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Highlights:

-  May 6: Spring Livestock Show
-  May 29: Office Closed
-  May 30: YQCA Training
-  Shawnee County Fair Entries OPEN JUNE 1!

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Dates to Remember:

- **May 1: ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**
- May 6: Spring Livestock Show
- **May 29: OFFICE CLOSED**
- May 30: YQCA Training
- **June 1: County Fair Entries OPEN**

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

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A Word From Your Agent...

Hello Shawnee County 4-H,

As the school year winds down, things are getting busier here at the office with fair preparations! We will be printing fair books again this year. They will be available for pick up from your club boxes at the office by mid-May. Keep an eye out for an email from 4-H Online notifying you that they are ready. The deadline to enter fair projects will be July 1, so make sure you mark that date on your calendar! We will not have a late entry option this year, everything will be due on July 1. There have been some software updates to FairEntry that should make it easier for you to use. You can expect an updated user guide when entries open. Lastly, please, if you have questions about your entries, contact us before the July 1 deadline so we can help you!

Registration for camp at Rock Springs is still open at

<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>! You can also still receive the \$100 camp scholarship we have available. All enrolled Shawnee County 4-Hers are able to get this, you just need to submit this form:

<https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2023%20Camp%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>.

Discovery Days registration is still open until May 15th! Registration is

here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>. We also have \$100 scholarships available

for Discovery Days. If you bring in the form before you pay, we will automatically deduct the scholarship amount from your invoice. You can

find the form here: [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2023%20Discovery%20Days%20Scholarship%20Application](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2023%20Discovery%20Days%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf)

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- Grace

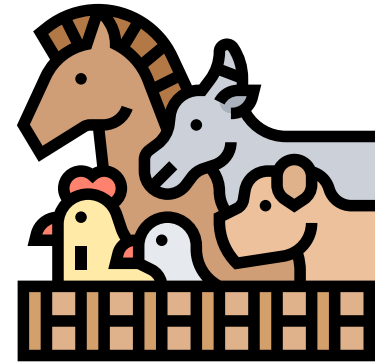




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Livestock Corner



Important Dates

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

May 30th: YQCA Instructor-Led Training

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

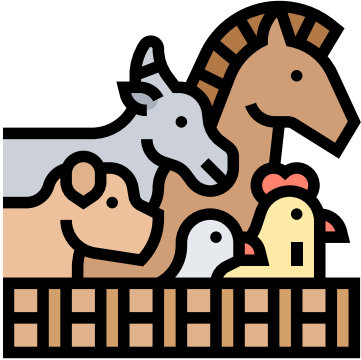
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is open to youth 7-21 years of age and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. For further details, YQCA Training please contact Haley (kelley13@ksu.edu) & Leroy (lrussel@ksu.edu) or visit the program website, yqcaprogram.org.

All those wishing to attend a future YQCA Instructor-Led Training, note that you should register at yqcaprogram.org and complete the Pre-Test BEFORE attending the training.

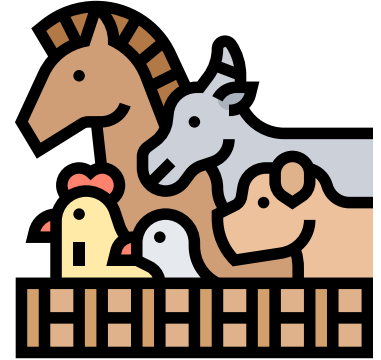
YQCA Training is still required for all Shawnee County Livestock Exhibitors 4-H Age 7-18(including Meat Rabbits & Broiler Meat Chickens) and State Livestock Shows; Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show(KJLS).



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State Livestock Nomination Information Available



The 2023 information for state livestock nominations has been released. The process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer physical forms for families to complete and mail. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account.

All market animals and commercial females youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated.

Market Beef nominations were due May 1, with Small Animal due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to 10 days prior to the deadline, which is April 20 and June 5, respectively. Information may be found under the "Nomination Information" tab on the youth livestock website: <http://bit.ly/ksunominations>. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.

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County Notes

Supporting 4-H



Ongoing national campaign to support 4-H with Tractor Supply Company!
The spring Paper Clover campaign is April 26th through May 7th!



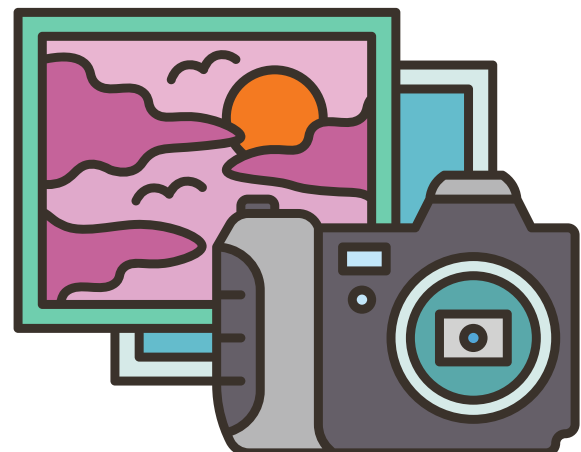
Camp & Discovery Day Scholarships

Scholarships for Camp at Rock Springs are available! All enrolled Shawnee County 4-Hers who sign up for 4-H Camp are eligible for a \$100 scholarship provided by Johnsonville Sausage and Capitol Federal Bank. Find the application here: <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2023%20Camp%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

Discovery Day Scholarships are available! All enrolled Shawnee County 4-Hers who sign up for Discovery Days are eligible for a \$100 scholarship provided by Johnsonville Sausage and Capitol Federal Bank. Find the application at <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2023%20Discovery%20Days%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

Record Book Tip of the Month!

Our Record Book Tip of the Month is about photos! Try to take photos of your projects in progress. These give variety alongside your finished product photos. Don't forget to get photos of community service projects and project talks & demonstrations as well!



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**SCHOOL
ENRICHMENT
WANTS
YOUR
EGG CARTONS**



School Enrichment is needing to restock the supply of egg cartons.

These cartons are used to transport the hatching eggs from the Nelson Hatchery to the schools for the Chicken Embryology Program.

Please bring your empty/used 12 count egg cartons to the office and let someone know they are for school enrichment. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Horticulture Judging Practices

Hello, 4-Her's, families, and volunteers! My name is Lane Wiens and I'm the new Horticulture Agent at the Extension Office. I just wanted to let everyone know that I will be holding three horticulture judging practices throughout the summer to prepare for the county and state horticulture judging contests. The dates for practices are June 14th, June 28th, and July 7th from 2:00-4:00 and will focus on plant identification, quality judging, and general horticulture knowledge. The practice on June 14th will be at a local park (TBD) and the rest will be held at the Extension Office. You don't have to be a member of the horticulture project to participate, you just have to be a registered 4-Her and open to learning more about plants!



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State Events

HOSTA Tractor Safety Training

All youth 13 or older that will be working on a farm or ranch are encouraged to attend this training on June 6-7, 2023 at KanEquip in Wamego. We will cover tractor safety, working with livestock, ATV safety, grain storage, PTO uses, skidsteers, farm equipment use, and many other farm safety issues. All youth 14-15 that will be working on a farm that is not their parents are required to attend by law. I will be taking the County Van up each day and will take the first twelve to call or email and RSVP to ride in the van each day. I will be making stops on the way to get youth at centralized locations. You will need to register with Pottawatomie County to attend as listed on the flyer. Shawnee County Farm Bureau and Kansas Insurance will be paying for all youth attending from Shawnee County, so you will be able to attend for free. **We will close the class at 30. RSVP is due by May 27 or will end when the class is full with 30 youth.** Let me know if you have any questions.

Leroy Russell
 Shawnee County Agriculture Agent

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2023 Tractor Safety Training

June 6, 9:00-4:00 and
 June 7, 9:00-2:30

KanEquip, Inc.
 18035 East Hwy 24, Wamego, KS

\$30 per attendee. Register by May 27th at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 & 16, YOU MUST COMPLETE A TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING COURSE TO WORK FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

*Kansas Insurance and Shawnee County Farm Bureau will pay for Shawnee County participants' registration fees upon completion.

K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, or dietary restrictions contact Shannon Blocker at 785-457-3319.

Discovery Days: June 7-9, 2023

Discovery Days is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year! Youth ages 13-18 are invited to come be a part of the fun and educational opportunity. Develop college or career readiness skills that prepare youth for life after High School. Youth participants will be given opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem solving, decision-making, and time-management skills. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends from all over the state.

More information can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>

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State Geology Field Trip

The State Geology Trip will be held **June 9-11** in the Manhattan area! Possible workshops being offered include: Exhibit Box Preparation, Fluorescent Minerals, Fossil ID, Geology 101, Lapidary Cabochons, Lapidary Wire-wrapping Basics, Minerals Team, and Rocks. Junior and Senior Quiz Bowl and a judging contest will also be held. **Registration deadlines will be in May.** Reach out to the office if you have any questions!



Horse Judging Camp and 4-H Judging Contest



The KSU Horse Judging Team is hosting youth horse judging camps **June 13 and 14** on the campus of Kansas State University. A Beginner and Advanced session will be offered and the camps will lead up to the Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest June 15 in Salina at the Saline County Expo Center.

More information and registration for camp can be found at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>.

Information about the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>

June 15, 2023
Saline County Expo Center, Salina, KS

The 4-H Horse Judging Contest provides youth an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter, including structure and movement, in a competitive setting. This contest will provide an educational experience for all participants.

The two days prior to the contest, the KSU Horse Judging Team will be hosting a beginner and advanced Horse Judging Educational Camp for youth.

Registration deadline is May 15th!

Find more information including contest rules at [Horse Judging | Contests | Events and Activities | Kansas 4-H Youth Development](#)

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Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular



It's time to get registered for the 31st Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, which will be held Friday and **Saturday, June 16-17**. The event will be held in and around Manhattan & Wamego, KS. This event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! *One parent/guardian from each family must register and attend with children.*

Learn about collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. This year's event features a guided tour of the K-State Insect Zoo, collecting in the K-State Gardens, and a night hunt at Tuttle Creek! All levels of experience are encouraged to attend, from beginning to advanced. This is a fun event, designed to encourage curiosity and the sharing of knowledge. For event info, and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2UewHuq>. **Registration closes May 26.**

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on **Saturday, August 12, 2023**, in Manhattan, Kansas (tentative planned date). Our contest is hosted for the day by the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources.

A tentative schedule is available at Horticulture Judging | Contests | Events and Activities | Kansas 4-H Youth Development



2022 Horticulture Judging team members

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Club Chatter

Paw Prints

We had a fun day at the 4-H Paw Prints dog show on April 1st. The events included agility, obedience, rally obedience, and showmanship. The first event of the day was showmanship, which was enjoyable. Showing off our dogs is something we do well. The second event in this eventful day was obedience and our dogs did amazing in it. Obedience is where we sit and stay, so basically what we did all day! The third event was agility in which many love to see. Leaping over jumps was very fun for you and me. The last and final event of the day was rally obedience! Our dogs were great at following the signs and at last getting to the finish line! We had great fun at the 4-H dog show and we hope to have a very successful one next year.

-Submitted by Kinley Ladd, Paw Prints Reporter



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Auburn

The Auburn 4 H Club had a lot of fun at our April Meeting. We were able to make Tissue Paper Flowers at the project meeting. Our opening activity was getting to talk with Senior Club officers to hear what they do in their leadership role for our club. We continue to gather items to take to the Ronald McDonald house in June. We had some great project talks from sewing, hearing about high school and the ukulele. We played Hot Potato and sang the moose song. It was funny to sing!

-Kelsey Louderback



Bunny Bunch

This month at our Bunny Bunch meeting, we had Carly Wigton come and demonstrate how to judge rabbits for our youth contests. Our Rabbit club is also getting ready for our rabbit show on April 29th. Several club members went to a few shows. We'd like to congratulate everybody on their winning's, and for being at the shows.

-Kierstyn Tillotson



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

May 2023

1 LAST DAY TO ENROLL

- Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 4 Shooting Sports 2, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7pm

6 Spring Livestock Show, 7 am

- 9 Archery, Arena, 6 pm
- 10 4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
- 16 Sportfishing Lake Night, Lake Shawnee, 6 pm
- Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
- 17 Livestock Committee, Conference Room, 7:30 pm

- 22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 23 Archery, Arena, 6 pm
- 25 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

29 Office Closed

- 30 YQCA, EMR, 5:30 pm
- Sportfishing Lake Night, Lake Shawnee, 6 pm

June 2023

1 County Fair Entries OPEN

- Shooting Sports 2, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7pm
- 5 Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 6-7 Tractor Safety, Wamego
- 6 Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 7 4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
- 7-9 Discovery Days, Manhattan
- 9-11 State Geology Field Trip, Manhattan area
- 10-11 4-H Open Horse Show
- 14 Horticulture Judging Practice, TBD, 2 pm
- 15 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Salina
- 16-17 4-H Insect Spectacular, Manhattan

19 Office Closed

- 20 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
- 21 Livestock Committee, Conference Room, 7:30 pm
- 22 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- Chatterbox Submissions Due
- 28 Horticulture Judging Practice, EMR, 2 pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.