A Word From Your Agent...

Hello 4-H Families,

We are gearing up for our spring livestock show! Registration is now open here: https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/event-fliers/. Be sure to sign up before April 22nd so you get a free t-shirt!

Jr Leaders will be having an in-person meeting on March 10th! Come join us at 6 pm in the upstairs meeting room for icebreakers, teambuilding and planning a Jr. Leader led activity for the fair!

March is also a good time to go check your 4-H projects before our May 1st deadline for enrollment. You can join 4-H at any time during the year but if you want to take a project to the fair you must be enrolled in that project on May 1st. Please remember that going to project meetings does not put you in that project. You have to add them on your 4-H online profile.

Thank you for being a part of Shawnee County 4-H!

-Grace
Livestock Corner

Dates to mark:

- March 19th  YQCA Training  @ 2:30pm in EMR
- April 5th   YQCA Training  @ 5:30on in EMR
- April 24th  Spring Weigh In (for Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep & Swine)
- May 7th     Shawnee County Spring Show
- June 8th    YQCA Training  @ 5:30pm in EMR

Don’t forget to RSVP for any YQCA Trainings, dates and times listed above. To do so, please email Haley at kelley13@ksu or give her a call at the office, (785)232-0062 ext 112.

Thank you!

The Shawnee County Spring Weigh In is April 24th from 2-4 pm that the Blythe Farm, 27561 Hackberry Rd. Maple Hill, KS 66507. This weigh in is for all bucket calves, goats, sheep & swine to be registered to show at the county fair. County tags are $1.75 each and EID tags are $3.50. Please bring exact change or a check to pay for tags.

Remember that EID tags are needed to show at any Kansas State Shows; Kansas State Fair or Kansas Jr Livestock Show. We will see you then!

The Shawnee County Spring Show is set to take place May 17th, at Kansas NE Heritage Complex in Holton, KS. Entries are due to the Office or Postmarked by April 22th. Shawnee County 4-H can also bring entries & payment to the April 24th Spring Weigh In.

Event Flyer, Fillable PDF Entire Form & Show Registration can be found on the Event Flyers tab.

https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/event-fliers/
St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Come walk in the Topeka Saint Patrick’s Day Parade! We will meet at the Southwest corner of 3rd and Kansas at 11:30 a.m on March 12th. Wear your green and be ready to walk! For any questions, please contact louisjanfunk@att.net.

Shawnee County Extension Foundation Scholarship

The Shawnee County Extension Foundation 4-H Scholarship will provide up to three (3) $500 scholarships for Shawnee County 4-H members who have been active at the club and county level for post-secondary education (includes technical institutes, community colleges and four-year institutions). This scholarship is for graduating high school seniors and is non-renewable. Shawnee County 4-H members who receive a state 4-H scholarship are not eligible.

Selection is based on 4-H merit which includes participation, leadership, and community service both in 4-H and in the community. More points are given to work done at the county and state level than work done at the club level.

4-H Exchange is a national event for each year they host or travel.

Get more information and the fillable application on the Shawnee County Extension website site at https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-H/.

Be sure to include the required references and high school transcript. For questions contact Candis Meerpohl candism@ksu.edu or Cindy Evans cevans@ksu.edu.
**Picture Perfect Photo Workshop**

Don’t miss this awesome workshop put on by our own photography youth leaders! This year it is being held April 24 at Ted Ensley Gardens. 4-Hers will have a chance to learn about photography techniques, skills, & tools through informational workshops and hands-on activities. You can find the event flyer here: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/creative-arts/Picture%20Perfect%20State%20Workshop%202022%20Flyer%20Updated%202.8.2022.pptx.pdf.

**Volunteer Opportunity**

The Special Olympics Regional Track and Field Competition is searching for volunteers! Anyone is welcome to sign up, and members aged 11 & younger must have an adult accompany them. Volunteers will be used in a variety of ways. Some will be timers, others will measure distances thrown or jumped, and others may be used to stage races or tabulate results. The event is held April 23rd, and you can select morning or afternoon. The link to sign up is here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49a9ab2da3f49-20224.
Fairbook Cover Contest

The Shawnee County Fairboard is happy to announce the youth 2022 Fairbook Cover Contest! The 2022 Shawnee County Fair theme is *Footloose at the Shawnee County Fair*. Below are the rules for entries for the Cover Contest.

Here are the rules:
- Must be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper (Must be done in Portrait Orientation NOT Landscape orientation)
- Design must be in black and white, do not use color
- Art can be hand drawn or computer generated, but must be original
- Must include the dates of the County Fair; July 16-17 – County Fair Horse Show, July 21-24 – County Fair
- Must mention Open Class
- Must include the theme of the fair (Footloose at the Shawnee County Fair).
- Put your name, phone number and Club on the BACK SIDE of the entry.
- Entries are due to the Extension Office by **March 21st** at 5PM.

There will be a $50 cash prize for the cover chosen to be on the front of the Fair Book! The runner up will have their artwork printed inside the fair book and will win a $25 cash prize.

Can’t wait to see what our youth come up with!
Kansas 4-H State Events and Activities

Save the dates! Insect Spectacular 2022
The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held in person this year! It will be held June 17-18 in Chanute, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, invasive species, pollinator gardens and more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H’er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be posted here around May 1. Stay tuned!

Super 4-H Saturday- Hays Judging Contest
The Annual Super 4-H Saturday NW Judging Contest, which includes Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography and Livestock will be held at Fort Hays State University (FHSU), Hays, Kansas on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Indoor Judging will start at 9:30am and run until noon. You can judge one or all five contests. The Livestock judging registration will start at 12:30pm with contest starting at 1:30pm. The day will also include a Volunteer Gathering/Training in conjunction with the indoor contests. There will be project opportunities offered in conjunction with the Livestock Contest. Mark your calendars and watch for the final details to be announced soon. Any questions contact Robyn Trussel, Walnut Creek District Extension 4-H Agent at rdeines@ksu.edu

Applications Due for Summer Inbound Exchanges
Families wishing to host students from Costa Rica, South Korea, Taiwan and Japan. These youth are ages 12-18, depending on the exchange program. The placements for families to host students from Japan will be managed within Kansas by Pam Van Horn, State Coordinator. (See her article elsewhere in the Tip Sheet.) Placements for students for Costa Rica, South Korea and Taiwan are managed by Mary Kay Munson. Families should submit online applications to States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs. The same application can be used for all of these exchanges.

The link to the application is found on the Kansas 4-H web page at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html.

Contact Mary Kay Munson for more information on one-month States’ 4-H exchanges other than Japan. If a family applies to host and does not get a placement, the family will be contacted about other options including Japan and IFYE.
Indian Creek 4-H Club

For our February meeting, Indian Creek 4H Club held our annual St. Valentine’s Day auction. This year, the money raised was voted to support North Topeka Outreach’s Operation Backpack which provides food to local kids who might be experiencing some food insecurity at home. A great time was had by everyone bidding on goodies and the club raised and donated $290.

Submitted by: Daniel Biggs, Reporter

Horse Club

Congratulations to all of our Horse Club members who competed at the Horse Panorama! Our Senior Hippology team placed first at the State Contest and qualified to compete at the national hippology contest at the Western National Roundup in January 2023. Additionally, the Sr. Quiz Bowl team placed 2nd at Horse Panorama. Here are some pictures of Horse Club members with their medals!
Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

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All dates and activities are subject to change.