

4-H Focus

JANUARY 2024



County 4-H Club Day - February 4th

County Club Day is an opportunity for youth to show off their talent and get a little feedback from a judge in the process. If you like to sing, dance, play an instrument, demonstrate or talk about a favorite item or subject, county club days is the perfect place to do just that!! County Club Day will be Sunday, February 4th at Lansing Intermediate School.

We are adding two new events this year to County Club Days. The first event is Mock Interviews. This is open to 4-Hers 14-18. This event will give 4-hers the opportunity to practice their resume and cover letter writing skills as well as work on those very important interview skills. The second event is perishable foods. For those 4-H alumni parents who remember the Spring Fair, this used to be an event during that fair. We are bringing it back to 4-H Club Days. This is open to 4-Hers 7-18 and gives them the opportunity to show off those culinary skills. Perishable foods include those foods that need to be refrigerated or kept warm. Food will be temperature checked for safety.

We will also have three judging opportunities at County Club Day this year. You can participate in photography judging, Horticulture Judging, as well as a new surprise category. This is a great way to get that check mark for your record book.

I have included a quick reference guide at the end of this newsletter to help you. An email went out last week with a club day guide and the registration link. To register, please fill out a google form: <https://forms.gle/eRkirBZz3nHhYRAi6>.

Deadline to register is Saturday, January 20th. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office - 913-364-5700.

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Youth Leaders Canned Food Drive



Thank you to all the 4-H families who contributed to the Youth Leader Food Drive in December. Your efforts provided 1501 items to the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Those donations will help a lot of people in our local community. Eight of our county community clubs were represented and the Good Shepherd expressed their sincere appreciation in a thank you note. For the second year in a row, the Grown Right 4-H club led the donation efforts by a large margin - Congratulations!! Reno Bobwhites was second with Boling being third. Thank you again to all our 4-Hers and families for your efforts.

4-H Enrollment - Add/Drop Deadline February 1, 2024

Thank you to those 4-H families who have already enrolled for the 2023-2024 4-H year. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. 4-Hers should not be participating in 4-H events without being enrolled. The add/drop deadline is fast approaching. What does this mean? After February 1st, if you are not enrolled in 4-H, you will not be able to participate in the 2024 Leavenworth County Fair under 4-H. You are also not able to add any additional projects after February 1st. If you are already enrolled, I strongly encourage you to log in to your 4-H profile in 4-Honline and check your projects. You can do this by clicking on projects on the left hand side of the screen. If you would like to add or drop a project, you must contact the Extension Office to do so. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the office. We are here to help!!



**The date has not been confirmed.
Please do not announce it.**

4-H CLOVERBUDS



Kansas State Research and Extension and 4-H Youth Development offers an educational program specifically designed for youth ages 5 and 6 called Cloverbuds. Children of this age have distinctive learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older youth who participate in 4-H. That is why the 4-H Cloverbuds program is designed with specific educational objectives and policies focused to benefit 5- and 6-year-old children.

4-H Cloverbuds may not participate in any competitive 4-H events, but they may showcase their exhibits at county fair and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds are allowed to showcase a pet from the approved list in accordance with 4-H Cloverbuds pet policies. 4-H Cloverbuds may not own and/or show 4-H livestock.

Most of our community clubs in Leavenworth County have youth this age who are enrolled members of that club. Some clubs have separate activities for Cloverbud youth while others have them engage during their regular monthly meetings. Leavenworth County 4-H also offers a countywide Cloverbud meeting every quarter.

The next Countywide Cloverbud meeting will be hosted by Happy Hollow and held on January 24th. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to RSVP.

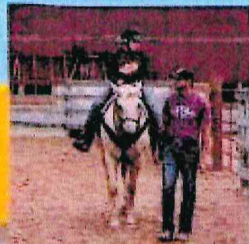
Project Meetings Starting Soon

As we start 2024, project meetings will be starting soon. Remember that 4-H is more than the fair. It is learning new skills, developing leadership and giving back to our community. This is accomplished through club involvement and project learning. Please take time to attend your monthly club meetings and participate in project meetings when they are available. Please look for upcoming meetings and project opportunities. As always, call the Extension Office if you have questions.

CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS!

Registration for 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch is now open!

At Rock Springs Ranch, campers unplug, make friends, learn lifelong skills and have fun in the Flint Hills of Kansas.



Register Now!

Visit us online to learn more about 4-H camp!

Mini Camp
Rising 1st-3rd graders

Half Week
Rising 3rd-12th graders

Week-Long
Rising 3rd-12th graders

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Crested 1-12th graders

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Summer Camp Rock Springs Ranch

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

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Record Books

What are Record Books?

They document the knowledge and skills that have been learned; they also record your experiences in leadership, citizenship and community service. Even though they may seem like a waste of time now, record keeping will become important when you become an adult as records are essential for any adult to be successful. Also, as you become older it is nice to look at what you have accomplished and how you grew to be a proficient citizen.

Start early. Write goals at the beginning of the year not the end. Keep a separate notebook or a calendar to note your progress or do some journaling. Keep records on what you do and learn as you work on your project(s), list sources, ideas, materials, costs and take pictures. Include what worked well, what did not and what you enjoyed the most.



4-H Scholarships

Local: The David D. Klamm Memorial Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship available to 4-Hers who have been a Leavenworth County 4-Her for the past 5 years or more, have completed one year of post-secondary education, enrolled in 2 or 4 year college at 12 or more semester hours OR enrolled full-time in a technical institution. Scholarship applications can be found on our website under 4-H Youth Development/Awards and Scholarships. Application is due to the Extension Office by June 30th.

Leavenworth County 4-H Foundation gives senior scholarships. Check with the foundation for more details. Also, Leavenworth County Council awards leadership scholarships to 4-Hers who have shown exceptional leadership in 4-H. The application for this scholarship is on the Extension website.

State: Kansas 4-H Scholarships are available to current and past 4-hers who are seeking to further their education after high school. General criteria included high school academic standing and 4-H achievement and leadership. Use the following link for more information: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html> . Applications are due March 1, 2024

Citizenship in Action

Have you attended Citizenship in Action, also known as CIA? This is a great opportunity for youth aged 13-18 to travel to the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka to get a first-hand look at how our state legislation functions. This event takes place on a Sunday and Monday over the President's Day holiday weekend. This year, Citizenship in Action will be held on February 18-19, 2024. One main goal of this conference is to educate our youth about the government system. CIA is designed to help 4-H members understand that they have a voice when it comes to current issues, and to teach them how to participate in making important decisions. Youth who attend this event will have the opportunity to meet with State Representatives and Senators from the communities that they live in. They will get to tour the Capitol building and watch parliamentary procedure in action. Transportation and chaperoning for Citizenship in Action will be provided by the Extension Office. Registration is now open for this event. Deadline to register is January 26, 2024. Follow this link for more information and to register for this great event. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>

Junior Producer Days

Save the Dates!! Plans are underway for the K-State Junior Producer Days in the spring. These are one-day educational events, hosted on the K-State campus in Weber Hall, through which families can learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects. Youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and other interested parties will be invited to register and attend. These events are designed as family learning opportunities. We host two a year – beef and sheep in even years and swine and meat goat in odd years. Therefore, next spring is the year for junior beef producer day and junior sheep producer day. The dates are below to get on your busy spring calendars. Stay tuned for the tentative program and registration details to be released in the next few weeks!

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day – March 2

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day – March 16

Horse Panorama

Calling all horse lovers! Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this year's 4-H Horse Panorama.

When: January 27th, 2024 Where: K-State Salina Campus

Who Can Attend: 4-H Members 7-18 (as of January 1st, 2024) and Adult Volunteers

Why Should I Go: Youth will gain knowledge about the 4-H horse project through educational activities for 4-Hers of all ages. Horse Panorama is made up of a variety of contests that are specifically designed for the horse project. The list of contests includes Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Public Speaking Presentations, Photography, and Educational Posters. If you aren't already, be sure to get enrolled in the horse project on 4-H Online so that you will get emails and updates on 4-H Horse events.

County Club Day Quick Reference Guide

Type	Participants	Time (minutes)	Number that advance to Regional Day
Public Presentations			
Project Talk	Junior 7-13	Up to 7 min.	2
Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks	Junior 7-13	Up to 10 min.	2
	Senior 14 and older	Up to 15 min.	2
Public Speaking	Senior 14 and older	Up to 15 min.	2
Model Meeting	Up to 32 participants; any ages; Parliamentary problem to be provided 10-minutes early	Up to 35 min. (Roll call excluded; Recreation included)	1
Mock Interview	Senior 14 and older	Up to 15 min.	Not a Regional Day Event
Talent - Music (Must supply judge with original copy of music & number the measures on the music)			
Chorus	Composed of 16 or more from 1 club or a composite group from 2 clubs	2 numbers	1
Vocal Ensemble	Club or composite group from 2 or more clubs, of 2 - 15 participants	2 numbers	1
Vocal Solo	All ages	1 number	1
Orchestra or Band	Club or composite group from 2 or more clubs, consisting of 16 or more youth	2 numbers	1
Instrumental Ensemble	Club or composite group from 2 or more clubs; 2-15 participants	2 numbers	1
Instrumental Solo	All ages	1 number	1
Piano Solo	Junior 7-13	1 number	1
	Senior 14 and older	1 number	1
Talent - Dance			
Individual	All ages	Up to 5 min.	1
Small Group	2-4 participants	Up to 5 min.	1
Medium Group	5-12 participants	Up to 5 min.	1
Large Group	13 or more participants	Up to 5 min.	1
Talent - Drama and Other			
Creative Drama	All ages - any number of participants	Up to 15 min.	1
Skit	All ages - any number of participants	Up to 5 min.	1
Reading	Junior 7-13	Up to 5 min.	1
	Senior 14 and older	Up to 5 min.	1
Other Talent (novelty, stunt, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist, etc.)	All ages - Individual or Group	Up to 5 min.	1
Cloverbuds	Ages 5 - 6	Up to 5 min.	Not a Regional Day Event
Show and Tell	Ages 7 - 8	Up to 3 min.	Not a Regional Day Event
Perishable Food			
Perishable Food	Junior 7-13	2 food items max	Not a Regional Day Event
Perishable Food	Senior 14 and older	2 food items max	Not a Regional Day Event

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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

