

The 4-H Newsletter



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It's Time To Spring

Mother Nature has finally granted a string of gorgeous days to enjoy outside! I'm just as much ready for the cold to vanish and the spring weather to stick around as many of you are as well! This time of year brings a new sense of happiness and refreshing feeling! What's not to love seeing baby animals running and playing, flowers blooming, green grass growing and children frolicking outside! In just a few short days ago, we will have to Spring forward with time. Losing sleep is never a favorite of mine!

With Spring near by, it's time to start springing forward with your 4-H projects and bethinking of what's next around the corner...FAIR!!!

If you haven't started springing forward, here are a few tasks you could get started on:

- ⇒ Review Pin applications, start filling them out and see what else you need to do to reach that pin.
- ⇒ Start working on your KAP now. It's easier to do then wait until the last minute! Don't forget to set your goals now and start taking pictures!
- ⇒ Begin working on projects that take time to complete for Butler County Fair (arts & crafts, leather, drawing, crochet, pictures, etc.)
- ⇒ Spend time with your livestock project teaching them to walk/lead, set-up, etc.

It's never too early to get started!

I would also like to give a huge shout out to all of the youth and adult volunteers who helped with beef weigh-in Saturday and 4-H Day Sunday. You all did an AWESOME job and kept things flowing smoothly! THANK YOU!

~Charlene

"It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan." – Eleanor Roosevelt

**TO MAKE THE
BEST BETTER**



Leader's Lounge

March 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
- ☐ **Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.** There are several clubs with items in their mailbox along with 4-H Day score cards.
- ☐ Remind 4-Her's to enroll and select projects in 4-H Online by the May 1st deadline to be eligible to participate at Fair
- ☐ Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair
- ☐ Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- ☐ Start speaking with your club members on how they can show appreciation to their club volunteers during April's National Volunteer Week.

Promote/Recruit

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

Remember

- ☐ **Update:** Horse ID Papers are updated and will not be due until June 1st (moved from May 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!



Important Dates and Deadlines

March

- ☐ **March 1st:** Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application deadline
- ☐ **March 1st:** Volunteer Salute to Excellence Award Application deadline
- ☐ **March 4th:** Basic Shotgun Begins
- ☐ **March 6th:** Deadline for [Fairbook Questionnaire](#)
- ☐ **March 11th:** Junior Swine Producers Day
- ☐ **March 18th:** Junior Meat Goat Producers Day
- ☐ **March 18th:** Spring Shooting Sports Last Date for Match Qualifier
- ☐ **March 21st:** YQCA In-person Training
- ☐ **March 24th-26th:** State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training
- ☐ **March 25th:** 4-H Super Saturday in Colby, KS

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 23rd:** Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep & Meat Goat Tagging
- ☐ **April 27th:** Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep & Meat Goat Tagging
- ☐ **April 27th:** 4-H Council Meeting

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:** Black & Gold Spring Show



Citizenship In Action



This past holiday weekend, 12 Butler County 4-Her's had the opportunity to go to a 4-H event called Citizenship In Action (CIA) at the state capitol in Topeka; Youth had the opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. The purpose of the program 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 not only helped to familiarize youth with the capitol building, but also showed them how they can affect the legislative process. They had a community conversation, deliberating on tough conversations that matter and found creative ways to attain common ground on Sunday afternoon. On Monday, youth got a chance to see the capitol, meet with Representative Will Carpenter and have a more behind the scenes understanding of the legislative process.



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.

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.



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. YQCA can be taken 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

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

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 24th - 26th, 2023, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines will be offered.

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

Butler County 4-H Day Results

Congratulations to all participants!

Vocal Solos - Senior

Red Riley Garcia CB

Individual Dance

Blue Kaley Fitzgerald PH
Blue Kenzie Sommers PH
Blue Valerie Sommers PH
Purple Brenna Sommers PH

Impromptu

Blue Cami Miller CB

Instrumental Solos

Intermediate

Purple Ella Amend NB
Blue Madelynn Ikner PH
Blue Alaxis Jensen BBB
Purple Cora Brackenridge NB
Blue Reece Jackson FH
Red Luke Parker FH
Blue Janelle Smithson HH
Blue Hope Milburn LL
Blue Justice Milburn LL
Purple Emily Fitzgerald PH
Purple Kenzie Sommers PH
Blue Valerie Sommers PH
Blue Mason Weiss BBB
Blue Ayla Weiss BBB
Purple Justice Milburn LL

Senior

Purple Brenna Sommers PH
Blue Riley Garcia CB
Blue Ellie Nelson LL
Purple Kyle Parker FH
Purple Ivalea Tien BBB

CloverBuds

Participation Hannah Groom HH
Participation Emera Weiss BBB

Readings

Senior

Blue Andrew Tien BBB
Blue Makenzie Creekmore NB
Purple Trena Garcia CB
Blue Jett Schmidt HH
Blue Molly Fitzgerald PH

Intermediate

Purple Reagan Gardner TR
Purple Ava Bird BBB
Red Jackson Seirer PH
Blue Justice Milburn LL
Blue Ella Amend NB
Blue Brynlie Nichols BBB

Junior

Blue Sophee Schmidt HH
Purple Maebelle Seirer PH
Purple Evie Blackston LL
Blue Hattie Bird BBB
Blue Julia Amend NB

Illustrated Talks

Senior

Blue Jonathon Peak PH
Blue Riley Garcia CB

Intermediate

Purple Cora Brackenridge NB
Purple Carson Brackenridge NB
Red Karly Peak PH
Blue Alden Gardner TR
Blue Eli Gardner TR
Purple Madelynn Ikner PH

Multi-Media Presentation – Sr.

Purple Cami Miller CB

Demonstrations

Senior

Purple Kylee Barlett PH
Purple Sophie Bird BBB

Intermediate

Purple Brynlie Nichols BBB
Blue Lane Vanderford BBB
Blue Henry Fox PH
Blue Ayla Weiss BBB
Blue Eli Gardner TR
Purple Emmalynn Nelson LL

Junior

Blue Sophee Schmidt HH
Blue Evie Blackston LL
Blue Wiley Pierce BBB
Blue Ella Fox PH
Purple Jacob Gardner TR

First Year Presentations

Blue Cole Vanderford BBB
Purple Nolan Peters PH

Project Talks

Intermediate

Purple Kenzie Sommers PH
Purple Grace Ricke BBB
Blue Alden Gardner TR
Blue Reagan Gardner TR

Junior

Purple Jackson Stuber BBB
Blue Jacob Gardner TR

Gavel Games

Senior

Blue Benton Busy Bees
 Kylee Nichols/Rylan Nichols
 Sophie Bird/Chelsea Willour

Intermediate

Blue Benton Busy Bees 1
 Alaxis Jensen/Lane Vanderford/
 Grace Ricke/Ava Bird

Blue North Butler

Ella Amend/Julia Amend/
 Cora Brackenridge/Carson
 Brackenridge

Blue Benton Busy Bees 2

Brynlie Nichols/Taylor Willour/
 Lorelai Sullenger/Allison Holliday

Junior

Red Benton Busy Bees
 Wiley Pierce/Otto Sullenger/
 Jack Meyer/Jett Meyer/Jesse Pearl
 Ragland



Photography: Get To Know Your Camera



As the technology develops so does photography. Looking back in history, you can see how photography has developed into an impressive art medium. At first, to own a camera was a status symbol, and now we have them daily in the palms of our hands.

Developing the skills and knowledge of cameras can help build a fun, creative hobby. Photography skills can also drive a career focus. We take photos daily now for record keeping and recreation. Let's take time to learn more and hone those basic skills.

Starting Out

Know Your Camera

- Review your camera user's guide (many can be downloaded by searching the web).
- Read the guide to learn about all the parts of your camera, their purpose, and how to use each feature.
- Practice using your viewfinder for different settings and angles in taking photos.
- Evaluate and share your photos.

Learning More

Zooming IN!

- Once you get a feel for the camera in hand, and taking a steady shot, start using the zoom.
- Zoom in and out to get the right direction.
- Was the result distorted?
- Move physically closer to the object and then try zooming again.

Expanding Horizons

What's the Focus?

- Direct your focal point. Find your subject, then use the proper landscape or portrait view to define picture.
- Use zoom to show details or show more of the background.
- Make sure the viewer knows what you are focusing in on.

Inspire Kids to Do

Skill Building

Beginning photography can be tricky. Don't be too quick to jump into being an expert.

- Take the first step in learning all your camera can do. Take a few test shots.
- Learn to hold your camera steady.
- Move into using zoom actions and placing your subject in the frame effectively.

Goals

- Learn basic physical parts to your camera.
- Learn to use zoom to get a great photo.

Project Ideas

- Start simple. Pick an inanimate object (a toy, flower, chair, etc.) and practice taking pictures.
- As you get used to the camera, start playing around with zoom features. See how your picture changes when you move and when using your zoom lens.

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...

Use landscape and portrait settings
 1 - 2 - 3

Label all parts of my camera
 1 - 2 - 3

Understand zoom and when to use it
 1 - 2 - 3

Photography: Get To Know Your Camera

Challenge Instructions	Helpful Tips	Leadership	Curriculum and Resources
<p>Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find and identify all the basic working parts to your camera. Take a few practice shots using the different zoom options. Alternate between landscape and portrait mode to see what better frames your photo. Take photo shots using different angles and basic features. <p>When finished, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/KS4HChallenge to tell us what you learned.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold camera steady or try using a tripod for stability. Find which viewfinder helps you get the right shot in the frame. Flash can help brighten up a photo, but it can also shine too bright. Transfer your photos to your computer. This allows you to review your pictures on a larger scale. You may notice highlights or things you may want to adjust. 	<p><i>(Suggested for Intermediate and Advanced Levels.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach 4-H members how to identify camera parts. Assist younger photography members. Other _____ _____ _____ 	<p>National 4-H Curriculum</p> <p>Photography Book 1: Photography Basics</p>

Life Skills Learned (check all that apply)

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

Share

- ☐ Print a picture you took and share it with a neighbor/friend.
☐ Print one of your photos on cardstock and use for a thank you.
☐ Present a project talk or demonstration at a club meeting telling what you learned about your camera settings.
☐ Other _____

Evaluate Your Experiences!

What differences did you see between your first photo and others after that?

How could learning the techniques and features of your camera help you learn quality in other project areas? _____

Name two parts of your camera you didn't know how to use prior to the challenge?

What was the hardest part of the activity? _____

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

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...

Use landscape and portrait settings
 1 - 2 - 3

Label all parts of my camera
 1 - 2 - 3

Understand zoom and when to use it
 1 - 2 - 3

Kansas Clover Classroom

Adapted from NW 4-H Advisory Challenge created by Kristy Packard, 4-H Program Manager, Golden Prairie Extension District

