



## Crawford County 4-H News

January 2024

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

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a happy and safe holiday season. Please pay close attention to the information in the newsletter so that you can start your new year off right. Remember that our enrollment deadline for returning families is on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

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[www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/)



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| January 9        | Junior Leaders Meeting 6:00PM @ Extension Office<br>Fair Board Meeting 7:00PM                           |
| January 12       | Regional Record Books Due to Office   |
| January 27       | Horse Panorama in Salina  |
| January 29       | Club Day Sign Up Deadline   |
| January 31       | 4-H Enrollment Deadline for Returning Families  |
| February 3       | Crawford County 4-H Club Day  |
| February 3       | Junior Leaders Make Sausage – Noon at Extension Office  |
| February 4       | Junior Leaders Pancake Feed   |
| February 24      | Regional 4-H Club Day @ Neosho County Community College   |
| February 26      | Junior Leaders meeting @ 6:30PM Extension Office<br>4-H Council Meeting @ 7:30PM Extension Office       |
| 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<br>Wildcat Extension District Makers Fair @ Parsons Research Center |
| March 19         | Foods Project Meeting 6PM @ Extension Office  |
| April 9          | Fair Board Meeting 7:00PM   |
| April 15         | Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30PM<br>4-H Council Meeting 7:30PM   |
| May 1            | Deadline to Enroll for NEW Families<br>Market Beef State Nomination Due                                 |
| July 31-August 3 | Crawford County Fair 2024   |

# Enrollment

4-H Online system opened October 1, 2023 for a new year. Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at

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

## Youth/Volunteer Enrollment

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

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

## 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

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## Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. The next Meeting will be on January 9<sup>th</sup> to plan for the Pancake Feed and Club Days. Sausage Making- We will be making the sausage and setting up starting at **NOON on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Extension Office. **Parents-** If you can attend this meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> please do so to know who all is available to help with sausage making and the day of the feed. We will also be discussing shifts to make sure we have enough help both. Junior Leader's next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m.

## 4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, February 26 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.

## Summer Intern/Youth Educator-

Campus is now accepting applications for our summer intern/youth educator position. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Link to the website to apply: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/742/cw/en-us/job/516432/4h-youth-development-summer-internships> If you know someone in the community who you think may be interested in being an intern, please send them the link. (Interns must be age 18 by the beginning of the program in May; pay is \$17.00 per hour/40 hour flexible workweek. Think college kids, 4-H Alumni, teachers, retired teachers, etc.) All the information they need to apply is there. Applicants have until January 21, 2024, to apply. All positions will remain open until filled. Interviews will take place during February.

## Entomology Project Meeting

Entomology project meeting to be held Saturday, January 13th at the Allen County Extension Office. We will start at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning board and supplies and one insect to pin. Bring your specimens you already have mounted so we can work on identification. Bring a zip drive to put the template for creating labels on. If you are going to

give a talk for County/District Club Day, we would love to hear it and give you some practice. Otherwise, bring a short talk on one of the types of insect antennae we studied at the December meeting. Questions? Call Vicky @ (620)804-9170.

## Ice- Cream

We are now where we can offer the rest of the Fair ice cream. It is \$25 a tub and you get the \$5 back when you return the tub. Just come by the office to get some we will not hold it.

## 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.

## Fair Proposals

A complete document of all Fair proposals made at 4-H Council and at Fair Board meetings for the 2024 Fair was emailed to you. If there is anything else that the Extension office or Fair Board has to update/change I will do my best to communicate it to you all as soon and often as possible. Please remember that all State Fair updates to indoor projects and proposal changes will be in **RED** when the Fair Book is released. If you have any questions about anything please know that my door is always open and I would be happy to talk with you.

## 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. January 9, 2024, 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

-Ext. office 2/17/24 will cover Rabbits Q&A and getting started on your record book

-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](mailto:pagekristine@yahoo.com)

## Regional Record Book Contestants

If you were selected to represent Crawford County at the Regional Record Book judging, please be working to improve your book. Appointments can be set up with Will to help with this process.

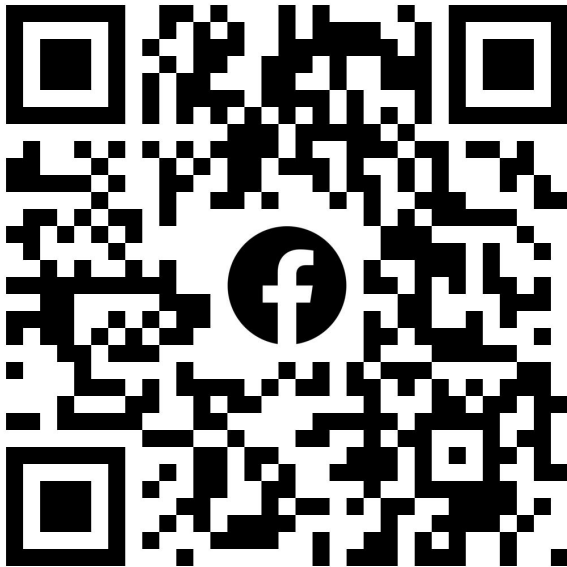
## 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day sign-up is now up and running! Please go to our website where you will find guidelines, information, and the sign up. Club day will be on Saturday, February 3 at the Girard High School Cafeteria. Remember if you give an individual talk or demonstration, you will be eligible for a \$100 scholarship to a 4-H camp or activity. Clubs remember you must do a model meeting in order to be eligible for a purple seal at the end of the year.



## 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.



## Plan for the future!

### **K-State Junior Beef Producer Day**

Date – Saturday, March 2, 2024

Cost – \$20/person by February 12 (\$25/person after February 12)

\*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 12 to receive a t-shirt.

\*\*Both youth and adults attending need to register.

### **K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day**

Date – Saturday, March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline – February 26

Cost – \$20/person by February 26

(\$25/person after February 26)

\*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26 to receive a t-shirt.

\*\*Both youth and adults attending need to register.

### **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 Communitates 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.

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

-NEW-Greenbush Day Camp- This is a new day camp that we will be offering this year. It is for youth 10-13 years old.

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

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

## 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.

## 2024-25 Kansas 4-H Scholarship

Scholarships are due **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 by 11:59PM CST**  
**Overview**

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship process has been modified. These changes will take effect for the 2024-25 scholarship application process. Please review all of the documentation thoroughly. If you have any questions about the changes and processes that have been made, please ask Sarah Keatley ([keatley@ksu.edu](mailto:keatley@ksu.edu) or 620-366-0035), Kansas 4-H Scholarship Coordinator.

We hope that these modifications will enhance the transparency and practicability of the application process, thereby rendering it simpler and more user-friendly to navigate for applicants. Furthermore, it provides applicants with a readily prepared resume and cover letter that they can use for their job applications

For the sake of clarity in the following information, there will be two types of scholarships referenced; State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP).

### Eligibility

The new scholarship process has combined the State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together. We hope that this encourages more applicants to pursue both of these scholarship opportunities. Please review the chart on the following page to see which scholarships you are eligible for.

|  | <b>*State 4-H Scholarships</b> | <b>VFSP</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Is the scholarship need based?</b>                | Varies upon scholarship        | Yes         |
| <b>I am a class of 2024 Graduate, am I eligible?</b> | Yes                            | Yes         |

**Am I eligible if I am attending a Community College, trade school, or cosmetology school**

Varies upon scholarship

Yes

**I am a Soph, Jr, or Sr in College. Am I eligible?**

Varies upon scholarship

No, this scholarship is only available to incoming Freshman

**Do I need to fill out a FAFSA?**

No, we do not ask for FAFSA documentation to be submitted with applications

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**Attending postsecondary school in Kansas vs. out of state**

Varies upon scholarship

Applicants can attend school in or out of Kansas

**Is the scholarship renewable?**

While scholarships are not renewable, you can apply each year

Yes, recipients will be given the opportunity to renew each year until graduation

**Are there GPA Requirements?**

Varies upon scholarship

Not to apply. Renewals must keep a 2.5 cumulative GPA

**Do I need to have a specific major?**

Varies upon scholarship

No, this scholarship is only available to incoming Freshman

\*Each scholarship given out as a State 4-H Scholarship has a different set of criteria as established by the donor of the scholarship. Please check the list of State 4-H Scholarships to see specific criteria for each scholarship

### What You Will Need to Apply: Application

**Part 1:** Select the scholarship program(s) that you are applying for (State 4-H Scholarships and/or the Vanier Family Scholarship Program.

**Part 2:** Answer questions regarding demographics, general 4-H participation, and academic information.

**Part 3:** Attach your Cover Letter and Resume (in a PDF). Please reference the Cover Letter and Resume handouts for additional information.

**Guidelines- Can be found online for the Cover Letter and Resume**

**Part 4:** Submit!

### **References**

You need two references for your application to be considered complete. When identifying references, select individuals who can speak to the leadership, dedication, and commitment you have demonstrated. You should NOT use family members as a reference. There are no requirements and/or restrictions for how you should know your references.

References will NOT submit a letter of recommendation. References will be asked to answer the following questions regarding the applicant:

- Describe a specific time that you have witnessed the applicant using their leadership skills.
- Explain how 4-H has impacted the development of the applicant
- Please describe what sets this applicant apart from their peers.
- Other Comments

You are encouraged to share this information with your references when you ask them to serve in that role. As the deadline for scholarships approaches, you should follow up with your references to ensure they have filled out the necessary documentation.

### **Evaluation**

Each application is reviewed by three judges. Each judge will use the evaluation score sheet that is included in this packet. We strongly encourage applicants to use this evaluation score sheet to use as a reference while preparing their application.

#### **How Will I Be Evaluated?**

This information can be found online.

### **Awarding Process**

Once the evaluation of all of the scholarships has been completed, scores between all judges are first neutralized and then averaged. State 4-H Scholarship are put in order of highest score to lowest score and then matched with the different State 4-H Scholarships based on criteria needed and order of rank. The Vanier Family Scholarship Program applicants are ranked, and then based upon the amount available to award that year, applicants are asked to participate in an interview with another set of evaluators.



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