

The 4-H Newsletter



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Get Ready For Summer Events!

This year seems to have flown by, and we are in full preparation for 4-H summer events!

I would encourage all of you to plan an exhibit for the Mini Fair on June 18th. Our goal this year is to bring more community members to this event so that they can learn about all that 4-H has to offer their families. The more projects we can showcase and stories we can tell, the better!

We're also planning some exciting programming for this summer! We will be welcoming intern Thatcher Lugenbill-Ruder to our office. K-State received a grant that will provide supplies and salary for him to conduct STEM programming through the summer. Thatcher is a student at Wichita State University majoring in engineering and education. During the school year he works as an Innovation Hub Lab Mentor in the College of Engineering. We have some plans for events and education, but please feel free to reach out with your interests and needs with any STEM projects so that he can help you with them!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our neighbors in Andover and Rosalia after the recent tornado. Fortunately, our 4-H families were spared major damage. Disasters such as this help to bring communities together and remind us to be grateful for the people in our lives and things we may take for granted every day. We all want to help in times such as these, but it is important to listen to individuals and groups organizing relief efforts to make sure that the assistance we provide meets their needs.

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Leader's Lounge

May 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 (available [HERE](#)).

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

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

Remember/Remind

- Pre-entries for the county fair open on June 3rd. (**ALL** projects require pre-entry)



Important Dates and Deadlines

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:** Horse ID forms must be signed by family and 4-H Agent
- May 1st:** Discovery Days Registration **Deadline**
- May 2nd:** Horse ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- May 5th:** YQCA In-person Training
- May 14th:** The BlackGold Spring Show
- May 31st:** LAST YQCA In-person Training

June

- June 1st:** Butler County YQCA **Deadline**
- June 1st:** Animal Care & Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 1st:** 4-H Ambassador and Council Meetings
- June 1st-3rd:** Discovery Days
- June 3rd:** Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair
- June 10th-12th:** State Geology Field Trip
- June 15th:** Breeding Animal Tagging **Deadline**
- June 15th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 15th:** Small Livestock State Nominations **Due**
- June 17th-18th:** Insect Spectacular
- June 18th:** Mini Fair
- June 24th:** Pre-entry **Deadline** for the Butler County Fair
- June 28th:** Butler County Poultry Testing

July

- July 8th:** Club Quarterly Report **Due** to Extension Office
- July 9th:** Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- July 9th:** Butler County Fair Horse Show
- July 14th-18th:** Butler County Fair
- July 21st-22nd:** Extension Office is closed
- July 25th-Aug. 5th:** Extension Office accepting state fair entries



See the 2021-2022 4-H Calendar
[HERE](#) for all event dates

Aviation Spin Club

Registration for this event is limited to the first 30 participants, so don't delay in signing up!

Register [HERE](#)

4-H SPIN CLUB AVIATION



We welcome any
youth 14 years or
older

When: 7pm-8 pm
Tuesdays and
Thursdays Starting
June 7th

(6/7, 6/9, 6/21, 6/23, 6/28,
and 6/30)

Where: Augusta
Municipal Airport

Click here for
[Registration](#)

Cost: Free (courtesy of
Augusta Municipal Airport)

Why Join?

The 4-H Aviation club is geared to those youth who have an interest and passion in the field of aviation. Future goals could be to become a pilot, an airfield manager, aeronautical engineer, aircraft mechanic, or any other related field. This club will give you opportunities to explore the field of aviation.

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BlackGold Spring Show

BUTLER COUNTY BLACK GOLD SPRING SHOW

May 14th, 2022

Butler County Fairgrounds located at 200 N Griffith Street.
El Dorado, KS, 67042

Enter here: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/fe/form/SV_1XteJOIH1GiBCe
Online Entries encouraged but not required (Pay at show)



RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ❖ Entry Fees: \$20 per head (No late Entry Fee)
 - ❖ Showmanship: \$5/species
 - ❖ \$50 deposit for pen use. Deposit will be returned upon inspection at conclusion of show.
 - No pens allowed to be used without deposit.
 - ❖ Butler County Youth - \$15/hd/species with a maximum of \$30/species.
 - ❖ Cash prizes for each class along with Grand and Reserve Grand Market and Breeding Animals.
 - ❖ Banners for Grand and Reserve Grand Market and Breeding Animals.
 - Clipper Bags for Showmanship winners
 - Gift Certificates to Show Supply Trailer for Reserve Showmanship Winners.
1. Butler County Black Gold Committee, Butler County 4-H, Butler County Extension Council, and the Butler County Fair Board are not responsible for any accidents.
 2. Show is open to all 4-H and FFA members 18 years and younger as of January 1, 2022.
 3. **Cash Only** checks or credit cards are accepted. There is no ATM on site, however there are many in the area.
 4. All males must be castrated.
 5. All animals must be owned and shown by the exhibitor
 6. All animals must be free of clinical signs of infestations or contagious diseases, infections and sickness.
 7. Only one animal per exhibitor when showing in Butler County classes.
 8. **NO** bedding is allowed in the barns.
 9. **Plan** to show from your trailer. A \$50 deposit will be required the day of the show if you wish to stall in the barn. The deposit will be returned upon inspection of the designated pen being cleaned.
 10. We encourage exhibitors to watch the Facebook feed for updates.
 11. Exhibitors will declare their own weight.
 12. The show committee reserves the right to resolve all questions not covered in the rules, request to see registration papers, a weigh back, etc. and their decision is final.

PROSPECT SWINE

1. Prospect market animals may be either sex. Barrows and Gilts will show together.
2. Prospect market animals will show by breed but must have a minimum of 5 to make a breed class or will show as AOB.

PROSPECT SHEEP & MEAT GOATS

1. Does and ewes must be born after November 1, 2021.
2. Prospect market animals may be either sex. Must have milk teeth and be castrated if male.
3. Exhibitors may brace animals, but all four feet must be on the ground. Show director has the right to disqualify any violators.
4. All market animals will be shown by weight. Breeding does will also be shown by weight. Ewes will be shown by breed but must have a minimum of 5 to make a breed class or will show as AOB.

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2022 Tagging Sponsor

We would like to give a
great big
THANK YOU
to Hodes Veterinary Health



They generously sponsored all county
small animal non-EID tags for Butler
County 4-H Youth for the 2021-2022
year!

We strongly encourage all livestock exhibitors
that tagged small county animals to send a
thank you card to their office located at 1060
N. Rose Hill Rd. Rose Hill, KS 67133

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.

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 [HERE](#).

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

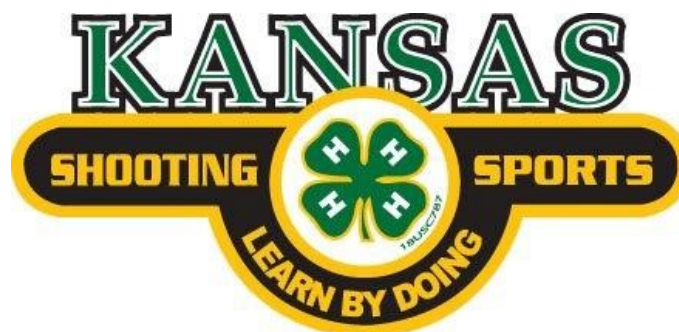
- ⇒ Thursday, May 5th
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 31st



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



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-Hers 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 FairEntry; 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.

New Classes Available!

- New Public Presentation Division
- Miniature / Fairy Garden Class in Floriculture
- Growth Portfolio Class in Photography
- Career Portfolio Class in Photography

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 or emailed to Andrea Evans at aevans1@ksu.edu.

- 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 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 (**Due June 1st**)
- Poultry Testing** - Save the Date! Poultry Testing will be Tuesday, June 28th from 4:00-6:30 PM

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.



Kansas State 4-H News

Kansas 4-H: Volunteers are 'lifeblood' of program

Youth organization honors those who give their time, effort

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Shane Potter is one who gives credit where credit is due. And when it comes to volunteers in the Kansas 4-H program, he's big on the kudos. "Volunteers," he says, "are really the lifeblood of how we run 4-H."

In 2021, the Kansas 4-H program reported that more than 8,400 Kansans volunteered time to help nearly 50,000 youth. Volunteers support the hundreds of extension agents and state specialists that conduct 4-H programs across the state.

Potter is a 4-H Youth Development specialist, located in the state's office in Manhattan, and from his perspective, the time given by Kansans is critical for youth. "It's the volunteers that bring life and connect with youth on a daily and weekly basis," he said. "We are so appreciative of the contributions and structure that volunteers provide to make our system successful."

Kansas 4-H is celebrating National Volunteer Week, April 16-23. The state's largest youth organization has been around for more than 100 years, and offers nearly three dozen project areas and numerous programs that rely on caring adults to work closely with youth. "There's a place for everyone," Potter said. "Regardless of how knowledgeable or confident a person is in an area, there is a place that can embrace your skills, help you contribute and allow you to give back to your community."

Potter said Kansas 4-H offers a formal process for becoming a volunteer, which includes a background check and training. He said those interested in becoming more involved should contact their local extension office.

Others, he said, may spend less time focused on specific areas or needs in the program. Sometimes all it takes is for someone to ask those volunteers to become involved. "We've done studies of why people volunteer and why people don't," Potter said. "And one of the things they say is that they weren't asked. We help our staff understand that if you see someone that has a passion for an area that's part of your community, it's okay to ask them directly to volunteer."

Potter said that although Kansas 4-H plans a week to show its appreciation for volunteers, he realize that many who give their time aren't looking for recognition. "But," he said, "it's always a nice thing to show we do appreciate what they've done, and the things that volunteers are contributing to youth."



4-H Horse Challenge: Horse Safety



Basic horse safety when working with and riding horses is essential knowledge for youth engaged in the 4-H Horse project. Horses are large animals that can bite, kick, and exhibit unpredictable behavior in the blink of an eye. A healthy respect for horses, understanding potential dangers, and learning basic safe horse handling and riding skills are critical components of basic horsemanship. Learning and practicing basic safety precautions ensures that youth have a safe and enjoyable experience throughout the 4-H Horse Project.

Inspire Kids to Do

Skill Building

Learning and practicing basic horse safety techniques is necessary to keep you and your horse safe. Understanding potential hazards is an important step to prevent injuries. To work safely with your horse, you should have a basic understanding of horse behavior.

Goals

- Learn why safety is important when handling & riding horses.
- Describe the proper way to approach and catch a loose horse.
- Practice proper leading, bridling and saddling techniques.
- Learn about best clothing choices and protective equipment when working with horses.

Project Ideas

- Make a Horse Safety Tips poster or educational exhibit.
- Present a live demonstration of safety when working with horses.
- Conduct a tack safety audit of other 4-H Horse project members' tack.

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 safely approach and catch a loose horse 1 - 2 - 3

Why safety is important for handling/riding 1 - 2 - 3

Basic handling practices when working with horses..... 1 - 2 - 3

Starting Out

- Learn about personal protection equipment and clothing appropriate for working with horses.
- Learn about the “blind” and “flight zones” of horses and impact on safe handling.
- Learn how to approach and catch a loose horse.
- Learn how to tie a quick release knot.
- Learn basic bridling and saddling safety precautions.
- Learn basic riding safety precautions.

Learning More

- Become familiar with and understand horse behavior.
- Recognize horse body language to “read” your horse.
- Safely bridle and saddle your own horse.
- Learn to inspect tack for proper working order and safety hazards.

Expanding Horizons

- Learn how to safely load and unload your horse from a horse trailer.
- Learn how to safely longe a horse.
- Recognize how building and equipment maintenance impacts horse and personal safety.
- Learn and practice techniques for handling a spooked horse.
- Evaluate the safety of your horse facilities and work with adults to correct hazards.

4-H Horse Challenge: Horse Safety

Challenge Instructions	Helpful Tips	Leadership	Curriculum and Resources
<p>Complete page 11 of the <i>Kansas 4-H Horse Standard of Excellence</i> questions on horse safety. https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MG55.pdf</p> <p>Check out the lessons on Horse Safety at: https://nasdonline.org/browse/174/horses.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read & watch Lesson 1 – Take Good Care of Yourself • Read & watch Lesson 2 - Behavior Basics • Read & watch Lesson 3 – Facilities & Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When practicing horse safety skills, always have an adult present. • Always wear boots with a heel when riding and working with horses. No sandals! • If possible, use a horse that you are familiar with. • Gather all necessary supplies/equipment before starting. • Take your time and don't rush. <p>When finished, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/KS4H-Challenge to tell us what you learned. Thanks.</p>	<p><i>(Suggested for Intermediate and Advanced Levels.)</i></p> <p>Teach someone what you have learned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist younger members in learning about horse safety. • Host a horse safety project workshop. • Create a basic horse safety YouTube video to share with other Horse Project youth. • Other _____ 	<p>To learn more about the Horse Project, visit the Kansas 4-H Horse Project page.</p> <p>National 4-H Curriculum https://shop4-h.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horses & Horsemanship • Horse Science • Giddy Up and Go • Head, Heart and Hooves • Stable Relationships • Riding the Range • Jumping to New Heights • Horse Project Helper's Guide

Life Skills Learned (check all that apply)

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

Share

- Teach basic horse safety to first-year 4-H Horse project members.
- Present a project talk at a club meeting reviewing basic horse safety practices.
- Visit and evaluate other 4-H Horse Project members' facilities for safety hazards and improvement opportunities.

Evaluate Your Experiences!

Why is it important to know and practice safety when working with and around horses?

Describe the proper way to approach and catch a loose horse. _____

Describe proper leading, bridling, and saddling techniques. _____

List some horse behavior basics. _____

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

Briony Smith, Butler County CEA, 4-H & Youth Development
 (316) 321-9660
briony@ksu.edu

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 safely approach and catch a loose horse 1 - 2 - 3

Why safety is important for handling/riding 1 - 2 - 3

Basic handling practices when working with horses..... 1 - 2 - 3

Kansas Clover Classroom

Adapted from NW 4-H Advisory Challenge created by McKenzie Smithson, Butler County 4-H Agent, and Kim Naber, Post Rock District 4-H Program Coordinator

