



4-H FLASH

Cowley County 4-H

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2021 is going fast and the 4-H project year ends in September. Now is the time to review your project goals and select ideas and projects to exhibit at the Cowley County Fair.

To plan, practice, and present a finished product is to “learn by doing.” An exhibit is not the final statement of a child’s effort nor does it offer a measurement of all the learning that has taken place. The exhibit offers a display of what the child is capable of doing and that he/she has accomplished a goal.

4-H members should: have fun, learn to make decisions, think, feel, and act creatively; be conscious of their community and country; be inventive, resourceful, and original in problem solving; explore aspects of their 4-H project; evaluate their 4-H project; and investigate careers that are related to their project.

An important goal of 4-H is to teach skills to young people that they can use now, as a youth, and in later life. Standards of excellence help 4-H’ers evaluate the skills they are learning. Consultation judging brings 4-H members and judges together to evaluate project exhibits. It provides a unique opportunity for young people to learn from the experiences and knowledge of a judge.

We look forward to seeing you and your exhibits at the Cowley County Fair, July 29-August 2, 2021.

-Becky, Kelsey, Sarah & Cindy

**Cowley County Extension Office
will be closed on Monday
July 5, 2021
in observance of
Independence Day
and July 29-Aug 2, 2021
for the 4-H Fair.**

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Fall For Extension-SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The July meeting will be held on July 6th at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Cowley County Courthouse.

4-H Council

4-H Council will meet on Thursday, July 22nd at the Winfield Fairgrounds at 6 p.m. Please make sure that your club is represented.

Fair Superintendents

Will meet on Thursday, July 22nd at the Winfield Fairgrounds in the grandstand at 7 p.m.

4-H Junior Leaders

If you are 12 and older, you can be part of 4-H Junior Leaders. Youth will learn about leadership through activities. Visit the "Cowley County 4-H Junior Leaders" Facebook page to see how we are demonstrating leadership.

Entrepreneur Club

Youth Entrepreneurs are making money with their 4-H projects and you could too! Visit bit.ly/3ugpnQ9 to access a series of topics to prepare you to make money with your project. Youth who complete the program might be eligible to sell their products at a Farmers Market booth.

Plan to visit the Walnut Valley Farmers Market on Saturdays at the entrance to Island Park in Winfield between 7:30 - 11 a.m. Youth Entrepreneurs who have sold their items include Breckin Campbell, Ashlyn VenJohn, Georgia Winslow and Abigail Reid. There is space for more youth AND you don't have to be a current member of 4-H.

Friends of Extension Corner

The Friends of Cowley County Extension are excited about the 2021 Fall for Extension Fundraiser. The dinner and auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 20 at Baden Square in Winfield. Raffle items will be will be announced soon!
Your club can win a pizza party!
Contact Kelsey to find out how!

Family and Consumer Sciences Judging

Mark your calendars for two 4-H Family and Consumer Science Judging options to be available in July. An in-person judging contest will be available on **Tuesday, July 20** during 4-H Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging at Cowley College's Brown Center, 215 S 2nd Street, Arkansas City.

A virtual contest option (featuring different classes and questions) will be available **July 5- 19**. Use this link: <https://bit.ly/3xKeUP8> starting on July 5.

Youth are encouraged to participate in two contests (either virtual or in person) to qualify for the State Fair contest team (to be held September 18 in Hutchinson).

NEW FOR 2021

Clubs will be invited to create simple video(s) that will be loaded to FlipGrid. QR codes will be shared at the various project areas on display at the Cowley County Fair, and may also be shared via social media.

Individual members can also create FlipGrid videos about specific projects too. We want visitors to learn more about 4-H and your exhibit (think of it as a project talk!).

Use this link to access the FlipGrid: <https://flipgrid.com/15774376> The guest password is Cowley2021. You have up to 3 minutes to record your response/project talk.

Participation will count toward your club seal, AND 4-H'ers can use it in their record book.



Youth Entrepreneur Club

Participate in this free online experience for the opportunity to be part of a collaborative youth booth at a local farmers market

start here

<https://bit.ly/3ugpnQ9>



grow



make



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July 29- August 2, 2021

Cowley County 4-H Fair Book Update

We're excited to offer a customized fair book for your family. In late June, your household should have received an e-mail with a [link to select your 4-H projects](#). You will then receive an e-mail with all 4-H fairbook sections sent directly to you. You can print or save this document for your use. Printed copies of the complete fairbook will no longer be available (but individual sections are posted on the Cowley 4-H website).

All 4-H pre-entries will be due **Tuesday, July 6** using the online system we've used in the past. All families have been mailed a letter with pre-entry reminders, a project list and the link for the online entries.

Pre-Entry Process

- Find your pre-entry letter and list of projects. This was mailed to all households on June 18 in a white KSRE envelope.
- Start at the Cowley County Fair 4-H page: <https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/cowley-county-fair/index.html>
Review appropriate sections of the 2021 Fairbook - no books were printed, so this is the only way to access information.
- ALL pre-entries must be entered online and are due by July 6, 2021: <https://cowley.fairwire.com> If you do not have internet access, please make an appointment to come to our office.
- Instructional videos for the pre-entry process are available on the main Cowley County Fair 4-H page for single members or group entries (families with more than 1 child).

Fair Updates and Schedule

What is Needed for the Fair?

1. ALL pre-entries are entered online and due by July 6, 2021. <https://cowley.fairwire.com>
2. View instructional video of the pre-entry process at cowley.k-state.edu.
3. The Extension Office will provide entry cards for each pre-entered exhibit. You will receive your entry card when you check in at the fair.
4. Additional tags are needed for some project areas.
Clothing- rectangle tag that must be pinned or sewn in to all constructed garments.
Entomology- adhesive, rectangle tag, must be attached to each display box.
Food Preservation- Gummed, rounded rectangle tag must be attached to each entry.
Foods, Posters, Notebooks, Geology- adhesive, tag must be attached to each entry. Must be inside and out on Geology exhibits. Each food entry also requires a copy of a recipe.
All Livestock -Stall cards, 8 ½ X 11 in white card stock is used to identify an animal and owner. This is used for Beef, Bucket Calves, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine. These are available at the fairgrounds on entry night.
Space Tech- Manilla envelopes with white cover sheet must be with each project. The envelope includes plans or flight information. Form fillable project information sheets are available at www.kansas4-h.org. Go to "events-activities", "Fairs", "Kansas-State-Fair", "Space Tech". Failure to provide plans will result in reduction of one ribbon placing.
Woodworking- a copy of the plan, summary of materials and a cost of materials list is required for each exhibit. Failure to provide plans will result in reduction of one ribbon placing.

UPDATE: Fair Camping

The Cowley County Fair Board requests that 4-H families who camp during the fair camp in the campground area (west of the barns) at the fairgrounds, not the Pecan Grove. This better insures the safety of our participants, eliminating the need to cross 14th Avenue. The fairboard will not provide security or trash pick up to the Pecan Grove. A complete listing of camping rules can be found at www.cowleycountyfair.com. UTV's may only be driven by licensed drivers, have working lights and must be fully insured.

Fair Set Up / Clean Up

All clubs will help set up and clean up the Cowley County Fair. In an effort to meet the schedules of parents, **livestock pen set up will be Monday**

July 26th at 6:00 p.m. Livestock Superintendents, Fair Board, and Extension Staff request a strong adult presence this year. **Set up will take place**

Tuesday, July 27th at 8:00 a.m. Come prepared to work. Please bring appropriate supplies.

Clean up will take place Tuesday, August 3rd

at 7:00 a.m. Exhibits will be released at 7:30 a.m. and should be picked up by 8:30 a.m. If you can't pick up your exhibit, have another representative available. The Extension Office and Fairboard will NOT be held responsible for any exhibits not picked up.

4-H'ers must help with clean up in order to receive livestock premium checks.

Fair Weigh-In Schedule

Wednesday, July 28

4-H/FFA Sheep, Meat Goats weigh-in: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA Dairy Goat check-in: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Sheep and Goats must go through vet-check before entering the barns

Thursday, July 29

4-H/FFA Swine may arrive and weigh/check-in beginning at 8:00 a.m. Swine must be weighed by noon.

4-H/FFA Beef weighed-in: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA Breeding Heifers and Bucket Calf: check-in by 12:00 p.m.

Cowley County Fair Horse Show

The 2021 Cowley County Fair Horse Show will be held Saturday, July 24th, 2021 at the Burden Arena.

Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Round Robin Showmanship

Don't forget to check out your favorite showman in the Round Robin. Champion and Reserve Champion winners from the senior divisions of beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat and horse will compete for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Livestock Showman. The contest will take place Sunday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the livestock show arena.

Barnyard Olympics

Sponsored by Cowley County Farm Bureau
Sunday, August 1st

Sign up 12-12:30 p.m. Starts at 1:30 p.m.

Teams of 4—4 age groups

(5-6) (7-9) (10-13) (14-18)

(Adult—we always need adult teams!)

A variety of obstacles related to agriculture. Awards will be given to the 3 fastest teams to complete the tasks, the best dressed teams, and the team that works best together.

Agricultural Challenge of Champions

The Challenge of Champions will be held Monday, August 2nd by the 4-H Fair trailer at 11:00 a.m. One individual will be selected to represent Cowley County at the Agricultural Challenge of Champions at the Kansas State Fair. Contestants will complete exams and equipment identification in the following areas: livestock, breeds of livestock, agronomic items, crops, weeds, ag mechanics, farm management and more. Pre-registration is appreciated, please contact the Extension Office. (620-221-5450)

Help Us Improve the Fair

What can we do to improve the Cowley County Fair? This is the procedure you should follow:

1. Fair suggestions must be submitted to the attention of the 4-H PDC in writing. Electronic versions (email/fax) will also be accepted. Verbal recommendations will not be considered.
2. Your suggestions must be signed and dated. Suggestions will not be considered without a dated signature.
3. All suggestions are due by September 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Suggestions will not be considered after the deadline.
4. Suggestions should be turned in or mailed to: Cowley County Extension Office, 311 E 9th, PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156. The 4-H Program Development Committee reviews all department evaluations and acts on written recommendations which are then made to the Fair Board. Verbal recommendations CANNOT be considered.

Barn 4 Fair Exhibits

All exhibits except Foods, Dogs, Floriculture, Horticulture and Crops must be in place on the Fairgrounds by 7pm, Thursday, July 29th. The fairbook contains a complete entry schedule.

NO LATE EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Conference Judging

Conference judging allows the youth to share information about his or her project with the judge. All exhibits in Barn 4 are judged in the conference judging format. Conference judging is a good way to get positive feedback and suggestions. 4-Her's must sign up for a conference judging time slot by 7pm on entry night, July 29th. IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE JUDGING, YOU WILL BE DOCKED ONE RIBBON PLACING! Sign up sheets will be posted by exhibit areas as exhibitors enter their projects from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Barn 4.

Participants will sign up for a conference judging time (ie: 1) 9:00 - 9:45 2) 9:30-10:15 a.m., etc).

Barn 4 Supervisor Schedule

Supervisors are vital to the success of our county fair. It is how we keep our exhibit areas looking nice and provide assistance to our many patrons. Clubs are assigned times to have a committee of at least one adult (1) and two youth present (2) in Barn 4 display area.

Clubs must turn in names by Thursday, July 22nd. Please note that shift times have been shortened. NEW for 2021- we'll have stickers and 4-H items that you can share to promote 4-H to youth/families.

Friday, July 30

6:00-7:30 Muddy Creek

7:30-9:00 Udall

9:00-10:45 Shooting Sports, Rock Creek

Saturday, July 31

6:00-7:30 Tisdale

7:30-9:00 Dexter-Otto

9:00-10:45 Martha Washington

Sunday, August 1

6:00-7:30 Sunrise

7:30-9:00 Burden

9:00-10:45 New Horizon

Monday, August 2

6:00-7:30 Cameron

7:30-9:00 Floral

9:00-10:45 Walnut Valley

Modeling Workshop

Clothing construction and buymanship project members are invited to a county-wide Modeling workshop on Wednesday, July 14 at 1 p.m. at the Cowley County Courthouse, Extension Assembly Room. Members are encouraged to bring their shoes they will wear for modeling. We will practice turns, posture, and discuss potential questions the judge might ask. We will review the "Cost Per Wear" form that each member needs to complete.

4-H Fashion Revue & Clothing Construction Judging

Tuesday, July 20th

Brown Center, Cowley College, Ark City; 8:30 a.m. Packets with modeling tips, schedules and script information will be sent to participants who have pre-entered in clothing and fashion revue categories. An information table will be available to provide details about schedules and room locations. Participants will need to choose one outfit to model for the evening performance and submit a script online via a link at www.cowley.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. the day of the judging.

Public Fashion Revue

The Public 4-H Fashion Revue will be held in the Wright Room, at the Brown Center on Tuesday July 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Use your Freezer to Preserve your Sanity!

To help save time and stress at county fairs, prepare food entries early and freeze them. Most baked goods freeze well and can still be top ribbon quality. Here are some tips:

- Bake and cool completely! This helps prevent condensation inside the wrapping and development of ice crystals.
- Use moisture-vapor resistant packaging such as freezer-safe plastic containers or bags, and rigid containers.
- Separate layers of cookies with wax paper or parchment paper.
- Freeze cakes or breads unfrosted and frost after thawed.
- Make pie crusts ahead of time and freeze.
- Thaw all baked goods in the freezer packaging. They can be thawed at room temperature. Remove from the freezer the night before the fair. Once thawed, repackage according to fair rules.

4-H Foodstand

The money raised in the Food Stand is used to support our 4-H programs through scholarships to state 4-H events, transportation to county camp and Discovery Days, volunteer development awards and recognition at Achievement Night, officer training and much more. Here is the schedule of workers for the Food Stand at the Cowley County Fair. 4-H alumni generously give of their time to help raise money for 4-H during the Thursday pm shift. However, current 4-H families are welcome and encouraged to work during this time.

Please assign at least 5 adults to each shift. They are needed to run the cash register, operate the grill and appliances, and help with food preparation.

Each club is **REQUIRED** to have a shift manager and a team leader. The shift manager must be a responsible adult or teen. Shift managers should recruit workers, view the shift manager orientation video and turn a list of volunteers in to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 22nd. Team leaders are responsible for the following:

- Communicating with Foodstand Manager to understand the menu and duties for the shift
- Assigning tasks to workers
- Communicating menu and tasks to workers
- Monitoring and recording temperatures for hot food, freezers and coolers
- Cleaning and sanitizing equipment and prep areas
- Overseeing food preparation and ensuring safe food handling

Food Safety at the Food Stand- Food Handlers Training

Thursday, July 22nd 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Foodstand on the Winfield Fairgrounds.

All clubs are strongly encouraged to send club members and parents to the food safety training, especially since a few procedures will change as a result of Covid-19.. Club members will have hands-on activities to emphasize the importance of food safety. Call 221-5450 to register!

Always wash your hands...

- Before touching food or clean surfaces
- After you touch food
- If you touch your face, touch your eyes, touch your hair, blow your nose, take out garbage or go to the bathroom
- If you handle money (money is covered in germs!)
- If you use your phone (cell phones are covered in germs!)



2021 4-H Foodstand Schedule

Friday, July 30

7:30 - 12:45 New Horizon

12:30 - 5:45 Burden

5:30- 11:00 Martha Washington

Saturday, July 31

7:30 - 12:45 Walnut Valley

12:30 - 5:45 Floral

5:30 - 11:00 Rock Creek, Cameron, Sunrise

Sunday, August 1

11:00 -5:45 Udall

5:30-11 p.m. Shooting Sports

Monday, August 2

8:00 - 1:00 Muddy Creek

12:45 - 5:45 Tisdale

5:30 - 11:00 Dexter-Otto

4-H Foods Sale and Auction

4-H food exhibits brought to the Cowley County Fair will be sold. Cakes, cookies, brownies, pies and more will be available either at the food sale or auction. The food sale will be 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the food auction will begin at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, July 30th. Please invite neighbors and businesses to these events in Barn 4. Proceeds will be used toward awards in Barn 4.

Livestock News

Breeding Livestock

All Commercial Breeding livestock will be required to have a Cowley County issued Kansas 4-H eartag for 2021. This includes Breeding Heifers, Commercial Ewes, Breeding Does and Breeding Gilts.

Lost Tag Policy

When an animal loses a tag, the exhibitor must contact the Cowley County Extension Office in writing as soon as said tag is noticed to be missing. Include the following information: Specie, previous tag number, breed, sex of animal and statement verifying that the animal is the same animal that was tagged at the official tagging day. Ear tags that are lost after the pre-entry deadline must still be submitted in writing to the Extension Office, but will be handled on a case by case basis.

Poultry Testing

Poultry- Pullorum Typhoid Testing

All poultry (except waterfowl) exhibited at the Cowley County Fair are required to show proof of being P-T clean by one of the following:

- Originate from a certified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock
- Test negative on a P-T test within 90 days of exhibition

Certification must be provided at fair check-in.

Pullorum Typhoid Testing will be provided Saturday, July 17 at 8:00 a.m. at the Winfield Fairgrounds.

Please RSVP to the Cowley County Extension Office with the number of birds you will be testing by Thursday, July 15.

Livestock Showing Resources

Are you trying out a new livestock project this year?

Looking for tips and tools for showing as you prepare for the fair? The Kansas State University Youth Livestock page has links for showmanship resources at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/educational-materials.html>

You may also contact Kelsey at the Extension Office or one of our livestock project superintendents with specific questions.

Why do livestock judges place the classes the way they do???

The livestock judging contest at the fair is a great place to learn why your animal was placed the way it was, and prepare you to select your livestock for the future. Did you know you don't have to be enrolled in a livestock project to participate in Livestock Judging?

The Cowley County Fair Livestock Judging Contest is a great way for beginners to learn how to evaluate livestock.

To sign up, come to the show arena Monday, August 2nd from 8:00-8:30am. Bring a notebook and pencil.

The Fair: A Great Opportunity to Model Good Livestock, Poultry & Rabbit Stewardship

The fair is fun, exciting and busy for our livestock exhibitors. We want to encourage everyone that caring for livestock at the fair is a little different than caring for them at home. Most of our livestock have free access to water at home. This is not the case at the fair, and, because the weather during the fair is typically hot, it is vital that exhibitors water their livestock multiple times during the day. Even if you give your birds or rabbits a water bottle, you need to check their water often. Fair visitors notice when livestock (particularly poultry) are not watered and report it to the fair office. Please be sure to model good livestock stewardship by providing fresh, clean water to your animals **frequently** during the fair.

Exhibitors should also take extra care during the fair to keep their livestock, stalls/pens and the alleyways clean. One particular area that gets extremely messy is Bucket Calf. Bucket Calf exhibitors, please make sure your calves are clean, tied securely (we don't need any calves on the loose or tangled up) and that their stalls are cleaned. Those little calves can make a BIG mess. If you have questions about how/when/what to do with your livestock during the fair, do not hesitate to contact the Cowley County Extension Office or your fair superintendent.

Livestock Intent to Sell Cards

Each exhibitor must complete an "Intent to Sell" card for all animals shown in a market class (market hog, market beef, market lamb, market meat goat) as well as breeding gilts. On this card, the exhibitor will indicate whether they intend to sell their animal through the premium auction, sell it for base bid, or take it home. These must be turned in to your superintendent **within 30 minutes of showing your last specie.**

Buyer's Barbecue

The Buyer's Barbecue is held each year to show our appreciation for the community support of our livestock sale. This year's event will be held Monday, August 2nd from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the picnic area. Each club must have one representative present at 3:30 to set up. Three representatives from each club (2 youth, 1 adult) must be present from 4:45-6:45 p.m. to assist with tickets, serving and clean-up. Be sure to thank your buyers after the sale and in the community!

The In's and Out's of the 4-H Livestock Premium Sale

The 2021 Livestock Premium Sale will be held Monday, August 2 at 6:45 p.m. 4-H'ers who exhibit a market animal and meet weight requirements may sell one animal through the Premium Sale. The sale order is established by superintendents and Extension staff based on class placings. 4-H members must be present to sell their animal. After you sell, come to Kelsey to take your buyer ribbon and ticket to your buyer. Buyers have the opportunity to bid and purchase an animal's premium. They may choose to have the animal processed for meat at a locker. If they choose to have it processed, they must secure a locker space to have the animal processed. We have confirmed that Cedar Vale Locker, Family Tree Meats, Walnut Valley Processing and Stroot's Locker have saved locker spaces for fair animals. **CALL ASAP TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.**

If you have a hog going to Cedar Vale, Curtis Meeker will provide a trailer.

Base Bid, Locker, Premium Sale, Take Home- What Does It All Mean?

Base Bid= the base amount paid for an animal from the packer/buyer. Any livestock going through the Premium Auction will also be sold to the base bid

buyer. A 4-H member may sell additional animals not going through the premium auction for the base bid price. All livestock selling on the base or in the premium auction will remain at the fairgrounds after the show.

Locker= this is an animal sold to an individual to be harvested for meat at an area locker. For 2021, all locker animal sales must take place between the 4-H family and the buyer. Check with your locker for transportation. Family Tree Meat, Cedar Vale Locker, Walnut Valley Processing and Stroot's have spots available to harvest county fair livestock. If your family has an extra animal you'd like to sell for locker meat, or if you know of someone looking to purchase locker meat, please contact Kelsey, ASAP.

Premium= the premium auction is open to each 4-H member showing a market animal that meets minimum or maximum weight criteria. 4-H members may sell only one animal through the premium auction. All livestock selling on the base or in the premium auction will remain at the fairgrounds after the show.

Take Home= this is any livestock (entered as market or breeding) that you do not wish to sell following the 4-H show.

Livestock Release Time

Bucket calves, rabbits and poultry will be released August 2nd at 1:00 p.m. All other livestock will be released from the fair Monday, August 2nd at 10:00 p.m. Exhibitors must check out with the appropriate superintendent and sign in the following morning for clean up. You will not be allowed to load animals until 10:00 p.m.

Livestock Superintendents

Our Livestock Superintendents serve during the fair to make sure that animals get checked in, classes get posted, shows run smoothly, livestock are marked correctly for the sale, and SO.MUCH.MORE. Our superintendents are here to help. If you have specific questions about how things work in your department, please be sure to ask one of them.

Beef & Bucket Calf- Kyle & Angie Ruyle
Dairy Cattle- Becky Henderson & Andy Murphy

Swine- Bruce Hafenstein, Russ & Audree Gottlob, Eric Enderud and Scott Lowe

Sheep- Greg & Tami Norwood

Meat Goats- Lacey Colquhoun

Dairy Goats- Monica Rupp



September 10-19

Kansas State Fair Info

New for 2021

Static exhibitors (what we exhibit in Barn 4) at the Kansas State Fair will receive 2 gate passes instead of a fair premium.

Kansas State Fair Livestock Entries

Kansas State Fair Livestock Entries are due to the State Fair July 15th. All youth entry forms may be submitted online, however, must be printed off and signed by authorized agents, parents, and exhibitors before entry form is complete. Entries may be mailed or faxed to: Kansas State Fair, Attn: Competitive Exhibits, 2000 N. Poplar, Hutchinson, KS 67502, Fax # 620-669-3640. Entry information is available at www.kansasstatefair.com, go to "Competitions", choose "Exhibitor Handbook Information", then scroll down to the links for "Market Animals" and "Breeding Animals" under the "Midwest Ford Grand Drive" heading. Printable and electronic entries are available.

What Can I Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair??

If your 4-H Age is 9 and older, you are eligible to enter a purple-ribbon exhibit from the Cowley County Fair for judging at the Kansas State Fair in the 4-H Division: photos, food items, gift baskets, educational displays, some notebooks, entomology educational display, entomology collection, clothing construction, horticulture, field crops, floriculture, fiber arts, rabbits, energy management, robotics, rocketry, astronomy, geology collection, geology educational display, woodworking, Shooting Sports educational display, wildlife educational display, poultry, demonstration/illustrated talk and forestry notebook.

Two Senior Division Champions may be selected in Fashion Revue Buymanship and Constructed categories to compete at the Kansas State Fair.

Judges will choose five Visual Arts exhibits; one from each of the new State Fair categories: Fine Arts, Clay & Ceramics, Leather & Jewelry, Three Dimensional, General Craft.

It is the member's responsibility to complete **pre-entry by August 12th** in order to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. Pre-entries may be made in the 4-H office at the Cowley County Fair or in the Extension Office following the fair.

No phone entries will be accepted.

Visual Arts

State Fair Visual Art exhibits must be an original design, created by the exhibitor and will be evaluated using a visual arts rubric.

Kansas State Fair Volunteers

The highlight of the Kansas 4-H program is the Kansas State Fair. This year's State Fair is September 10th-19th. It takes many volunteers to make the State Fair a success. We are currently looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in assisting at the State Fair, please email Kelsey by Thursday, Aug. 12th. Gate tickets are provided for the days that you volunteer. Job descriptions and details of the opportunities available can be obtained at the Extension Office.

Purchase Your Kansas State Fair Admission Tickets and Parking Passes

Kansas State Fair gate admission tickets and (some) parking passes can be purchased at a discounted rate through the Cowley County Extension Office prior to the Kansas State Fair. Orders must be placed by Monday, August 12th and payment must be received at the time the order is placed. Tickets will not be ordered unless payment is received prior to ordering.

Contests, Events and Activities at the Kansas State Fair

Did you know that the state fair has so much more for 4-H members to participate in beyond sending an exhibit? Here are a few contests 4-H'ers who are 9 and older can participate in:

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Contest (must have received a Top Blue at County 4-H Day)

Rabbit Judging

Crops Identification Contest

Photography Judging Contest

Poultry Judging Contest

Family & Consumer Sciences Judging (must qualify for a team)

The Kansas State Fair 4-H Department is always looking for youth and adult volunteers to assist with check-in, judging and check-out of 4-H exhibits. This is a great opportunity to meet others from across the state who share a similar interest, learn more about a project area, or just add to your leadership skills!

To get involved in a contest, or to volunteer at the State Fair, registration is as simple as entering a State Fair exhibit by August 12th in the Extension Office or in the 4-H Fair trailer at the Cowley County Fair.

2021-22 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment

As wheat harvest approaches it is time for 4-H members to enroll or re-enroll for the 2022 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2021 and goes through September 2022. The enrollment form and program details can be found here: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html>.

Members are asked to contact their local Extension Office by July 12th for information with enrollments due to Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu by July 23, 2021. There will be no cost for the program in 2021-22 since the five varieties are again being sponsored by commercial companies. It is very important that we know the number of participants early, so we can have enough seed and metal signs available for Extension agents and leaders to pick up at designated places. Location and date details are to be worked out. New participants will receive a free large plot sign, and five free individual variety signs. These are scheduled to be distributed in early September.

Don't forget to pull your wheat samples for the Kansas State 4-H Wheat Show in early August in Wichita, and also for wheat samples at your county fair, that may be eligible for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Division. Resource information for the wheat variety project includes: (1) Wheat Variety Plot Brochure, 4-H 565 Revised 2010,) (2) Wheat Variety Plot-Youth Participant Handbook, 4-H 566, Revised 2010, and (3) 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record, P1099, Revised 2010. To download these files, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html>. This year's participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the Showcase Building. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, 303-349-7403, or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu.

2021 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo in El Dorado, KS

What: Join us for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Wednesday, August 11th at the Butler County Community Building in El Dorado. We are pleased to be working with the KSRE-Butler County Extension Office. The 2021 wheat expo will be one of Kansas 4-H's first face-to-face state 4-H events since COVID-19

shut down physical/face-to-face 4-H programming in March 2020.

We are excited to bring the wheat expo back for a fun, educational and hands-on program in person for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available.

Tours: Everyone will participate in the same tour with the group splitting into two equal groups, with each group then flipping to the other tour after about one hour.

1. MKC (Mid-Kansas Cooperative) elevator and facility tour, 2418 SW Butler Rd., Benton, KS 67017; 316-778-1181. This facility offers services in feeds, grains, and chemicals.

2. Varner Farms, Towanda, is a diverse farming operation with crops, hay, cattle, and a dairy goat herd. Family members produce and sell soaps and lotions.

Contests: There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded.

Classes include: (1) 1 lb. bin run for crops members; or (2) 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; (All wheat samples must be postmarked to KSU by July 20 so testing can be completed). Youth may bring multiple exhibits in Divisions 3-9. A maximum of two placings per individual in each division, 1-8 will be awarded. (3) 1 quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) three standard yeast rolls; (5) three standard sized cookies; (6) three standard muffins; (7) wheat photography contest; (8) wheat educational posters and (9) Cloverbuds, (5-6-year-olds) with participation ribbons.

When: Wednesday, August 11, 201

Where: Butler County Community Building, 200 N. Griffith, El Dorado, KS 67042

Who: All Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate.

Registration: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>

Registration Fee: \$6.00 to cover the CVent registration fee

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2021, 11:59 p.m.

If you are planning on staying overnight don't delay in making your reservation.

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		6:30 PM Dog Practice		5:30 PM Livestock Judging Practice		
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Independence Day 2:15 PM 4-H Shooting Sports Project 6:30 PM Udall 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Martha Washington 4-H Mtg	Independence Day (observed) 7:00 PM Tisdale 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Dexter/Otto 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Floral 4-H Mtg	5:00 PM PRE-ENTRIES DUE!!! 5:30 PM Extension Council Board Mtg 6:30 PM Dog Practice				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3:00 PM Rock Creek 4-H Mtg 3:30 PM Burden 4-H Mtg	7:00 PM New Horizon 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Walnut Valley 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Sunrise 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Cameron 4-H Mtg			Flash info to Cindy KSF Livestock Entries Due 5:30 PM Livestock Judging Practice		8:00 AM Poultry Testing
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
2:00 PM Muddy Creek 4-H Mtg	7:45 PM Jr Leaders	4-H Clothing/Fashion Revue Eid al-Adha		6:00 PM 4-H Council		8:00 AM Cowley Co 4-H Horse Show
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	6:00 PM Fair Livestock Set Up	8:00 AM Fair Set Up		7:00 AM Cowley County Fair 5:30 PM Livestock Judging Practice	... Cowley County Fair	... Cowley County Fair

August 2021

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I pledge...

My **head** to clearer thinking
My **heart** to greater loyalty
My **hands** to larger service and
My **health** to better living
for my club, my community,
my country and my world

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SE Area 4-H Challenge Day was held in Emporia on June 22 - Olivia Brodbeck, 4th Place Intermediate FCS Judging; Charles Hensley, 5th Place Senior Photography Judging and 5th Place Senior FCS Judging; Anthony Jelinek, 6th Place Intermediate FCS Judging and 8th Place Intermediate Crops Contest; Abigail Reid, 1st Place Senior FCS Judging and 8th Place Senior Photography Judging.

The Cowley County 4-H Livestock Judging team consisting of **Corbin Gottlob, Kashleigh Hedges, Kadynce Hedges, Koy Holcomb** and **Matik Tatum** participated in the Southeast Area Livestock Judging Contest and Skillathon Thursday, July 24 in Yates Center. The team placed eight classes of cattle, sheep, hogs and goats. Congratulations to **Corbin Gottlob** who placed 7th in the Junior Skillathon and **Koy Holcomb** who placed 4th!

