

The 4-H Newsletter



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Citizenship in Action. . .

February is the shortest month of the year, but contains a Federal holiday. Nope, not that one! Technically, the Federal holiday is Washington's Birthday, but we celebrate President's Day to honor all 46 Americans who have served as President. But first, a trivia question: Which President was never elected to office either as President or Vice President? Several of our Butler County 4-Hers will be traveling to Topeka to participate in the Citizenship in Action program over President's Day. While national politics receives a lot of attention, many things that most impact our daily lives are decided at the state and local levels. CIA participants will have the ability to discuss some current political topics and meet with their state legislators.

Even if you aren't attending Citizenship in Action, I would encourage you to learn a bit more about your state and local government. In Butler County, we elect members of each school district's Board of Education, a Trustee and Treasurer from each township, a Mayor and City Council members for each incorporated city, County Commissioners, a County Sheriff, a County Attorney, and a County Clerk among other offices. All of these people are involved in making important decisions about our county.

Take some time to find out who represents your area and what decisions they make that might impact you. You might even consider reaching out and asking one or more of your elected officials to attend a club meeting or even give a presentation to your club. The more connections you and your club can make, the more opportunities we will have to serve and participate in our communities! (And the answer to the trivia question? Gerald Ford.)

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Important Dates and Deadlines

February

- February 1st:** Volunteer Registration Deadline
- February 1st:** Citizenship in Action (CIA) Registration deadline
- February 4th-5th:** Ambassador Training
- February 5th:** 4-H Day
- February 7th:** YQCA In-person Training
- February 20th-21st:** Citizenship in Action (CIA)
- February 22nd:** YQCA In-person Training
- February 26th:** Beef Weigh-In Set-up and Tagging
- February 26th-April 28th:** Bucket Calf Tagging

March

- March 1st:** Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application deadline
- March 4th:** Volunteer Salute to Excellence Award Application deadline
- March 25th-27th:** Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- March 30th:** YQCA In-person Training

April

- April 1st-28th:** Swine tagging
- April 7th:** YQCA In-person Training
- April 8th:** Club Quarterly Report Due
- April 25th:** YQCA In-person Training
- April 28th:** Market Lamb and Market Goat Tagging



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.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Instructor Training

The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory and State 4-H Office are planning for Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor training to be held March 25th - 27th, 2022, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines will be offered.

Spring 2022 Schedule:	Archery	Pistol / Rifle
	January 13 th	January 11 th
	January 18 th	January 20 th
	January 27 th	January 25 th
	February 1 st	February 3 rd
	February 10 th	February 8 th
	February 15 th	February 17 th
	February 24 th	February 22 nd
	March 10 th	March 3 rd
	March 15 th	March 8 th
	March 24 th	March 17 th
	March 29 th	March 22 nd
	April 7 th	March 31 st
	April 21 st	April 19 th
April 26 th	April 28 th	

Standards of Participation for 4-H & FFA

By Pam VanHorn

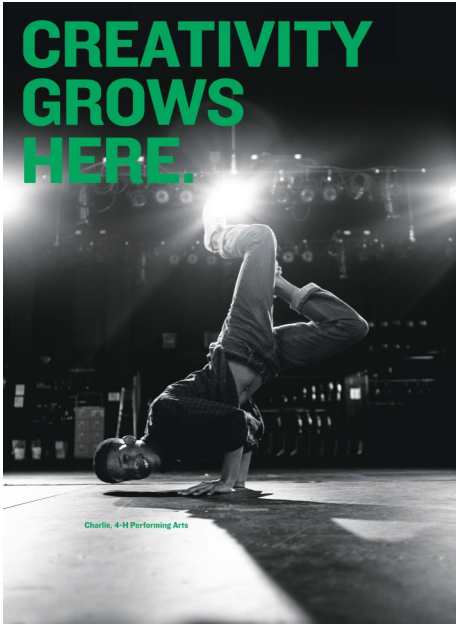
The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture 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.



4-H Day



4-H Day will be here before we know it, and we are excited to be partnering with Cowley County this year! 4-H Day is a great time to showcase your talents, get feedback on your presentations and learn from others about projects and topics you might not know about! 4-H Day will be held February 5th beginning at 10:00 AM at Butler Community College in El Dorado. Please keep the following in mind:

- All 4-Hers participating in competitive events on 4-H Day must be enrolled in 4-H.
- All pre-entries were due on January 14, 2022.
- Refer to the [4-H Day Guidelines](#) for detailed event descriptions.

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 by June 1st or emailed to Andrea Evans at aevans1@ksu.edu email. 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
- Market Animal Certification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing market animals
- 4-H Grade Dairy Cattle or Leasing Identification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing dairy cattle
- 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
- Poultry Testing** - Look for information to come out in early June

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 at yqca.org.

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



- ⇒ Monday, February 7th
- ⇒ Tuesday, February 22nd
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 30th
- ⇒ Thursday, April 7th
- ⇒ Monday, April 25th
- ⇒ Thursday, May 5th
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 31st

Frequently Asked YQCA Questions:

- ⇒ **Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H'ers?**
YQCA is required to show animals at the Butler County Fair. 7 yr. olds must take an in-person class. 8-18 yr. olds must pass a web based or instructor led training.
- ⇒ **How much does getting certified cost?**
The online module certification is \$12, and the instructor-led training method of certification is \$3.
- ⇒ **Does the YQCA certification ID sync with 4-H online?**
Yes, you will sign in using your 4-H Online information.
- ⇒ **I only show horses. Do I need to be YQCA certified?**
No. Right now, YQCA, is not required for 4-H Horse Project Members.
- ⇒ **Do 4-H'ers need to update their YQCA certification number each year?**
Yes they do. Youth should re-certify around the same time they tested each year.
- ⇒ **Do I need to register before class?**
Yes! You must register and pay online before attending an instructor-led class.
- ⇒ **Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?**
No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.



Kansas State 4-H News

Newest 4-H Projects Focus On Ag Mechanics, Architecture

State official says projects prep youth for educational opportunities, careers

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.” More information about opportunities available to youth through Kansas 4-H is available [online](#).





Youth Program Quality Principles

Dedicated volunteers and staff spend many hours working directly with youth in 4-H programs. From exploring topics in a Cloverbuds program, to learning science skills by building a robot, to attending National 4-H Congress, 4-H provides many different types of programs to meet the needs of youth as they grow and develop. What happens in 4-H programs, how they are planned and led, makes a huge difference in the impact of the program on youth! In order to have the biggest impact, programs need to adhere to eight critical principles of program quality:

1. **Physical and psychological safety** — Youth need to feel safe in 4-H programs and be able to interact positively with others.
2. **Appropriate structure** — Whether it is a club meeting or leadership camp, 4-H programs must have clear and consistent rules and expectations, with clear boundaries and age-appropriate monitoring.
3. **Supportive relationships** — All youth need to feel warmth from and closeness to others in 4-H. Youth need to feel others care about and support them. They also need to receive clear guidance and communication from 4-H volunteers and staff.
4. **Opportunities to belong** — All youth need to feel included in a meaningful way in 4-H, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexual orientations, or ability. Youth should have opportunities to share their culture and heritage with others and to forge a positive identity.
5. **Positive social norms** — Youth should experience clear rules and expectations for participating in 4-H, including the values, morals, and ethical expectations of being a 4-H member.
6. **Support for efficacy and mattering** — Youth in 4-H should be taken seriously and respected for their ideas and contributions. Youth should be



given opportunities to develop responsibility and be challenged to set and achieve goals.

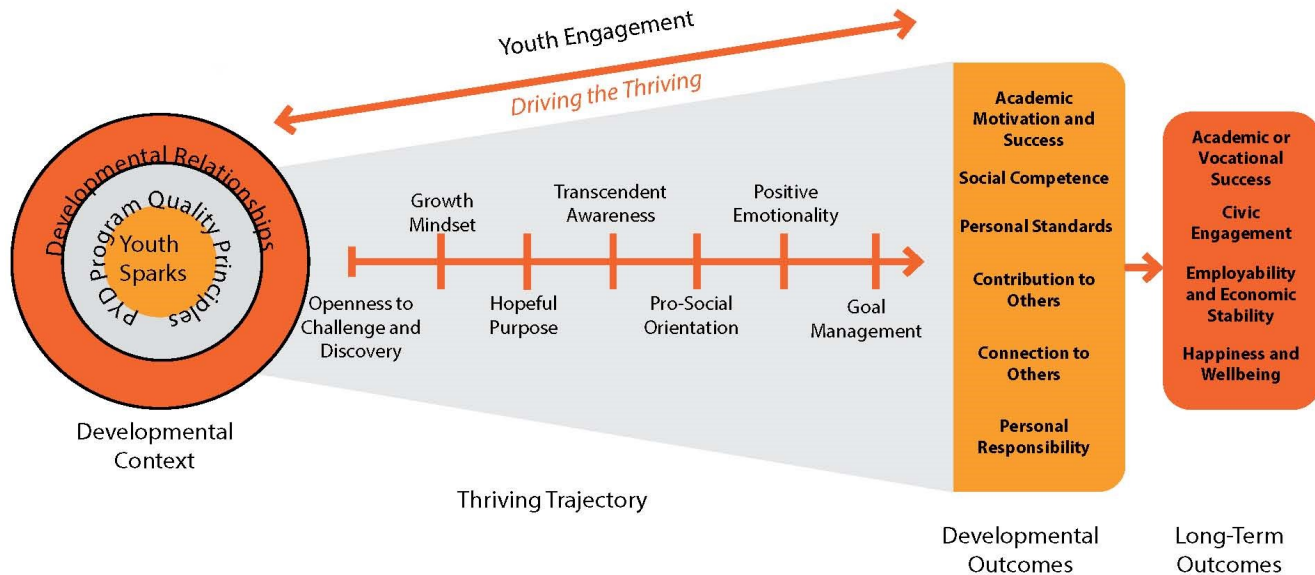
7. **Opportunities for skill building** — Youth need to develop physical, psychological, intellectual, emotional and social skills as they grow and develop. 4-H provides opportunities for youth to develop these skills, skills that support a young person into adulthood and the workplace.
8. **Integration of family, school and community** — Youth in 4-H do best when there is a connection to their 4-H experience with their family, school, and community. This is why 4-H programs begin at the local level, in the community where youth can practice their emerging leadership skills as they grow and develop.

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4-H is Positive Youth Development

4-H is based on a positive youth development (PYD) approach that recognizes all youth have interests, abilities, and strengths that can be enhanced by participation in 4-H programs. Research shows that participation in high quality 4-H programs increases thriving in youth, and thriving youth achieve important developmental outcomes, such as academic motivation and achievement.



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