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January 8: January Jamboree



January 16: Extension Office Closed



State Scholarship Applications NOW AVAILABLE!

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Dates to Remember:

- January 8: January Jamboree
- January 15: registration due for February 12th event: 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball
- January 16: Office Closed
- February 26: Club Days

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Grace, Haley, & Lisa by January 26th

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A Word From Your Agent...

Happy new year everyone! I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed the holidays! We are looking forward to 2023 here in the office.

Don't forget, because of the changes to the Volunteer of the Year schedule, nominations for those awards are due to the office by February 1st!

In 2022, Events Council received a donation from Capitol Federal from their monthly fundraiser program. It was decided at the December Events Council meeting to use the money for communal project supplies, to promote enrollment in projects that require an upfront investment. If you are a project leader or superintendent, or know of a project that could benefit from having supplies that could be checked out from the office, please fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/mudmzw37> so that purchases can be voted on at the February 9th Events Council Meeting.

Lastly, we are in need of some new superintendents for the 2023 fair! Please be aware, that if a project has no superintendent, we will not be able to have that project. The list includes: Dog, Electric, Fashion Revue, Public Presentations, Table Setting, and Woodworking. If you would like to volunteer for this, or know of someone who may be interested, please reach out to the office!

*Happy
New
Year*



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Livestock Corner

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 11, 2023

Registration Deadline – February 15

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

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 15 to receive a t-shirt.

**Both youth and adults attending need to register.

Online Registration - <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 18, 2023

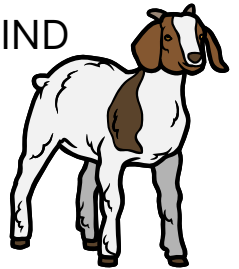
Registration Deadline – February 22

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Important Dates

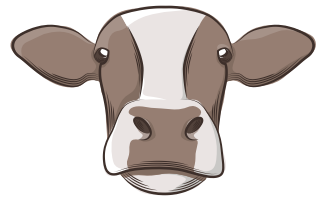
February 12: Beef Weigh-In

March TBD: YQCA

April TBD: YQCA

April 29: Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep & Swine Weigh-In

May 6th: Shawnee County Spring Show at Stormont Vail Events Center



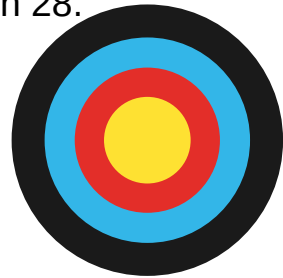
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County Events

New Shooting Sports Discipline Available

We are adding Air Pistol to our list of available Shooting Sports Disciplines in 2023! All 4-Hers age 9 and older who are interested are welcome to add this project. If you have already enrolled in 4-H for the year and would like to add, please contact the office and we can get you set up. Practice dates are: January 19, February 16, March 7, and March 28.



Communications Project Meeting

Have you ever struggled with speaking in front of people? Does it make you nervous? Well, you're in luck! Coming up this January on the 11th from 6-8 we are having the first communications project meeting! It's a group for kids run by kids and is a safe space for all of us to work on our communication skills through games and presentations! We hope to see you there! -Meredith Burgess

Record Book Tips

Need something to do inside this winter? Wanting to get a jump start on your Record Book for next year? Now is the time to **start setting those goals!**

Find a handy worksheet from Kansas 4-H at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Item.aspx?catId=1007&pubId=21479>

Have questions? Contact us at the office!



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January Jamboree

This year January Jamboree will be on January 8th, from 2-4 at Countryside United Methodist Church, **3221 S.W. Burlingame Rd.** The January Jamboree is a craft event that is open to the public where you can make small crafts and see all your 4-H friends. Crafts normally range from being free to around a dollar. Most crafts are for younger kids, but all ages are welcome. Invite your friends and make plans to attend the January Jamboree!



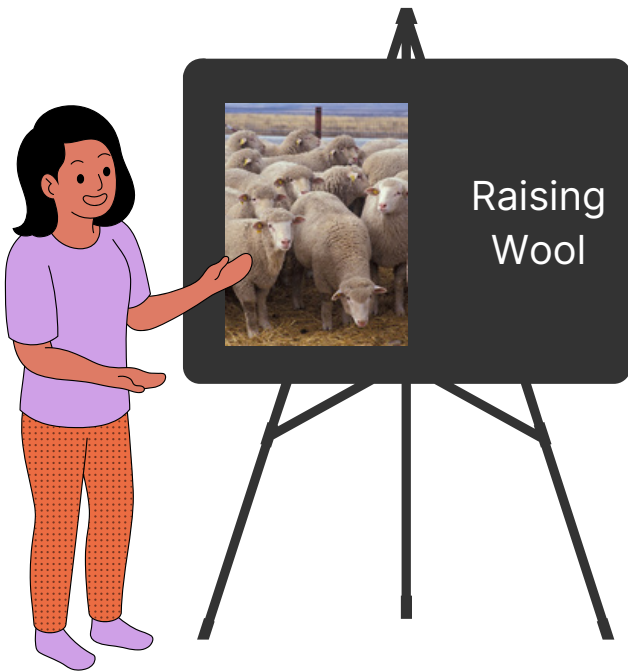


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Club Days 2023

Sunday, February 26

Location To Be Determined



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WANTED:

The following projects are needing Superintendents for the 2023 Shawnee County Fair. If you are interested, please let us know!

Dog

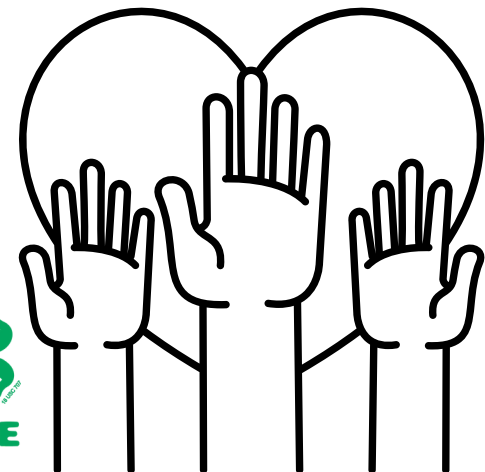
Electric

Fashion Revue

Public Presentations

Table Setting

Woodworking



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Kansas 4-H State Events and Activities

4-H Ambassador and Communication Training

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be held February 24-25 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp.

Please get this date on your 4-H Ambassador's calendars now. Friday night registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Dismissal will be Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

We will also be offering some 4-H Communication Training for teens who are not be part of a local 4-H Ambassador Program, it will be a separate but still connected program that same weekend.

Be watching email for registration information. Registration will be due February 1, 2023.

Dog Judges Training & Re-certification

When: January 27-29

Where: Wichita, KS

Registration Link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0vLsfQo6VyOzsQC

Registration deadline: January 15, 2023

Fees: Certification cost \$95; Observing cost \$50

This is a great opportunity for local dog project leaders and older 4-Hers to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at shows. Participants must be 16 years of age and up to attend.

For more information check

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/announcement/?id=86180>

4-H Horse Panorama

The 2023 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 28, 2023, at K-State Salina. In-person and virtual contests are available to Kansas 4-H members enrolled in the Horse or Horseless Horse project including Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, photography, design and more.

The 2023 4-H Horse Panorama registration will be completed through Qualtrics at the link provided on the 4-H Horse Panorama website (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>). Registration is due January 10, 2023.

Virtual contests for 2023 will be Photography, Logo Design, Ad Layout, Poster, PowerPoint and Model Horse. Exhibits must be submitted via Qualtrics by 11:59pm, January 20, 2023. Participants in virtual contests need not be present at Horse Panorama to participate in the virtual contests. Members participating only in virtual contests will not be charged a registration fee. More information about the virtual contest can be found on the Panorama event webpage.

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Save the Date!

4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball

KAE4-HA's annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" has been scheduled for Sunday, February 12, at 1 p.m.! Join us as the Wildcats take on pre-season #15 Oklahoma. Registration can be found at: <https://conta.cc/3UkNwIO>. If you are interested in going, contact the office so we can assess travel plans!



Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!

Discovery Days: June 7-9, 2023

Who Should Register: Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required. All adults who will be participating in Discovery Days must also register and go through the Volunteer Registration process. Chaperones: All adults have responsibilities throughout the conference. A designated adult chaperone is required for every 12 delegates. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and must be Volunteer Registered at their Local Extension Office. More information including registration and costs will be coming soon. Hope to see you there!

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What to Expect at 4-H Camp in 2023

We are excited to share what you can expect in 2023 for Kansas 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch.

We are continuing to expand our teen opportunities at camp. Leaders in Training (LIT) will be launched in 2023! These week-long sessions will be for our rising sophomores and juniors, which will include some great volunteer opportunities as well as some unique camp experiences. Be on the lookout for new and updated information about our programs via social media and our website.

Ready, set, register! Summer Camp 2023 registration is OPEN! This includes half week, full week, LIT and Counselor in Training (CIT) sessions. We anticipate an influx of registrations at launch and last summer we did reach capacity in a few sessions. Early bird registration rate (10% discount) ends on December 31. The session dates are below.

Visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org for more information!

Traditional 4-H Camp:	Counselors in Training (CIT):	Leaders in Training (LIT):
Session 1: June 4-7	Session 1: June 4-10	Session 1: June 11-16
Session 2: June 7-10	Session 2: June 11-16	Session 2: 25-30
Session 3: June 11-16	Session 3: June 18-24	
Session 4: June 18-21	Session 4: June 25-30	
Session 5: June 21-24	Session 5: July 9-14	
Session 6: June 25-30		
Session 7: July 5-8		
Session 8: July 9-14		

Rock Springs employee applications for summer 2023 are now open! If you know someone who likes spending time outside and working with youth, RSR may be a great fit. We hire approximately 60 staff each summer in a variety of roles from counselor, activity specialist and leadership roles. For more information and job descriptions, visit our website under Employment.

- Rock Springs Ranch

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Youth Tractor and Machinery Operations Program

It's time to start planning for the Spring and Summer 2023 Youth Tractor and Machinery courses. The program that KSRE utilizes is the National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) through Penn State Extension. This program has been selected since it meets the requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor and OSHA, and offers instructor training and support.

We encourage all counties and district agents to offer this important safety program to your communities. To become an Instructor, visit our Instructor Resources webpage. There is a one-time cost of \$35. After completion of the course, instructors will receive a teaching guide, lesson plans, PowerPoint deck, updates to materials, annual tests/keys and more. The Instructor Training covers how to administer the course; it does not cover the content to be presented to students. You are encouraged to have multiple presenters to offer different perspectives and specialties. First responders, implement dealers and mechanics, local farmers and agriculture educators are just a few that can add different dynamics to your program.

For CURRENT and NEW Instructors:

The USDOL requires 24 hours of instruction for the minimum core areas. This may take place over several sessions and can include group discussions, demonstrations, field trips to farms or equipment dealers, and hands-on activities, all in addition to the classroom instruction which should meet the 24-hour requirement. We have reviewed this requirement with the university attorney and been advised to meet all the requirements or not offer the training, for two reasons:

1. If the program does not meet the minimum standards for certification, the university may be liable to any person that is certified who is injured in the operation of machinery to the extent the injury is caused by a lack of training;
2. The university potentially could be misrepresenting to an employer that an individual is properly trained, when our program has not met required standards under the regulations. Furthermore, this could extend our liability to future employers of these individuals who have relied upon our certification in authorizing the person to operate machinery.

* There has been discussion in the past about the 10–14-hour courses, this only covers tractor operation training and it is not part of our program.

* Each student should receive the Revised Third Edition manual; it has a green tractor on the cover.

* The GOOD NEWS is that we have been advised that allowing the employer of the student to administer the driving portion of the exam is approved, as long as the agent who is signing the certificate has either observed the test or can corroborate or verify that the person has passed; this should include a written verification of the employer.

CALL TO ACTION:

- * Visit National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program
- * Join Teams KSRE National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program
- * Watch for more updates coming soon!
- * Call or email Tawnie Larson with questions, tawnie@ksu.edu, or 785-532-2976

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2023 Scholarships

State Scholarship Applications for 2023 Now Available

Kansas 4-H and Vanier Scholarship applications are NOW AVAILABLE.

Details for each application can be found at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

The only significant change for the applications this year is that youth are asked to submit some files to our Kansas4H@ksu.edu email address rather than uploading them into the Qualtrics application.

All necessary information for applications can be found listed under each description. Please contact Sarah Keatley at 620-366-0035 or keatley@ksu.edu with any questions. Applications and supporting documents are due in by no later than March 1, 2023.

**Local Scholarship Information
Coming Soon!**

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Club Chatter

Paw Prints

The Paw Prints 4-H club has started meeting to practice agility, obedience, rally obedience, and showmanship weekly. At our first practice we worked on jumping, going through tunnels, and a little bit of rally obedience work. Our last practice we worked on obedience, walking with our dogs, and some jumping. The club participated in the holiday parade in downtown Topeka. We have a Facebook group called "Paw Prints KS SN", search for it on Facebook and request to join the group for the latest training updates. The next Paw Prints meeting will be January 23 at 7 pm in the EMR.



-Kinley Ladd

Bunny Bunch

The Bunny Bunch 4-H club is hosting a show and clinic, Saturday, January 21, 2023 in Dover, Kansas at the Dover Community Center, beginning at 8am (weather permitting). Anyone interested in rabbits is more than welcome to come watch and/or participate.

We will be offering clinics on how to compete in showmanship, judging, and breed identification. This would be a great opportunity for young ones (ages 5 to 18) to learn more about rabbits. After the clinics we hope you can stick around for youth contests and rabbit judging. Judging and contests will not begin until noon, to allow all youth to participate in the youth clinics.

-Kierstyn Tillotson

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Poultry Project

Hello there 4H'rs and parents.

This months meeting January 15th we will be talking about what breeds you would like to raise and show at this years fair. Brooklynn Powell and Andy's grandkids will be helping to find everyone's favorite breeds for February and March's meeting. So if you have an idea of what your looking for but having trouble finding them let the kids and parents know, as we will be having a poultry clinic and the hatch dates soon. We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Years!

If you have any kids interested in poultry, Andrew Johnson has started a poultry project with the Shawnee county 4H youth. The educational talks will be held in conjunction with Andys North Topeka Tractor Supply meets for more hands on experience.

Any youth interested in poultry is invited to join

When: 3rd Sunday of the month

Between 8-11am. You don't have to be there right at 8 and you don't have to stay until 11. Its a drop in club just find Andy and he will get you informed!

Andy's Tractor Supply Swaps 2023

North Topeka TSC 3rd Sunday of the month. starts 8am-11

710 Hwy 24 East, Topeka, KS 66608

January 15 March 19

February 19 April 16

-Shantell Wallis & Brooklyn Powell

Deer Trail

Deer Trail would like to thank everyone who participated in the Holiday Parade at the beginning of December. We had a great turnout and lots of fun!

On a similar holiday note, Deer Trail continued our traditional "Santa's Workshop" as a part of our December meeting. We gathered to share crafts and pizza. We made paper snowflakes, snowman ornaments, marshmallow animals, plastic Christmas trees, colorful sun catchers, and painted ornaments!

As you look forward to the coming new year, mark your calendars and find our table at the January Jamboree!

-Grace Funk



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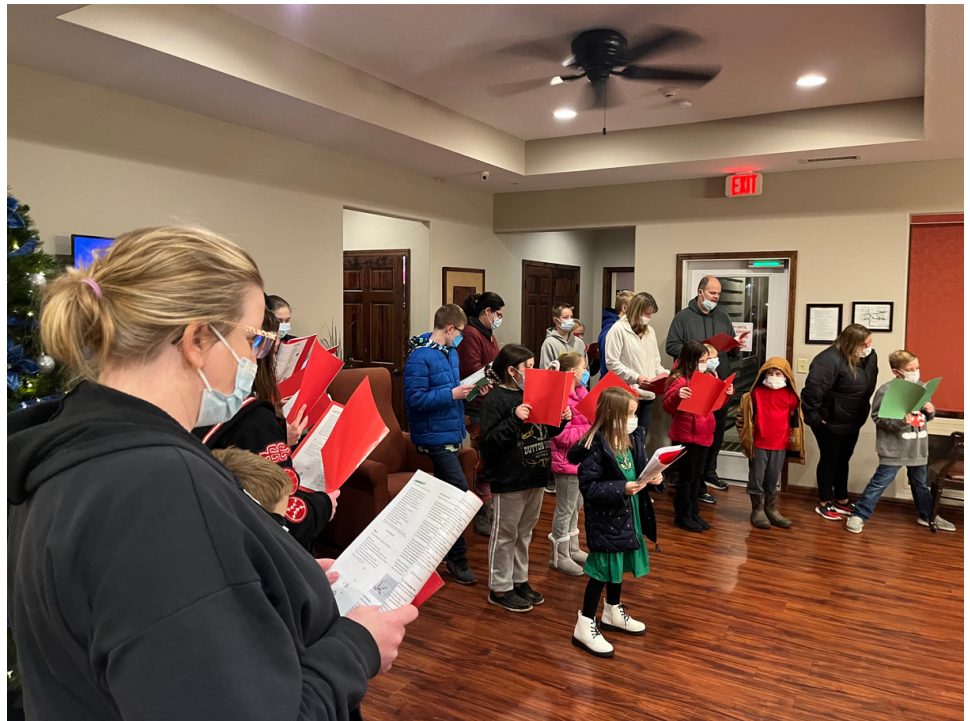
Rossville Rustlers

Rossville Rustlers Season of Giving

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H have been busy this winter. The club worked with the grade school and high school to organize a food drive for the local churches.

The club also adopted a family for Christmas. The club finished the month with caroling at an assisted living facility, conducted a white elephant gift exchange and enjoyed a soup supper. During December, the club voted to go ice skating together as a fun January activity.

-Cameron Thompson



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

January 2023

2 OFFICE CLOSED
2 Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting,
EMR, 7 pm
5 Shooting Sports Air Rifle 2, EMR, 6:30
pm
8 January Jamboree, Countryside United
Methodist Church, 2-4 pm
10 Horse Panorama registration due
11 Communications Project Meeting
12 Jr Leaders Meeting, 6 pm
16 OFFICE CLOSED
19 Sportfishing, EMR, 6 pm
 Air Pistol, EMR, 7 pm
23 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR,
7 pm
26 Chatterbox Submissions Due
27-29 Dog Judges Training and
Re-certification, Wichita
28 Horse Panorama, Salina

February 2023

1 Volunteer of the Year & Lifetime
Volunteer of the Year Nominations Due
2 Shooting Sports 2, EMR, 6:30 pm
 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building,
7 pm
6 Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting,
EMR, 7 pm
9 Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
14 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
16 Air Pistol, EMR, 7pm
23 Sportfishing, EMR, 6 pm
 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm
26 Chatterbox Submissions Due
26 CLUB DAYS, TBD
27 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7
pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.