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Montgomery County 4-H News

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Wildcat Extension District – Montgomery County 4-H Website:

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



Find us on Facebook @ Wildcat Extension District 4-H
@ Montgomery Co. 4-H Fair

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 1	Deadline for 4-H day with Lady Cats
Jan. 4	4-H Council 6 p.m. and Officer training at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Sr. Regional Qualifer Record books due to Extension office
Jan. 31 st	Enrollment Deadline for returning members
Feb. 1	Please sign up for club day by Feb 1 so I have enough judges!
Feb. 8	Fair Board Meeting 7p.m. @ Extension Office
Feb 10	County Club Day at Independence High School 8:30 a.m.
Feb. 18-19	Citizenship in Action , Topeka (leadership for 13-18 yr olds)
Feb 24	Regional Club Day for Qualifers, Neosho Community College, Chanute
March 1	State 4-H Scholarships Due – (local Eyestone due April 1)
March 2	Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan
March 16	Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan
June 5-7	Discovery Days 4-H Camp, Manhattan
June 10-11	Greenbush 4-H camp for ages 7-9
June 12	Tenative date for teen float trip or other activity
June 18-20	Tenative date for Wildcat Livestock Judging Camp
June 25	Area favorite foods, photography, and family & consumer science at Emporia
June 27	Area livestock,meats skill-a-thon contest at Yates Center
July 16	Clothing Judging
July 23-29	Style Revue and County Fair

High School Seniors

Kansas 4-H State Scholarships link to state can be found on Montgomery County website. Two opportunities, the Vanier application and the general application for several scholarship opportunities. Due March 1.

Cecil Eyestone Scholarship can be found on our Montgomery County website. General scholarship everyone should apply, including alumni that have to received it. Application due April 1 to local Extension office.

*Also checkout the scholarship opportunities through the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas.

4-H Text Reminders!

Interested in getting text reminders about 4-H events? Opt-in to receive text from the 4-H office at:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0UGpx8GqjpPvWLQ

- *This is a reminder only service, you can not reply
- *Goal is to send text 1-2 times a month, maybe more during county fair
- *List is internal and will not be shared
- *I have your numbers but need families to opt-in to receive texts from a service.

Project Meeting Grants

In an effort to increase county-wide project meetings, 4-H council is offering project meeting grants up-to \$200.00. Please see details on the sign up link below or contact Katie. Details must be worked out and published 16 days before your event! Link is editable you can visit the same form several times to submit information as you work on your project.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_230SzxCswPspfLw

ENROLL TODAY!

4-H Online system opens Oct. 1st for enrollment.

- The system will save your information from last year. Do NOT create a new profile, use the forgot password option or call the Extension office if you're locked out.
- Sometimes families forget which email address is tied to their account, please call!
- <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- **Club leaders and volunteers are asked to complete a 4-H Online profile to be certified.**

The state 4-H office charges a \$15 fee per child using a card on 4-H Online or by mailing in a check to the state. When you fill out the online enrollment you can apply for a fee waiver with the click of a button; it is anonymous. I strongly suggest families utilize this option. PLEASE do not stop participating due to the fee. *Options are available.*

4-H Council Meetings for 2024

If you are a council rep for your club please book these dates and plan to attend.

If you can not attend it is your job to find someone to come in your place. 7:00 p.m. @ Extension office

- January 4th
- March 14th
- May 9th

Judging Teams

Anyone interested in joining the livestock, meats, horticulture, skill-a-thon or photography judging teams should contact the Extension office to learn more! No experience is necessary! New year, means filling the shoes of our graduates and we are always looking for new team members! These teams would not be possible without our great volunteer coaches. Please tell the coaches THANK YOU next time you see them!

\$100 Scholarship for state camps!

Any youth wishing to attend Rock Springs, Discovery Days, Citizenship in Action, etc. should notify Katie of your interest so we can get you as much information as possible! Youth that come home after camp at give three talks about their camp experience/promoting 4-H will receive a \$100 scholarship.

Discovery Days 4-H Camp

Stay in the dorms at Kanas State University and experience everything campus has to offer, June 5-7! Camp is for youth ages 13-18. Agents will provide transportation to/from camp. Like a college experience youth sign up for classes ranging from animal health to cooking. Cost usually starts at \$230 and will increase based on classes selected. Registration will be out soon!

Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Registration for camp is open and will remain open until May 1. Deposit is due at booking but if you camp fee money before May 1 it is refundable if you cancel 5 weeks in advance of camp date.

Youth can pick the week they want to camp. 4 day and 6 day options. Costs are listed on the Rock Springs website in a tiered format. Different tier levels are funded by the KS 4-H Foundation. Rock Springs will provide transportation.** Remember local scholarships are available too. A Rock Springs' bus will come to Parsons for pickup.

www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/

Greenbush 4-H Camp

June 10-11 a 24 hour overnight camp at Greenbush by Girard, KS for youth 7-8 yrs old. Stay in A/C cabins, high low ropes course, canoeing, fishing, archery, games, etc. June 6-7th Estimated cost \$80

Floating on Leadership 4-H Camp

Tentatively June 12th teens 14-18 are invited to join us on a float trip at the river or some type of day trip with area 4-H teens. Details coming

Washington Focus Trip June 17-28, 2024

Join Oklahoma 4-H on a week long trip to Washington D.C. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

YQCA training is required for youth (ages 8-21) who will be showing livestock at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. In-person classes cost \$3.00 (still need to sign up through the YQCA website) or youth may go take the online class for \$12.00 YQCA website, <https://yqca.learnrow.io> Youth will learn about reading feed tags, giving shots, and more!

Dates for in-person YQCA training in 2024:

March 21 Independence @ time TBA (6:45?)

Ready for the ring

Find more beef recorded workshops at <https://www.twincreeks.k-state.edu/youth-ag/beef-across-ks/index.html>

Find their swine recorded workshops by reaching "Swine Across Kansas" on YouTube or at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-lmNfKxWU8aI-CClluhcBrPN-VdYhh2>

CLUB DAY – February 10 @ Independence High School 8:30 a.m.

- Date: Feb. 10, 2024 (Gmail invite: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/event?action=TEMPLATE&tmeid=MDgzY3FjZmNlcDFiY2U3YzlnNHZtOGI1ZzQgbWdjZjRoQG0&tmsrc=mgco4h%40gmail.com>)
- Location: Independence High School – which doors to use TBA
- Website with Q&A, sign up, etc. <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/club%20day.html>
- Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4YhUgdu3W>
 - Click interested/going to get reminders, updates, weather cancellations, etc.
- NEW this year – Favorite Foods Contest will be added to club day vs a separate contest in Fredonia in June
 - Please see information/videos/scorecards in the attached club day packet
 - Will be a room just like everything else. Sign up on the door and go as you have time.

Parents > Don't make club day hard! Does your child do an FFA talk, Science Fair experiment, club meeting talk? Double-dip and have them bring that to club day too! Or take advantage of Favorite Foods being offered at club day by doing favorite foods judging then taking pieces of that to do a talk/demonstration! Of course this applies for dances, instrumentals, etc. We'd love to see it all!