

The 4-H Newsletter



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April 2023

April Showers Bring...

Hopefully May flowers and drought relief! We haven't had many showers yet! As the spring weather gears up, hopefully some of those April showers will bring those pretty flowers, green grasses, beautiful trees, full ponds for the livestock, drought relief for the farmers and bountiful gardens.

- Just like flowers need rain to blossom, our 4-H'ers need nurturing to grow. We should mentoring them and helping them through.
- Developing new skills and abilities
- Demonstrating leadership and taking ownership
- Thinking about, planning and setting goals for the future
- Expanding social skills and forming positive relationships with peers and adults
- Showing flexibility, adaptability, and comfort with change
- Growing ability to plan ahead and make decisions

As leaders and parents this means that we are taking a strengths-based approach that builds on assets, interests, and strengths already within our members. By focusing on and developing these positive internal and external factors, we are supporting young people's ability to achieve their goals and develop to their full potential.

- Fosters the existing strengths, abilities, interests, and attributes and builds on potential.
- Allows young people to build skills and develop assets in themselves
- Empowers youth to be responsible for their decisions, including to say "no" to negative influences
- Promotes positive influences like family, peers, schools, and communities.

April also brings a couple of big dates:

1) National Volunteer Week – 4-H'ers make sure and reach out to volunteers and say THANK YOU! National Volunteer Week is April 16th – 23rd.

2) MAY 1st DEADLINES

A. Enrollment - to be eligible to participate in the County Fair! If you have not finished up your enrollment you will want to do that ASAP! All enrollment is through 4-H Online! Double check your projects and make sure youth are enrolled in everything they want to be! If you have any questions, give our office a call at (316) 321-9660.

B. May 1 also brings many other deadlines. Make sure and read the newsletter carefully for those important deadlines!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy April!

~ Charlene

**TO MAKE THE
BEST BETTER**



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
- ☐ Speak with your club about doing a booth at Mini Fair
- ☐ Show appreciation to your club volunteers during April's National Volunteer Week

Promote/Recruit

- ☐ YQCA for 4-Her's enrolled in animal projects
- ☐ 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch
- ☐ National Volunteer Week April 16-23

Remember

- ☐ Horse ID Papers Due June 1st (forms must be signed by family and 4-H Agent by June 1st)
- ☐ Animal Care and Housing Form and Owner Certification of Market Animal Forms are due June 1st. These forms can now be submitted digitally and found on our website [HERE](#). Paper forms are also acceptable and found at the same link. Families can take their pick, just remember to turn them in!

92%

say volunteering
with 4-H makes
communities stronger

81%

say volunteering
with 4-H improves the
health of communities

89%

say volunteering
with 4-H contributes
to better connected
communities

78%

say volunteering
with 4-H increases
civic involvement



Important Dates and Deadlines

April

- ☐ **April 6th:** YQCA In-person Training
- ☐ **April 7th:** Club Quarterly Report Due
- ☐ **April 15th:** Spring Shooting Sports State Match
- ☐ **April 16th - 22nd:** National Volunteer Week
- ☐ **April 16th:** Photography Workshop at Rock Springs Ranch
- ☐ **April 20th:** Last Day to Order Market Beef DNA Envelopes for State Nominations
- ☐ **April 23rd:** Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep & Goat Tagging
- ☐ **April 27th:** Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep & Goat Tagging
- ☐ **April 27th:** 4-H Ambassador and Council Meetings
- ☐ **April 27th:** 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 - 5th:** National 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Level 2 Training
- ☐ **May 4th:** YQCA In-person Training
- ☐ **May 13th:** The BlackGold Spring Show
- ☐ **May 23rd:** Mini Fair
- ☐ **May 30th:** YQCA In-person Training
- ☐ **May 30th:** Summer Interns Begin

June

- ☐ **June 1st:** Butler County YQCA Deadline
- ☐ **June 1st:** Horse ID paperwork Due into the Extension Office
- ☐ **June 1st:** Animal Care and Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms Due
- ☐ **June 1st:** Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair
- ☐ **June/July** 4-H Camp Sessions, Rock Springs Ranch
- ☐ **June 5th:** Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes for State Nominations
- ☐ **June 9th-11th:** State Geology Field Trip
- ☐ **June 7th-9th:** Discovery Days
- ☐ **June 8th:** State 4-H Horse Judging, Salina
- ☐ **15th:** Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline
- ☐ **June 15th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork Due into the Extension Office
- ☐ **June 15th:** Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer State Nominations Due
- ☐ **June 15th:** YQCA Deadline for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- ☐ **June 15th:** State 4-H Horse Judging
- ☐ **June 16th-17th:** Insect Spectacular
- ☐ **June 22nd:** 4-H Ambassador and Council Meetings
- ☐ **June 23rd:** Pre-entry Deadline for the Butler County Fair
- ☐ **June 28th:** Butler County Poultry Testing

See the 2022-2023 Yearly 4-H Calendar for all event dates

2023 Butler County Tagging Information

Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep, & Goat Tagging: April 23rd, 2023 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
April 27th, 2023 | 7:00-10:00 AM / 4:00-6:00 PM

As a reminder **ALL small market animal** tagging is required to be done by 6:00 PM on April 27th. Please refer to our [website](#) for more information about commercial and registered animals.

2023 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 transitioned to an online nomination system last year. It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead! You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process.

All 2023 state livestock nomination information is posted on the "Nomination Information" tab of the KSU Youth Livestock website.

Important: All animals that are nominated for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair are required to be tagged with the Kansas 4-H EID tags in 2023. DNA hair samples in new, official DNA envelopes are also required. As of 2022, we have transitioned to an online nomination system; paper state nomination forms will no longer be accepted. **Official DNA Envelopes must be purchased in advance.** Visit the "Nomination Information" page for more details.

K-State will be hosting two Zoom sessions, open to interested families, to share information on the state livestock nomination process. This zoom will include a presentation with information on the process, a demonstration on how to login to ShowWorks, for both new and returning exhibitors, how to order DNA envelopes, and how to enter animal nomination data.

The sessions will be recorded and linked to the nomination information page, as well as the Facebook page, following the meeting. Participants must register in advance to receive the link. Here are the details:

Tuesday, April 4 at 7PM

Cattle – will cover market steers, market heifers, and commercial breeding heifers

Registration Link: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/91512345678>

Tuesday, May 16 at 7PM

Small Livestock – will cover market hogs, commercial breeding gilts, market lambs, commercial breeding ewes, and all meat goats.

Registration Link: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/91512345678>

After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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

National 4-H Volunteer Week

Let's make sure and reach out and celebrate our volunteers!

Ideas to Celebrate National Volunteer Week:

Encourage your club members to recognize their organizational leaders, project leaders and other important 4-H volunteers during the week.

Use your news column or write a special news release to recognize volunteers in your program.

Prepare a series of Tweets or Facebook posts to recognize volunteers during the week.

Highlight National Volunteer Week in your April 4-H Newsletter.

Handwrite several notes of appreciation throughout the week to special volunteers in your program.

Check-in with a new 4-H volunteer to see how things are going and offer help as needed.



Upcoming State Programs

- April 15th: Spring Shooting Sports State Match - Alma, KS
- April 16th: [Photography Workshop](#) - Rock Springs Ranch
- June 7th –9th: [Discovery Days](#) - Manhattan, KS
- June 9th-11th: [Geology Field Trip](#) - TBA
- June 15th: [State Horse Judging](#) - Salina, KS
- June 16th-17th: [Insect Spectacular](#) - Manhattan, KS
- June 24th: [Tailwaggers Invitational Dog Show](#) - Gardner, KS
- August 8th: [Wheat Expo](#) - Pratt, KS
- August 12th: [State Horticulture Judging Contest](#) - Manhattan, KS
- September 8th - 17th: [Kansas State Fair](#) - Hutchinson, KS
- September 29th - October 1st: [Kansas Junior Livestock Show](#) - Hutchinson, KS
- October 7th-8th: [48 Hours of 4-H](#)

Horse Project Updates

Please take note of the following changes within the horse project:

- ⇒ Rule Book: The [Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook](#) has been updated for 2023.
- ⇒ Horse Identification Certificate: Any Horse ID not dated [January 2023](#) will not be accepted. These are due to the Extension Office by June 1st.
- ⇒ State Fair Affidavit: There is a [new qualification requirement](#) to participate in the Kansas State Fair Horse Show.
- ⇒ As part of the qualification requirements for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, members must complete the Horse Safety Webinar and pass the quiz. Both will be available on the Kansas [4-H Equine Webinar page](#) on **Monday, April 24th at 7pm**. This must be completed prior to the entry deadline (**August 1, 2023**).



2023 Butler County YQCA Information



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7-18. 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 2023 Butler County Fair is June 1st at 11:59 PM, 2023. 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 6th
- ⇒ Thursday, May 4th
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 30th

Shooting Sports

Congratulations to Jonathon Peak and Jadon Grermonprez on qualifying for the State Shooting Match!

Make sure you cheer them on for their State Competition on April 15th.



2023 Butler County Fair Updates

New Class Added for the 2023 Butler County Fair

The Butler County Fair 4-H/FFA Division is adding a new class to this year's Butler County Fair! The STEM—Ag Mechanics will be a great addition to the fair. Make sure to read all of the rules and regulations in your Fairbooks and enroll by May 1st.

2023 Butler County Fair Dates!

The 2023 Butler County Fair dates have been set for July 20th-24th, 2023! We can't wait to see what projects and skills our 4-Hers will show off at the fair!

Butler County Fair Pre-Entry System

Starting in 2022, we made a system change away from ShoWorks for 4-H pre-entries at the county fair. We had great success with our new system FairyEntry; please note that with this change, we also began requiring pre-entry for **ALL** 4-H / FFA exhibits at the fair. This was a significant change from years past, so please make note of this as you prepare for the 2023 Butler County Fair.

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

2023 Rule Change - Premium Auction Eligibility

In order to be eligible to sell a project or animal in the Premium Auction at the 2023 Butler County Fair, members must have attended **at least two** club meetings. ***Please note that until you are enrolled in 4-H Online, you are considered a guest at 4-H meetings and attendance is not counted.*** Please see original email sent out through 4-H Online on September 26, 2022.

Ribbon Premium Increases

Purple - \$2.50	Blue - \$2.00
Red - \$1.50	White - \$1.50

Notes for Animal Projects

Please note that the following forms will be **required** for ALL 4-H animal exhibitors at the 2023 Butler County Fair. Forms can be sent via mail to the Extension Office by June 1st or emailed to Anna McLaughlin at aemclaughlin@ksu.edu. Look for more information to be sent along with forms in the tagging letter soon!

- ☐ **Animal Care and Housing Form** - Required for all animal exhibitors, except horse. Also available digitally [HERE](#)
- ☐ **Market Animal Certification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing market animals. Also available digitally [HERE](#)
- ☐ **4-H Grade Dairy Cattle or Leasing Identification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing dairy cattle. Due to the Extension Office by 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. All online course certificates must be emailed to Anna at the Extension Office.
- ☐ **Poultry Testing** - Look for information to come out in early June. Butler County will be required to test this year!
- ☐ **Horse IDs** - Required for exhibitors showing horses. The forms have been updated so ALL exhibitors must complete new IDs. New due date this year is June 1st.

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

Newest 4-H projects focus on ag mechanics, architecture

State official says projects prep youth for educational opportunities, careers

Jan. 18, 2022

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Kansas 4-H program has added a pair of projects that organizers say will help prepare youth for careers and educational options in science, technology, engineering and math, commonly known as STEM.

And, oh by the way, one approach? Playing with Lego blocks.

“With all of our projects, we strive to make a connection to how what youth are doing is relevant to a potential career,” said Shane Potter, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist. “And, how can we set youth up for success while exploring educational options.”

The state’s 4-H program has nearly three dozen projects available to youth. Potter said the two newest options – agricultural mechanics and architectural block construction – were tested last year and are now part of the regular offerings.

“These two projects,” he said, “help us to further explore the areas of ag mechanics and architecture that we knew were important but we may not have been addressing to the full extent that we could be.”

The architectural block construction project is a lot like what it sounds: it takes advantage of the popular building blocks made by the Lego company. Youth are encouraged to construct dioramas and explore architecture in a three dimensional space, according to Potter.

As in all 4-H projects, the young architects are encouraged to progress in their understanding of design elements, beginning with a diorama that includes two features beyond floors, ceilings and walls, and eventually progressing to “Master” (10 years or more experience) where they can build a diorama with up to eight architectural features and three or more motion elements.

Potter said the architecture project is unique to Kansas 4-H and was developed as a result of “hard working 4-H volunteers who are part of the 4-H STEM action team,” he said.

Agricultural mechanics focuses on welding and metalsmithing, encouraging youth to not only learn the skills, but view them as the foundation of their own business.

“They work with adults and try things out in a safe way, and we provide the curriculum and resources to learn the correct way so they are prepared when they move on to the next steps,” Potter said.

He added that the Kansas 4-H program initially started with the area of welding but hopes to expand into other areas like precision agriculture and leverage university and industry partners as experts. .

“We offered this opportunity for the first time at last year’s Kansas State Fair,” Potter said. “We had a lot of interest, and we had some amazing projects that were created, even in the first year. Youth demonstrated a plethora of skills around welding, not only around what they learned, but also how they can apply that to a business of their own or into the many areas where people need welders.”

Potter said as youth advance in the agricultural mechanics project, “we hope to create opportunities to develop and demonstrate more complex uses of their skills, such as in a precision agriculture application. We’re always trying to make our projects better, and expand them through a connection with a career.”





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!

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.

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

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

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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

