU meats judging contest April 13th at OSU. Needs to know by April 2nd who wants to go. They can contact Dick directly at 620-252-0268.

If it is a young kid that has never judged before they will use it as a practice – walk through the contest one by one afterwards with Dick. Youth would need to meet the van in Montgomery County – location to be announced – and bring money for lunch. If kids choose to judge \$20 to enter.

If there are kids judging the van will leave at 6 a.m. if they just use it as a practice and walk through the classes when everyone is done the van won't leave until late morning (will consult with OSU on when they think the contest will be over).

Great opportunity for younger kids to go see classes in person if they are interested in judging in the future. High caliber contest to walk through afterwards with Dick.

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 are also the scholarships from Carolyn Zagonel, Americas Farmers Grow Communitates donation and Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. 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:

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. Cost \$225. Registration is open.

-Greenbush Camp- June 10-11 at Greenbush for you 7-9 years. This is an overnight camp. Cost \$80-**REGISTRATION FULL**

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

-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.

Crawford County 2024 Fair Book!

Below you will find the link to the website where you will find the 2024 Crawford County Fair Book.

In the online version, all updates have been made in **RED**. Please pay close attention to the schedule and location of events as some may have changed this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. **It is your responsibility to make sure you have read all sections of the fair book.**

Fair Entry will open up May 15 and will close **July 15th**

Fair Book- This year thank you to some amazing volunteer help the book will have a new look. We have tried to condense and organize to make it as user friendly as possible. Remember it is your responsibility to read and stay up to date every year.

Schedule- This has been put in a chart format to help make it easier to follow.

General Rules- These have all been moved to the front of the book to help make it easier to follow and keep it organized in one place.

Projects- With the changing of project names and addition of new projects these have now been organized in the order that they take place during fair time. It will begin with Foods then go through the rest of the indoor projects with STEM at the end, then livestock, then open class.

Fair Proposals

The Fair Board September meeting was the last time to submit proposals for changes for the 2024 Crawford County Fair. Any future proposals that are made at 4-H Council or Fair Board will be considered for fair 2025.

Superintendent Vacancies 2025

Open Class Arts and Crafts- The current superintendent will be stepping down after this year to tend to other roles. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. If would be great for you to shadow this year and take over the next.

Rocketry/Woodworking- The current superintendent will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. If would be great for you to shadow this year and take over the next.

Foods Superintendent- One of the current superintendents will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. If would be great for you to shadow this year, work with the other

superintendent, and take over the next year working with the other foods superintendent.

Clothing Construction- The current superintendent will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. It would be great for you to shadow this year and take over the next. You will work alongside the Style Review/Buymanship Superintendent.

Record Books

Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. This year you will be able to do those online! Recourses can be found for the forms here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html> Recourses for our online zbooks record keeping can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

Setting the Stage for a great Fair!

Some of this you may feel does not apply to you but they are import reminders for us all. It will also help to make sure that we are keeping each other accountable and hopefully provide a fun, safe, and positive experience for youth. Parents please be sure to share this with your spouse to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

Attitudes-Positivity! This is what I will be expecting from everyone this year as we are just over a week away from the first official Fair activity. (Beef Weigh-In) Some of you do an amazing job but others may need a reminder. 4-H is a Positive Youth Development organization and sadly on many occasions some parents, volunteers, fair board members etc. seem to lose sight of that. What has happened in the past is in the past and it is expected that everyone will do their best moving forward. I expect everyone as they prepare to enter any 4-H event to check their attitude at the door.

Relationships- Personal relationships are just that personal. There is no room for personal hatred, conflict, or rivalry at any 4-H event/activity. Your relationships are yours alone and have no business infecting the attitudes and experiences of those around you.

Grace and Understanding- It is also expected that everyone has a little grace and understanding. NO ONE is perfect or is going to do things perfectly.

Not everything is going to be done or addressed when and how you would like. Not every rule or policy is everyone going to agree with or like. However, it is expected that everyone shows a little grace and understanding in that everyone is doing their best to do right by all youth.

Criticism vs. Clarification- There is a huge difference between the two and it starts with your approach. Myself, superintendents, leaders, volunteers, and fair board members are ALWAYS open to clarifying questions. Those putting on 4-H events/activities do not deserve nor will tolerate unnecessary criticism/complaining. If you want change, we have a fair proposal process, and you better be ready to step up and volunteer.

Respect- You don't have to like what/how things are done, other families, rules/procedures, etc. but you must RESPECT them. It is expected that you show respect to everyone even if you don't agree. You are not owed or guaranteed an explanation/justification for every decision/rule made but you must trust there was thought and reason put into every decision to try and keep a positive and safe environment for all youth. You must respect the fact that sometimes things have to be addressed/changed in the moment and that time does not always allow for a seamless transition.

Conflict- With anything there is likely to be conflict at times but the difference comes in how you handle it. Remember to always respond and not react. Allow yourself and others time to process through what is happening and address conflict in a calm, cool, and collected manner. Don't forget wherever you are there is likely a young person watching and learning from you so be sure to be a positive role model.

What's your why? - Not every family has the same goals and values when it comes to participating in the fair. Some may want to help their child learn to care for and raise livestock. Some may want to win a grand champion ribbon and be the top seller at the livestock sale. Regardless of what your family's why is, it is important to remember that what other families choose as their "why" is out of anyone's control. As a parent, this may be hard to explain or rationalize to your youth but it teaches them to focus on themselves and their knowledge and skill development instead of others.

Fun- Lets all remember to have fun! There is so much time, energy, money, and resources that go into 4-H events/activities that if we all are not having fun, we need to figure out something that is. These are the memories that youth will carry with them for a lifetime so it our job to make sure they are positive ones.

Open Door- Remember that my door is always open. If you have questions or want to learn more you will get a lot further and have more accurate information coming to me rather than taking second hand information. So, if we need to chat just call the office or send me an email and we can set up a time to do so.

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.

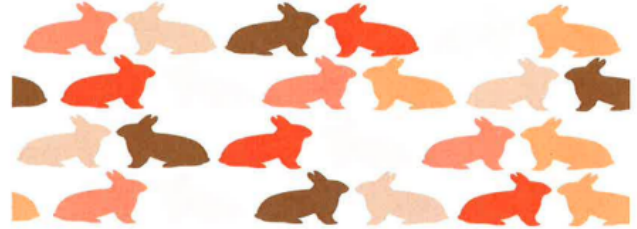
Wanted Host Families for 2024

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.

Meat Rabbits One 'o One



Meat Rabbit Clinic

Presenter Kira Hatlestad. Kira is a senior in high school who raises and shows Californians, New Zealand and Cinnamon rabbits. She will be speaking about basic care, feeding, breeds, supplies, breed confirmation and any other questions you may have about raising meat rabbits and meat pens.

Demonstrator Larry Meyer. Larry is a former commercial processor and will demonstrate the tools needed and how to process a rabbit.

Sunday May 19, 2024 Registration @ 12:30pm

Clinic to start at 1:00 pm

\$2.00 per person registration fee (for materials and expenses)

Clinic hosted by Kris Page to be held at the Crawford County (KS) Fairgrounds rain or shine. Pre-registration not required but RSVPs appreciated by May 17th. Please RSVP and/or email questions to: pagekristine@yahoo.com

Crawford County Fairgrounds, 249 E. KS 47, Girard, KS 66743



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