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## 4-H Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14, and will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Registration and detailed information will be the State 4-H Website in March. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last five years! Register online by May 15.

## Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch will be June 5-8, 2019. Camp is an awesome opportunity for 4-H'ers who have completed the third grade and up to the seventh grade. Camp Counselor Applications and Registration forms will be available soon. Save the Date!

## Discovery Days

Are You Ready for Discovery Days? If your youth is 13-18 years old. Put May 29 - May 31, 2019 on your calendar to be in Manhattan. This year's theme is "Discovery Your Spotlight" Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Registration takes place from March 1, 2019 to April 15, 2019 at 11:59PM.

## KS Jr Swine Producer

The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held March 9 in Manhattan at K-State's Weber Hall. Youth, parents, extension agents, and project leaders are invited to attend. The early registration fee is \$15/person and is due by February 15.

## Online Resources

4-H Online Enrollment: <https://ks.4honline.com>  
Newsletter & 4-H Activities: [www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu](http://www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu)  
Kansas State 4-H Website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/>  
Kansas State Fair: [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/)



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# Wildcat District Calendar

This calendar includes dates for all four counties. Youth are welcome to attend project programming held by any county in the Wildcat District, call ahead to reserve a spot. Dates shown here may or may not appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Date	Event	Location
Mar. 2	Regional 4-H Club Days @ Neosho Community College	Chanute, KS
Mar. 9	Jr. Swine Producer Day	Manhattan
Mar. 30	Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day	Manhattan
Apr. 6-11	National 4-H Conference	National 4-H Center
Apr. 13	Kansas 4-H Spring Shooting Sports Match	Rock Springs
Apr. 15	Discovery Days Deadline	Online
Apr. 15	Space Tech Deadline	Online
Apr. 27	Space Tech Training	KSU Polytechnic
May 1	New Member Deadline to exhibit at the fair	District-wide
May 1	Horse ID Papers Due	Local Extension
May 29-31	Discovery Days 4-H Camp	Manhattan
Jun. 3	Favorite Foods Contest	Wilson Co. Courthouse
Jun. 5-8	Sunny Hills 4-H Camp	Rock Springs
Jun. 11	Area Hort. Crops, Photography, and FCS Judging	Emporia, KS
Jun. 15	District Horse Show Entries Due	Extension Office
Jun. 18-19	Greenbush 4-H Camp	
Jun. 20	Livestock, Meats, and Skil-a-thon Contest	Yates Center, KS
Jun. 23-26	4-H Campference	Rock Springs 4-H Center
Jun. 27	District Horse Show	Parsons State Hospital

For more information and registration forms, please visit county specific web pages.

## Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

The Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be held March 30 in Manhattan at K-State's Weber Hall. Youth, parents, extension agents, and project leaders are invited to attend. The early registration fee is \$15/person and is due by March 11.

## Horse ID Papers

Horse Identification papers are due! It's never too early to turn yours in! Be sure to turn in papers for every horse you think you might want to use this year. It's better turn in too many than wish you had a backup horse!

# Wildlife Contest

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A Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest will be held April 25, 2019 at Claythorne Lodge in Columbus, KS. The contest teaches young people about wildlife, the needs of wildlife, and their habitat. The Wildcat Extension District is putting together teams to compete at this contest. Age divisions are 9-13 and 14-18. The five parts of this contest are (1) wildlife identification; (2) general wildlife knowledge; (3) on-site recommendation of wildlife management practices; (4) writing a one-page management plan for a rural setting and; (5) defending that plan in an oral interview.

All of the information needed to compete in the contest is contained in the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program Manual, 2014 Edition/2016 Revision. The manual covers most regions of the United States. For this year's contest we will be using the "Eastern Deciduous Forest sections of the manual. The manual is available on line at [www.whep.org](http://www.whep.org).

Jeri Geren, our wildlife agent, has put together some practice times for the Wildcat District. We will do our best to record these sessions for those that can not make it to practices. **\*\*Please call your local Extension office to sign up for the contest!**

Schedule (Mondays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Altamont Extension Office)

March 5th- Reptiles and Fish with Brian Traxon and Seth Lundgren

March 19th- Animal Review and Intro to Habitat, Trapping and Bow Hunting with David Geren

April 2nd- Habitat and Leaf Printing with Jacob Weber

April 16th- Habitat Tour with Keith Jabben- MG County, grass/tree identification

April 23rd- Final Lessons before Contest (Mock Contest)

April 25th- WHEP Contest (Claythorne Lodge)

# YQCA Training

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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

This program replaced the Youth PQA program and will be required for all species of livestock at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and the training must be done by June 15th. Each member must renew their membership once per year. There are two upcoming trainings in the Wildcat District. March 27th in at the Parsons KSU Research Center and April 3rd at the Fredonia Courthouse. If you take the class in person, it is \$3. If you wish to take it online, it will be \$12 per member. You must sign up prior to the class. <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

# Stem Camp

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Are you familiar with "STEM?" The acronym stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. STEM Camp will be held at the Independence Community College Fab Lab, where 4-H members will use their tools and equipment to create and design projects. Join us April 2nd at 4 pm. To register call the Girard office at 620-724-8233.

# Pumpkin Contest

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Each county in the Wildcat District will be hosting a pumpkin growing contest. Seeds will be provided to each youth that signs up. In the fall youth will bring their pumpkin in to be judged and do other fun activities! Optimal time for planting pumpkins in late May/early June so watch your newsletter for more information coming later this spring!

# Crawford County News

Date	Event	Location
Mar. 3	Jr. Leaders Pancake Feed 7 am- 1 pm	Crawford Extension Office
Mar. 14	Gardening Institute	Extension Office
Apr. 13	Beef Weigh In 8-10:30	Fair Grounds
Jun. 10-12	4-H Sewing Camp	Extension Office

## **Junior Leaders Pancake and Sausage Feed**

This is and all you can eat free will donation that will go to support the Junior Leaders in Crawford County. Join us Sunday March 3 from 7am to 1pm at the Crawford County Extension office in Girard. 120 E Buffalo St.

## **Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day Registration Open**

The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held March 9 in Manhattan at K-State's Weber Hall. Youth, parents, extension agents, and project leaders are invited to attend. The early registration fee is \$15/person and is due by February 15.

## **Fair Entry System**

Something new this year in the Wildcat District will be the use of FairEntry system. FairEntry is a system that is designed to improve overall flow and efficiency of the fair. The use of this system will mainstream a variety of areas such as class entry (at county and state level), tracking livestock information, and even the livestock sale. The system is integrated with 4-H Online which makes it easy for families to access their information and keep organized. The use of this system district wide will not only create more time but also resources for greater more impactful programs. With the transition of utilizing this system will align the us with the rules and regulations at the state level. Adjustments will include age break outs for classes, smoother entry process, and even the opportunity to offer more classes.

## **Sewing Camp**

Save the date for our Kids Care Sewing Camp for youth ages 9 and up, June 10th-12th, 8:30-11:30am, at the Girard Extension Office.

Calling for 4-H youth and adult volunteers to assist! Needing community service for your record book or school, this three day camp will work! Please call or email Tara, [tsolomon@ksu.edu](mailto:tsolomon@ksu.edu), to volunteer.

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

# Labette County News

Date	Event	Location
March 3	Regional Club Days	Chanute, KS
March 12	4-H Gardening Institute	Parsons, KS
March 25	4-H Council Meeting	WEEC Building (Behind the Extension Office)
March 27	YQCA Training	Parsons, KS
May 1	Greenbush and Sunny Hills Registration Deadline	Online
May 3	Small Animal Weigh-In 6-8 pm	Horse Barn, Oswego, KS
May 4	Weigh-In 7-9 am	LB Co Gym Parking Lot

## Participation

Please read the first three pages of the newsletter carefully, if you see an event that you would like to know more about please don't hesitate to call! There are some great opportunities coming up! For spring events more information will be coming out soon but for events in March and April, please call if you have questions.

## 4-H Council

The next 4-H Council meeting will be on March 25, 2019. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the WEEC building behind the Extension office in Atamont. Please RSVP by March 24th.

## County Club Days

Club Day results are posted on the Labette County website. For youth that qualify, regionals will be March 3, 2019 at 8:00 am at Neosho County Community College.

## Greenbush and Sunny Hills Camp

Camp forms can be found on the Labette County website or by contacting the Extension. The deadline to turn in camp forms is May 1st.

## Pumpkin Growing Contest

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## 4-H Questions

If you have any 4-H related questions feel free to contact any of the 4-H agents in the Wildcat District for help.

Labette County 4-H Website  
[www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/labette/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/labette/)

# Montgomery County News

Date	Event	Location
Mar. 3	Regional Club Days	NCCC, Chanute
Mar. 13	Gardening Institute	Independence
Mar. 14	4-H Council Meeting @ 7pm	Extension Office
Apr. 2	Stem Camp	ICC
May 1	Deadline for Camp Forms	Extension Office

## Participation

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## 4-H Club Day

Club Day results are posted on the Montgomery County website. For youth that qualify, regionals will be March 3, 2019 at Neosho County Community College.

## 4-H Council

4-H Council will meet January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in the meeting room. We will be discussing club days and lining up volunteers. We will also be covering a new treasurer policy, youth insurance and other important matters. I encourage all council representatives to try to attend!

## Camp Information

Sunny Hills camp registration deadline is May 1st. Camp forms can be found on the Montgomery website or by contacting the Extension office. Katie will be sending out a survey related to Montgomery County camp options for 2019. Please watch your email for this survey and provide your input. We will decide how we will conduct our local camp at the March 14th 4-H council meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the council meeting.

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Montgomery County 4-H Website  
[www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/)

# Wilson County News

Date	Event	Location
Mar. 3	Regional Club Days	Chanute, KS
Mar. 9	KS Jr. Swine Day	Manhattan
Mar. 11	Gardening Institute	Courthouse
Mar. 25	4-H Council Meeting	Courthouse
Mar. 30	KS Jr. Goat Day	Manhattan
Apr. 6	Wilson Co. Spring Beef Show	Fairgrounds
Apr. 15	4-H Discovery Days Registration Deadline	online
May 1	Horse ID Papers Due	Extension Office
May 3-4	Tag Day	Fairgrounds
May 4	Livestock Judging Contest	Fairgrounds
May 20	4-H Council Meeting	Courthouse
May 29-31	Discovery Days	
Jul. 12	Free Poultry Testing	Fairgrounds

## 4-H Council Fundraiser Dinner/Auction

The 4-H Council Fundraiser Dinner and Auction has been scheduled for Sunday, April 28th at the Fredonia High School. High Prairie Pioneers is in charge of event this year. The start time is still being discussed. Clubs will be asked to provide a minimum of 2 auction items. 4-H members and families should be thinking about what they might be able to donate or collect for the auction. Please remember funds from the dinner and auction are used to purchase fair awards, help with 4-H trips and activities, and help with expenses for events including building rentals, achievement banquet, Club Day ribbons and program fees for enrollment, etc. All donations to help with this fundraiser are appreciated!

## Wilson Co. Spring Beef Show

The Spring Beef Show will start at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 6th with weigh in and the show starting at 10:00 am. All members with steers or heifers are encouraged to participate. Show is at the fairgrounds in Fredonia.

## Wilson Co. Livestock Judging Contest

The Wilson County Livestock Judging Contest will be held Saturday afternoon on May 4th following Tag Day. Registration will begin at 1:00pm. Cheri will be contacting members about bringing animals.

## Fair Poultry Testing

Official Testing agents will be available to test poultry for free on July 12, 2019 from 4-6 at the fairgrounds.

Wilson County 4-H Website  
[www.wilson.k-state.edu/](http://www.wilson.k-state.edu/)





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