

The 4-H Newsletter



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4-H Wouldn't Be What It Is Without Volunteers. . .

You may have seen or heard this elsewhere, but make sure to enroll and sign up for projects in 4-H Online by May 1 in order to exhibit them at the Butler County Fair. Think outside of the box and try a new project this summer!

April 17-23 is National Volunteer Week. This is a designated time to recognize "the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges."

4-H wouldn't be what it is without volunteers. Club leaders, project leaders, guest instructors, and 4-H parents all spend countless unpaid hours working to plan and organize meetings and activities, teach a multitude of lessons, and provide transportation, assistance, and encouragement to 4-Hers. All of us who have been 4-Hers have benefited greatly from these gifts of time and service. All of my best memories of 4-H involve volunteers, and I'm sure yours do as well.

Consider taking time this week to thank the volunteers who have helped you. Gifts are nice, but often the most meaningful form of recognition is sincere gratitude along with some specific examples of how a person's time or teaching made a difference. Think about writing a note or making a call to someone who has helped you. I promise that they will treasure your words!

Also, consider how you can volunteer in your community and use your "hands to larger service." There are opportunities for everyone no matter their age or ability. You could participate in a cleanup activity in your community or at the Fairgrounds. You could help a younger 4-Her to prepare a presentation or learn about their project. If you're a young 4-Her yourself, you can encourage a friend to try something new with you. Acts that feel small add up to a huge amount of service and helps to keep our 4-H program strong!

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Leader's Lounge

April Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to ask their friends to attend a meeting
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved

Review

- Read the *4-H Newsletter* and mark important dates on the calendar.
- Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at your club meeting.
- 4-H/FFA division rules for county fair (available [HERE](#)).

To-Do

- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- Remind 4-Her's to enroll and select projects in 4-H Online by the May 1st **deadline**
- Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair
- Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club

Promote/Recruit

- YQCA for 4-Her's enrolled in animal projects

Remember

- Horse ID Papers Due May 2nd (forms must be signed by family and 4-H Agent by May 1st)
- 4-H Online enrollment and project selection deadline to participate in the county fair is May 1st.



Important Dates and Deadlines

April

- April 1st-28th:** Livestock Tagging by Appointment
- April 6th:** 4-H Ambassador and Council Meetings
- April 7th:** YQCA In-person Training
- April 8th:** Club Quarterly Report **Due**
- April 25th:** YQCA In-person Training
- April 28th:** Tagging **Deadline** (Refer to Pg. 4)

May

- May 1st:** Project enrollment **Deadline** to participate in the county fair.
- May 1st:** 4-H Online enrollment **Deadline** to participate in the county fair.
- May 1st:** Market Beef State Nominations **Due**
- May 1st:** Horse ID forms must be signed by family and 4-H Agent
- May 2nd:** Horse ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- May 5th:** YQCA In-person Training
- May 14th:** The BlackGold Spring Show
- May 31st:** YQCA In-person Training

June

- June 1st:** Butler County YQCA **Deadline**
- June 1st:** 4-H Ambassador and Council Meetings
- June 1st-3rd:** Discovery Days
- June 3rd:** Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair
- June 10th-12th:** State Geology Field Trip
- June 15th:** Breeding Animal Tagging **Deadline**
- June 15th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 15th:** Small Livestock State Nominations **Due**
- June 15th:** YQCA **Deadline** for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- June 17th-18th:** Insect Spectacular
- June 18th:** Mini Fair
- June 24th:** Pre-entry **Deadline** for the Butler County Fair
- June 28th:** Butler County Poultry Testing

See the 2021-2022 Yearly 4-H Calendar for all event dates
Find it **[HERE](#)**



2022 Butler County Tagging Information

Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep, & Meat Goat Tagging: April 1st - April 28th by appointment

April 28th, 2022 | 7:00-10:00 AM / 4:00-6:00 PM

To schedule a time to tag your animals, please contact Charlene Miller directly at cmmiller1@ksu.edu or call (316) 321-9660.

As a reminder **ALL small market animal** tagging is required to be done by 6:00 PM on April 28th. Please refer to our [website](#) for more information about commercial and registered animals.

2022 Tagging Letters:

[Beef Tagging Letter](#)

[Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat Tagging Letter](#)

[Bucket Calf Tagging Letter](#)

State Livestock Nomination Information

As many of you are aware, the state is transitioning to an online nomination system this year. It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead this year! You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process.

The state 4-H office will be hosting an informational session and demonstration via Zoom over the new online state livestock nomination system **Thursday, April 7 at 7:00PM**. All market animals and commercial females families that would like to be eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS need to be nominated.

The session will be recorded and available for those interested to view later at their convenience. They will be focusing on market beef and commercial heifer nominations, but the information will generally apply to all species. Families will need to register in order to receive the link and participate. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Registration Link: <https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkdempqzkvHNBmosDiWhzd1GQJFT5je451>

Plan to join and learn more about the system and prepare to successfully submit your state livestock nominations this year!

All state nomination information can be found [HERE](#)

Virtual Food Science Program



Your students are considering their future —

let Kansas State University introduce them to a future career in food science!

Top five reasons your student should consider food science:

- 5** K-State food science graduates have an excellent job placement rate and a median starting salary range of \$55,000 to \$60,000.
- 4** Food science offers students lots of hands-on-learning experiences through labs, internships, research and study abroad.
- 3** There is something for everyone in food science — whether they love science, enjoy being creative with food, or are interested in business.
- 2** Our professors have a genuine desire to inspire, nurture and mentor students so they succeed.
- 1** Food Science professionals are addressing a global challenge – to **FEED THE WORLD** sustainably with safe, nutritious and accessible food — and your students can help!

Our food science virtual tour will be coming to your school, and we hope you and your students will join us.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Sign up your class today!
kstate.ag/foodsciencetour

Wednesday, April 13 at 9 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/95874035091?p-wd=ckdTMWxWckowQU4rb2hrYXVXeHIL-dz09>

Meeting ID: 958 7403 5091

Passcode: 251258

Thursday, April 14 at 1 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/93523934251?p-wd=VFBpN0dGNUNXVjBKMksvbjNiRm-5jZz09>

Meeting ID: 935 2393 4251

Passcode: 697761

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Butler County Fair Project Auction Rules

Sunday, July 17, 4:00 to 8:00 PM

Committee/Superintendents: Connie Chilcott, Jennifer Ikner, Kyra Gresham, Lori McCune

This will be a Silent Project Auction beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday at the fair in the South Room of the Community Building.

4-H/FFA Members only – no Open Class participation.

A 4-H/FFA Member is limited to one auction item to sell during the 2022 Fair. This includes the Livestock and Rabbit Auctions but not the 4-H Food Auction. For example, if a member sells an animal in the Livestock Auction or a Meat Pen in the Rabbit Auction, they cannot sell an item in the Project Auction.

Items that can be sold in the Project Auction include an item from Arts & Crafts, Photography, Foods, Horticulture, Floriculture or any other project in those divisions entered in the building. Items must have been entered, judged and displayed at the fair following the rules of that division. Please note the following for items from the Foods or Photography Divisions:

Foods - If a 4-H /FFA member chooses to sell a food item in the Project Auction, they must make a fresh item using the same recipe that they exhibited in the Foods Division. The specific item the 4-Her exhibited can be kept or sold in the 4-H Food Auction to help support the 4-H Council activities. If the exhibitor is selling cookies, muffins or any food product that exhibited a plate of 3 at the fair, they must bring at least 1 dozen of the item to sell in the auction.

Photography - If a 4-H/FFA member chooses to sell a photo from the Photography Division, they must bring a 2nd photo (same picture) to be sold. It is suggested that the photo in the Project Auction be placed in a suitable frame. Items sold in the Project Auction are not eligible for State Fair entry, with the exceptions of item in Foods/Food Preservation, Photography and Horticulture/Floriculture. See the Kansas State Policy – rule 13. There will be no base bids or guarantees that an item will sell.

4-H/FFA members must enter their project in the Project Auction by filling out and turning in the Intent to Sell card by Noon on Sunday, July 17th. The Intent to Sell cards will be available at the Open Class Information Table in the South Room of the Building. Project Auction Superintendents will take the Intent to Sell cards and place the items (with the exception of foods) in a location where they can be on displayed along with a card saying the item will be for sale in the Project Auction. Those exhibitors selling a photo should bring a duplicate photo in a frame when turning in the Intent to Sell Cards.

4-H/FFA members are responsible for bringing their food items to the Project Auction by 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Project Auction Superintendents will be responsible for accepting projects using the Intent Cards following judging of each division. They will put bidding sheets out at the start of auction bidding and collecting them at the conclusion of the project auction (8:00 p.m.)

The bid at the ending of the time (8:00 p.m.) of the auction will be final.

Item must be paid for and picked up by 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

4-H/FFA Members will receive the Silent Auction amount after the fair. Buyers signature cards will be included so the member can thank their buyer. These will be due back to the Extension Office by same date as livestock buyer cards are due back.

Sale of 4-H/FFA Exhibits/Projects (Including Animals) Any 4-H/FFA exhibit sold at public auction or by private contract is not eligible to be exhibited at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Public auction includes: premium sale, ribbon auction, or similar event. If the project is sold, regardless of ownership changes, on the date of the transaction the 4-H/FFA youth has given up the right to exhibit that specific animal or product in the future. In the case of livestock, market animals sold are ineligible to be shown as breeding animals in the future. Non-livestock exhibits (perishable foods, photographs, etc.) may be reproduced for the Kansas State Fair. It is the responsibility of the local extension unit to report tag number of animals sold in a premium sale to the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, Kansas State University.

2022 Butler County YQCA Information



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8-18. This program promotes food safety, animal well-being and character development. With YQCA, you'll discover what it takes to be an informed producer, consumer and employee of the agriculture and food industries.

YQCA is REQUIRED to be Eligible to Exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (Except Horses) at the Butler County Fair.

The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2022 Butler County Fair is June 1st at 11:59 PM, 2022. Youth are required to take YQCA in-person or online; if taken online, a certificate of completion must be submitted to the extension office by June 1st.

Register for YQCA [HERE](#).



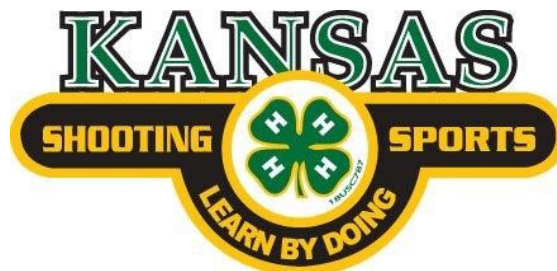
All in-person classes will be held at 6:30 PM in the Butler Community 4-H Building

- ⇒ Thursday, April 7th
- ⇒ Monday, April 25th
- ⇒ Thursday, May 5th
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 31st

Shooting Sports

The 2022 Kansas 4-H State 4-H Shooting Sports Matches are scheduled as follows:

- State Spring Match (BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle)- April 23, Great Bend
- State Hunting Skills Match- August 27, Junction City
- State Archery Match- September 24, Lindsborg
- State Small Bore & Muzzleloading Match- October 1, Topeka
- State Shotgun Match- October 8-9, Wichita



2022 Butler County Fair Updates

FFA Participation at The Butler County Fair

The Butler County Fairboard is welcoming FFA members to participate at the Butler County Fair; 4-H divisions will now become 4-H / FFA divisions. Look for more information about this to come out soon!

2022 Butler County Fair Dates!

The 2022 Butler County Fair dates have been set for July 14th-18th, 2022! We can't wait to see what projects and skills our 4-Her's will show off at the fair!

Butler County Fair Pre-Entry System Change

Starting in 2022, we will no longer be using ShoWorks for 4-H pre-entries at the county fair. We will be going to FairyEntry; please note that with this change, we will begin requiring pre-entry for **ALL** 4-H / FFA exhibits at the fair. This will be a significant change from years past, so please make note of this as you prepare for the 2022 Butler County Fair.

⇒ This also includes **Cloverbuds**—Cloverbuds participating in Fashion Revue will be required to pre-enter online.

Butler County Fair Rule Changes

- All breed swine at the Butler County Fair will require registration papers; this DOES INCLUDE MARKET SWINE. If you plan to show in a breed class, registration papers will be required at Fair check-in
- Market Dairy Wethers will now show under the Dairy Goat division.

New Classes Available!

- New Public Presentation Division
- Miniature / Fairy Garden Class in Floriculture
- Growth Portfolio Class in Photography
- Career Portfolio Class in Photography

Notes for Animal Projects

Please note that the following forms will be **required** for ALL 4-H animal exhibitors at the 2022 Butler County Fair. Forms can be sent via mail to the Extension Office or emailed to Andrea Evans at aevans1@ksu.edu email.

- Animal Care and Housing Form** - Required for all animal exhibitors, except horse (**Due June 1st**)
- Market Animal Certification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing market animals (**Due June 1st**)
- 4-H Grade Dairy Cattle or Leasing Identification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing dairy cattle (**Due June 15th**)
- YQCA** is **REQUIRED** for all animal exhibitors, including beef, sheep, swine, meat & dairy goats, and all bird exhibitors. The only exception will be horse exhibitors (**Due June 1st**)
- Poultry Testing** - Save the Date! Poultry Testing will be Tuesday, June 28th from 4:00-6:30 PM

Standards of Participation for 4-H & FFA

By Pam VanHorn

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.



Kansas State 4-H News

Kansas 4-H To launch Ag Innovators Experience To State's Youth

Program encourages innovation, careers in agriculture

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas youth are getting a head start toward new innovations in agriculture thanks to a program now underway through the state's 4-H program.

Kansas 4-H was selected by the National 4-H Council to implement Ag Innovators Experience, a program that encourages youth to take an interest in agricultural innovation and careers. Kansas is one of six states awarded an Ag Innovators grant by Bayer Sciences this year. Each state trains youth leaders who aim to involve 1,000 youth in challenges that incorporate science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills; teamwork; communication; and workforce development.

Kelsey Nordyke, the Kansas 4-H ag sciences specialist, said Kansas' youth leaders received training in early March. "Our goal as adults is not only to teach teens how to teach the challenge to other kids, but also expose them to what's available in agriculture, and the technology associated with careers in agriculture," she said. Nordyke said Kansas' program is an 'escape room' challenge with the theme, Unlock Ag Innovations. An escape room challenge is one in which youth are given a clue or code to begin with, and must figure it out in order to know where they go for the next step in the challenge.

Along the way, they learn more about the convergence of innovations in such areas as seed and animal genetics, biologics, crop protection, digital tools, precision equipment and agronomic practices. "We want to let youth know about technology and careers available in agriculture," Nordyke said, adding that teens will help other youth understand where food comes from and ways to produce it. "It becomes increasingly important that consumers know where their food comes from; not only that, but understand what goes into producing their food." Nordyke said 27 Kansas youth have currently been trained to present the challenge. The primary site for the program is the West Plains District with 4-H Youth Development agent, Janet Harkness.

Additional teen leaders from across the state were selected to be a part of the Ag Innovators Experience. The program gives those teen leaders further exposure to agriculture; they will travel as a group to a diversified farm operation in Kansas, as well as to Bayer Science's labs in Kansas City to learn about technology careers in agriculture.

They will also be teaching the program throughout their communities. "In some counties," Nordyke said, "this is an opportunity for new partnerships to be established between the teens, their local extension agents and local school officials or other local small groups." Those interested in having the Unlock Ag Innovation challenge taught to youth in their communities can contact their local extension office. "If there is not a teen in that local unit that can present the challenge, the office will connect with us and we'll get someone out to present this," Nordyke said. More information on this and other activities also are available online from the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program.





Communications: The Basics



The goal in any public speaking experience is for members to complete the presentation with a good feeling about themselves, what they have done, and learned.

Using good resources and organizing your thoughts into an effective and impactful presentation is a useful life skill for successful educational and vocational paths. You will use effective communication skills every day with family, friends, employers, and co-workers.

No matter who you are or where you come from, communication takes practice!

Inspire Kids to Do

Skill Building

- Learn to develop presentation skills and understand the most effective type for your information.
- Practice to improve communication skills.

Goals

- Understand different types of presentations.
- Understand how to find information.
- Understand how to organize ideas for a presentation.
- Learn how to prepare visuals to support a presentation.

Project Ideas

- Share your presentation with a school class.
- Have your club work on presentation boards at your club meeting.
- Attend a presentation at 4-H Club Days or the Kansas State Fair 4-H Public Presentations to see how others present.

Self-Evaluation Before

Using the rating scale below, answer the following:

- 1 = not at all
- 2 = a little
- 3 = a lot

I know how to...

Tell the difference between kinds of talks. 1 - 2 - 3

Brainstorm to identify a presentation topic. 1 - 2 - 3

Prepare and give a presentation. 1 - 2 - 3

Starting Out

Learn about different types of 4-H Presentations:

- Project Talk
- Demonstration
- Illustrated Talk
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Public Speaking

Learning More

- Use the Presentation Brainstorming Activity to identify and develop a presentation topic.

Expanding Horizons

- Prepare and give a presentation.
- Record yourself and review to evaluate.

Communications: The Basics

Challenge Instructions	Helpful Tips	Leadership	Curriculum and Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and review the Kansas 4-H Presentation Overview, then look up two additional resources. • Use the Presentation Brainstorming Activity to develop an idea for a presentation. • Use the Kansas 4-H Demonstration or Illustrated Talk Outline Planning Form to organize your presentation. Design a poster or board for your presentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about your audience. What do you really want them to know when you are finished? • If your topic is too broad it will be hard to have a focus; if it is too narrow, you may not find enough information for your presentation. • Be creative in making visual aids, but don't clutter the poster/display with too much information. You want it to grab the eye and add to your presentation but not be a distraction. 	<p><i>(Suggested for Intermediate and Advanced Levels.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead a communication game for recreation at a club meeting. • Help a fellow 4-H member prepare for their presentation. • Other _____ _____ _____ 	<p>National 4-H Curriculum – Communications Level 1</p> <p>Kansas 4-H Communications Project Page</p> <p>Kansas 4-H Presentation Overview, 4H978</p> <p>Kansas 4-H Presentation Brainstorm Activity, 4H986</p> <p>Kansas 4-H Demonstration or Illustrated Talk Outline Planning Form, 4H981</p>

Life Skills Learned (check all that apply)

- Positive Self-Concept
- Inquiring Mind
- Concern for Community
- Sound Decision-Making
- Healthy Interpersonal Relationships

Share

- Help another 4-H member by listening to them practice a presentation.
- Teach someone else about presentations.
- Show someone else how to make an effective poster/display.
- Other _____

Evaluate Your Experiences!

How does this exercise help you prepare for a presentation? _____

How does this exercise help your confidence in presenting? _____

What are two differences between demonstrations and illustrated talks? _____

What is a benefit of competition within Public Presentations? What is a negative? _____

To complete the Challenge, take a selfie while doing the activity. Upload the photo and take the survey about your Challenge experience.
www.tinyurl.com/KS4HChallenge

Local Contact Information

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 (316) 321-9660
briony@ksu.edu

Self-Evaluation After

Using the rating scale below, answer the following:

- 1 = not at all
- 2 = a little
- 3 = a lot

I know how to...

Tell the difference between kinds of talks. 1 - 2 - 3

Brainstorm to identify a presentation topic. 1 - 2 - 3

Prepare and give a presentation. 1 - 2 - 3

Kansas Clover Classroom

Adapted from NW 4-H Advisory Challenge created by Michelle Beran, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Cottonwood Extension District

