The 4-H Newsletter



Butler County

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Fair Entry

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July 2022

It's Fair Time!

I am sure that you, like me, are elbow-deep in preparations for the Butler County Fair! I am very much looking forward to working with all of our 4-Hers and our dedicated volunteers to put together a fun and enjoyable event!

Preparing projects for judging can be nerve-wracking, and we all want to receive a purple ribbon. The feeling of working hard toward a goal and accomplishing it is very satisfying! But it can be disappointing when our results don't match our expectations. It's important to remember that a ribbon or judges' comments aren't a final determination of our success in a project.

The 4-H motto is "To Make The Best Better." While ribbons and placings go into final reports, the most useful part of judging is the feedback provided. We may or may not agree with a judge's placing or assessment, but it's important to listen to both positive and constructive feedback as both of these are ways to improve. I don't remember the ribbon I received on the poppyseed bread I baked as a 4-Her, but I do remember the judge advising me to only grease the bottom of the pan. That advice stuck and I've had no more "French fried" sides!

Finally, as you exhibit in or visit the Fair, remember to thank superintendents and volunteers. Many, many hours of preparation, planning and work go into making all parts of the Fair happen. Words of appreciation go a long way, especially when one is hot and tired!

~Briony Smith, 4-H and Youth Development Agent



Leader's Lounge

July 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.

To-Do

- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- □ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- ☐ Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair
- ☐ Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club.

Promote/Recruit

- Club Participation at the County Fair
- Encourage your local community to come out to the fair!

Remember/Remind

□ 4-H Families to review division rules in the fairbook prior to exhibiting at the fair

Important Dates and Deadlines

<u>July</u>

- July 8th: Club Quarterly Report <u>Due</u> to Extension Office
- ☐ July 9th: Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- July 9th: Butler County Fair Horse Show
- □ **July 14th-18th:** Butler County Fair
- ☐ July 15th: Livestock state fair entries are <u>due</u>
- □ July 21st-22nd: Extension Office is closed
- ☐ July 25th-Aug. 5th: Extension Office accepting state fair entries

<u>August</u>

- ☐ August 4th: Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo
- ☐ August 4th: Ambassador Day Camp
- ☐ August 10th: STEAM Day
- □ August 5th: Deadline for state fair pre-entries
- ☐ August 15th: State Fair entries <u>due</u> for dairy animals
- □ August 20th-21st: Livestock Sweepstakes
- ☐ August 27th: Shooting Sports State Hunting Skills Match



September

- □ **September 9th-18th:** Kansas State Fair
- □ September 23rd: All pin applications, scholarships, record keeping forms, and club end of year reports due
- ☐ September 30th-October 2nd: Kansas Junior Livestock Show

See the 2021-2022 4-H Calendar HERE for all event dates

Butler County Fair Schedule

2022 Butler County Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 9

8:00 AM: Constructed modeling starts followed by call-backs

9:00 AM: Buymanship modeling begins9:15-9:45 AM: Clothing Construction check-in9:30 AM: Clothing Construction judging begins

1:30 PM: Public Fashion Revue 5:00-5:30 PM: Check-in and Horse ID

6:00 PM: Horse Show begins

Thursday, July 14

8:00 AM: Fair Set-up, 4-H Fairgrounds Tack and Equipment

brought in after setup.

6:00 to 9:00 PM: Check-in:

Open Class Metals "Junk in a Bucket"

Club Banners.

Clothing Construction Items

Buymanship Items

6:00 to 9:00 PM: Check-in:

Beef Cattle

Bucket Calves

Meat Goats

Dairy Goats

Sheep

Poultry

Rabbits

6:00 to 9:00 PM: Check-in and weigh Swine

7:00 to 9:00 PM: Check-in:

Open Class Wheat

Check-in Campers

No Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Beef Cattle, or Bucket Calves will be allowed to enter the barns without an inspection by a fair veterinarian.

Friday, July 15

8:00-9:00 AM: Weigh-in Sheep

8:00 AM: 4-H/FFA Foods & Nutrition & Food Preservation Judging

begins as scheduled

9:00-10:00 AM: Weigh-in Meat Goats

9:00 AM: Dairy Goat Show

Dairy Cattle Show immediately following Dairy Goats

10:00 AM: Judging of 4-H/FFA Poultry and Pigeons

10:00-11:00 AM: Check-in of Open Class Foods & Food

Preservation

10:00 AM: Open Class Foods Judging begins, followed by Open Class Foods Silent Auction (auction ends prior to 4-H

Food Auction)

10:00 AM: Check-in and Judging of Woodworking as scheduled.

10:00-12:00 PM: Check in Open Class Photography

10:00 AM: Judging of 4-H/FFA Photography begins as scheduled.

Judging of Open Class Photography to follow

4-H/FFA judging.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Weigh-in Beef 12:00 PM: Weigh-in Bucket Calves

1:00-3:00 PM: Check-in and judging of 4-H/FFA Floriculture and

Horticulture followed by Open Class

Floriculture and Horticulture

1:00-3:00 PM: Check-in and Judging of Open Class Crops & Hay

1:00 PM: Judging of Open Class Metals & "Junk in a Bucket",

1:00 PM: Check-in and Judging of Rocketry, followed by Robotics

and Unmanned Aerial Systems

1:00 PM: Check-in and Judging of Energy

1:00 PM: Check-in and Judging of Entomology/Geology (Geology,

immediately following Entomology)

1:00 PM: Check-in and Judging of Educational Notebooks,

Posters, and Displays

1:00 PM: Check-in and judging of Architectural Block Construction

1:30 PM: Judging of Banners (immediately following Educational

Notebooks and Displays)

4:00 PM: Judging of Sheep - Breeding, Fitting & Showing and

Market Sheep

5:30 PM: 4-H FOOD AUCTION

6:00 PM: Ice Cream Sponsored by ICI Insurance

6:00 PM: Judging of Meat Goats - Breeding, Fitting & Showing

and Market Meat Goats

Saturday, July 16

8:00 AM: Judging of Swine – Breeding Gilts, Fitting & Showing,&

Market Swine

8:00 AM: Judging of 4-H/FFA Rabbits

11:00-12:00 PM: Check-in Open Class Crochet and Knitting

11:00 AM: Judging of 4-H/FFA Crochet & Knitting followed by

Open Class Crochet and Knitting

11:00 AM: Judging of Bucket Calves

11:00-12:00 PM: Cloverbuds "Show and Share

Butler County Fair Schedule Cont.

12:00-2:00 PM: Check-in

Open Class Arts & Crafts
Open Class Quilts and Barn Quilts

12:00 PM: Judging begins for 4-H/FFA Arts & Crafts

as scheduled.

12:00 PM: Judging of Open Class Quilts follows

Fiber Arts Judging.

12:00 PM: Judging of Open Class Arts & Crafts and Barn Quilts

following 4-H/FFA Arts and Crafts

5:30 PM: RABBIT AUCTION

6:00 PM: Judging of Breeding Beef, Showmanship

and Market Beef

9:00 PM: Dance/Movie Night following beef show.

Sunday, July 17

7:30 AM: Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by Butler County Farm Bureau and Mid-Kansas Co-Op

8:15 AM: Church Service in the Livestock Arena (No Livestock Activities during this time)

9:30-10:30: AM: Sign Up for Barnyard Olympics in 4-H Building

10:00 AM: Deadline for making entries for the Livestock Auction

11:00 AM: 4-H/FFA Presentations Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Project Talks and Poetry or Prose.

11:00-2:30 PM: Sunday Fun Day: Virtual Reality Roller Coaster other games

1:00-2:00 PM: Horticulture Judging Contest

1:00-3:00 PM: FCS Consumer Skills Judging Event

2:00-3:00 PM: Photography Judging Contest

2:00-3:00 PM: Challenge of Champions

2:30 PM: Check-in for Barnyard Olympics in Show Arena

3:00 PM: Barnyard Olympics in Livestock Arena

4:00-8:00 PM: 4-H/FFA Project Auction

5:00 PM: Celebrity Goat Milking in Livestock Arena

6:00 PM: 4-H Bucket Calf Costume Class

7:00 PM: Round Robin Showmanship Contest

Monday, July 19

7:30-8:00 AM: Registration for Livestock Judging Contest at

Show Arena

8:15 AM: Livestock Judging Contest

11:00 AM: Release and removal of Non-sale livestock. (Livestock

sale animals must stay on grounds)

11:30-4:00 PM: Clean-up of Barns **1:00 PM:** Set-up for Livestock Sale

(all Livestock Exhibitors should help)

5:30-7:00 PM: "Friends of 4-H" Supper sponsored by

Commerce Bank & 4-H Council

6:00 PM: Parade of Champions – honoring all division winners

at the fair

6:30 PM: Awards Presentation

7:00 PM: Livestock Auction - Order of Sale will be Beef, Swine,

Meat Goats, and Sheep

Cleanup of Sale Livestock Pens After livestock sale

is over. No Exceptions!!!

Evening: Ice Cream Sponsored by Emprise Bank

Tuesday, July 18

5:30 PM: Release of all Static Exhibits and Clean-up of the Building.

2022 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo



The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day show-casing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. Everyone will participate in the same tour with the group splitting into two equal groups, with each group then flipping to the other tour after about one hour

1. Stafford County Flour Mill, 108 S. Church St., Hudson, KS 67545; 620-458-4121. See where they make the famous Hudson Cream flour and mixes marketed all over the USA; https://www.hudsoncream.com/.

2. Osborne Fruits &Vegetable, 309 East 4th Ave., St. John, KS 67576, 620-5467-3932; with Mike Osborne and Jill Stimatze. Osborne Fruit & Vegetable is a small town, family-owned business that has a wide range of fruits and vegetables to offer from our beautiful, big garden. "From our field to your table!"

Spare Farms, 171 SE 20th Ave., St. John, KS 67576, 620-549-3330 is a family-owned business that grows high quality vegetables that are sold at farmers markets in local cities.

There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include:

(1) 1 lb. bin run for crops members; or (2) 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; (All wheat samples must be postmarked to KSU by July 15 so testing can be completed). Youth may bring multiple exhibits in Divisions 3-9. A maximum of two placings per individual in each division, 1-8 will be awarded. (3) 1 quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) three standard yeast rolls; (5) three standard sized cookies; (6) three standard muffins; (7) wheat photography contest; (8) wheat educational posters and (9) Cloverbuds, (5-6-year-olds) with participation ribbons.

Cost will be \$6.00 per person and registration will be open online through visiting the Kansas 4-H website. Registration will go live June 15th. Pre-registration will be required by Monday, July 25th, 11:59 p.m.

If any 4-Her's would like to attend the Wheat Expo, Charlene will have 7 seats available to transport youth to and from the event.

Registration for both events is online at the following links:

Wheat Expo Registration link (open from June 15-July 25)
Wheat Variety Plot Registration link (due July 22)

Special Note For Dairy Exhibitors

If you plan to exhibit dairy animals at the Kansas State Fair, please note there has been a change in the KSF Entry Process. Entries are not done through the Extension`+ office this year, they are all online through the Kansas State Fair.

You can find the information in the Kansas State Fair Handbook, page 101 HERE.

The Kansas State Fair open class information and registration is HERE.



Shooting Sports

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

- 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



Hunters Education

2022 Hunter Education Course

The Hunter Education courses are open to anyone. No fee is required. No one under the age of 11 will be certified in Hunter Education. Those under age 11 may take the course with special permission from the instructor. Anyone taking the Hunter Education courses prior to age 11, will be required to take the course again for certification after turning 11. All courses are being held at the Butler County 4- H Community Building located at 200 N. Griffith in El Dorado. Call the Butler County Extension Office at 316-321-9660 to pre-enroll! Enrollment is limited, so call early! No Drop-Ins Will Be Accepted.

Pre-enrollment is required for all courses

<u>Traditional Course:</u> August 12th – 13th, 2022

Check-in: Friday, Aug. 12th, 5:30-6:00 PM **Session 1:** Friday, Aug. 12th, 6:00-9:00 PM **Session 2:** Saturday, Aug. 13th, 8:00-4:00 PM

Pre-enroll between July 5th - August 11th, 2021. **Attendance is required both Friday evening and all day Saturday.** You must pick up a student manual at the Butler County Extension Office, read it, and answer all questions at the end of each chapter prior to attending the course.



Internet Assisted Course: September 17th, 2022

Check-in: 7:30-8:00 AM

Field Day: Saturday, Sept. 17th, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

You will need to have access to a computer and a printer in order to complete the online portion of an Internet-Assisted course. You are also encouraged to pick up a student manual at the Butler County Extension Office. This independent study method requires pre-registration in an Internet-assisted Field Day and Testing Session and completion of the Kansas online hunter education course. DO NOT TAKE THE ONLINE COURSE UNTIL YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE INTERNET-ASSISTED HUNTER EDUCATION FIELD DAY AND TESTING SESSION OF YOUR CHOICE.

Field Day Instructions:

- 1. Pre enroll for the field day at the Butler County Extension Office
- 2. Go to the Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism website at ksoutdoors.com
- 3. Follow the prompts to access the on-line test and complete it. Education Hunter Education Internet Assisted Course Free Kansas Internet Assisted Course (Yellow box at the bottom of the page) take the test.
- 4. After completing the test, print the completion certificate and bring it with you to the field day.



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.

Kansas State 4-H News

OH, the places you'll go

Kansas 4-H members host youth from Ohio as part of interstate exchange program

By Annika Wiebers, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – A group of 4-H members from Kansas and Ohio recently got together through an interstate exchange program to discover similarities and differences between programs in their two states.

Ten 4-H members aged 11 to 18 travelled from Van Wert, Ohio and were paired with Kansas 4-H members from Riley, Pottawattamie and Clay counties. The youth were strategically matched so they would be staying with someone of a similar age and interests. "It's a great experience for the kids to make connections with other youth and learn about a different state," said Cherie

Trieb, the Kansas 4-H exchange program coordinator.

During their week-long stay, the members traveled to the State Capitol building in Topeka, Fort Riley military base, and the Strataca salt mines in Hutchinson, among other stops. When the group didn't have plans, Kansas host families were free to take their exchange delegate to see other sights in the area. "It was fun visiting the waterfalls and seeing those," said Katie Gamble, one of the Ohio delegates, referring to the Geary Lake waterfalls.

Gamble also noticed differences between agricultural operations in Kansas and Ohio. "There were a lot of cattle farms and grass (in Kansas) whereas we have more farmland," she said.

Beyond sightseeing and visiting parts of the Kansas agricultural industry, Trieb said another purpose of the exchange is to share ideas between the two states' 4-H programs. "One unique thing that 4-Hers in Kansas are doing is they have groups that kids from different counties can join, so that there are more people to (interact) with," Gamble said.

Chayla Maichel, who was Gamble's Kansas host, had similar insights about the two exchange programs. "The Ohio group was a (loca) 4-H club, unlike ours that pulls members from different clubs in three counties," she said, "When they host (exchange trips in Ohio), they always get together in the evening whether or not they did an activity during the day. They believe that helps the visiting 4-Hers adjust and allows all of them to interact and form friendships." Learning aside, Maichel noted that the real treasure at the end of the trip is the connections youth have made with each other. "Hosting someone in your home that you have never met before and forming a friendship is such a valuable experience." Maichel said.

To complete the exchange, the Kansas 4-H members are planning to travel to Ohio in the summer of 2023. The goal is for most of the youth to be paired with the same delegates they hosted this summer.





KANSAS 4-H CLUB CORNER

A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

4-H project-based learning provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions — or what we like to call their sparks! Youth learn from caring adult volunteers, or in some cases through self-guided study, in projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture, and citizenship. Screened adult volunteers provide a safe and positive environment where youth learn by doing. Young people thrive through 4-H participation, finding their way to success in life and career.

Careful consideration should be used when selecting a 4-H project to enroll in for the year. A 4-H project has five components: Learning Experiences, Leadership, Citizenship, Exhibition, and Record Keeping. An explanation of each component can be found below. These five components can all be found along the Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway (4H1131).



Learning Experiences	Citizenship	Leadership	Exhibition/ Showcase	Record Keeping
Curriculum-guided activities Project meetings Kansas Clover Classroom Educational tours Workshops/clinics State project events KSU Junior Producer Days Judging contests Public presentations Interviewing the experts Educational presentations Quiz bowl contests Skill-a-thon How-to shows and online videos	Helping your community or others outside your family Helping others without financial compensation Examples may include: Food drives Sew and donate lap quilts to nursing home Knit caps for newborns Assist in community garden Volunteer with Story Walk, featuring a book related to project work Launch rocket with daycare or elementary grades	Teaching skills or information to others outside your family Organizing or coordinating an event or activity Examples may include: Teach a workshop Facilitate a group activity Assist a Project Leader with project meeting Plan a tour Serve as a Junior/Teen Leader Serve as a Junior Superintendent Create project-related videos for use on social media	Contest (foods show, photography contest, wheat show, etc.) 4-H Club Days 4-H Project Displays Livestock show Educational presentation County Fair Kansas State Fair	Record of project work, income, expenses, and skills learned, etc. Leadership and Citizenship Project reflection Pictures documenting learning and engagement

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