



Crawford County 4-H News

May 2024

Dear 4-H members, parents, leaders, and friends,

We are starting to get back into the busy season so read the calendar carefully! If you have any questions about upcoming events or activities, please remember to reach out to me. Parents please be checking your emails to stay up to date on all camp and fair information.

Sincerely,

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May 1	Deadline to Enroll for NEW Families Market Beef State Nomination Due
May 11	Rabbit Project Meeting Poultry Project Meeting
May 15	Fair Entry System Opens
May 19	Meat Rabbit Clinic
June 1	Horse ID Papers Due
June 5	Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
June 5-7	Discovery Days
June 10-11	Greenbush Overnight Camp Youth 7-9 Years
June 12	Floating on Leadership Youth 13-18 Years
June 15	State Animal Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked Commercial Heifer Nominations Due State Only Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitors Name for State Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitors Name for State
June 19	Greenbush Day Camp Youth 10-13 Years
June 18-20	Wildcat District Livestock Judging Camp
June 18-20	Sewing Camp at Extension Office
June 24	5:30PM Fair Entry Help Night 6:30PM Junior Leaders Meeting 7:30PM 4-H Council
June 25	Area Challenge Day in Emporia
June 27	Area Livestock Contest
July 1	Registered Breeding Ewe papers in Exhibitors Name for State
July 11	Deadline for Assistance with FairEntry
July 15	Fair Entry Deadline Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
July 23	Junior Leaders Make Ice-Cream- 8:30am-1:00pm @ Fairgrounds Ice-Cream Stand Training 5:30pm @ Fairgrounds Pre-Fair Clean Up 6:00pm
July 25	Top Seller BBQ Ticket Counts Due to Office

Where is Will?

The warmer weather means more events and activities happening. Please know that you are always welcome to pop in the office any time. However, in order to make the most of your time and to ensure I am not out at a program I would encourage you to email me or call the office before to set up a time with me. Email- willmorris@ksu.edu Phone- 620-724-8233

New Youth and Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year was **October 1st**! Don't forget that all returning families have until **January 31st** 2024 to re-enroll in 4-HOnline. All new families have until **May 1st** to enroll in 4-HOnline. All volunteers must renew their 4-HOnline.

<http://v2.4honline.com/>

If you have enrolled and selected "pay by check" please mail that to the state 4-H Office at this address as soon as possible.

Kansas State 4-H Office
201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin Road
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

New Volunteers

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Will to learn more on how to become a certified 4-H volunteer.

4-H at your Fingertips

Coming to a phone near you; Wildcat 4-H Connection phone app! With our app you will be able to quickly have access to 4-H Online, each county page, as well as registration links and our district calendar. This is a FREE app, scan the QR Code

Check out the new Wildcat 4-H App!

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Connection**



District Wide and County Specific Calendars

Event Registration Links

Camp Information



Junior Leaders

Junior Leader's next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. Remember each club should have 2 council reps, 1 club president, and 2 adult leaders attend. If one is unable to attend then they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

Entomology Project Meeting

We will have an Entomology Project meeting on Saturday, May 4th at the Allen County Extension Office. We will have a split day. You can come for either session or both. From 9 to 11 a.m. we will work on identifying insects you have caught. We will break for lunch. Then from 1 to 3 p.m. we will work on pinning and getting labels on insects. If you haven't finished your dragonflies, you can get that done. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Dog Project Meeting

A dog obedience meeting will be held on June 1st at 10:00AM at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. We will review the basics of care and beginning obedience training for anyone that was unable to attend in April and do an introduction to agility. Please return the 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record to the Extension Office prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristin Heuer or Johanna Walker at k_heuer@mail.com

Poultry Project Meeting

Poultry project meeting May 11th at 10:00am. We will have it at the fairgrounds. We can find a spot if something is going on at that time. If any questions, they can contact Stephanie or Kristin.

Photography Project Meetings

Here is an opportunity that Southwind has shared with us. Photographers Jennifer Han, and Ken Kraxberger are joining with Susan Stich, 4-H Photo

Action Team member, to bring Photography project meetings to Southwind District. Photography project meetings will be held on the following dates. May 14, 2024, June 11, 2024 Location to be determined, July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos. Parents are welcome to come and stay for the meetings. The location will be at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran church unless otherwise noted. They will be held 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Any type of camera is okay to use, bring your cameras with you to each meeting. Please **RSVP** if you are coming for the first meeting. All photography project members are welcome to come to any of the meetings. Contact Susan Stich at home: at 620-431-6986 or cell: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information

Rabbit Project

Rabbit project Meetings will begin at 9:00AM.
-Fairgrounds-5/11/24-Meat pen Q&A (picking a breed, breeding for meat pen, showing, etc.)
-Fairgrounds-6/8/24-Fair entries/classes also basic grooming and care, putting rabbit on the table and showmanship
-Fairgrounds-7/13/24-Finalize for fair Q&A-tattoos, supplies needed etc.
I hope you have a great upcoming 4-H year and please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any other project members for questions. My e-mail address: pagekristine@yahoo.com

Archery

2024 Crawford County 4- H Archery will begin Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m. at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, South side of the Marvin Green Bldg. Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (April 14 & 21) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners MUST attend the range and safety orientation on April 14 to participate in the program. If you cannot make that meeting, please contact me about possibly making other arrangements. Equipment will be provided for beginners, PLEASE leave yours at home. The veteran archers and beginners will begin meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

4-H Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available through the 4-H Council. These are limited to one per youth per year. To be eligible for this you must complete a Talk/Demonstration at County 4-H Club Days or participate in Favorite Foods Contest. The Scholarship will be refunded up to \$100 upon the youth's return from camp. This is a great way for youth to experience more youth development opportunities! There are also the scholarships from Carolyn Zagonel, Americas Farmers Grow Communitus donation and Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. By filling out this application youth can receive a \$100 scholarship to go toward a 4-H camp/activity. Please call Will if you have any questions.

4-H Camps:

The following are camps that we will be offering locally this summer. Please mark your calendar and the sign up information will be coming out soon. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

-Discovery Days- June 5-7 in Manhattan for youth 13-18 years. Cost \$225. REGISTRATION CLOSED.

-Greenbush Camp- June 10-11 at Greenbush for you 7-9 years. This is an overnight camp. Cost \$80- REGISTRATION CLOSED

-Floating on Leadership- June 12 in Noel MO for youth 13-18 years. This is just a day camp and cost \$40. REGISTRATION CLOSED.

-NEW-Greenbush Day Camp- This is a new day camp that we will be offering this year on Date Change June 19. It is for youth 10-13 years old. Cost \$25. REGISTRATION CLOSED

-Rock Springs Camp- Check out their website for more dates and information.

-Livestock Judging Camp- This will be June 18-20.

-Sewing Camp- June 18-19 for youth 10-18 years. Cost is \$20. Call the office to sign up. May not attend if you have attended 2 times before. REGISTRATION CLOSED

Crawford County 2024 Fair Book!

In the online version, all updates have been made in **RED**. Please pay close attention to the schedule and

location of events as some may have changed this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. **It is your responsibility to make sure you have read all sections of the fair book.**

Fair Entry will open up May 15 and will close **July 15th**

Fair Book- This year thank you to some amazing volunteer help the book will have a new look. We have tried to condense and organize to make it as user friendly as possible. Remember it is your responsibility to read and stay up to date every year.

Schedule- This has been put in a chart format to help make it easier to follow.

General Rules- These have all been moved to the front of the book to help make it easier to follow and keep it organized in one place.

Projects- With the changing of project names and addition of new projects these have now been organized in the order that they take place during fair time. It will begin with Foods then go through the rest of the indoor projects with STEM at the end, then livestock, then open class.

Fair Proposals

The Fair Board September meeting was the last time to submit proposals for changes for the 2024 Crawford County Fair. Any future proposals that are made at 4-H Council or Fair Board will be considered for fair 2025.

Superintendent Vacancies 2025

Rocketry/Woodworking- The current superintendent will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. It would be great for you to shadow this year and take over the next.

Foods Superintendent- One of the current superintendents will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. It would be great for you to shadow this year, work with the other superintendent, and take over the next year working with the other foods superintendent.

Clothing Construction- The current superintendent will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. It would be great for you to shadow this year and take over the next. You will

work alongside the Style Review/Buymanship Superintendent.

Record Books

Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. This year you will be able to do those online! Recourses can be found for the forms here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html> Recourses for our online zbooks record keeping can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

Setting the Stage for a great Fair!

Some of this you may feel does not apply to you but they are import reminders for us all. It will also help to make sure that we are keeping each other accountable and hopefully provide a fun, safe, and positive experience for youth. Parents please be sure to share this with your spouse to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

Attitudes-Positivity! This is what I will be expecting from everyone this year as we are just over a week away from the first official Fair activity. (Beef Weigh-In) Some of you do an amazing job but others may need a reminder. 4-H is a Positive Youth Development organization and sadly on many occasions some parents, volunteers, fair board members etc. seem to lose sight of that. What has happened in the past is in the past and it is expected that everyone will do their best moving forward. I expect everyone as they prepare to enter any 4-H event to check their attitude at the door.

Relationships- Personal relationships are just that personal. There is no room for personal hatred, conflict, or rivalry at any 4-H event/activity. Your relationships are yours alone and have no business infecting the attitudes and experiences of those around you.

Grace and Understanding- It is also expected that everyone has a little grace and understanding. NO ONE is perfect or is going to do things perfectly. Not everything is going to be done or addressed when and how you would like. Not every rule or policy is everyone going to agree with or like. However, it is expected that everyone shows a little grace and understanding in that everyone is doing their best to do right by all youth.

Criticism vs. Clarification- There is a huge difference between the two and it starts with your approach. Myself, superintendents, leaders, volunteers, and fair board members are ALWAYS open to clarifying questions. Those putting on 4-H events/activities do not deserve nor will tolerate unnecessary criticism/complaining. If you want change, we have a fair proposal process, and you better be ready to step up and volunteer.

Respect- You don't have to like what/how things are done, other families, rules/procedures, etc. but you must RESPECT them. It is expected that you show respect to everyone even if you don't agree. You are not owed or guaranteed an explanation/justification for every decision/rule made but you must trust there was thought and reason put into every decision to try and keep a positive and safe environment for all youth. You must respect the fact that sometimes things have to be addressed/changed in the moment and that time does not always allow for a seamless transition.

Conflict- With anything there is likely to be conflict at times but the difference comes in how you handle it. Remember to always respond and not react. Allow yourself and others time to process through what is happening and address conflict in a calm, cool, and collected manner. Don't forget wherever you are there is likely a young person watching and learning from you so be sure to be a positive role model.

What's your why? - Not every family has the same goals and values when it comes to participating in the fair. Some may want to help their child learn to care for and raise livestock. Some may want to win a grand champion ribbon and be the top seller at the livestock sale. Regardless of what your family's why is, it is important to remember that what other families choose as their "why" is out of anyone's control. As a parent, this may be hard to explain or rationalize to your youth but it teaches them to focus on themselves and their knowledge and skill development instead of others.

Fun- Lets all remember to have fun! There is so much time, energy, money, and resources that go into 4-H events/activities that if we all are not having fun, we need to figure out something that is. These are the memories that youth will carry with them for a lifetime so it our job to make sure they are positive ones.

Open Door- Remember that my door is always open. If you have questions or want to learn more you will get a lot further and have more accurate information coming to me rather than taking second hand information. So, if we need to chat just call the office or send me an email and we can set up a time to do so.

State Events

Save the Date 2024 48 Hours of 4-H

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! October 12-13, 2024

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