

# 4-H Focus

MARCH 2024



## Livestock Spring Show Season

Nothing says spring like the start of spring show season. Spring shows are a great way to get a little practice in before the fair season is here. Success during spring show season may sometimes be as simple as just getting your animal into the show ring and having it under control so that it doesn't get away from you. Small accomplishments lead up to bigger and better successes. It also gives your animals a chance to experience people, noises, loading and unloading from the trailer and everything else that goes with being away from the farm.

Please keep in mind that animals who usually show at spring shows are young. Biosecurity should be on your minds all year long but especially during spring livestock shows. Do your research and talk to your vet to get the best plan to help keep your animals healthy. Remember that you wouldn't want another family to bring their animals to a spring show if they were sick, so please show them the same courtesy. Continuing to be good stewards of production agriculture means you make good decisions when it comes to your animals.

Spring shows are advertised in many places. Facebook and other social media outlets have become very popular over the last few years as a great avenue to advertise spring shows. The youth livestock page on our State Extension Website is also another great resource for locating upcoming spring shows.

We have three spring clinics/shows coming up in Leavenworth County. The LCBIA will host their spring beef show March 16th. Check their Facebook page for more info. The Leavenworth County Livestock Committee will be hosting their annual spring small animal livestock show at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds on May 19, 2024. Reno Bobwhites 4-H Club is hosting a Bucket Calf Clinic again this year at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. Please look for a email with the date and registration flyer soon.

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# Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Annual Training

All 4-H youth, ages 7 to 18 who are enrolled in swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, bucket calf, sheep, all goats, rabbits, and poultry are required to take YQCA training each year. You will not be able to show at our Leavenworth County Fair or any state events without this annual certification.

What is YQCA you ask? Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a multi-species livestock quality assurance program for youth ages 7-18.

There are two option to take the course:

*Option A:* Taking the course through one of our two face-to-face sessions. The course takes approximately one hour and will cost \$3 for each youth participant.

*Option B:* Taking the course online through YQCA. This option is \$12 per youth participant. This option is not available for 7 year olds. They must take it in-person.

**All 4-H youth, ages 7-18, will need to register online through [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org) before taking the class.** When you register, please click the 4honline box and register with your 4honline username and password.

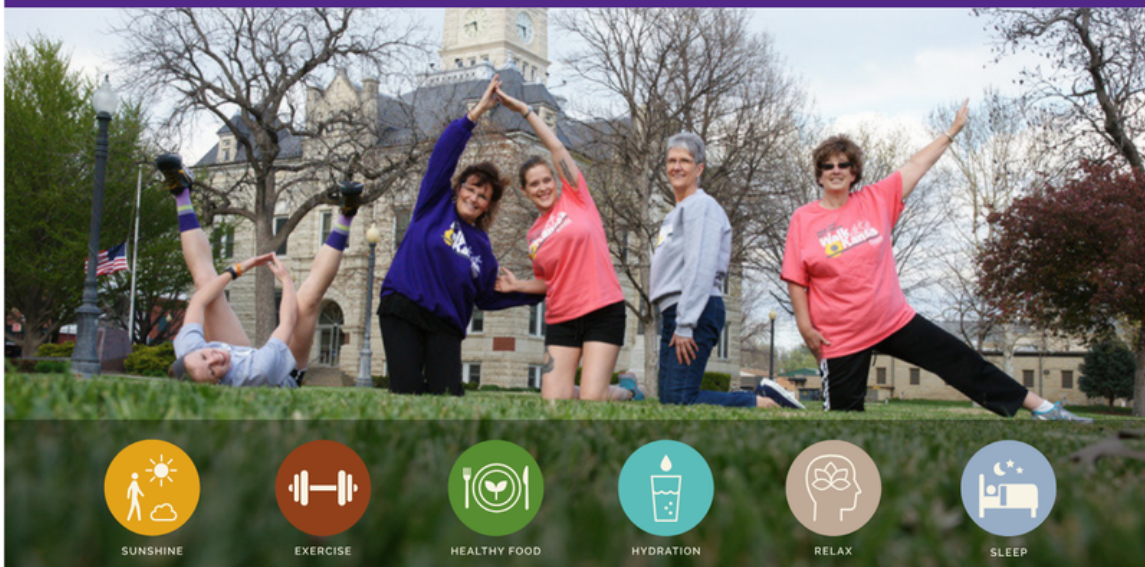
## Face-to-face trainings for 2024

March 21, 2024 @ Pleasant Ridge Elementary School — Sign-in starts at 5:30pm, Training starts at 6pm.

April 1, 2024 @ Leavenworth County Fairgrounds Administration Building —Sign in starts at 5:30pm, training starts at 6pm.



AN 8-WEEK HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHALLENGE!



# WALK KANSAS

March 31 - May 25, 2024

**Gather your team of six or go solo this year.**

Register online at [WalkKansas.org](http://WalkKansas.org) or by contacting your local K-State Research and Extension office.

**Registration Open March 4th-April 8th, 2024**

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# 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!

Summer Camp  
Rock Springs  
Ranch



Mini-Camp	Half-Week	Week-Long	LIT	CIT
Rising 1st-3rd graders	Rising 3rd-12th graders	Rising 3rd-12th graders	(Leaders in Training) Rising 10th-11th graders	(Counselors in Training) Rising 12th graders
Session #1: July 14-18	Session #1: June 2-6 Session #2: June 9-13 Session #3: June 16-20 Session #4: June 23-27 Session #7: June 30-July 3	Session #1: June 9-14 Session #3: June 23-28 Session #5: July 7-12	Session #1: June 9-14 Session #2: June 23-28	Session #1: June 9-14 Session #2: June 23-28 Session #3: July 7-12

## Record Books

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experiences and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

You now have two options to keep track of your records.

You can:

A. Use the PDF form fillable Project Report Forms and Permanent Record Forms

B. Use the new ZBook online platform.

You might be thinking, Tell me more about this ZBook.

ZBook is a web-based platform to help track all your 4-H and non 4-H activities. The cool thing about this new platform is that when it comes time to turn in record books and project report forms, all you have to do is tell ZBook what information to send to these forms and Bam, permanent records and report forms are done.

We will be holding information sessions in the near future regarding ZBook but in the mean time, take a look at the resources on the state website <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html> and check out ZBook for yourself. It is an extremely user friendly platform that I think you are going to love!!



## TSC 4-H Spring Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company, in partnership with National 4-H Council, is kicking off its 13th annual Spring Paper Clover campaign. April 24 through May 5, Tractor Supply customers and Team Members can purchase a Paper Clover during checkout at stores nationwide, online at [TractorSupply.com](https://TractorSupply.com) or through the Tractor Supply app. All funds raised directly benefit 4-H youth, with 90 percent of donations supporting youth in the state in which it was collected.

Our local Tractor Supply Company in Lansing is excited to participate during the event. To participate this spring, you or your club can call TSC and arrange an event. It might be helping customers, setting up displays, a bake sale, project demonstrations or any number of ideas. Start planning now for this Spring's Tractor Supply Paper Clover Event.



### **4-H Discovery Days**

We would like to invite youth to K-State to develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult through our educational sessions during 2024 4-H Discovery Days. We have numerous campus partners that will be offering sessions. These sessions will open the door to possibilities for youth to learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs, groups, and communities. Youth will stay in the dorms, meet new friends from all over the state and make their way throughout campus to different classes and activities. Discovery Days will be held June 5th - 7th and is open to youth 4-H age 13-18. Registration will open soon. Keep a look out for the email.

### **Geology Project Field Trip**

The Kansas 4-H state geology project field trip will be June 14th - 16th in the northeast area of Kansas. If you are interested in diving into hands-on learning related to geology, this is a fun experience! Details and registration will be posted at the event's webpage as soon as it is available.

### **Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular**

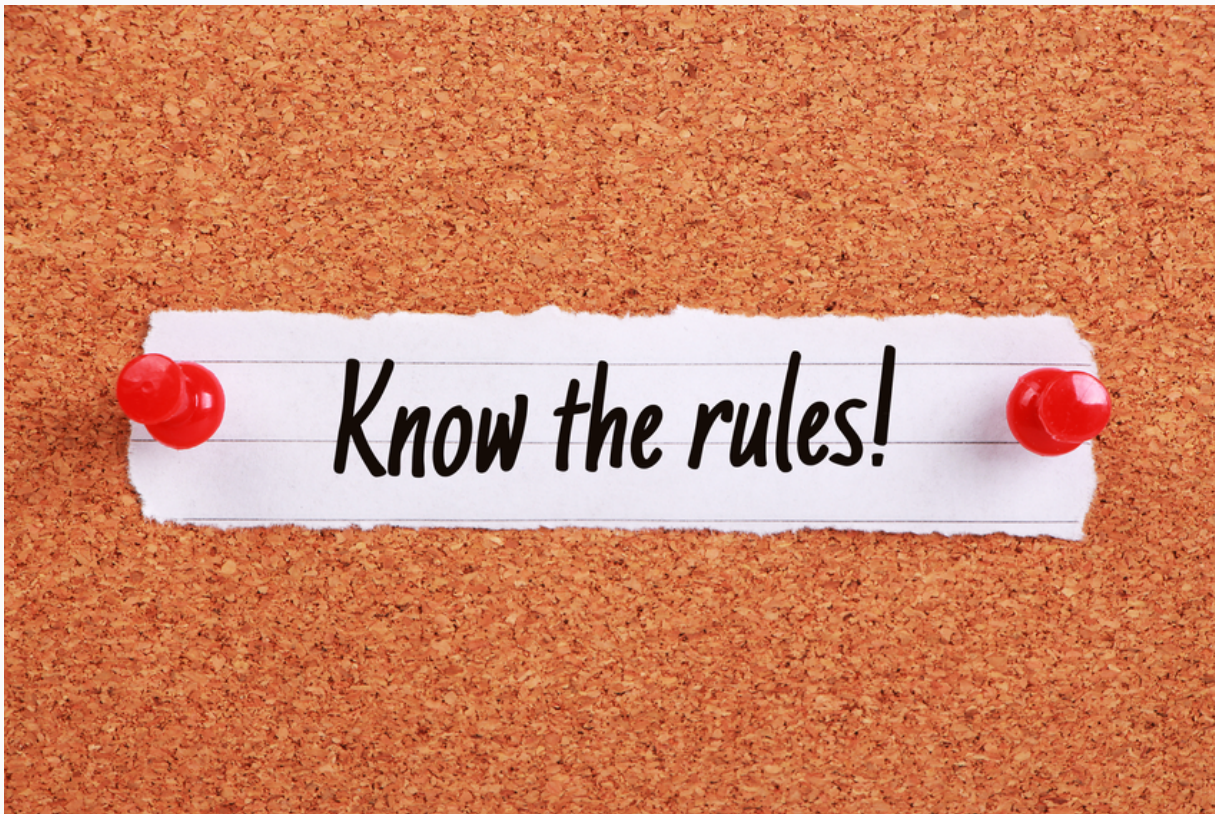
Mark your calendars for the 2024 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held in person on June 21st - 22nd in Hays, KS. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, invasive species, pollinator gardens and more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be coming soon.





## 2024 Leavenworth County Fair 4-H Rules

4-H County Fair Rules are now available on our website. There are quite a few changes in the static (building) exhibit rules so please take a few minutes to read the rules of the projects you plan to exhibit at our 2024 Leavenworth County Fair. A little prep a head of time can save lots of heartache later. Rules can be found on our website under 4-H Youth Development and then Fair Book and Information.



## Photo Boards

Before we know it, it will be time to purchase photo boards for all those beautiful photos your 4-Her has been taking. Price for photo boards will increase this year. The price for each board will move to \$1.25. Just a reminder, the Extension Office does not make money on these boards. We simply pass the cost on. Boards are available anytime at the Extension Office.

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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.

