



Crawford County 4-H News

December 2023

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

You do many great things during the holiday season! If you decorate a float for a parade, participate in a toy drive, go caroling, sponsor a child off the angel tree, etc. I want to know about it! Please email me a short description and pictures. I will compile club activities and do newspaper articles, or your club reporter can send it to the newspaper!

Sincerely,

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



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| December 12 | Fair board Meeting 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds |
| January 9 | Junior Leaders Meeting 6:00PM @ Extension Office |
| | Fair Board Meeting 7:00PM |
| January 12 | Regional Record Books Due to Office |
| 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 |
| | 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 |
| | Wildcat Extension District Makers Fair @ Parsons Research Center |
| April 9 | Fair Board Meeting 7:00PM |
| April 15 | Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30PM |
| | 4-H Council Meeting 7:30PM |
| May 1 | Deadline to Enroll for NEW Families |
| | 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 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/>

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 Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. The next Junior Leaders 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.

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

We have 1 large pan of BBQ left over from the fair. They have been in the freezer since the fair, we have lowered the cost to \$50.00. This would be great for an upcoming event or a holiday party! Please let me know if you would like to purchase it.

4-H Council is also 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

Regards,

Kris Page

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.

Livestock Sale Buyers Checks

If you have not done so already, you need to pick your check up from your buyer as soon as possible! It looks poorly on you and 4-H if your buyer has to track you down in order to give you your check. Remember that if they have a bad experience they may not return as a buyer.



Wildcat District Livestock Judging Team Facebook Group

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



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.

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 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 1st, 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 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.

| | *State 4-H Scholarships | VFSP |
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| Is the scholarship need based? | Varies upon scholarship | Yes |
| I am a class of 2024 Graduate, am I eligible? | Yes | Yes |
| Am I eligible if I am attending a Community College, trade school, or cosmetology school | Varies upon scholarship | Yes |

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| 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 | No, we do not ask for FAFSA documentation to be submitted with applications |
| 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 Not to apply. |
| Are there GPA Requirements? | Varies upon scholarship | 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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