



RECORD BOOKS & ACHIEVEMENT PIN PLANS

Take a minute to look at the website and make sure that you are doing what you need to as far as record books and achievement pin plans. Many of those have project enrollment requirements, so now is a good time to get an idea of what you need to do. Don't make a mistake of waiting until the last minute and miss out on receiving an achievement because you didn't take the time now. All info can be found at southwind.ksu.edu under the 4-H Youth Development tab.

WALK KANSAS 2023

Save the date for Walk Kansas, which will take place from March 26th to May 20th this year! Registration will open on May 1st. Through this 8-week program, you will work together with your teammates to achieve a physical activity goal. Each team is made up of six people. Youth can participate for free! If your 4-H club would like to create a team, we will also waive the registration fee for the adult who serves as team captain. All youth who sign up to participate will receive a weekly newsletter in the mail with information about physical activity, nutrition, and health. (These youth newsletters are a great place to get information for your health committee reports!) Please contact Clara Wicoff with questions at clarawicoff@ksu.edu or 620-365-2242.

HORSE ID CERTIFICATES

Horse ID Certificates are due June 1 to your local Extension Office. ID certificates can be found on the Horse Project website: kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/.

DOG CARE AND TRAINING PROJECT

Kansas 4-H Agility Update – Effective 2023.
kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/dog/Agility%20Updated%20Effective%202023.pdf.

GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP

Greenbush 4-H Camp is June 5th & 6th for 7-9-year-olds. More details to come via e-mail.

IMPORTANT POULTRY INFORMATION

Kansas Department of Agriculture has changed the requirements on having poultry tested for County Fairs. For birds exhibited at the county fair in the Southwind Extension District that originate from Kansas do not need to be tested before the fair until 2027. Birds will then be tested every 5 years. Now, if your bird comes from out of state you will be required to test within 90 days of the fair.

4-H ACADEMIC YEAR STUDENTS ARE BEING

ASSIGNED HOST

Kansas 4-H is planning to host high school students from Japan and South Korea for the 2023-24 school year. They can attend public school anywhere in the state and belong to 4-H in the home county. Families include their student as family members by providing meals, lodging and transportation. Information on the students who will be coming to the U.S. through States' 4-H International Exchange Programs will be provided by the end of February. It is important to apply early to choose the student who best fits your family. Contact coordinator Mary Kay Munson with questions or for the application link. at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

REMINDER ABOUT FROSTINGS AND FILLINGS FOR FAIR EXHIBITS

There are many recipes for frostings and fillings. But when choosing a recipe to use for a fair exhibit, keep food safety in mind as not all are safe to store at room temperature. Choose a recipe and get out your calculator! You can determine the safety of a frosting or filling at home. Convert the household measurements into weight for each ingredient. There are many resources to help calculate the weight. See our Food Safety of Frostings and Fillings publication for details at: bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf. There are examples of calculations to guide you through this activity. For fair exhibits, proof must be given that the frosting or filling recipe contains at least 65% sugar to be deemed safe!

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

Saturday, March 11 at the Iola Extension Office. We will be making educational display mobiles. I will work with 4-Hers that morning starting at 9:30 getting mobile kits started.

Packets are \$10 each. The ones I have available are:

Antlion - 2

Dobsonfly - 2

Convergent Lady Beetle - 2

Black Witch Moth - 2

Luna Moth - 1

Katydid - 2

Mantidfly - 1

Plains Lubber Grasshopper - 1

Monarch Butterfly - 1

Wheel Bug - 1

Stag Beetle - 1

Queen Butterfly - 1

Rainbow Scarab Beetle - 2

Twelve-spotted Skimmer Grasshopper - 2

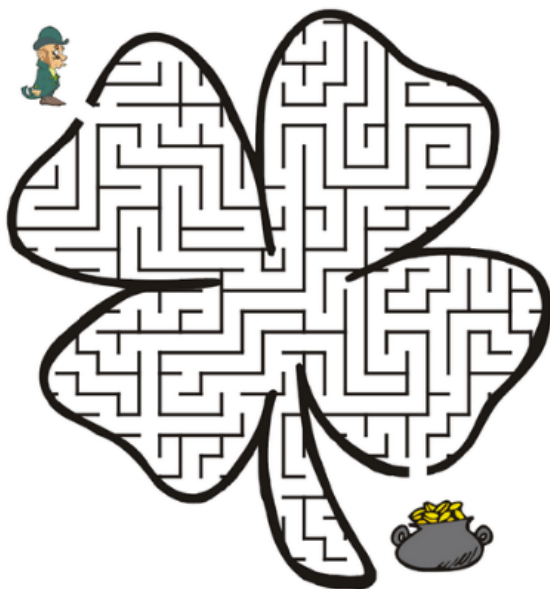
Viceroy Butterfly - 1

Please email me with your choice. They are on a first come, first serve basis. Please note - There is no class at the

Kansas State Fair for Introductory Educational Displays, so those of you who make them and are in the Introductory phase cannot qualify to take them to the State Fair.

4-H'ers must be at least 9-years-old to take an exhibit to the State Fair, but you should be able to exhibit at your County Fair. We will break at Noon for lunch. Then at 1:30 p.m. we will start on the snow globes, pinning insects, and setting up a spreadsheet for your labels.

However, if a few of you want to come in the morning, I think I can get your spreadsheet set up on your computer or zip drive while kids are working on their mobiles



2023 YQCA CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on animal well-being, food safety, and character development. Last March, YQCA transitioned to a new platform, including a new website. With this change, the original website became inactive and the program is no longer connected to 4HOnline. It is imperative that everyone is using the appropriate link! The correct link is: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Everyone is also encouraged to utilize the YQCA tab on the K-State Youth Livestock Program website, as it is updated with the most recent information: asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/qualityassurance/qualityassurance.html. Families with youth who had already received their certification when the transition occurred last year will need to go to the new YQCA website, create an account for their family, add children to the family, and sign up for their 2022-2023 training. There are several resources available to use as a guide through the process, including step-by-step instructions. The YQCA staff also recently released instructional videos to help families correctly create their account and sign youth up for training. Through these videos, they include common errors that make things more challenging for families to complete the process and get certificates to print correctly. The videos are located at the bottom of the YQCA homepage. All youth who plan to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS should complete the training at their earliest convenience. It is required for all exhibitors at both State shows. This is an annual training, so youth need to complete it each year. Those submitting state livestock nominations must have completed their certification at the time of nomination and submit a copy of their completion certificate. Youth who are 12 or 15-years-old by January 1 are eligible to test out. Only those two ages have the option to test out, as it is the first year of each age division. For more information about YQCA certification, please contact your local extension office



ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

Allen County Fair - July 27-30, 2023.

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council will meet April 27 at the Iola Extension Office.

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gwen E. Wilson Memorial 4-H Scholarship

is to be awarded to an Allen County 4-H Club Member, annually. This scholarship must be used at Kansas State University for work leading to a degree of the student's own choice. The scholarship is worth \$500.00. No winner may receive it more than once and it is not renewable. Specific details and the application can be found at: southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarships/index.html. Applications are due no later than May 1 to the Southwind Iola office.

The Miles Kessinger Scholarship is awarded for the purpose of attending Allen Community College. This scholarship is to be awarded annually to an Allen County 4-H member and/or a Woodson County 4-H member who is a graduating senior. Those eligible to apply for this scholarship must have been a 4-H member for at least three years, be of good moral character and have financial need. This scholarship is worth \$500.00 and is payable to the recipient. The scholarship winner must use this award in the school year selected, otherwise he/she will be required to re-apply. Completed applications are to be mailed or brought to Allen Community College, Financial Aid Office, 1801 N. Cottonwood, Iola, KS 66749 on or before April 1. Specific details and the application can be found at: southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarships/index.html.

BEEF TAGGING & WEIGHING

All market steers and market heifers must be weighed and tagged to be eligible to show at the Allen County Fair. Tags will cost \$4.00 per tag. Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 5th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Iola. Breeding heifers do not need to be tagged.

LIVESTOCK TAGGING & WEIGHING

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

4H HORTICULTURE PROJECT MEETING

Our first meet and greet meeting will be March 18, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at Redfield Community Center. At our first meeting we will be making Seed Balls and other Fun Stuff! Questions? Call or text Pam Speer at 620-224-7260 or email jpspeer77@yahoo.com hope to see you there!

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR

Bourbon County Fair - July 15-22, 2023.

FAIR THEME SELECTED BY COUNCIL

The 2023 County Fair theme is "Come Glow with 4-H". Neon colors are encouraged for stall decorations and club tables.

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council will meet March 22, 6:30 p.m. at Common Ground.

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.

BEEF TAGGING & WEIGHING

Choose the location that works best for you. Weighing will only be done at the Bourbon County Fairgrounds **Wednesday, March 8** -Bourbon County Fairgrounds 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 10 -Saddle Club Arena, Uniontown 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Registered heifers do not need to be tagged.

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.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR

Neosho County Fair - July 20-24, 2023.

FAIR THEME SELECTED BY COUNCIL

The 2023 County Fair theme is Sunflowers and Sunsets.

BEEF TAGGING

Beef tagging and weigh-in (feeder beef and market beef only) is Sunday, March 5th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at SEK Genetics near Galesburg. Cost of the tags will be \$4.00 each. If you cannot make this date. Please arrange for another person to bring your animals for you. If you have any questions, please give Krista Harding a call at 620-244-3826.

SHEEP, MEAT GOAT & SWINE TAGGING & WEIGHING

Please mark your calendar for Monday, April 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Erie. The cost per tag is \$4. 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.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet March 19, 2023, 5:00 p.m. at the Neosho Valley Event Center.

JUNIOR LEADERS MEETING

Junior Leaders will meet March 19, 2023 6:00 p.m. at the Neosho Valley Event Center.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY FAIR

Woodson County Fair - July 14-19, 2023.

WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council will meet April 26 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 23rd from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tags will be \$4.00 apiece. Breeding animals do not need to be tagged.

