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## Southwind 4-H News

### EXPLORE YOUR SPARK! THROUGH 4-H PROJECTS

For each 4-H project, a Explore Your Spark! fact sheet is available. Each fact sheet provides ideas of what you can do or learn as a beginner, intermediate, or advanced youth in the project. Also included are events, curriculum, resources, 4-H Record Keeping, Project Exhibit Ideas, and how to expand your experiences through other 4-H projects. Fact sheets are available under each 4-H project at: [kansas4-h.org/projects/](https://kansas4-h.org/projects/).

### GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP

Camp is set for June 5-6, 2023 for 7-9-year-olds. Cost is \$80 to be made out to Bourbon County 4-H Council. Forms are located on the Southwind website under the 4-H tab. If you have any questions please call 620-223-3720. Forms and payment are due by May 1 to your local Extension Office.

### 4-H FAVORITE FOOD SHOW CONTEST

This contest is an opportunity for youth to share their favorite food while learning about menu planning, selecting a theme and a table setting. A judge will ask each exhibitor questions about their selections. The event will be held on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the lola Extension Office. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. for table set-up. There are three divisions: Cloverbuds (5-8 years of age), Juniors (9-13 years of age), and Seniors (14 years of age and up). The top two in the Junior and Senior Age Divisions per county are eligible for the Southeast Area Favorite Food Show in Emporia on June 27th. Registration is covered for all youth eligible to attend by a generous sponsor, DeAnn Hauser.



### 4-H DISCOVERY DAYS – 2023

Are You Ready for the 100th Anniversary of Discovery Days (formerly known as Round Up)? Put June 7-9, 2023 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. More information including registration and costs will be coming soon.

### WOODSON COUNTY SPRING BEEF, LAMB, AND MEAT GOAT SHOWS

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Woodson County Fairgrounds, Yates Center, KS. For more information contact: Southwind Extension – Yates Center by calling 1-620-625-8620

### HORSE LEVEL TESTING

Beginning in 2023, the Kansas 4-H Horse Achievement Levels will no longer be required to participate at the State Fair 4-H Horse Show. However, as part of the qualification requirements for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, members must complete the Horse Safety Webinar and pass the quiz. They will both be available on the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar page <http://bit.ly/3zBn5XC> on **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. They must be completed prior to the entry deadline (**August 1, 2023**)

### HORSE ID CERTIFICATES

Horse ID Certificates are due June 1 to your local Extension Office. Use the ID certificate: [southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/animal-livestock/documents/horse%20id%20papera.pdf](https://southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/animal-livestock/documents/horse%20id%20papera.pdf).

### DOG SHOWS

Upcoming 4-H Dog Shows, Clinics, and Events in Counties and Districts that are open to Kansas 4-H Dog members will be posted here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-events/index.html>.

### YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8-21 with a focus on three core pillars: Food Safety, Animal Well Being, and Character Development. YQCA includes information for youth showing the following food animals: Pigs, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Market Rabbits, and Poultry visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.

### **2023 STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATION**

The information for state livestock nominations has been released. The process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer physical forms for families to complete and mail. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Market Beef nominations will be due May 1, with Small Animals due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to 10 days prior to the deadline, which is April 20 and June 5, respectively. Information may be found under the "Nomination Information" tab on the youth livestock website: <http://bit.ly/ksunominations>.

### **GRAND DRIVE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Scholarship Program is to provide educational opportunities and recognition to youth livestock exhibitors who have demonstrated excellence, commitment, and integrity as ambassadors of the Kansas State Fair Junior Livestock Program. Up to ten \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually and recipients are recognized at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Gala. Graduating seniors and secondary education students who have been a part of the Grand Drive youth livestock show are encouraged to apply! Applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup> at: [kansasstatefair.com/f/105](http://kansasstatefair.com/f/105).

### **WIN A BUCK! ESSAY CONTEST**

Locust Hill Lamanchas of Fort Scott wants to encourage expansion of the dairy goat project by giving away a buck kid to one lucky 4-H'er from the Southwind District. Youth must write an essay expressing what their plans would be for the buck. Essays are due to your local Extension Office by June 1. Locust Hill will contact the 4-H'er with the best essay to arrange for pick-up. If you have questions, contact Sue Reinecke at 620-223-2362.



### **2023 ANIMAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Kansas State University's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry is opening its doors this summer to high school students who have an interest in becoming leaders in the livestock industry and related careers. Department officials have announced that applications are now open for the Kansas State University Animal Science Leadership Academy, known as KASLA, set for June 21-24 in Manhattan. The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in grades 9-12. The program is co-sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council, Inc. Officials said only 20 students will be accepted for the 2023 session to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. This program is a great opportunity for future agriculture leaders to visit campus to get an inside look at the opportunities our department and the agriculture industry provides. Applications are due April 15 and can be found at [asi.ksu.edu/kasla](http://asi.ksu.edu/kasla). A \$50.00 fee is due upon acceptance; additional costs are covered by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. The program's itinerary features interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with K-State professors. Industry leaders will also share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events in the animal science industry, culminating in team presentations.

### **ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CAMP**

Kansas 4-H Foundation decided to open Rock Springs registration up to anyone who wants to attend summer camp. You may select any date you would like to attend and register with Rock Springs. Those dates and registration can be found at: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>. Families are now responsible for transportation as well. You can go on the Southwind website under the tab 4-H Scholarships and fill out the Southwind 4-H Event Scholarship Form online.



### **4-H VOLUNTEERS: ARE YOU CERTIFIED?**

All adult volunteers for the Southwind District 4-H Youth Development Program **MUST** be certified to work with youth members. This is particularly important for those adult volunteers who are community club leaders and project leaders. Certifications must be completed annually by enrolling in 4HOnline and completely a criminal background check every three years. Thank you to those who have made sure to be certified. Those who haven't, please take this month of April to get yourself certified. If you have been a volunteer recently, login to 4HOnline and enroll. If you are new, here is a help guide: [kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/docs/New%20Adult%20Volunteer%20Enrollment%20Guide.pdf](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/docs/New%20Adult%20Volunteer%20Enrollment%20Guide.pdf). And as always, if you have questions call your local Extension Office and ask for Jennifer.

### **KANSAS WILDLIFE HABITAT EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTEST**

This contest focuses on teaching young people about wildlife, the needs of wildlife, and their habitat. This contest is broken down into two age groups: 9-13 and 14-18. For this contest, you can enter as a team or individually. There are five parts to the contest: (1) wildlife identification; (2) general wildlife knowledge; (3) on-site recommendation of wildlife management practices; (4) writing a one-page management plan for a rural setting and; (5) defending that plan in an oral interview. The written management plan is a team activity. However, all team members will be expected to participate in the oral interviews. For more information visit <http://www.whep.org/>.

### **SHUTTERBUGS AT BOTANICA WICHITA**

There will be a photography learning workshop sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Photo Action Team on April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Botanica Wichita. There is a gate admission to the workshop. The gate fee is: \$10 Adults | \$8 Youth / Seniors / Military | Children 2 & Under - FREE. No pre-registration required.

### **NORWEGIAN 4H TEENS TO VISIT KANSAS**

Six or more members of Norway 4H want to visit Kansas 4-H'ers. Families from anywhere in Kansas can help meet our commitment to host 6 or more. They just do what the family members are doing. No extra travel or activities are required. They can be part of wheat harvest, 4th of July, and preparing projects for your fair. It's a great time to show our Kansas summer! It will be new and fun for them. Families host a teen within 2 years of a host sibling of the same gender. To get more information about hosting the Norway 4H Exchange, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator at 785-375-3189.

### **ALLEN COUNTY NEWS**

#### **ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**

Allen County Fair is scheduled for July 27-30, 2023.

#### **ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

The Council will meet on April 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

#### **LIVESTOCK WEIGHING & TAGGING**

Bucket Calves, Goats, Sheep and Swine will weigh and tag-in at the Allen County Fairgrounds Monday, April 24, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We are trying a one day weigh in for a longer time period. Please contact Hunter Nickell with any questions.

### **BOURBON COUNTY NEWS**

#### **BOURBON COUNTY FAIR**

Bourbon County Fair is scheduled for July 15-22, 2023.

#### **BOURBON COUNTY FAIR THEME**

The Bourbon County Fair theme selected by the 4-H Council is "Come Glow with 4-H"

#### **BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

4-H Council will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at the Hubenett Pavilion on the fairgrounds.

#### **LIVESTOCK INFORMATION**

4-H/FFA members may tag as many animals as they wish but after the 2 allowed tags per specie members will be charged \$4.00 per tag. Payment is due when you receive extra tags. Please have exact change or a check written to Livestock Account.



### **MEAT GOAT, SHEEP & SWINE TAGGING & WEIGHING**

Choose the location that works best for you. Weighing will only be done at the Bourbon County Fairgrounds  
**Wednesday, April 26** - Uniontown High School Parking Lot 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 29** - Bourbon County Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN**

Tractor Supply will be doing their Paper Clover Campaign April 26 - May 7 this spring! 4-H'ers are encouraged to try to spend at least one hour at your local TSC store to promote 4-H during this campaign. This could be making some goodies to give to customers at the entrance with a 4-H decorated table, assisting customers with taking their items to their vehicle, or taking a 4-H project with you to share with the customers.

### **4-H EXPO AT TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY**

4-H Council voted to provide refreshments to customers at the store on Saturday, April 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All 4-H'ers are welcome to bring projects to have on display and be prepared to share with customers that enter the store. 4-H'ers may also help customers out to their vehicle during this time as well.

## **NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS**

### **NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR 2022**

Neosho County Fair is scheduled for July 20-24, 2023.

### **NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR THEME**

The 2023 County Fair theme is "Sunflowers and Sunsets".

### **WANT YOUR \$15 PROGRAM FEE PAID?**

4-H Council will pay the program fee for those who meet the following requirements: Complete MIG Book, attend one more than half club meetings, and one project record report.

### **CAMPER RESERVATIONS AT FAIR**

Camper reservations can be made on June 1st. These spots go fast, so mark your calendar to call on or soon after June 1st.

### **DECORATED CAMPER CONTEST AT FAIR**

4-H Council will be hosting a decorated camper contest again this year. The cost to participate is \$5 and the top 3 campers will receive a banner. A new change this year, campers must be decorated for judging on Friday by 4:00pm. Registration and fee are due to the Extension Office by Friday of fair at 1:00pm.

### **EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STATE LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP EVENTS**

4-H Council voted to pay \$100 reimbursement to all 4-H members attending a State 4-H Leadership and Citizenship event. To get a reimbursement, the 4-H'er must complete the 4-H Event Scholarship online. Forms can be found online under the 4-H Scholarships tab.

### **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES**

The Copeland Scholarship and the Neosho County 4-H Development Fund Scholarship applications are due into the Extension office by Monday, July 3, 2023. Remember, both of these scholarships are available to Neosho county 4-Hers only! Apply today!

### **4-H SHOWCASE**

The Neosho County 4-H Development Fund will be sponsoring the "4-H Showcase" at the county fair. We had great participation last year and are anticipating the same in 2023! Booth theme should showcase 4-H promotion. This could be a display about joining 4-H, a particular project or a community service activity that the club has participated in. Cash awards will be paid as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$400
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$350
- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$300
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$250
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$200
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> place - \$100

### **SHEEP, MEAT GOAT & SWINE TAGGING & WEIGHING**

Please mark your calendar for Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Erie. The cost per tag is \$4.00. If you are unable to make the date, please make arrangement for someone else to bring your animals in. If you have questions, please contact Krista Harding at 620-244-3826.

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## **4-H EXPO AT TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY**

4-H Council voted to provide refreshments to customers at the store on Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All 4-H'ers are welcome to bring projects to have on display and be prepared to share with customers that enter the store. 4-H'ers may also help customers out to their vehicle during this time as well.

## **WOODSON COUNTY NEWS**

### **WOODSON COUNTY FAIR**

Woodson County Fair is scheduled for July 14-19, 2023.

### **WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

4-H Council will meet April 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Yates Center Extension Office.

### **SHEEP, MEAT GOAT, SWINE, BUCKET CALF TAGGING & WEIGHING**

The sheep, goat, swine and bucket calf weigh in will be Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tags will be \$4.00 apiece. Breeding animals do not need to be tagged.



*Happy Easter!*

## **USING THE 4-H EMBLEM**



### **DESCRIPTION**

The official 4-H Emblem is a green four-leaf clover with a white letter “H” in each leaf and the stem turned to the right. The Emblem may be two-dimensional (flat) or three dimensional (with shadows that show depth and perspective). The 4-H Emblem may not be altered in any way. Use of the emblem includes the responsibility to communicate the significance of the 4-H Name and Emblem as a government-owned emblem that is protected by federal statute. The insignia “18 U.S.C. 707” provides the legal obligation to correctly inform the public of the federal protections and consequences of potential misuse. The 4-H Emblem may be used for artistic materials such as jewelry or fine art and may be made of metal (e.g., copper, bronze, gold, or silver), glass, leather, or wood without conflicting with the color specifications for the 4-H Emblem. Ceramic, plaster, paper, fabric, or any materials that are colored or painted must comply with the color specifications and all other guidelines. Use of the emblem on fabric must accurately represent the 4-H Emblem in authorized colors. The 4-H Emblem is not open to reinterpretation or reconfiguration, regardless of its intended use, including the development of materials such as jewelry, sculpture, signage, crafts, or other fine art. Animation of the 4-H Name and Emblem is allowable, provided that the animation is in keeping with the guidelines in this document and that at the end point of the animation (where the animated loop stops or begins to repeat if an ongoing loop), the 4-H Emblem appears in a manner that meets all guidelines for its use.

**APPLICATION TIP** • Make sure you contact 4HNE@nifa.usda.gov to obtain the official 4-H Emblem rather than taking a potentially unofficial (incorrect) emblem from a general web search.

**DECISION CHECKLIST** • The official emblem with legal insignia is being used in its entirety • The emblem has not been altered (including tilting, flipping, distorting, or color adaptation) • No portion of the emblem has been covered by text or another image • The emblem is not integrated into another’s logo or image