

THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

February 2024

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Supporter's Week will be held the

week of February 25th through March 2!

Supporter's Week is an opportunity for 4-H members to thank members of the community who support 4-H in a variety of ways. A 4-H Supporter is not just someone who contributes money to the 4-H program. Supporters are cheerleaders for 4-H and are interested in seeing Cowley County 4-H thrive. Supporter lists will be sent to Community Leaders to be disbursed throughout the membership. You may have additional supporters you know for your club who are not included on this list. Please be sure to thank them as well and help us get them added to the master list.

Clubs are welcome to thank their supporters as they see fit. Some examples are:

- A recorded video of 4-H members visiting the individual or business with a thank you banner and post on social media. Use the hashtag #Cowley4HSupporter. We'll share on our Cowley County 4-H Facebook page too!
- Handwritten (by 4-H'ers) thank you notes are also great. (Special thank you cards are available at the Extension Office) Please consider that a thank you note goes above and beyond, "Thank you for supporting 4-H." Take the time to share with your supporter a little about you and what you love about 4-H. Remember that larger businesses and organizations should be given more than an individual supporter.

Be sure to post pictures on Facebook!

Contact us:

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K-STATE
Research and Extension



Cowley County Extension Office will be closed February 19, 2024 in observance of President's Day.



Community Leaders

February Check-Up

- * Encourage 4-Her's to ask their friends to attend a meeting.
- * Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved.
- * Jan-Feb Private Officer Training available, contact [Sarah](#)

Review

- * Read the *4-H Newsletter* and mark important dates on the calendar.
- * Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at your club meeting.
- * Have you checked out the [4-H Club Corner](#)?

To-Do

- * Remind 4-Her's to register and prepare presentations for [4-H Day](#)
- * Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- * Check club mailbox at Extension Office

Promote/Recruit

- * [Willie & The Beanstalk Contest](#)
- * [4-H Day](#) (February 10)
- * [Citizenship In Action](#) (deadline to register Jan 26)
- * Looking for 4-Hers to participate at Celebrate Ag. 4-H will have a booth set up inside the beef barn. We encourage any 4-Hers to come and bring their animals or other 4-H projects and talk to the public about your project. If you cannot bring your animal or other project, you can set a project display up as well! May 18, 2024 -Beef Barn
- * [4-H Media Team](#)
- * Sign-up for County Committees

Remember

- * Work with your co-leader.
- * Attend leader/club building opportunities when offered.

The Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her's and art students across the state. The theme this year is "Incognito: Insects in Disguise". The program encourages youth and adults to get creative and create an entry before the April 15, 2024 deadline. See below for contest rules and entry forms.

[Insect Art Contest Rules](#)

[2024 Insect Art Contest Form](#)

[2024 Insect Art Contest Flyer](#)



4-H Council & Junior Leaders

March 18, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:

TBD

If you were selected to represent your club at 4-H Council and find you cannot attend, please let your leader(s) know in advance and find another member to serve in your place.

February 19, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Junior Leaders will meet at Pizza Ranch in Ark City. Junior Leaders will pay \$5 (per 4-H member/12 and older) toward meal.

Siblings, parents, friends are responsible for cost of their own meal.



If you are enrolled in an animal project, we highly suggest attending the in-person course!

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 8-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year. Curriculum materials were launched in October, and youth are welcome to begin completing the training at any time.

ALL exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified in order to participate in the 2024 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). This includes youth who will be showing market animals and breeding females. The YQCA certification covers a variety of species, so youth only need to complete one certification session to fulfill the requirement. Youth who are age 7 may participate in an instructor-led course and a parent or guardian will need to attend the training with them. The parent/guardian will not officially register, as this is a youth-only program. The parent/guardian will attend to serve as a guide for their child during the training, and because of the level of involvement first-year parents have in projects to help their child have a positive experience.

Youth ages 8-21 may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods:

Online Course - \$12/child - Test-Out Option – only 12 & 15 year olds eligible; online only; cost varies

Families must pay for the online class through the site at the time of registration. It will require a credit card number or coupon code.

The in-person option fee will be sponsored by the House Foundation. This will be hosted at the Winfield Chamber of Commerce on March 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm. [Contact Sarah \(slag11@ksu.edu\)](mailto:slag11@ksu.edu) to receive the coupon code.

Click on this link to sign up today

<https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php>

Important Dates and Deadlines *underlined text is a linkJanuary

- 1/26 Deadline to register for Cowley Co. 4-H Day
- 1/26 Deadline to register for Citizenship In Action

February

- 2/1 Cowley Co. Extension Council Board Mtg. 5:30 p.m., Winfield Chamber Office.
- 2/5 Registration deadline for Willie & The Beanstalk
- 2/10 Cowley County 4-H Day; Winfield
- 2/12 Registration deadline (for a shirt) for KSU Jr. Beef Producer Day
- 2/17 Static Projects Hands On Workshop
- 2/18-19 Citizenship In Action
- LAST CALL to pick up your Chamber Bucks from the 2023 County Fair. If they are not picked up by 2/29 they will be deposited into the 4-H Council account.
- 2/25 Cowley Co. Swine Production Camp
- 2/26 Registration deadline for KSU Jr. Sheep Producer Day

March

- 3/1 KS 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
- 3/2 KSU Jr. Beef Producer Day
- 3/3 Beef Tagging / Weigh-In Day 1-4pm
- 3/9 Cowley Co. Beef Production Camp
- 3/21 YQCA

April

- 4/13 Regional 4-H Day (Sedgwick Co. Extension - top 3 purples per division; Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Project Talks and Poetry/Readings)
- 4/16-22 National Volunteer Week
- 4/21 Cowley County Classic Beef Show
- 4/27 Cowley County Sheep & Meat Goat Show
- 4/28 Small Livestock Tagging Day
- 4/30 Small Livestock Tagging Day

May

- 5/1 Enrollment Priority Deadline (must be enrolled by this date to receive a Fair Book)
- 5/18 Celebrate Ag

June

- 6/7-9 Discovery Days
- 6/16-17 Insect Spectacular

July

- 7/3 ENROLLMENT DEADLINE to show at the Cowley Co. Fair (must have an approved enrollment status by 7/5)
- 7/3 ADD/DROP Projects deadline

August

- 8/1-5 Cowley County Fair

[Kansas 4-H Events & Activities Calendar](#)

Cowley County Extension Council

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The Extension Council monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Winfield Chamber of Commerce.

2024 Fair Changes

2024 FAIR CHANGES

- Exhibitors at the Cowley County Fair will now have the option to full fit Beef, Sheep and Meat Goats.
- An exhibitor may have 1 approved Kansas 4-H Youth to be a Livestock Helper. Exhibitors need to submit their request with helpers name and 4-H County at check in.
- Meat Goats must be born after November 1, 2023. The standing milk teeth rule is still in place and will hold priority over date born.
- Market Lambs must be born after December 1, 2023. The standing milk teeth rule is still in place and will hold priority over date born.
- Dual Purpose Dairy Goats will show in their own division during the Dairy Goat Show and will be combined with Dairy Goats for showmanship. All wethers will show in the Market Goat Show and need tagged accordingly.
- Hay/feed may be fed in pens with close monitoring.
- Take note of Horse Show rules when posted. County will more closely align with State Fair Horse Show rules and classes.

More details and guidelines will be published in the Fair book



4-H Day- Register by January 26



County 4-H Day is awesome opportunity for all 4-H members to showcase their speaking skills, knowledge, talents, and creativity!

Music/Talent will include:

- Piano Solos
- Instrumental Solos & Ensembles Band Vocal Solo
- Vocal Ensemble
- Club Chorus
- Skits & Plays
- Poetry/Readings ●
- Dance
- Other Talent

Presentations Include:

- Demonstration/Illustrated Talk/Project Talk ●
- Public Speaking
- Show and Share
- Model Meeting
- Gavel Games

Favorite Foods-Table Setting & Menu Table Exhibit
Decorated Foods

Impromptu Public Speaking

Offered to Senior 4-Hers. Members will draw a topic from a hat and will be given 5-7 minutes to prepare their presentation.

Pickle Power

Open to CloverBuds, Junior and Intermediate 4- Hers. Each member will be given a scenario with a decision to make. They will present their decision and discuss it with the judge. This is a great way to practice decision making skills and learn to speak in front of a group.

Gavel Games ●

Test your Parliamentary Procedure skills! In the Gavel Games contest, four 4-H members comprise a team. These four members act as officers for a model 4-H business meeting. The four officers are: President, Vice President Secretary Treasurer Each team presents a model business meeting starting with the call to order, including reports of officers and committees, unfinished and new business, and ending with adjournment.

Regional 4-H Day
13 APRIL 2024
 SEDGWICK COUNTY EXTENSION

BUTLER
 COWLEY
 SEDGWICK
 SUMNER

Top 3 Blues from divisions with a purple dot will be eligible to compete at Regionals

10 FEBRUARY 2024

WINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL | DOORS OPEN 8:00 AM

REGISTER BY 1/26/2024

4-H Events

SWINE PRODUCTION DAY CAMP

Come learn about swine production with realistic hands on simulators!

- Artificially Insemination
- Birthing
- Litter processing

Intended for 4-H Youth ready to learn and have fun. Open to all 4-H ages, with parental discretion.



Sunday, 25 February 2024
2:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM



Winfield Chamber



[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

4-H Events



**DON'T
MISS
TAGGING
DAY**

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 MARKET BEEF, 2ND
 YEAR BUCKET CALVES
 AND COMMERCIAL
 HEIFERS TAG AND
 WEIGH IN

SUNDAY
 MARCH 3, 2024
 1:00 PM - 4:00PM
 WINFIELD LIVESTOCK AUCTION

You MUST be enrolled
 in 4-H prior to this date
 to tag cattle

Cowley County
Beef Production Camp

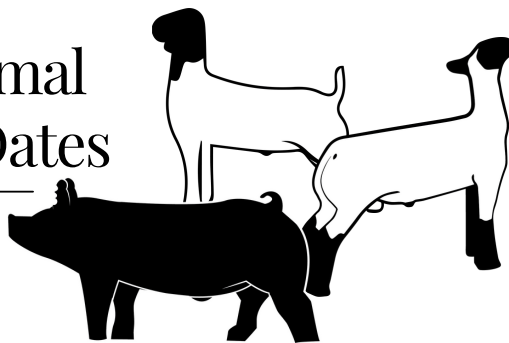
Saturday, March 9
 Winfield Chamber of
 Commerce
 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Join us in learning about Beef
 Production with hands on
 simulators!

- Artificial Insemination
 - Tube Feeding
 - Injections
 - IV
 - Tail Bleeding
 - Tagging
 - Implanting Cattle
- Open to all 4-H members, with
 parental discretion.

**Small Animal
 Tagging Dates**

WINFIELD, KS
 FAIRGROUNDS



Sunday, April 28, 2024: 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 2023: 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

4 - H ENROLLMENT REQUIRED



If you attend the
 Sheep/Goat Show
 on April 27
AND
 help clean up; we
 can tag and weigh
 animals there and
 save you a trip!

4-H Events

HANDS ON STATIC PROJECTS WORKSHOP



FUN ACTIVITIES OF PROJECTS SEEN
IN BARN 4 AT THE COWLEY COUNTY FAIR!

- Open to **ALL FAMILIES**
- Booths of ALL interest
- Hands on activities
- Giveaways!

FEATURING THE NEW
VRWELDING SIMULATOR



February 17, 2024

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Tisdale Methodist Church, Gym
17507 US 160 WINFIELD, KS

REGISTER HERE!

4-H Events

Kansas 4-H Expects 5 Costa Rican Teens for Summer Exchange

Five teens representing 4-S in Costa Rica are scheduled to spend a month with Kansas 4-H families on a Summer Inbound Exchange. States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (States' 4-H) arranges the exchange with Costa Rica 4-H, June 26-July 21, when Kansas families who have a teen within 3 years of the visiting teen's age (15-18) and the same gender, are eligible to host. The Costa Rican visitors do what the host siblings and family are doing while they are here. If Kansas is assigned a chaperone with the youth, he or she may be hosted by adults during the exchange for 2-4 weeks each. For more information, go to the Kansas 4-H web site: <https://www.kansas4-h.org> or contact: Mary Kay Munson, State International Exchange Coordinator for the Costa Rican Exchange at 785-375-3189. Online applications are available now!

Wanted Host Families for 2024

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 23 – August 15. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 35-40 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 - 16. Our responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-17, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life.

Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. The Japanese Delegates personal information forms arrive in February.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

4-H Camp

Ready, set, register! All 4-H camp sessions are now available for registration online at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions. Rock Springs is finalizing the transportation schedule for next summer and will share it once it's complete.

The session dates are [here](#). Look forward to making memories at Summer Camp 2024!



Cowley County Show

39TH ANNUAL

COWLEY COUNTY CLASSIC BEEF SHOW

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Winfield Fairgrounds, Winfield, KS

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Check-In and Weigh

12:00 PM Weight cards due

1:00 PM Show begins

Bucket Calves

~1:30 PM- Breeding Heifers

Cowley County Heifers

Market Cattle

Cowley County Market Cattle

Showmanship

CASH AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TOP FIVE MARKET AND TOP FIVE BREEDING ANIMALS \$750, \$500, \$350, \$200, \$100 PLUS MORE FUN PRIZES YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!



Cowley County Classic Beef Show Entry Form

General Rules

Entry is open to any bonafide 4-H or FFA member. Exhibitors must be at least 7 years old and not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 2024.

The entry fee is \$30/head by April 17, 2024. After April 17, entry will be \$35/head. Entry fee may be mailed with official entry or presented at check-in. Pre-entries are preferred. **All pre-entered exhibitors will receive a show t-shirt. You are NOT required to show in your t-shirt**

Cash awards will be given to the top five Market and top five Breeding animals (\$750, \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100). Prizes will be awarded for Showmanship and Class winners.

There will be no limit on the number of entries per exhibitor.

Heifer and steer check in begins at 10:00 a.m. All entries must be checked in and weight cards are due by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Exhibitors are responsible for turning in their weight cards by the 12:00PM deadline, show management will not be responsible for hunting weights/entries down.

No stalling, no bedding available. Must show off the trailer. Generators are encouraged. Exhibitors are to clean up their area before leaving the grounds.

A minimum of 3 head is required to show as a breed. There will be an AOB class if needed. The show management reserves the right to alter and/or combine classes.

Heifers must be accompanied by registration papers or a copy of transfer papers in the member's name. There will be a commercial heifer class for all unregistered heifers. Maximum heifer birth date shall be no sooner than January 1 of the previous year.

Market Steers will show by breed and weight. The Market Heifers will show by weight.

The showmanship contest is open to all exhibitors and will be conducted as follows: Senior (14 and over), Intermediate (10-13), Junior (7-9). Age is determined before January 1, 2024.

There will be a separate Market and separate Breeding class for Cowley County Exhibitors with no entry fee.

The Cowley County Classic will be a full-fit show.

Bucket calf division, exhibitor must be at least 7 years old and not have passed their 13th birthday before January 1 of the current year. Entries for bucket calf is \$10/head. Classes split by exhibitor age if needed. The show management reserves the right to alter and/or combine classes.

Show Management reserves the right to use photos taken at the show for advertisement and social media promotions

To learn more about overnight camping, hotels and restaurants in Winfield, KS please visit <https://visitwinfield.com>

Skills learned in 4-H last a lifetime:

A positive self concept An inquiring mind A concern for the community
Healthy interpersonal relationships Sound decision making

Please complete and return below form to: Cowley County Classic
c/o Cowley County Extension
P.O. Box 538
Winfield, KS 67156



****Exhibitors who pre-enter by April 17, 2024 will receive a t-shirt.**

Exhibitor Name _____ Age (before 1/1/2024) _____

County _____ Address _____

City/ST/Zip _____ Showmanship: SR ____ INT ____ JR ____

T-shirt size (indicate youth or adult size) _____

Each entry specify: breed, market steer, market heifer, breeding heifer or Bucket Calf

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Cowley County Show



Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Winfield Fairgrounds; Winfield, KS

Show located IN barn 6

Sponsored by the Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show Committee

Schedule:

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Sheep Check-In, Declare weights
- 9:00 a.m. Sheep Show
 - Breeding Ewes
 - Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)
 - Prospect Market Lambs
 - Progress Market Lambs
 - Cowley County Sheep
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Goat Check-In, declare weights
 - Goat Show (30 minutes after sheep show)
 - Breeding Does
 - Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)
 - Prospect Market Goats
 - Progress Market Goats
 - Cowley County Goats

Cowley County Sheep & Goat Show Entry Form

Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show

General Rules

Entry is open to any bonafide 4-H or FFA member. Exhibitors must be at least 7 years old and not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 2024.

The entry fee is \$20/head and \$5 per exhibitor for showmanship by April 24, 2024. Entries received after April 24th are \$30/head. All pre-entered exhibitors will receive a show t-shirt. Entry fee is to defray expenses of the show. No refunds.

Judge's decision will be final. Show Management reserves the right to use photos taken at the show for advertisement and social media promotions

Animals shown in the market classes are not eligible to show in the breeding classes and vice versa.

Everyone must check in at the registration table prior to weighing. This includes in-county, out of county, breeding and market entries. Show management will not be responsible for hunting weights/entries down. Any animal will be subject to weigh backs. All classes will be split by weight. All wethers must be castrated/banded prior to coming to the show. No bucks/rams allow. No yearling ewes or yearling does.

Classes will be determined by weight and specified by committee. Classes will be determined at the conclusion of weigh-in.

No stalling, no bedding available. Must show off the trailer. Generators are encouraged. Exhibitors are to clean up their area before leaving the grounds. All lambs must have lamb teeth, all goats must have kid teeth. All sheep and goats must have scrapes tag.

Meat Goats

Prospect Meat Goats may weigh up to 75 lbs. Progress Meat Goats must weigh 76lbs and over

Market Goats will be shown clipped to 3/8" or less. All goats must be dehorned or tipped and rounded.

Goats must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Exhibitors may use a collar, a collar with a short lead or a halter when showing. Medium (3mm) or smaller pinch collars will be allowed.

Market Lambs

Prospect Market Lambs may weigh up to 105 lbs. Progress Market Lambs must weigh 106 lbs and over. Market lambs must be slick-shorn to one quarter inch, to the hock. Wool on the face and below the hock is allowed.

The showmanship contest is open to all exhibitors and will be conducted as follows: Senior (14 and over), Intermediate (10-13), Junior (7-9).

Age is determined before January 1, 2024. All animals shown in showmanship classes must be owned by the exhibitor. Each exhibitor must groom his/her own animal and may use only the assistance of an immediate family member (mother, father, legal guardian, brother, sister) or another 4-H/FFA member who is an exhibitor at the show.

NO MISTREATMENT OF ANIMALS WILL BE TOLERATED.

HEALTH REQUIREMENT: Animals that are ill, have soremouth, and/or "club lamb" fungus **will not be allowed to show.** Decision of veterinarian of show managements choice is final.

There will be a separate Market and separate Breeding class for Cowley County Exhibitors with no entry fee.

Please complete the form below and return to: Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show
c/o Cowley County Extension
P.O. Box 538
Winfield, KS 67156

****Exhibitors who pre-enter by April 24, 2024 will receive a t-shirt.**

Exhibitor Name _____ Age _____ T-shirt size _____
(before 1/1/2024)

County _____ Address _____

Sheep Showmanship (\$5) Age by 1/1/2023 _____SR _____INT _____JR

_____ #Mkt. Lambs Prospect _____ # Mkt. Lambs Progress _____ #Breeding Ewes _____ Total Sheep

Goat Showmanship (\$5) Age by 1/1/2024 _____SR _____INT _____JR

_____ #Mkt. Goats Prospect _____ #Mkt. Goats Progress _____ #Breeding Does _____ Total Goats

Total price: _____ (#head x \$20 + \$5 showmanship)

Cowley County 4-H Enrollment

✿ [4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)

✿ [Cowley County KSRE Website with 4-H Enrollment Information](#)

The 4-H year runs Oct. 1st. to Sept 30. **ALL YOUTH and ADULT VOLUNTEERS** participating in the 2023-2024 4-H year should enroll.

In order to be a regular member of Cowley County 4-H, the member must be 7 years old before January 1, 2024.

[Cloverbuds](#) is for children ages 5-6 before January 1, 2024.

[Project Selection Guide](#) (includes descriptions of all projects)

[2023/2024 Kansas 4-H Projects](#)

[Setting 4-H Project Goals](#)

[4-H Project Record Books](#)

[ZBooks](#) (online record keeping option)

Click [here](#) to sign up for a County Committee

DID YOU KNOW??

The [Kansas Clover Classroom](#) is packed with helpful project information

4-H Scholarships

Scholarship Opportunities

Please visit the Kansas 4-H Resource [page](#) for Scholarship Opportunities. Kansas 4-H Scholarship, Kansas 4-H Dog Scholarship, Kansas 4-H Geology Scholarship, and Vanier Scholarship!

Get Financial Help Attending Events

The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is our local 4-H foundation created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H'ers take part in educational events and activities. Funding is provided by gifts from supporters. Each year, the 4-H Development Fund awards college scholarships to high school seniors and college freshmen. Beginning in 2015, the Development Fund introduced "Leadership Development Grants". Leadership Development Grants are available by application to local 4-H members who are registered for a state or national leadership event such as Discovery Days, National 4-H Congress, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship Washington Focus and more. Applications are available from the Cowley County Extension Office. Applicants must submit an essay, write a thank you note to a Development Fund donor and present a program about their experience to a 4-H club or county-wide group following attendance at the event. For more information, contact Sarah at slag11@ksu.edu or 620-221-5450.

Annual Calendar

All dates are subject to change.

**Requests to be on the agenda for 4-H Council and/or Junior Leaders must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting. 4-H Council and Junior Leaders meet the third Monday of the odd months unless otherwise noted.

OCTOBER

- October 1- New 4-H Year begins
- National 4-H Week (first full week in October)
- Volunteer Screening renewal
- 1st week in October- Kansas 4-H Project Records are judged
- Registration for KYLF/KVF Forum due October 15
- Officer Training- 3rd Sunday in October
- State Dog Conference
- Agents attend Annual Conference in Manhattan (3rd week of October)
- 4-H Council Budget Committee meeting to prepare budget
- Project Leader recruitment

NOVEMBER

- Club Organizational Reports due November 1
- Club Financial Review Reports due November 1
- Volunteer Screening Renewal due November 30
- Achievement Night- second Saturday
- Sign up for county-wide committees
- 4-H Council Budget Committee presentation to 4-H Council
- Officer Installation- 4-H Council
- Officer Installation- Jr. Leaders
- Extension Council Elections
- Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
- Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum
- Project Leader Recruitment
- Livestock Dates published
- Citizenship In Action information published
- Enrollment and Health info due online by November 30th

DECEMBER

- Livestock dates published
- Club Day information published
- State 4-H Scholarship Information published
- Begin goal setting for projects
- Citizenship In Action information published
- Club Day planning (Talks, Demos, Musical presentation, Talent, Model Meeting, etc.)
- Extension Council Annual Meeting, Extension Council Executive Board is elected

JANUARY

- 4-H Day committee meets (beginning of the month)
- Area Project Records screening 3rd week of January
- 4-H Day entries due (3rd week of January)
- Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- Planning for spring livestock shows
- 4-H Day information published- schedule if possible
- Discovery Days info (if available)
- Livestock ownership requirements published

FEBRUARY

- Citizenship In Action Registration due January 26
- 4-H Day
- 4-H Supporters Week
- Citizenship In Action (President's Day Weekend)
- State 4-H Scholarships due
- Beef Weigh-In info published
- Livestock ownership requirements published
- Discovery Days info published

MARCH

- Beef Weigh-In and tagging- first Sunday
- State Project Records Screening
- PDC Meeting
- Camp information published
- Small livestock tagging/weigh-in dates published
- Discovery Days info published

APRIL

- Cowley County Classic Steer and Heifer Show
- Tag/Weigh-In Goats and Sheep; Tag Swine and Bucket Calves (April 28 & 30, 2024)
- National Volunteer Week
- Cowley County Sheep & Goat Show

Annual Calendar continued

MAY

- Target Deadline. Last day to enroll in 4-H to receive the Fair Book and Fair Pre-Entry Packet in the mail, May 1st
- Ownership deadline for Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats, May 1st
- Beef nominations due for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)- May 1st
- Horse ID Forms due- May 1st, horses must be ID'ed to be eligible to show at the fair and district shows and Kansas State Fair
- Discovery Days Orientation

JUNE

- Discovery Days (first week of June)
- Emerald Circle Banquet for state award/ scholarship winners
- Southeast Area Livestock Judging
- Southeast Area FACS Judging
- Southeast Area Favorite Foods Show
- Southeast Area Horticulture Judging
- 4-H Camp Orientation
- 4-H Camp (dates vary)
- Campference
- Sheep, Swine and Goat nominations due for State Fair and KJLS- June 15th
- 4-H PDC Meeting

JULY

- Last day to add or drop projects- July 5th 4-H/FFA members must be enrolled by this date to be eligible to show at the Cowley County Fair
- Poultry pullorum-typhoid testing for fair
- Fair pre-entries due 2 weeks before Fashion Revue
- Fashion Revue, Tuesday before fair
- Foodstand clean up
- Horse Show, Saturday before fair
- Fair set-up
- State Fair Livestock entries due- July 15th
- Cowley County FAIR

AUGUST

- Cowley County Fair (August 1-5, 2024)
- State Fair non-livestock entries due (Friday after Cowley County Fair)
- KJLS entries due (August 1)
- State Livestock Sweepstakes (last weekend)
- Kansas All Breeds Dairy Show
- National 4-H Week Committee meets
- Awards Committee meets to plan project record book screening

SEPTEMBER

- National 4-H Week information in the 4-H Flash
- Project Records, Pin Applications, County Scholarships due Wednesday after the Kansas State Fair
- Club Seal Reports due
- County Fair Suggestions due
- Kansas State Fair- non-livestock exhibits due in the Extension Office Tuesday before the State Fair.
- 4-H Clubs work the Foodstand at the Walnut Valley Festival, 3rd weekend
- 4-H Council Officer Elections
- Junior Leaders Officer Elections
- PDC Meeting to discuss fair changes
- Welcome incoming families to 4-H



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Shooting Sports

Congratulations to Lanie Arnett, Adah Wolfe, Anna Wolfe, and Asher Wolfe for representing Cowley Cowley 4-H Shooting Sports in the 2024 National Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl!



Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will hold the club meeting, **Monday, Feb. 26th at 7:00 pm** at the New Hope Fellowship Church, 19195 61st Rd. This will include the next Officer Workshops as our club programs. Watch emails for this month's great theme!

Our February practice schedule will be...

Air Discipline (BB, Air Pistol, Air Rifle) **1st Sunday**, Feb. 4th at 2:00 pm at the fairgrounds.

Archery practices, Thursdays, Feb. 8th & 22nd at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds.

Shotgun practice, **3rd Sunday**, Feb. 18th at 2:00 pm at the meadow - weather allowing.

****Watch for Spring Flower orders to begin Feb. 1st with delivery on April 26th. Member order sheets due back, Thursday, March 7th this year!! Yes, it will get warm again real soon!!**

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Misc.

National VOLUNTEER Week *April 21 - 27, 2024*

It's a great time to recognize and show appreciation to your club leaders, project leaders, fair superintendents, and other 4-H volunteers.

Updated Publications for the 4-H Horse Project



- [KS 4-H Horse Show Rule Book \(S133\)](#)
- [KS 4-H Horse ID Form \(P1039\)](#)
- [KSF Horse Qualifying Affidavit \(P1110\)](#)

I pledge my **H** **AD** to clearer thinking,
 my **HE** **RT** to greater loyalty,
 my **H** **NDS** to larger service,
 and my **HE** **ALTH** to better living,
 for my club, my community, my country
 and my world.

[Cowley County 4-H](#)

[Cowley County Sheep Project](#)

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[Cowley County Swine Project](#)

[Cowley County Classic Beef Show](#)

[Cowley County Horse Project](#)

[Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show](#)

[Cowley County Dog Project](#)

[Cowley County Goat Project](#)



4-H Club Corner

4-H Greet Sheet

New Family Guide

A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

Club Officer Resources

The 4-H Parents Committee

Just click on the link to see helpful resources. The 4-H Club Corner has many more resources available on their webpage. **4-H Club Corner**

Kansas Clover Classroom

Get to Know Your Camera

Geology Challenge; Collecting Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils

Communications Challenge; Dynamic Displays

Many more resources available on the Clover Classroom page.



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OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:
-PHOTOGRAPHING 4-H EVENTS
-MARKETING
-WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

JOIN NOW

For 4-H youth and adult leaders that are interested in photography and media marketing.

Are you a 4-H youth member or adult volunteer that is interested in photography and media marketing? This is an opportunity for you!

Click the link below to sign up!
<https://forms.gle/F81DWCSCGMk3kkpx9>

Opportunities to Support Cowley Co. KSRE & 4-H

Friends of Extension

As someone who contributes time, talent and/or treasure to the benefit of Cowley County Extension, you are invited to be part of the Friends of Cowley County Extension organization. The group will alternate between morning and evening meetings to plan fundraising and advocacy events to support K-State Research and Extension Cowley County. The annual meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 6:45 p.m. at the Winfield Chamber of Commerce (zoom option available).

*Did you know? Tax deductible contributions can be made to the 4-H Development Fund (c/o PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156) or to the Friends of Cowley County Extension Endowment (c/o Legacy Regional Community Foundation, 1216 Main Street, Winfield KS 67156)



Buy Your Groceries and Support Cowley County 4-H

Cowley County 4-H is a Dillons Community Rewards Member. 4-H supporters can enroll their Plus Shoppers Card into the program and Cowley County 4-H will get credit for every purchase its member makes using their registered Plus card. The more we shop with Dillons, the more opportunity Cowley County 4-H has to earn even bigger rewards. To enroll, go to the secure website <https://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>. The NPO number you will need to enroll is 72632. This does not deduct from your Plus Rewards in any way.

Walk Kansas 2024

Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas will be March 24 through May 11. Teams of six people log minutes during the eight weeks to virtually walk paths in Kansas. Registration is \$10.00 per person and will be online at www.walkkansas.org. Youth under 18 are free.

The first step is to join a team, select a challenge, and register. The captain of your team should initiate this process and register your team online. (The captain will need your email address.) When you receive the email invitation to join Walk Kansas as a member of a specific team, follow instructions for registration. If you don't have a team to join right now, register online and choose the "individual" option when it asks you to select a team registration or individual registration. You will be placed on a team that could use an additional member.

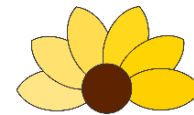
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Bill House Hereford Scholarship

The Bill House Hereford Scholarship is specifically for those pursuing a career in agriculture.

Another scholarship with the same name exists through the Legacy Foundation in Arkansas City. These are two different scholarship opportunities.



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Information about this scholarship and others offered by the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas can be found at SoutheastKansas.org/scholarships23.

The basic application process:

1. Visit SoutheastKansas.org/scholarship-app. This will open our online scholarship portal on GrantInterface.com.
2. Register for a new account if you haven't already. Otherwise, sign in. You will only create a new account once.
3. Click the "Apply" button in the top-right corner to begin your application. You will complete and submit a general application.
4. Based on the information you provide in the general application; you will receive a confirmation message identifying which specific scholarships you are eligible for. It will also ask you any supplemental questions required by those scholarships.
5. Complete the specific scholarship requirements.
6. Submit your scholarship applications **by March 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CDT.**

<https://southeastkansas.org/news/blog/kansas-scholarship-tips/>

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*Not to be confused with the Catch-A-Calf program. Two different programs.