



Crawford County 4-H News

November 2023

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

Hope you all are enjoying this cooler weather! It is the time of year where we recognize those for their efforts last year and plan for the new. I am so proud of all of the youth and what they accomplished and can't wait to see goals for this year. You will find everything you need in order to be prepared for the rest of fall!

Sincerely,

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November 2	Competitive Team Orientation 6:30pm Parsons Research Center
November 5	4-H Super Sunday- Officer Training, Banquet, ...
November 10	Office Closed
November 14	Fair Board Meeting 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
November 22-23	Office Closed
December 12	Fair board Meeting 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
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 16	Junior Sheep Producer Day Manhattan Wildcat Extension District Makers Fair @ Parsons Research Center
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



Competitive Team Orientation

The Wildcat District Competitive team orientation will be on Thursday November 2 at 6:30pm at the K-State Research Center in Parsons. If you are

planning to or interested in participating on one of our teams you are expected to attend.

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.

BBQ

We have three large pans of BBQ left over from the fair. They have been in the freezer since the fair and cost \$70. These would be great for an upcoming event. Let me know if you would like one.

Fair Proposals

A complete document of all Fair proposals made at 4-H Council and at Fair board 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, Ks. 4-H Photo Action Team member, to bring Photography project meetings to Southwind District. Photography project meetings will be held on the

following dates. 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. Parents are welcome to come and stay for the meetings. October 10, 2023, November 14, 2023, 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

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

4-H Super Sunday

Officer Training- The first part of the day is focused on those who are current officers for this upcoming year to plan and set goals. At 3:15PM it is open to all youth to attend to learn about Parliamentary procedure and learn about different Officer roles.

Project Tables- If you are a project leader or have a vast knowledge and would be willing to be at a table for families to come by and learn about the project please let me know. The goal for this section is to showcase the many different projects

and provide an opportunity to connect with those who have knowledge in that area.

Banquet- Please RSVP for the meal by calling the office at 620-724-8233 by October 24. I encourage all to agent and celebrate a successful year.

YQCA- This is recommended for all youth who are showing livestock and is good for a full year. Details on how to register for the class can be found online.

QPR- Details can be found on the agenda. This is for anyone who is 18 year of age or older. Feel free to invite anyone who may be interested in attending.

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.

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.



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

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.

State Events

Counties/Districts Needed for 2024

Kansas 4-H Japan Exchange

The summer inbound Kansas 4-H Japan Exchange program which Kansas 4-H began participating with LABO and LEX in 1977 is seeking counties to participate in 2024. Kansas 4-H will soon commit to hosting a specific number of youth and adult chaperones for the 2024 summer inbound program. In 2023, Kansas hosted 31 Japanese youth and chaperones.

Participating counties get to host a small group of young Japanese teens who are highly motivated to become a member of their Kansas host family and to learn English. Kansas 4-H families have reported many good experiences and say that the program has had a positive impact on their children.

The Japanese will arrive in counties on July 24, 2024, and stay with one family each for three and one-half weeks through August 16, 2024. Consider getting involved with your county/unit.

Participating counties/units are encouraged to find a locate a volunteer coordinator who then manages the recruitment and screening of five to six host families, and organizes local activities during the stay. Training, resource materials, and some expense money are available for the coordinators and agents. Extension staff liaison with the Kansas 4-H Japanese Coordinator to conduct the program.

If you think your county might be interested, or to find out more details about your county/district hosting Japanese youth from 12-16 years old in 2024, contact Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japan Exchange Coordinator by September 30th. Email:

pvanhorn@ksu.edu or call Pam at 785-826-8917. Please consider trying this popular program this upcoming year.

Plan for the future!

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 scholarship 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.





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