

The 4-H Newsletter



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A Day of 4-H...

We're currently getting ready for Butler County's 4-H Day on February 26! If you have not yet entered, remember to do so by February 10!

What is 4-H Day? It's an event for 4-Hers to demonstrate their skills in public presentations (project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, etc.) and talent events such as vocal, instrumental and dramatic performances. We will also have judging contests and a skillathon that will allow 4-Hers to develop knowledge in different project areas, a Crunch Time problem solving challenge, and the opportunity for clubs to participate in Gavel Games, a mock meeting displaying knowledge of parliamentary procedure. All competitive events will receive feedback from a judge and a ribbon placing, with purple ribbon presentations eligible to enter the State Fair.

Why is 4-H Day an important tradition? 4-H teaches leadership skills, and public speaking and the ability to present effectively are used in almost every educational and occupational setting. What better way to practice and refine these skills than talking about something that you enjoy or are excited about? Aside from project talks, which should focus on some aspect of a 4-H project, the possibilities are endless!

And even if you (or your 4-Her) are not ready for a presentation or talent entry, you're still welcome to drop by, watch any of the entered events, and participate in judging contests and other learning activities. We hope to see you there!

Best wishes to Briony on her new adventure!

We would like to thank Briony Smith for her time as our 4-H agent here in Butler County. Briony has a new adventure ahead of her and her last day in the office will be Friday, February 3rd. Please take the time to thank her for all of the hours and work she has put in to help our youth!

**TO MAKE THE
BEST BETTER**



Leader's Lounge

February Check-Up

- ☐ Encourage 4-H'ers to ask their friends to attend a meeting
- ☐ Encourage 4-H'ers to share what they are doing in 4-H at school
- ☐ 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.

To-Do

- ☐ Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- ☐ Remind 4-Her's to prepare presentations for 4-H Day
- ☐ 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

- ☐ Set-up for Spring Beef Weigh-in
- ☐ Spring Beef Weigh-in
- ☐ 4-H Day
- ☐ Horse ID Papers Due May 1st



Important Dates and Deadlines

February

- ☐ **February 1st:** Volunteer Registration Deadline
- ☐ **February 1st:** Citizenship in Action (CIA) Registration Deadline
- ☐ **February 6th:** YQCA In-person Training
- ☐ **February 12th:** 4-H Day with Women Wildcat Basketball
- ☐ **February 15th:** Jr. Swine Producer Day Registration Deadline
- ☐ **February 19th-20th:** Citizenship in Action (CIA)
- ☐ **February 22nd:** Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day Registration Deadline
- ☐ **February 23rd:** 4-H Council Meeting
- ☐ **February 24th-25th:** Ambassador Training
- ☐ **February 25th:** Beef Weigh-In Set-up and Tagging
- ☐ **February 26th:** 4-H Day

March

- ☐ **March 1st:** Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
- ☐ **March 11th:** Junior Swine Producer Day
- ☐ **March 18th:** Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
- ☐ **March 21st:** YQCA In-person Training

April

- ☐ **April 6th:** YQCA In-person Training
- ☐ **April 7th:** Club Quarterly Report Due
- ☐ **April 16th - 22nd:** National Volunteer Week
- ☐ **April 23rd:** Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep, & Meat Goat Tagging
- ☐ **April 27th:** Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep, & Meat Goat Tagging
- ☐ **April 27th:** 4-H Council Meeting

2023 Butler County Fair Updates

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-Her's will show off at the fair!

Butler County Fair Pre-Entry System

We are excited to continue the use of the new pre-entry system, FairEntry! Last year we began requiring pre-entry for **ALL** 4-H / FFA exhibits at the fair. As you prepare for the 2023 Butler County Fair, we will use the same system as last year!

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

Shooting Sports

Want to learn proper and safe ways to shoot an air rifle, or bow and arrow? Check out the shooting sports project! The project teaches gun safety, hunting practices plus an opportunity to test your skills. If you have an interest in guns and/or hunting this project is a great way to learn. Programs are open to all **youth 8 years of age or older (as of Jan. 1 of current year)**.

Spring 2023 Schedule:	Archery	Pistol / Rifle
	January 5 th	January 10 th
	January 12 th	January 17 th
	January 19 th	January 24 th
	February 2 nd	January 31 st
	February 9 th	February 7 th
	February 16 th	February 14 th
	February 23 rd	February 21 st
	March 2 nd	February 28 th
	March 9 th	March 7 th
	March 16 th	March 14 th
	March 23 rd	March 21 st

2023 Horse Project Updates

2023 is a year for updates within the horse project!

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.
- ⇒ State Fair Affidavit: There is a [new qualification requirement](#) to participate in the Kansas State Fair Horse Show.

Keep an eye out for more information to come!



Photo Courtesy of Mindy Amend

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.



4-H Day



4-H Day will be here before we know it! 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 26th beginning at 1:00 PM 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 are due on February 10th. [Register Here](#)
- ☐ Refer to the [4-H Day Guidelines](#) for detailed event descriptions.

Notes for Animal Projects

Please note that the following forms that are **required** for 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—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 to the Extension Office by June 15th.
- ☐ **Horse ID Certificate** - Required for exhibitors showing horses. Due into the Extension Office by May 1
- ☐ **YQCA** is REQUIRED for all animal exhibitors, including beef, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, meat & dairy goats, and all bird exhibitors. The only exception will be horse exhibitors. Must be completed by June 1st. Anyone taking the Internet Course must email the certificate to Anna.
- ☐ **Poultry Testing** - Look for information to come out in early June.

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 at yqcaprogram.org.

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



- ⇒ Monday, February 6th
- ⇒ Tuesday, March 21st
- ⇒ Thursday, April 6th
- ⇒ Thursday, May 4th
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 30th

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 may now take classes online or in-person. 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

4-H Camp 2023

All 4-H camp sessions are now available for registration online at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org

This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions.

Some things to know:

- Butler County does not designate a preferred session - 4-H'ers may continue to choose any session that works for them and their friends
- Camp options are available for 2nd grade and older
- Campers do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to be able to attend camp
- Interested in the CIT program as a 12th grader? Full camp scholarships may be available to you

Kansas 4-H Summer Interns

Kansas 4-H is hiring educators/summer interns again this year to work in local offices throughout the summer. If you know a college student or teacher (active or retired) who would be interested in serving as an educator/intern from May 22 through August 4, have them check out the position announcement at: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/742/cw/en-us/job/514039/4h-educatorintern>

Citizenship in Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. February 19-20, Topeka. Deadline of February 1st. Find full information here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>

Insect Spectacular 2023

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring.





Creative Ideas to Enhance Club Meetings



Below you will find creative ideas to enhance your club meetings. Any item with an * can be adapted to a virtual meeting setting. Officers could decide what two options to provide at each meeting and members could vote for what would be added to the next club meeting.

CRAZY THEME DAY*:

One meeting could be jazzed up by incorporating a fun theme. During roll call, members may show off and tell the story behind what they brought to match the theme. Suggested themes include a mismatched day, 4-H green day, hat day, pajamas day, crazy shoe day, tie day, bring a stuffed animal day, sunglasses day, backwards clothing day and dress as your parents day. These are just some examples. Have the club help you create more, or add more yourself.

PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE*:

This works best when the officers or leaders take charge. When members make a motion, give discussion or ask a question they can be presented with an incentive. This might just increase club participation! Incentives can be “traveling,” virtual background, 4-H promo item, etc.

BACKWARDS MEETING*:

Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!

SITTING IN A CIRCLE:

Meetings commonly occur when members are seated in rows facing the officers' table. Have members sit in a circle with the officers in the center. Changing the outlook might just change participation. New changes in seating arrangements can be tried at each meeting to see which is most effective.

MOVE TO A NEW SEAT DURING THE MEETING *:

This is another seating adventure. The President could give the command. “Move two seats to your left.” “Rows one and two switch seats.” “End seats switch with each other.” The command can be different each time. The club members will definitely be paying attention to the meeting to hear where they need to move next. To adapt virtually, have 4-H members stop their video and move to a new room, change the direction they are facing, or change seats with family members. Then turn video back on.

INVITE GUEST SPEAKERS*:

Invite people to visit your club. These folks might have some educational information or hands-on activities to share with you. Ideas of people to contact include: fire department, police department, hospital, wildlife and parks department, or newspaper.



VISIT A NEW PLACE*:

Club field trips are an excellent way to discover what is in your community. The club can have a short meeting or incorporate the new location into the meeting. Don't forget to take photos to document all of the club adventures! For a virtual meeting, check out virtual tours for zoos, Smithsonian, and other museums.

HAVE A SECRET WORD CONTEST*:

When the Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting, a secret word can be inserted. Members will listen closely to determine what the word is. Members who then use the word in some way during the meeting can receive a small prize from the club's supply tote. Secret word examples include: popsicle, pillow, jelly bean, clover, and armadillo.

MEETING THEMES*:

This would relate to the dress-up idea. Members might want to dress-up and have a beach party theme, sledding theme, holiday theme or fifties theme. In the theme idea, the meeting location would be decorated and treats and recreation would relate to the theme.

PARENTS'/GUARDIAN MEETING*:

Let your parents/guardians do the work in this meeting! Adults will hold the offices, do the project talks, conduct recreation and more. This is sure to create some laughs!

DRAW YOUR MEETING OUT OF A BAG*:

Cut up the order of the club meeting. Place the slips of paper in a bag. Draw out a slip of paper. That is the first item of the meeting. Continue until every item has been drawn out of the bag. This should make for a most interesting meeting!

TRIVIA CONTEST*:

Use Junior Trivial Pursuit or Brain Quest or create your own trivia. The President will announce when a trivia question will be asked. Several members can be appointed to ask questions prior to the meeting. When a member answers a question correctly, give them a piece of candy or club supply tote item. You just never know what you might learn next! Kahoot can be used virtually, along with the polling feature in Zoom and other online platforms.

INVITE A FRIEND*:

Encourage members to invite their friends who are not members of 4-H to a meeting. Have a special introduction ceremony for the club guests. Be sure to include information on how to join 4-H.

CLUB TOUR*:

Members showcase their project work. This can happen at another location like a park, a family's home, a farm or you can have a progressive tour where you visit many locations. You can also make a video and play it at a club meeting that is in-person or virtual. To do this in a virtual setting, have 4-H members show their projects online, submit videos to a Facebook Group, tour a farm, or showcase project work during a club meeting.

Local Contact Information



Adapted from Strengthening 4-H Club Resources, Kansas 4-H Youth Development

