

# 4-H Focus

NOVEMBER 2023



## Welcome New 4-H Families

I would like to personally welcome each of our new 4-H families to Leavenworth County 4-H. We are excited that you have decided to join this wonderful program. 4-H was born in 1902 and ever since has strived to be the best youth development program possible. 4-H uses an experiential learning model to teach young people the life skills they need to be proactive forces within their communities.

I know joining a new organization can be overwhelming. I want you to know that you have a 4-H family that is here to help you. From your community leaders, parent volunteers, experienced 4-hers to your Extension Staff, we are all here to assist you.

Please remember to check our website often and to read your newsletters for information on what is happening in Leavenworth County 4-H.

Welcome again! We are so happy you chose to join our 4-H family.

Warmly,  
Sonya Murphy  
4-H Youth Development Agent



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## 4-H Enrollment

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.

\* Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to get started.

\* If you are a returning family, use your log-in and password from last year. Do not create a new account.

\* Remember to update family address, phone numbers and email addresses. The Extension Office uses this information on a regular basis to contact your family.

If the information is not correct, you may miss important information throughout the 4-H year.

\* Reminder that 4-Hers will not be active until payment of the annual \$15 fee is received and processed by the State Office. We strongly encourage families to pay with a credit card instead of by check.

A check can significantly delay your enrollment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the office. We are here to help!!

"4-H is about building better citizens, teaching values and developing skills...

It doesn't matter if you're from a farm environment or from a big city.



4-H worked for me and I've continued to work for it."



Orville Redenbacher  
Indiana 4-H Alumnus  
1983 Alumni Winner

## 4-H Volunteer Renewal

First, thank you to all those individuals who give their precious time to our 4-H program. Without you, this program would not be a success. I want to quickly remind you that each year volunteers need to renew their enrollment no different than 4-Hers. This starts with re-enrolling yourself in 4honline. If you are a new volunteer in our program we ask that you register just like you would for your 4-Her and choose the type of volunteer you intend to be. Choices include club volunteer, project volunteer, and program volunteer. Once you pick the type then you can specify more in detail how you will be volunteering. Please note that only if you will be working one on one with youth do you need to be a certified volunteer. Certified volunteers are required to not only fill out the volunteer enrollment on 4honline but also to complete a background check and volunteer training modules. Again this is only for those working one on one with youth. Most parent volunteers will only need to register and will not need to complete the certification steps.

Thank you for registering as a Leavenworth County 4-H Volunteer.

## Calling all Leavenworth County 4-H Cloverbuds

Open to all 5 and 6 year olds enrolled in 4-H.

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting:**  
**Thursday, November 16, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**at the 4-H Building on the**  
**Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie.**

(This meeting is hosted by the Reno  
Bobwhites 4-H Club)

At Countywide Cloverbud meetings,  
you will....

- Meet other Cloverbuds
- Learn about 4-H
- Do an activity/craft
- Enjoy a snack
- Have FUN!!!



**Future Meetings:**  
**January 2024**  
**March 2024**  
**May 2024**

A parent or responsible party is requested to  
attend the meeting with each Cloverbud.

**Contact the Extension Office at**  
**(913) 364-5700 to register**  
or for more information

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## Calling all 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. If you are interested in learning more about the Cloverbud program to either enhance your club's program or start a program within your club, please reach out to the Leavenworth County Extension Office and we can connect you with many different resources including a guide specifically geared to Cloverbud volunteers.

## The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

The annual Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest sponsored by the Leavenworth County Livestock Committee is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. Butler County Judging Team will once again join us for this event. This event is an all day event. It will start with a judging clinic and end with a livestock judging contest with awards. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided to all registered participants. Cost to participate is \$50. Limited number of need based scholarships are available. Registration deadline is November 13th. Use the QR code to register. Don't miss out on the opportunity to work with one of the hottest judging teams around!



## Summer Camp - Rock Springs

It is time to start thinking about 2024 summer camp! There is an early-bird registration period, you won't want to miss if you plan to attend 4-H Camp! 4-H camp sessions are posted at [www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org](http://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org). Each family registers directly with Rock Springs Ranch through the website. Before you register, contact your local Extension Office and your club leader. There may be club or county-level event scholarships available. 4-H Camp Counselor in Training (CIT) participants can receive a full-ride scholarship in 2024! This is the final year for the full-ride scholarship provided by a donor through Rock Springs Ranch/Kansas 4-H Foundation. Teens age 16 to 17- years, especially rising 12th graders, may participate. Participants will receive camper care training and counselor experience, in addition to "camp" time with peers. If you are interested, let your 4-H Program Coordinator know so we can connect you with more details once registration opens.

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## Record Books

- Print your record book checklist, a blank copy of your permanent record and the application of the membership pin you want to achieve this year now so you know what activities and events you need to plan for and you have a place to keep record of all those fabulous things you do all year through 4-H and outside 4-H.
- Decide which projects you plan to complete a project report form for that way you can plan your 4-H activities accordingly. For example if you choose beef, you can make sure you are keeping all the correct financial information or if you choose foods you might plan to do your project talk or demonstration around the food project.
- Remember to take pictures while participating in different activities. Photos make a great addition to your record book.
- Plan to present at 4-H Club Days in February. Great way to get some boxes checked for your record books! Registration information will be coming out soon.



## Looking ahead to Leavenworth County Fair 2024

### Important Dates to get on your calendar now:

2024 Leavenworth County Fair - June 30, 2024 - August 3, 2024

Market Beef Tagging and Weigh-in: Saturday, March 2, 2024 (Worksheets due at this time)

Small Animal Tagging: Sunday, May 5, 2024

Livestock Worksheet Deadline: Sunday, May 5, 2024

FairEntry Opens June 1, 2024 and Closes June 30, 2024

## Upcoming News and Events

### 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.

### Poultry Project Reminder

Poultry producers should be reminded about the need for enhanced biosecurity for all types of poultry during migration season. More information on the outbreak and HPAI can be found at <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/animal-diseases/avianinfluenza>. Tips for preventing HPAI: Prevent contact with wild birds, especially wild waterfowl; Remove any potential nesting areas for wild birds; Cover and enclose outdoor feeding areas, and cover stored feed; Take all possible steps to separate wild birds from having any access to your flock or their living area; Clean and disinfect any vehicle tires or equipment that has been on other farms or other locations where there is poultry or wild birds; Wear clean clothing, boots and shoes when in contact with your flock; Restrict unauthorized people and vehicles; Isolate new birds; Stay informed about the health of birds in your area. Contact the Extension Office for more resources related to your poultry project.

# New 4-H Year State Level Changes

## RegMax 4-H Email Notice

Effective this fall, 4-H Online's company is experiencing a name change. Emails from 4-H Online, based on your enrollment and project selections, will now arrive in your inbox from RegMax 4-H. When you see this in your inbox, it is legitimate outreach from Kansas 4-H and Leavenworth County regarding your 4-H participation.

## Updated 4-H Project Areas

Kansas 4-H has updated the project areas in 4-H Online, and you'll notice this as you enroll for the new year. Select projects you are interested in exploring during the year. Your project selections can be modified until spring. Learn about the many projects at [www.kansas4-h.org/projects/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/). Contact your 4-H Program Coordinator if you have questions!

A few tips:

- Projects are now a general area of interest. Example: The Beef project includes market beef, breeding beef, and bucket calf. When you select the Beef project, you can explore all phases of this interest area throughout the year. You do not need to select a specific phase in 4-H Online. You will only get more specific with phases when you complete your county fair's entry paperwork/process.
- Sewing & Textile Design and Shopping in Style are now separate projects. Shopping in Style was previously called buymanship. Sewing & Textile Design was previously called construction.

## 2023/2024 Kansas 4-H Projects



### Animal Science

Beef  
Dairy Cattle  
Dairy Goats  
Dog  
Horse  
Meat Goats  
Pets  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine  
Veterinary Science

### Communication & Expressive Arts

Communications  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Visual Arts

### Consumer & Family Science

Sewing & Textile Design  
Shopping in Style  
Family Studies  
Fiber Arts  
Foods & Nutrition  
Health & Wellness  
Interior Design & Architecture

### Natural Resources

Environmental Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

### Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement  
Leadership  
Reading Adventures  
Self-Determined

### Plant & Environmental Sciences

Entomology  
Agronomy  
Forestry  
Horticulture & Landscape Design

### Engineering & Technology

Ag Mechanics Welding  
Building Block Engineering  
Astronomy  
Computer Science  
Electric & Renewable Energy  
Robotics  
Aerospace/Rocketry  
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