

## **4-H NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025**

## WRITING THANK YOU NOTES TO FAIR SPONSORS

4-H members please make sure you take time to send a simple note of thanks to each sponsor that has awarded you with funds, trophies, banners or plaques letting them know how much you appreciate their support to our 4-H Program. Livestock buyers also appreciate it when you send them a thank you after the sale is over and/or take your baked items and gift baskets to their business the following week rather than during the livestock sale.

## KANSAS STATE FAIR ENTRIES NON-LIVESTOCK

The Non-Livestock State Fair entry forms are due to your local Extension Office **before** Sunday, August 10, 2025. This includes any judging contests that take place at the KSF. Entry collection forms can be found here.

## **KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITS**

Members who pre-enter exhibits for the KSF must have exhibits at your local Extension Office on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> by Noon. Please visit <u>here</u> to make sure you have all of the score sheets/forms and information you will need to attach to your exhibit. The fair book will have a description, but below that are each project area and the requirements to prepare it for the KSF. Please read all the instructions carefully!

# COMMUNICATION OPPORTUNITIES AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR

4-H Members ages 9 and older who participated in 4-H Day and received a Purple or top blue ribbons can take their project talks, demonstrations, and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair. Poetry entries can also be entered. New this year, Public Speaking entries can come to the State Fair; however, regardless of the topic used locally, all contestants at the State Fair will use the same topic, "What 4-H Means to Me". More information can be found in the 2025 State Fair Book.

## 2025 STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in Manhattan, Kansas. Intermediates must be 9 - 13 before January 1 of the current year. Seniors must be 14 - 18 before January 1 of the current year. The objective of 4-H Horticulture Judging is for members to grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments, through plant identification, knowledge testing and judging classes. For more information and the study list visit <a href="here">here</a>. If you would like to compete, please call 620-625-8620 and let Kendal at the Yates Center Office know by August 6<sup>th</sup>.

# KANSAS STATE FAIR 4-H ENTOMOLOGY DIVISION NEEDS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

The K-State Entomology Department is looking for youth volunteers (ages 12 and up) to help with various tasks at the Kansas State Fair. This is a fun and unique opportunity for 4-H'ers to get involved—whether they're bug enthusiasts or just eager to try something new. Sign up through your local Extension Office if interested.

## RECORD BOOKS/KANSAS AWARD PORTFOLIO (KAP)

As soon as the County Fair ends, it is a good time to begin working on Record Books. If you need help completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer know. Record Books are due to your club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books before they are due to the Extension Office Wednesday, October 1. Books that are turned in after the deadline of your club leader will not be judged for county-wide awards. All 4-H records must be in your local Extension Office by Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 5-11 will be the week to plan on celebrating your why of being in 4-H. More details to come.

## **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**

4-H Enrollment opens Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Enrollment and payment must be completed by December 1, 2025. **4-H Youth age 18.** If you plan to participate as a 4-H member you will need to enroll as a youth. If you plan to be a 4-H volunteer only, please enroll as an adult.

## KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Youth Council and National 4-H Conference application will be combined, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Any Kansas 4-H members between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep and those age 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for National Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program regions (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to six National Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two-year term on council. The application deadline is Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 11:59 p.m. CST

## **KJLS SHOW ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 15**

Entries for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) will open August 1 and be due August 15. Late entries will be accepted until August 31 but will cost double the listed original entry fee amount. No entries will be accepted after August 31. All families should read the rules prior to showing. Exhibitors are also encouraged to enter and participate in the LEAD Challenge to display their knowledge of the livestock industry. For more information, including the rules and where to enter, visit <a href="https://www.kjls.net/">https://www.kjls.net/</a>. Questions regarding the rules and show entry should be directed to the KJLS staff.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR 48 HOURS OF 4-H

The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too! When: October 11-12, 2025

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni Get this on your radar now! 48 Hours of 4-H.

## **NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension Staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Providences. Check out this video for highlights. The event provides youth with the opportunity to acquire practical knowledge and skills to reinforce attitudes and motivation that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect with others as active members of society. Youth will engage in educational activities to explore, practice and master civic engagement skills and personal development to make a difference in their community, country and world. Any 4-H youth member program age 15-18 may apply for the opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. area. The event is typically scheduled for April in Arlington, Virginia. Applications are due October 1, 2025. For more information visit here.

## **ENTOMOLOGY JUDGING RESULTS**

**Allen Co.** Intermediate Division: Kason Botts – First **Bourbon Co.** Intermediate Division: Marcie Hueston – First, Jack Endicott – Second; Advanced Division: Jewel Endicott – First

Neosho Co. Cloverbuds: Elijah Wallace – First Introductory/Beginning Division: Caleb Wallace – First, Jack Romine – Second, Orin Greve – Third, Intermediate Division: Jackson O'Brien – First, Jude Rubow – Second, Mason Franks – Third, Remee Graer – Fourth; Advanced Division: Matthew Stockebrand – First, Kiley Dillow – Second, Rylan Carter – Third, Cosby – Fourth

**Woodson Co.** Introductory Division: Maddie Slater – First, Sadie Eggers – Second, Intermediate Division: Aiden Taylor – First, Hallie Barney – Second, Abilene Grisier – Third; Advanced Division: Cooper O'Brien – First, McKenley O'Brien – Second, Kevin Brown – Third.



## **ALLEN COUNTY NEWS**

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

4-H Council will meet on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Iola Extension Office.

## **BOURBON COUNTY NEWS**

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

4-H Council will meet on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cloverleaf Event Center.

#### RIBBON PREMIUMS READY FOR PICK-UP

There are several envelopes waiting on 4-H'ers to pick them up. Please plan on coming to the Extension Office and picking those items up soon.

## **NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS**

## **NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

4-H Council will meet on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Neosho County Fairgrounds.

## **WOODSON COUNTY NEWS**

## **POST FAIR SURVEY – WATCH EMAIL**

There will be a post fair survey coming to your inbox soon. This is a good time to share helpful information about making the fair a success each year.

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

4-H Council will meet on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Yates Center Extension Office.

