

# The 4-H Newsletter



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## Tis The Season. . .

Hello 4-H families!

I can't tell you how excited I am to have begun work as your new 4-H and Youth Development Extension Agent! A few things have changed since my days as a Butler County 4-Her but many of our events and traditions are still very familiar.

Speaking of tradition, this is an important part of the holiday season and connects families together through generations. Like many of yours, my family celebrations were disrupted last year. I'm looking forward to getting back to normal and enjoying some of the things that remind me of my childhood. I don't remember a Thanksgiving without my favorite Jell-O dessert that my Grandma made (it's good, I promise!) or a Christmas without my Nana's candy. Now it's my job to make and share these with the rest of my family. This is a busy time of year, but don't forget to slow down and take some time to enjoy traditions with your family. Learning to make special dishes or decorations – or teaching these to younger family members – are memories you'll cherish forever. Or, consider starting some new traditions!

I've had the pleasure of meeting some of you as I've attended club meetings and hope to see the rest of you soon! I know that some December meetings have been rescheduled to accommodate club parties, community and service events. The holidays are a wonderful time to focus on service to our communities and using our "hands for greater good!" However, many of these organizations and individuals who receive our assistance during the holidays have ongoing needs. Consider inquiring about potential service projects, large or small, that may be of mutual benefit to 4-Hers and community organizations.

May all of you enjoy a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to working with you in the New Year!

~Briony

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# Leader's Lounge

## December Check-Up

- Plan a Holiday gathering or community service project for the Holiday season
- Take time to Relax!
- 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.

## To-Do

- Distribute copies of club program calendar or club notebooks
- Start generating ideas for the 4-H Fair Theme.
- Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- Plan holiday celebration
- Continue discussion of 4-H Day plans
- Check club's progress toward goals.
- Remind volunteers and 4-Her's to enroll / re-enroll in 4-H Online for the new 4-H year

## Promote/Recruit

- 4-H Day in February
- CIA in February

## Remember

- Make it a fun and rewarding year!

If your Club is planning to have a bake sale, fundraiser, etc., please contact our office prior to doing so!



# Important Dates and Deadlines

## December

- ❑ **December 15th:** Toy Drive Drop Off

## January

- ❑ **January 14th:** Club Quarterly Report Due
- ❑ **January 23rd:** Southeast Leadership Forum
- ❑ **January 27th:** YQCA In-person Training
- ❑ **January 29th-30th:** Horse Panorama

## February

- February 1st:** Volunteer Registration Deadline
- February 5th:** 4-H Day
- February 7th:** YQCA In-person Training
- February 22nd:** YQCA In-person Training
- February 26th:** Beef Weigh-In Set-up and Tagging



**\*See the 2021-2022 Yearly 4-H Calendar for all event dates\*  
Find it [HERE](#)**



# Butler County 4-H Enrollment Quick Tips

- ❑ [4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)
- ❑ [Butler County 4-H Website with Enrollment Information](#)
- ❑ **New 4-H Year started Oct. 1st:** All youth participating between Oct. 1, 2021 and Sept 30, 2022 need to enroll (including shooting sports youth). Any enrollment prior to Oct. 1, 2021 needs to reenroll.
- ❑ We are working to align with the State Project list so there are a few changes:
  - ⇒ Visual Arts: General Arts & Crafts along with Visual Arts: Leather Craft will all enroll under the common name Visual Arts.
  - ⇒ Pigeons will enroll in Animals, Others
  - ⇒ Public Speaking will enroll in Communications
- ❑ Clubs and Projects will not automatically populate when you reenroll. You will have to select your club and all projects you want to enroll in. Years in project are supposed to automatically populate when you reenroll in a project you were enrolled in the previous year.
  - ⇒ If you have projects that you previously enrolled in, did not enroll in last year, but are reenrolling for the new year and need to know your 4-Her's years in the project – please give us a call and we can look up the years for you.
- ❑ State Project list can be found [HERE](#)



## Shooting Sports

### Shooting Sports Instructor Training Planned

The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory and State 4-H Office are planning for Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor training to be held March 25th - 27th, 2022, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines will be offered.

### Rifle, Pistol and Archery meetings will begin again in January

New basic classes will begin in all three disciplines. Registration will be from 6:30 to 7pm on the first night of each discipline and meetings will be from 7:00-8:00 PM. All meetings are held at the 4-H Building, and will go through the end of April. All new participants are required to attend the first meeting in each discipline. If you have any questions please call Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746.



# Butler County Extension Toy Drive

Please help the Butler County Extension Office brighten this holiday season by donating to the SCARF Sunshine Children's Home in Andover. All items will need to be dropped off at the Butler County Extension Office by December 15th.

## Items needed include:

- ⇒ Bottles/nipples
- ⇒ Wipes
- ⇒ Pacifiers
- ⇒ Sippy cups
- ⇒ Baby bath/wash
- ⇒ Action figures
- ⇒ Plastic animal sets
- ⇒ Cars/trucks
- ⇒ Barbie's (all ethnicities)
- ⇒ Craft kits
- ⇒ Slinkies
- ⇒ Fidget spinners
- ⇒ Canned fruits
- ⇒ Canned vegetables
- ⇒ Individual snacks
- ⇒ Juice boxes/juice
- ⇒ Bleach/Pinesol
- ⇒ Dishwasher detergent
- ⇒ Individual shampoo/conditioner
- ⇒ Dryer sheets
- ⇒ Toilet paper/ paper towels
- ⇒ Tooth paste
- ⇒ Lip balm/chapstick
- ⇒ Puzzle books
- ⇒ Coloring books (children and young adult)
- ⇒ Markers, Colored pencils, Crayons
- ⇒ Journals
- ⇒ Floor pillows/Bean bags
- ⇒ Water color paint sets
- ⇒ Walkman CD players
- ⇒ Head phones
- ⇒ Make up kits
- ⇒ Nail kits
- ⇒ Scented lotions
- ⇒ Hair accessories
- ⇒ Bath/body gift sets
- ⇒ Nail polish
- ⇒ Hand held games
- ⇒ Body wash/cologne sets
- ⇒ Nail kits
- ⇒ Decks of cards

# Other News and Events

## **Out of County Forms**

Out of County forms will no longer be needed starting in the new 4-H year! All youth enrolling in Butler County 4-H will be accepted regardless of the county they live in.

## **2022 Butler County Fair Dates Set!**

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-Her's 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 FairyEntry; please note that with this change, we will begin requiring pre-entry for **ALL** 4-H 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

# 4-H Day

4-H Day will be here before we know it, and we are excited to be partnering with Cowley County this year! 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! It will be held on February 5th, 2022 at the Butler Community College. More information on sign up and deadlines will be following in soon!

## **Some divisions available are:**

Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Readings, Gavel Games, Vocal and Instrumental Solos and Ensembles, Piano, Skits, Dance, and the list goes on! Your club leader can help you pick which divisions you might want to enter! There will also be fun events during the day like Pickle Power/ Crunch Time, photography judging, FCS judging, horticulture judging, and a livestock skill-athon, just to name a few! Youth are encouraged to come out and join in a contest even if they are not participating in any other event at 4-H Day!

**Be sure to save the date!**

# 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 4-H Fair.**

The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2022 Butler County 4-H 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 at [yqca.org](http://yqca.org).

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

- ⇒ Thursday, January 27th
- ⇒ Monday, February 7th
- ⇒ Tuesday, February 22nd
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 30th
- ⇒ Thursday, April 7th
- ⇒ Monday, April 25th
- ⇒ Thursday, May 5th
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 31st



## **Frequently Asked YQCA Questions:**

⇒ **Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H'ers?**

YQCA is required to show animals at the Butler County 4-H Fair. 7-18 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 Holiday Guide contains many fun and educational activities for the season**

*Find great ways to spend quality time with family, says K-State's Hinshaw*

By Taylor Jamison, K-State Research and Extension news writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas 4-H youth development specialist Beth Hinshaw knows how important meaningful family time is during the holidays, and how it may be a challenge to come up with ideas on how to spend that precious time together.

That's one of the very reasons why the national 4-H program has published a holiday activity guide. "[The Holiday Activity Guide] has great ways to spend quality time with people, and we can learn so much from our family when we see them at the holidays," Hinshaw said. "And to be able to have these learning experiences with them – that'll make a memory for us as well."

The Holiday Guide, she said, contains an array of fun activities, such as making ornaments, family story time, visual art projects, and many food recipes. "One of the things I think about, in my own experience, is the things I learned in the kitchen, during the holidays from my grandmothers," Hinshaw said. Within the Holiday Guide is a "cookie book" - listing more than 20 sweet holiday recipes to make together. One of Hinshaw's favorites is the no-bake cookies, a recipe from a Kansas 4-H member. "In the holiday guide, there are several activities that are STEM and math-focused, but as you read through and think about it, they're fun as well," Hinshaw said. "That's one of the things we pride ourselves on in 4-H -- to have those experiential, fun learning activities."

Food and STEM are both project areas 4-Hers may already be involved in, and the activity guide includes an additional area important during the holidays: service. "It shares how you might put together a winter coat drive for your community," Hinshaw said. "Or how you might make fleece scarves by hand for the homeless."

To begin one of the many fun and educational projects offered by 4-H, go online to find the complete Holiday Activity Guide.

More information about opportunities available through Kansas 4-H is available online, or visit your local extension office.





## Connecting New Families to 4-H



It doesn't matter where you live, what you want to be when you grow up, or your level of experience. 4-H is a club of kids and their families who take part in fun, practical projects from woodworking to rocketry, and everything in-between. Join 4-H and explore exciting ways to grow, together.

### 4-H Community Clubs

4-H members are given the opportunity to learn and practice decision making in group situations. Members are expected to attend their club gatherings and parents are encouraged to attend as well, as a 4-H family affair. The community club leaders can be your best resource for month-to-month things happening and helping you learn. The club meeting starts with the American flag salute, followed by the 4-H Pledge. Each meeting has three main components: Group Decisions, Program, and Group Building.

### 4-H Projects

As a 4-H member, youth choose at least one project to complete. Choose a project that fits into your family, community and lifestyle. These are typically areas that interest a kid where they will learn more and explore. Carrying out a project helps members learn by doing, making sound decisions, and mastering a subject matter. There are more than 35 different projects with options at several levels that allow a member to advance their skills.

Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/> to view all projects available.

### Enrolling

4-H members must be at least 7 years old and not have had their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year. Members live in towns, in the country and on farms. The 4-H year runs from October 1 through September 30. Once a family has decided to join 4-H, they will need to enroll on 4-H Online. If families have questions during this process, contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office.

### Other Resources

[Kansas Clover Classroom](#)

[Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway \(4H1131\)](#)

[A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry \(4H1132\)](#)

[4-H Online Family Resources](#)

[Kansas 4-H Facebook Page](#)