



MARCH 4-H IN THE LOOP

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UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- March 12- Fair Book Contest Entries due. **Send to bucofair@gmail.com**
 - March 15- Talkin' About Foods Q and A- Zoom 7 PM
 - **<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/96941215790>**
 - March 15-20- Virtual Jr. Meat Goat Program
 - March 23- Sign Language SPIN club- Zoom 7 PM
 - March 23- Ambassador Training Virtual Conference
 - March 29- SELF Registration Due- Youth 12 and older- <https://web.cvent.com/event/b95eb07c-a80c-4423-af01-c3a93cb83f3c/summary>
 - March 30- Sign Language SPIN club- Zoom 7 PM
 - March 30- 2nd Session of the Ambassadors Training Virtual Conference
 - March 31- YQCA Training 6:30-8 PM- Community Building
 - April 1-April 29- Small Animal Tagging
- Small Animal Tagging by Appt Only. Call the office to schedule an appt to bring your animals to the Extension Office to be tagged. April 26 tagging appts available till 6 PM and April 29 tagging appts available till 7 PM. No tagging on April 30.
- April 6- Countywide Foods Project meeting- TBA
 - April 8- YQCA Training 6:30-8:00 PM- Community Building
 - April 9- Club Quarterly Reports Due (Community Leaders to McKenzie)
 - April 11- SELF Leadership Conference 1:00-4:30
 - April 18- National Volunteer Week- Who can you thank for helping you this week?
 - April 26- YQCA Training 6:30-8:00 PM- Community Building
 - May 1- 4-H Enrollment Due for participation in the 2021 Butler County Fair
 - May 1- 4-H Horse ID Papers Due to Extension Office
 - June 1- All livestock forms due to the office.
 - June 1-4- Virtual Discovery Days- More information to come soon.
 - June 3 at 6 PM- Community Building 4-H Showcase (Formerly Mini-Fair)-
 - Events scheduled at this time: Favorite Foods Contest, Gavel Games, Large Group performances, club booths/activities
 - June 10- 4-H Council Meeting 7 PM

Small Animal Tagging Information

This year small animal tagging will be by appointment only. Appointments will be available during regular business hours 8-5, Monday-Friday in the month of April with extended hour evenings listed below:

- On April 26 tagging appointments will be available till 6 PM.
- On April 29 tagging appointments will be available till 7 PM.
- No tagging on April 30.
- This is for sheep, meat goat, dairy meat goats, swine and bucket calves, if not tagged at Beef weigh in.
- Poultry exhibitors- please watch for details on poultry testing that WILL be required later in the year.

[Call the office to schedule an appointment to bring your animals to the Extension Office to be tagged.](#)
[Small Animal Tagging Letters will be mailed March 15! Watch your mailboxes!](#)

Kansas Clover Classroom

Kansas Clover Classroom: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/cloverclassroom.html>

Kansas 4-H Project SPARK pages: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/>

Kansas Clover Classroom

Resources to promote 4-H learning through project based activities. Challenge yourself in projects like Foods and Photography with more project challenge pages being added regularly!

Kansas 4-H Project SPARK pages

On the above link, you can access all 4-H project areas and on the right hand side of the page are project SPARK pages. These pages share the goals and principles of each project area and what youth can focus on as they plan their project learning.

These resources are FREE. When you click on the links, you will see a fee but they are available for download without the fee.

BUTLER COUNTY SHOWCASE EVENT
FORMERLY MINI FAIR
JUNE 3, 2021 | 6 PM | COMMUNITY BUILDING EL DORADO

Plan to attend this event to showcase your project learning and gain feedback on what you are preparing for the County Fair. We hope to have this event open to the public to help us share with 4-H is all about to community members.

Events we anticipate hosting at this event

Favorite Foods Contest
 Gavel Games Workshop/Competition
 Club Booths
 Large Group Vocal Performances (Normally held at 4-H Day)
 Individual Youth Project Tables– Share your project learning with others.

County Fair Updates: Catch the 4-H Fever

4-H Online Enrollment Changes– UPDATED INFORMATION

4-H Online has updated the ability of families to update/change their own 4-H Online profiles. You should now be able to go into your account and make any project or information changes. You do not need to use the Google change-form anymore. Remember to compete at the 2021 Butler County Fair ALL enrollment/project selections/changes must be done by May 1, 2021!

SCHEDULE

*The Butler County Fair board has released the
2021 Butler County Fair Schedule.*

You can find it here:

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/docs/2021ButlerCountyFairSchedule.pdf>

Stay in the Know

Follow information for the Fair here

KSRE Website: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/>

Butler County, KS Fair on FB

Butler County Members and Leaders on FB

4-H DIVISION INFORMATION

AS YOU WORK ON YOUR 4-H PROJECTS AND PLAN TO EXHIBIT YOUR LEARNING AT THE FAIR, CHECK OUT THE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS POSTED BY THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

[HTTPS://WWW.BUTLER.K-STATE.EDU/4HFAIR/DOCS/4-H%20DIVISIONS%20COMPLETE.PDF](https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/docs/4-H%20DIVISIONS%20COMPLETE.PDF)

County Fair Updates: Catch the 4-H Fever

New Classes/Divisions for the 4-H Divisions at Fair

Livestock Divisions

Dairy Cattle

Bucket Calf Dress Up Contest-
Returning for 2021

Static Divisions

Dessert Imposter Class in Foods

Fashion Revue- Recycled Garment
Class- Returning for 2021

Changes to Visual Arts State Fair
Qualification

SpaceTech is now called STEM

Scale Model Rocket Class in STEM

Architectural Building Blocks Division
in STEM

**Conservation District
Club Banners
Theme**

**4-Her's Know
Healthy Forests=
Healthy
Communities**

**Review the 4-H
Division rules now so
that you are the best
prepared for the
2021 Fair!**

**All participants are
responsible for
knowing the rules
and expectations to
compete at the Fair.**

Discovery Days—Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4th, 2021. The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person. The decision is in congruence with the current K-State Reopening [Phase 3 guidelines](#) and the most recent [vaccine availability projections](#) from Riley County.

KSU Youth Livestock Leadership Academy—watch future newsletters for more details.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

GET ENROLLED NOW! DON'T DELAY!

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species livestock quality assurance program available for youth, ages 7-21. This annual educational and certification program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character awareness for youth producing and/or showing livestock. The species targeted in the training includes swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

Extension specialists and animal industry representatives were involved in designing the program with the intent to provide a national, standardized livestock quality assurance applicable to multiple species. The curriculum is designed to provide different modules annually, so youth will expand their knowledge by covering new topics every year.

There are two options by which a youth may obtain their YQCA certification; they may attend a face-to-face training with a certified instructor, or they may complete the age-appropriate online certification course. Both the face-to-face training, and the online certification course have an associated per child “certification fee”. The YQCA program has been integrated into the 4HOnline system, so families that may need to will be able to register for a face-to-face training, or complete the online certification, by logging in using their 4HOnline credentials.

See the calendar of events for dates and times of face-to-face trainings available. Contact the Extension Office to secure a spot in the class of your choice!

New Family Q and A Zoom Recording

We hosted the New Family Zoom last week. The recording can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSce_Cw2Zzf1ignoB7MUibw

NEW PROJECT RECORD FORMS...

4-H Project Record Report Form Replaces KAP. The State 4-H KAP Revision Taskforce Team is excited to announce the launch of a new project-based record keeping and award system for the new 4-H program year.

Below are a few things that you need to make sure that are recording and keeping track of.

- Set project goals
- Project Presentations & Communication
- Project Learning Experiences
- Project Exhibits and Showcase Opportunities
- Project Leadership
- Project Citizenship/Community Engagement
- Project Finances (keep receipts) Income and Expenses
- Project Finances (Project Animal Inventory/ Performance Record)
- Seniors (will have to submit a resume and cover letter)

Two Project Record forms

- General Form
- Animal Form

Three Age levels

- Junior 7-9 years (4-H age)
- Intermediate 10-13 year (4-H age)
- Senior 14-18 year (4-H page)

Regional Level

- Submit a Project Record Form, Cover Letter, and Resume

State Level

- Submit a Project Record Form, Cover Letter, Resume and Video

The new forms, an instructional guide and check sheet, an evaluation rubric, and a form fillable personal page and permanent record are now available, as is a free download of the current Adobe Reader DC. Please click the following link for more information....

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html>

Upcoming Learning Series

Talkin' About It Project Series– List of Project in the works below

Join 4-H volunteers and junior youth leaders as we explore 4-H projects! These question and answer Zoom seminars will allow youth to connect and talk about questions they might have, share experiences and gain knowledge in the project area. This is a great way for our experienced 4-H members to share with new 4-H members about the in's and out's of the 4-H project area.

Youth can participate in as many Talkin' About it seminars as they want. Zoom links will be published when meetings are set.

INTERESTED IN HELPING HOST A MEETING: We are looking for Registered Adult Volunteers as well as youth leaders to help facilitate these Q and A seminars. If you are interested in helping with a particular project area, please email McKenzie at msmithson@ksu.edu



Talkin' About Series Project Series *Watch for dates in future emails!*

Foods

Beef

Entomology

Arts and Crafts

Meat
Goats

Reading

Floriculture/Horticulture

Clothing Construction/Buymanship

Rabbits

Photography

Crochet

FAVORITE FOODS CONTEST

This new competition coming to Butler County is one to entice the senses! From beautifully displayed tables and place settings to a well planned, balanced meal the Favorite Foods competition is for anyone! Enroll in the Foods and Nutrition project or the Health and Wellness project to be eligible to participate. The Butler County Favorite Foods competition will be held in late April or early May.

We will have an informational video to share more information in February!

Horse Project Learning Series/Horse ID Forms

Want to learn more about horse safety, care and nutrition as well as increase your basic horsemanship skills? We have a learning series for you! Starting in February, we will release a series of videos on topics such as ground safety, proper saddling, and care of your horse. We will also touch on topics such as how to improve your performance in classes such as showmanship, ranch riding and speed events.

Discussions are being had on a Spring Show with Cowley and Harvey Counties. Watch for dates and information coming soon.

**JUST A REMINDER: 4-H HORSE ID FORMS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY
MAY 1, 2021**