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# Crawford County 4-H News

October 2022

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

I hope everyone's school year is off to a great start! As the year gets busy with sports practice and other school activities, I encourage you to look at your calendar and pencil in 4-H Club Meetings. October is the beginning of a new 4-H year so we will be celebrating our past year with an Awards Banquet in November!

Sincerely,

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Oct 1	<b>Club Summary, Club Financial Reports, Record Books, Officer Books Due New 4-H Year!</b>
Oct 2-8	National 4-H Week
Oct 8-9	48 Hours of 4-H

# Enrollment

4-H Online system opens October 1, 2022 for a new year. Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at <http://v2.4honline.com/>

## Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

## 4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, October 24 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.

## Wildcat District Competitive Team Orientation

This year there will be a Wildcat District Competitive Team orientation. If you are interested in competing in events such as livestock judging, meats judging, skill-a-thon, quizbowl, etc... This is a required meeting (a zoom link will also be provided). This will take place on **November 1<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30pm located at the Parsons Research Center.

## State Fair

If you sent static exhibits to the state fair they need to be picked up in the extension Office.

## Awards Banquet

The annual Crawford County Awards Banquet will be Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm at Girard High School cafeteria. Please RSVP for a meal by calling the Extension office by Friday October 21 @ 4:30pm. (620-724-8233)

## Officer Training

Officer Training will be held on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This is open to all youth who would like to learn how to become a better officer. There will be learning, hot dogs, and s'mores. Please RSVP to the office by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Youth/Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year is **October 1<sup>st</sup>**! Don't forget that all returning families have until **January 31<sup>st</sup>** 2023 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.

## Shooting Sports

*From instructor Brian Sandford*

Hello again, my name is Brian Sandford and I am the 4-H Western Heritage shooting sports coordinator/instructor for the Wildcat District. Just as a review....Western Heritage is an up-and-coming 4-H shooting sport that is gaining in popularity. It is a program that basically strives to replicate the life/lifestyledress/food and shooting from the 1860-1890 time period.

There are 2 basic parts to the Western Heritage Shooting Sport:

- 1 - personas adopted by youth (and parents if so inclined), and:
- 2 - shooting using period authentic firearms.

I have developed a survey using Survey Monkey to find out when the best time to meet to introduce both parents and youth to the project and some other information so that we can get started with this very cool project. We also have an opportunity on Oct. 8-9 to visit the Lyon County Western Heritage shooting sports group to see their personas and participate in a day of shooting. Please reply to the survey as soon as possible so I can set up a meeting. Thanks and if you have any questions call me at 620-249-1088 or reply to this email. Looking forward to getting this going, it is a super unique and fun project and shooting sport. Brian Sandford [bacon4six@gmail.com](mailto:bacon4six@gmail.com)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFC2D33>

## State Archery Results

The Kansas 4H Shooting Sports State Archery Match was held in Lindsborg, KS, Saturday, September 24, 2022. Four archers from Crawford County participated after prequalifying in a separate event. Brenden Knisley, John Walker, Gavin Jackman, and Kole Harris represented the county's Archery Project Group in the Bowhunter Compound Class. John Walker took top honors in the Junior Open Compound Class, bringing home ribbons for 4th place in the FITA event (10 ring targets), 1st place in the Trail event (3D and Field targets), and 2nd place overall. The Bowhunter Team of Brenden Knisley and John Walker did well, taking 12th place out of 16 teams. Congrats to all for representing us at the event! Look for the Archery Project Group to start back up again next April. Details should be in the February or March newsletter.

## State Events

### Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Series

The Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar series gives Kansas 4-H'ers, Horse volunteers and parents an opportunity to gain skill and knowledge about horses and the horse industry in Kansas. Topics will include basic 4-H Horse project knowledge, horse health and college and career readiness. Industry experts and K-State faculty will share their experience and expertise during the webinars. Webinars will be hosted live the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Please register in advance to receive the link and details to join. Webinars will be recorded and made available for those wishing to view at a later date. Register here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/equine-webinar-series.html>

Participants may submit questions relating to the webinar topic to [klnoordyke@ksu.edu](mailto:klnoordyke@ksu.edu) until 2:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled webinar. Please include "Equine Webinar Question" in the subject line of your email. After attending the live webinar, or viewing the recording, please provide feedback through the survey link. This helps Kansas 4-H to plan and improve future webinars.

## Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series

Kansas 4-H'ers can learn more about the livestock industry through the Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series. The Animal Science Webinar Series is designed to give Kansas 4-H'ers an opportunity to learn more about the livestock industry, career opportunities and good animal husbandry practices. Webinars will be hosted live the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Register in advance at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/animal-science-webinar-series.html> to receive an email with the link to join. Webinars will be recorded and made available for those wishing to view at a later date. Participants may submit questions relating to the webinar topic to [klnoordyke@ksu.edu](mailto:klnoordyke@ksu.edu) until 2:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled seminar. Please include "Animal Science Webinar Question" in the subject one of your email.

## Leadership Weekend - November 19-20, 2022

Leadership Weekend will be November 19-20 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, 2023 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, 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. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers.

This year's speaker will be Kent Julian, always a crowd favorite.

Registration will be open in mid to late September. Again, this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2022 for both events. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

## Regional Leadership Forums

[All Regional Leadership Forums](#) are using the theme Unearthing Possibilities! [Registration](#) is open and due on or before September 23.

- For Youth 12-18 years of age before January 1, 2023
- Saturday, October 8 - Eastern Regional Leadership Forum - Rock Springs Ranch, \$55

## 48 Hours of 4-H

We hope every club will 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 setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Your project can be big or small, take one hour or several but the ultimate goal is to make a difference in our communities. When: October 8-9, 2022 Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

## Parent/Guardian Must Read

### Fair Proposal Process

I am excited to continue a more formal process has been created to receive and evaluate fair rules, updates, and guidelines. Fair changes will be made through collaboration with the Fair Board, 4-H Council, and Extension. A special committee made up of members representing each entity will receive and evaluate the changes. The move to a special committee has been done in an effort to ensure that every voice is heard and all changes and decisions are made in collaboration for the benefit of our youth.

Online you will find two options to propose changes: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/crawford-county-fair/index.html>

- Option 1 - Present changes through your 4-H Council. The 4-H form must be presented at or before the August 4-H Council Meeting.
- Option 2 – Present changes to the Fair Board. The Fair Board form must be presented on or before the September meeting. You may choose either option. You must present your option in-person.

Each club's 4-H Council Representatives are in charge of presenting each proposal that is made at

Council to their club. They are then responsible for representing their club's position on each proposal at the October 4-H Council meeting.

The Fair Board will also complete a similar process of reviewing all proposals.

The collaboration committee will meet in early November to compare what proposals everyone agreed on and what ones need to be worked through. These representatives are there to uphold the decisions and discussion from the group they represent. They are also there to work through disagreements when necessary and come up with a compromise if possible. If you have any questions on the process please contact, Will.

## Fair Roles and Responsibility

(Section 10.4, Kansas 4-H Policy)

“K-State Research and Extension holds responsibility in cooperation with 4-H Council and/or fair board for developing 4-H rules at the 4-H county fairs and 4-H events. These rules must be consistent with the 4-H mission and 4-H policies including site-based risk management.”

“Local 4-H fair rules must be in compliance with and will not supersede state and national 4-H policy; however, fairs may design local classes and events that enhance the educational mission of the 4-H program.”

As the Youth Development Agent, my goal and role is to oversee our 4-H program in Crawford County and provide the best and the most opportunity for youth. I know that the proposal process is still new and confusing for some but it helps to ensure that all voices are heard, changes are collaborative and are documented. I am trying my best and enforce regulations and updates that I receive from KSRE and State 4-H while preserving the culture and tradition of the Crawford County Fair. Please know I am only human so there may be a few bumps in the road but please know that I am the type of person that will constantly strive to do what's best for youth and the 4-H program.

*According to extension policy (see above), all fair decisions should be made by Extension in collaboration with Fair Board and 4-H Council.* (Except for the livestock sale which is Fair

Board) A collaboration is exactly what we are doing here in Crawford County. When it comes to the changes themselves, they are divided into indoor exhibits and livestock.

Indoor exhibits are to qualify at the county level in order to move on to State Fair. This means that every year as the 4-H Agent, I receive updates to put in our Fair Book from the State 4-H Office. This ensures that youth participating in these projects are following the guidelines that Kansas 4-H has set for the project, whether they are going to state or not. These do not typically come out until late February/March but are listed in red in the online fair book by April 1<sup>st</sup>. These changes are typically minor, like a description change, name change, measurement, etc. ***If there is ever something that is more than a minor change that has an impact on how we judge and award classes at the county level then I will complete an emergency proposal for that change to make sure that it is documented and sent out to everyone.*** Our yearly indoor exhibit updates ensure that youth are not being disqualified when moving on to the next level. I agree that all of our indoor projects do not match perfectly with the state. But as I have said, don't always catch everything and welcome help if anyone would like to volunteer to cross-edit these portions.

Livestock is where we get into a gray area because youth do not have to qualify at the County Fair in order to show at the State Fair. To be honest I do not like gray areas. This means that as long as we are not going against 4-H policy or regulations, there is a little more freedom to make things our own. All decisions must still be collaborative involving our 4-H Council, Extension and Fair Board to ensure the best experience for our kids as a whole.

I know that all of this may seem confusing and that people may have some questions. ***My door is always open for anyone that would like to come in and discuss things.*** Please know that rudeness, disrespect, or yelling will not be tolerated. Some may say that other counties do not do this or we did not do it like this in the past. There are 105 counties in Kansas and I can guarantee you that they all do 4-H different. Some follow the rules and some do not. However, I am someone who tries to follow the

rules and promise you that I will try to go above and beyond in my communication to everyone and be as transparent as possible.

4-H is a constantly changing and evolving program and I am glad that it is. Our program has to change to stay current for our youth. There are some traditions we can fight to keep and some that have to adapt to the times. Thank you for utilizing the proposal system for fair changes. I truly believe this is the best step towards equal representation for all parties involved.

## **Plan for the future!**

### **4-H Camp Scholarships**

Camp Scholarships are available through 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 at Favorite Foods Contest. The Scholarship will be refunded up to \$100 upon the youths return from camp. This is a great way for youth to experience more youth development opportunities! There is also the scholarship from Carolyn Zagonel and Americas Farmers grow Comminutes donation. By filling out this application youth can receive \$100 scholarship to go toward a 4-H camp/activity. Please call Will if you have any questions.

### **Fair Proposals**

Fair Board September meeting was the last time to submit proposals for changes for the 2023 Crawford County Fair. Any future proposal that are made at 4-H Council or Fair Board will be considered for fair 2024.

### **County Fair Judges Training**

Save the date for a County Fair Judges training on March 30, 2023! All are welcome to come and learn how to judge a wide variety of project areas. More details to come in the future.

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