

K-State Research & Extension
Greenwood County 4-H News
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SEA 4-H Record Book Judging

The SEA 4-H Record Book judging will be held in Fredonia this year on Friday, January 20th from 9am - 3pm (record books are due at the Extension office by the 4:30pm on Monday, January 16th). If you are interested in helping judge this year, please call or email the Extension office by Friday, January 13th.

Horse Panorama



Horse Panorama will be at the K-State Salina Campus on Saturday, January 28th. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, photography, design and more. Registration will be completed via Qualtrics and is due by Tuesday, January 10th. Check the [Panorama webpage](#) for schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

“Junk In A Bucket”

The last page of the December newsletter had the flyer describing the 4-H class for the county fair called “Junk In a Bucket”! Entries for this class are due by Friday January 31, 2023 via FairEntry.

Registration will not open until Sunday, January 1st.
<http://greenwoodcountyfair.fairentry.com/>

For information on how to create a FairEntry account and how to submit entries, visit our website at:
<https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4-h/greenwoodcofair/index.html>

2023 Greenwood County Fair Theme

The 120th Greenwood County Fair is **July 28-31, 2023!** Each 4-H club is encouraged by the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation to be creative and submit a theme for the fair. Last year’s theme “Life is Better at the Greenwood County Fair” appeared on fair t-shirts, the fair paper, newspaper advertisements, and on the radio. Entries are due in the Extension by Friday, February 10th. Below is a list of requirements to fit our graphic needs:

- **Black and White Only**
- **Digital Design (no hand drawn ideas)**
- **Size should be 8 inches x 8 inches**

January

- 1-2 Extension Office Closed - New Year’s
- 6 **Enrollment due to the Extension office by 4:30pm for returning 4-H members**
- 16 Record Books due by 4:30pm to Ext. Office
- 18 4-H Council Meeting (Joint meeting w/Lyon Co.)
- 20 SEA 4-H Record Book Judging in Fredonia, KS
- 28 Horse Panorama – K-State Salina Campus (registration deadline is January 10th)
- 31 “Junk In A Bucket” registration due

February

- 10 Fair Theme Ideas due to Extension Office
- 12 “4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball” (registration due January 15th)
- 18 Entomology Project Meeting - Iola, KS
- 19-20 CIA (registration deadline is February 1st)
- 20 Willie & the Beanstalk Contest starts (Information can be found [here!](#))
- 22 Club Leaders check email for County 4-H Club Day Group presentations sign up (Due February 24th)
- 24-25 4-H Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs
- 27 County 4-H Day registration opens on SignUpGenius (entries due March 3rd)

March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarships due online
- 8 YQCA Training @ Courthouse
- 11 County 4-H Club Day @ Hamilton School
- 11 Kansas Jr. Swine Producer Day, Manhattan, KS (registration deadline is February 15th)
- 17 Beef Weigh-In - noon to 5pm
- 18 County 4-H Club Day Snow Date
- 18 Kansas Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day, Manhattan, KS (registration deadline is February 22nd)
- 24 Documentation deadline for Willie & the Beanstalk
- 25 Regional Club Day @ Madison High School

April

- 1 Judy Wiggins Scholarship applications due
- 1 Willie & the Beanstalk judging in Manhattan, KS
- 4 YQCA Training @ Courthouse
- 29 Small Animal Weigh-in
- 30 Flint Hills Classic

Reminder!!!! Enrollment Deadline for returning members is 4:30pm on Friday, January 6th!!!

4-H Day with Women's Basketball

The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" game will take place on Sunday, February 12th at 1pm as the Wildcats take on Oklahoma. For \$25, each attendee will receive a ticket to the game, an awesome game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Also, this year, a ticket/voucher option with no t-shirt is available for \$15. Register by January 15th at <https://conta.cc/3UKNwIO>

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action (CIA) will be held on February 19th and 20th. Registration should open in early January and will be due Wednesday, February 1st. Check the [CIA event page](#) as it is updated with schedules and registration information.

Entomology Meeting

The next Entomology meeting is Saturday, February 18th at 1:30pm at the Allen County Extension Office in Iola. Please bring your pinning board, insect pins, and quilting pins. New families will receive a pinning board. Insect pins are \$6.60/pkg. Bring back the handouts from December's meeting. Also, please bring one or two empty, clean tuna cans for a special project. If the weather is bad, please don't drive if the roads are bad. Vicky Wallace will send out an email if the meeting is cancelled due to bad weather. Or you may call (620) 804-9170 if you have questions.

Tips for New 4-H Members and Families

- ◇ Check out the K-State Research & Extension-Greenwood County website at: www.greenwood.k-state.edu
- ◇ Read the Greenwood County 4-H newsletter carefully (you can find it on the website listed above)
- ◇ **Ask lots of questions!** Please don't hesitate to call the Extension office with questions, ask community and project leaders, and reach out to older, more established 4-H families (contact information for the Extension office is located on the website and in every newsletter)
- ◇ Attend every club meeting - explore county 4-H events during the entire year
- ◇ Do just a few projects per member the first year of 4-H as you "learn while having fun"
- ◇ Read the Greenwood County 4-H Family Handbook available through your 4-H club leaders

Standard for 4-H and FFA

By: Pam VanHorn

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

4-H Ambassador Training

The Annual State 4-H Ambassador Training is planned for February 24th & 25th at Rock Springs. Information should be available in early January.

What do 4-H Ambassadors do? See the job description [here](#).

Scholarships

⇒ Kansas 4-H Scholarships:

The online applications for the 2023 Kansas 4-H Scholarships are online. All applications with supporting documentation and reference letters must be submitted no later than March 1st! The information for these scholarships is available on the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

⇒ Judy Wiggins Scholarship:

The Judy Wiggins Memorial scholarship application are due April 1st. Copies of the application are available by request from the Extension Office.

4-H County Club Day

This year's 4-H County Club Day is just ahead, Saturday, March 11th at Hamilton Elementary School. Guidelines were included in the December newsletter relating to how to make entries, times, ages, etc. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits.

We will be offering the Interview contest again this year. View attached documents or our website for more details: <https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4-h/4-heventsactivities/index.html>

Livestock Tagging

Beef weigh-in is on Friday, March 17th from noon to 5pm at Luthi's. Beef Tag's are \$4.00

Market and breeding females, will need to be tagged at spring weigh-in to be able to show at the Greenwood County Fair. If you have purebred animals that have registration papers they will not be required to be tagged, but you must turn in a copy of those registration papers by 4:30pm on Friday, April 14th to the Extension office. You may email them to Kristina (kpelky@ksu.edu). All livestock must be castrated or banded by spring weigh-in.

K-State Junior Producer Days

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 11th

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 15th

Cost: \$20/person by February 15th (\$25/person after February 15th)

- * Registration must be RECEIVED by February 15th to receive a t-shirt
- * Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 18th

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 22nd

Cost: \$20/person by February 22nd (\$25/person after February 22nd)

- * Registration must be RECEIVED by February 22nd to receive a t-shirt
- * Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration:

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****An instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. More details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be sent only to those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3.00/child fee. The junior day registration is independent from the YQCA class and does not include that additional fee.****

4-H Regional Club Day

Regional club days is planned for **March 25th at the Madison High School**. Save the date and start planning for events!

4-H Council Corner

The 4-H Council will be meeting be a joint meeting with Lyon County on Wednesday, January 18th at the Anderson Building in Emporia at 7pm.

Items to be on the agenda:

- ◆ Concessions at Flint Hills Classic
- ◆ Kansas Maids Fundraiser



YQCA
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Mark Your Calendars!
March 8th & April 4th @ 7pm- Greenwood County
Courthouse Meeting Room

YQCA Training is required to show at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and the Kansas State Fair. This program must be completed each year. These trainings will be "in person" and require a \$3 sign up fee.

****Sign-up by logging into your YQCA account @ yqcaprogram.org and selecting only one session.****

Leaders' Notes

- ⇒ **REMINDER!!!! All returning 4-H members must be enrolled by 4:30pm on Friday, January 6th. Enrollments for returning members WILL NOT be accepted after this date/time!!!! Project drop/add due date will remain May 1st, as will new member enrollment.**
- ⇒ Junk-in-a-Bucket: FairEntry for Junk-in-a-Bucket opens on Sunday, January 1st and closes on Tuesday, January 31st! Check out our website for information on how to sign up for and submit entries using FairEntry. There are step-by-step videos and word documents that will help families register and submit entries.
<https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4-h/greenwoodcofair/index.html>
- ⇒ 2023 Scholarships: For the 2023 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, the online applications are available at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. Deadline to apply is March 1st!
- ⇒ Judy Wiggins Scholarship: Applications available at the Extension office and are due by April 1st!
- ⇒ 4-H County Days: County Clubs day will be Saturday, March 11th. Encourage members to make plans now! Entries will be made via SignUp Genius. Club leaders will receive an email with the sign up link on Wednesday, February 22nd for the group events at club days (model meeting and gavel games) and will be due Friday, February 24th at 4:30pm. **THIS LINK IS FOR CLUB LEADERS ONLY!** Another email containing links to sign up for individual presentations (Show and share, demos, project talks, public speaking, video presentations, music, talent, skits, dance, and job interviews) will be sent out Monday, February 27th to all 4-H members. Registration will close Friday, March 3rd at 4:30pm. This email will include the schedule for group events (model meeting and gavel games) that leaders signed up for, so members do not double schedule their activities.
- ⇒ 4-H Regional Days: Regional Clubs day will be March 25th at Madison High School.

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

As a resource for club leaders the North Central Region Volunteer Specialists have created a new online training resource: [“4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success.”](#)

This training includes 6 videos, handouts, and resources that go with the videos. Volunteers can watch the videos and review the handouts and resources designed to help create a better club experience. We have also included a “4-H EZ Application Guide” that allows you to reflect on the videos and apply the information specifically to your 4-H Community Club.

This online training can be completed by an individual as volunteer development or with a group of youth and adult volunteers. The videos are set up so they could be completed all in one setting or divide them up, as needed, for a busy schedule.

The videos are available at: <http://bit.ly/4-HEZ>. Click on the heading of each section to go to the video. You'll first be asked to sign in, then you can click on the video link. At the end of each video, you'll be asked to reflect on something you have learned and offer suggestions for future training opportunities.

Thank you for your interest in strengthening your 4-H Community Club!



4-H Club Day Presentation Tips

General Thoughts

- ✿ Don't read your talk. Don't memorize, but do practice so you are familiar with it.
- ✿ Look at the audience and judge. This is a must for keeping their attention.
- ✿ Talk loud enough so people on the back row can hear you.
- ✿ Don't talk too fast. Make sure everyone can understand everything you say.
- ✿ Dress appropriately. Be sure you are well groomed and neat. Dress to fit your presentation.
- ✿ Good posture increases self confidence.
- ✿ Stand on two feet. Try not to rock back and forth.
- ✿ Charts should be easy to read – not crowded and cluttered.
- ✿ Place your charts in a place everyone can read.
- ✿ Remember to smile, smile, smile! It takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown.
- ✿ Demonstrations and Illustrated talks – ask for questions. Project talks – do not ask for questions.

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

- ✿ Cover table with paper, table cloth, etc.
- ✿ Organize all your ingredients on a tray so that you can quickly move them from the supply table to the work area.
- ✿ Pre-measure ingredients or supplies.
- ✿ Clear empty containers from the work space as you finish with them.
- ✿ Make sure the electrical equipment works properly. Bring all supplies needed and equipment.
- ✿ Have examples of every step of the process. If something needs to dry for 5 minutes, have one already dry.
- ✿ Have “fill” information. Silence is not a good thing for a demonstration. Provide additional information about your topic – nutritional value, costs, origin of products, history of the subject, etc.
- ✿ Foods presentations: wear an apron, washable clothing and some device to keep hair in place.
- ✿ Use trays to help organize your supplies.
- ✿ Use clear containers so the audience can see what you are doing.

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- ✿ Use a damp cloth to wipe hands if doing foods demonstration or when using glue for crafts, etc.
- ✿ Cover name brands of products.
- ✿ Clear your work area before you show your finished product.
- ✿ Show your finished product with mirror.

Posters/Charts

- ✿ Serve as a guide to you.
- ✿ Add interest to the title, topic and ideas presented.
- ✿ Focus and hold audience attention.
- ✿ Emphasize key points.
- ✿ Show comparisons.
- ✿ Summarize main thoughts.
- ✿ Should be neat and attractive.
- ✿ Use upper and lower case letters. (all capitals are hard to read)
- ✿ Use block letters. Avoid script or broken letters.
- ✿ Letters should be at least 2" in height in order to be read from 20' away.
- ✿ Should be easily read. Don't clutter or crowd with too many words/ideas. Use bullets or outline style.
- ✿ Limit the number of colors used. Easy to read colors include:
 - ✓ Black on white
 - ✓ Green on white
 - ✓ Blue on white
 - ✓ Yellow on black
- ✿ Hard to read colors include:
 - ✓ White on red
 - ✓ White on orange
 - ✓ Red on yellow
 - ✓ Green on red
- ✿ Use color for emphasis, but don't use it on everything.
- ✿ Beware that flourescent colors can be hard on the eyes.
- ✿ Do not mix color within words.
- ✿ Let color work for you, not against you!
- ✿ At least 3 posters – Title poster, steps/supplies and a summary.
- ✿ Use heavy weight poster board.

2023 Senior Job Interview Contest

Public speaking is one of the most important life skills 4-Hers develop over their 4-H careers. Yep, that's right. You are developing career-based skills, and 4-H Club Day is one opportunity to develop and showcase these skills.

In 2023, Chase, Chautauqua, Coffey, Elk, Greenwood, Lyon, and Morris counties will again have a Job Interview contest at their local club day for 4-Hers in the senior division ages 14-18. County winners will have the opportunity to compete at Regional 4-H Club Day.

Many of you may already have a cover letter and a resume put together for your project record book area screening requirement. With the cover letter and resume a new requirement for area and state, the Job Interview will give you another place to utilize the work you've already done (or encourage you to get these important career-based tools ready!). The guidelines and project specific work that is required for area record judging will be your guideline for preparing for this portion of the contest.

Page 10-11 and page 15 includes information on the cover letter and resume:

<https://tinyurl.com/5hfzyxw5>

Job Interview contest expectations:

- 4-Hers will present a prepared cover letter and resume following the state record keeping guide. You will be able to use the cover letter and resume that you already put together for the area screening (or this will help you get this step of career employment started).
- 4-Hers will be interviewed by a potential employer/boss or panel of interviewers
- The interview will focus on the Job Description provided (see attached). The same Job Description will be used at both your local and regional 4-H Club Day competitions
- Interviews will be timed and will last no longer than 20 minutes
- The 4-Her who is selected as the top candidate for the job at each county contest will earn the right to compete in the Job Interview at Regional 4-H Club Day March 25 in Madison, KS. One alternate can be selected to attend if the top candidate wishes not to compete.

Note:

This is a mock interview competition. The job description is one of a job that could be filled by a teen 4-Her in your community but is not currently in the budget. Please review the information and consider your skills/experience and how it would fit into your goals and future career opportunities. What you present and share for the interview must be factual and true to your personal 4-H experience.

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Youth Project Leader

Position Description and Responsibilities:

Your Extension County 4-H program is looking for a Youth Project Leader to serve as a teen coordinator and developer of project-based learning opportunities in the community for all youth ages 5-18.

- Work directly with your local Extension Office 4-H program to help identify the need for project based learning including:
 - Project-based day camps
 - Project-based competitions
 - Civic engagement/community service within a project area
 - Traditional and non-traditional project-based meetings
 - Conduct evaluation to determine knowledge gained from participants
- Promote educational opportunities within the 4-H program to the community
- Recruit new and underserved audiences to participate in project-based learning
- Secure adult volunteers with project-based expertise to help deliver hands-on educational activities
- Consider this general Kansas 4-H position description:
 - Project Leader Position Description

Qualifications:

- Open to current 4-Her ages 14-18
- Evidence of strong 4-H participation and engagement in the community
- Willingness to learn more about positive youth development and the volunteer screening process
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups and through mass media § Must uphold strict confidentiality and professionalism with volunteers and data management

Expectations:

The Youth Project Leader will work approximately 10-15 hours per month over a one-year period. Upon completion of 120 hours of service, the Youth Volunteer Coordinator will receive recognition for their service.

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