



Crawford County 4-H News

September 2022

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

Fair season has come to an end and it is now time for State Fair! We are busy planning for the future and are excited to share new opportunities with you. We have lots of exciting events happening this month! Read the entire newsletter. You will find everything you need in order to be prepared for fall!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sept 6 | State Fair Exhibits due to office for transport by noon |
| Sept 9-18 | Kansas State Fair |
| Sept 13 | Crawford County Fair Board Meeting 7pm @ Fairgrounds
(Last time to propose a 2023 Fair change) |
| Sept 17 | Makers Fair & Extension Expo |
| Oct 1 | Club Summary, Club Financial Reports, Record Books,
Officer Books Due
New 4-H Year! |
| Oct 21 | Deadline to RSVP for Awards Banquet |
| Oct 24 | Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm @ Extension Office
4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm @ Extension Office |
| Nov 1 | District Competitive Team Orientation |
| Nov 2 | Awards Banquet 6:30pm Girard High School Cafeteria |
| Nov 3 | Officer Training RSVP Deadline |
| Nov 7 | Officer Training 6:30pm at Fair Grounds |
| Nov 24-25 | Office Closed |

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, 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.

Shooting Sports

2022 Crawford County 4- H Archery will begin Sunday, April 10, 3:00 pm at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, Marvin Green Bldg. Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (April 10 & 24) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners MUST attend the range and safety orientation on April 10 to participate in the program. If you cannot make that meeting, please contact me about possibly

making other arrangements. Equipment will be provided for the beginners, **PLEASE** leave yours at home. The veteran archers will begin meeting on Sunday, April 25 at 3:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

Record Books

Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. This year you will be able to do those online! Resources can be found for the forms here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html> Resources for our online zbooks record keeping can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html> Record books are due to the office by October 1st.

Ice Cream Tubs

If you or someone that you know has Ice-Cream Tubs left from the fair, please be returning those to the Extension office. **Also, we are missing a silver ice cream cylinder if you have borrowed that please return it.**

Fair Proposals

If you would like to make a proposal for the 2023 Fair, you may do so by presenting them at a 4-H Council meeting or Fair Board meeting. Those proposals will need to be completed by the **August 22nd 4-H Council meeting and the September 13th Fair Board meeting.** The proposal form may be found online.

Thank You Letters

4-H members do not forget to send your thank you letters to your award sponsors and buyers. Without their support so much would not be possible.

Makers Fair & Extension Expo

The Wildcat District is putting on a Makers Fair & Extension Expo on **September 17th** at the Southeast Research Center in Parsons. (See attached flyer) 4-H Agents would like to highlight some of the amazing projects that you all are doing and are seeking volunteers to sign up and come that day and teach the community about your project.

Project displays- 4-H will have its own tent for all of our displays and activities. Please see the link below to sign up that day. (Keep in mind this will look great in your record books.) You are even welcome to do a formal presentation if you would like and we will put you on the public schedule. If you would like to display your 4-H project but can't attend that day a 4-H agent may be able to transport it for you. We'd like some youth to stay with us to talk with the public but short 1-2 hour time segments are acceptable!

Petting Zoo- We are also looking to have a petting zoo that day! If you are willing to bring your animal (and they are gentle/used to being touched) please sign up for a time slot. You are welcome to come in the morning or afternoon or all day. We would like to have rabbits, chickens, sheep, goats, bucket calf, and a horse/pony. Water and shade will be available.

Vendors- Parents if you, your child, or someone you know makes something and would like to set up a booth please complete the attached application and return it to a 4-H Agent. There is no cost to be a vender but space is limited.

Record Book Judges

The Wildcat District is looking for volunteers to judge record books. These will be in a wide variety of projects areas from youth across the district. We will need them judged in the first two weeks of October. Please reach out to Will if you are interested in judging.

SAVE THE DATES!

4-H Leadership Learning Opportunities

Please save the date for these 4-H Leadership Learning Opportunities scheduled for this fall.

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

Saturday/Sunday, November 19-20 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum - Rock Springs Ranch - For Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2023

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held on Monday November 7th 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 3rd.

48 Hours of 4-H!

This years dates are October 8-9 2022! 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!

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 1st at 6:30pm located at the Parsons Research Center.

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 klndyke@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 klnordyke@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.

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 1st. 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.

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