

# JUNE 2026



## Highlights:



June 1: Horse ID Papers DUE  
County Fair Entries Open



June 10: Horticulture Judging Practice



June 11: Office Closed- Staff Professional Development



June 19: Office Closed- Juneteenth



July 1: County Fair Entries Close



July 2: Superintendents Meeting



July 3: Office Closed- Independence Day

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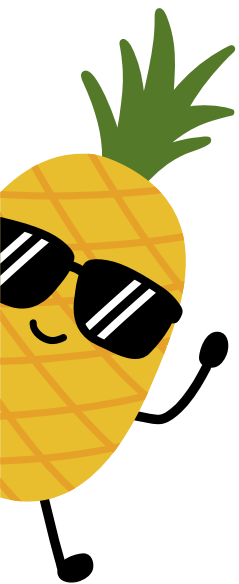
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# Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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## Dates to Remember:

- June 1: Horse ID Papers Due
  - County Fair Entries Open
- June 11: Office Closed- Staff Professional Development
- June 19: Office Closed- Juneteenth
- July 1: County Fair Entries Close

In the event of severe weather watch our Facebook page for updates!

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**Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by June 26**

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## A Word From Your Agent...

Hello 4-H Families!

Summer is in full swing and now that it's June 1<sup>st</sup>, FairEntry is open! You can find the entry site at [shawneeks.fairentry.com](http://shawneeks.fairentry.com). Keep an eye out for an email from 4-H Online with the FairEntry User Guide and the fair book attached! \*PLEASE NOTE\* Simply being enrolled in 4-H Online does not sign you up for participation in the fair. You must go to FairEntry (which is a separate website) and register the specific items you would like to bring to the fair.

Entries are due by 5:00 pm on July 1st. We will not take any late entries, so it is vital that you do not miss this deadline. Do not wait until last minute to start your entries. We are happy to help in the office if you run into any issues with your entries, so feel free to call, email, or stop by! Please make sure you look over the rules for each project you enter as some existing classes have had rule changes.

Lots of good reminders in this issue of the chatterbox, please look at the calendar in the back to make sure you are not missing out on anything.

Have a Safe and Fun 4-H Summer!  
 -Grace

## Ambassador Information

Ambassador meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of even months, at 6 pm before Events Council. If you'd like to join, we'll see you on April 9<sup>th</sup> in the upstairs meeting room!

We are updating our email list for Ambassadors! 4-Hers who are program age 12 or older and who have been in 4-H for at least 3 years are encouraged to join the group. For email updates, please sign up for the official Ambassador's email list here: <https://forms.office.com/r/42n2ayuTaC>



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## County Notes

### County Fair Info

**FairEntry Opens June 1 and closes July 1-** watch our Facebook page!

#### Horse

Horse ID Papers: Due **JUNE 1**

**All members must use the 2024 version.** The form is available at the office or online at [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate\\_P1039](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate_P1039)

### **JUDGING SCHEDULE CHANGES**

**Horse Show:** *Saturday, July 18*

**Clothing Judging (includes Fashion Revue, Sewing & Textile Design, and Shopping in Style):**

*Sunday, July 19 starting at 2:30 pm*

**Foods & Nutrition, Cake Decorating, and Table Setting:** *Thursday, July 23 starting at 10:30 am*

**Dog Show:** *Friday, July 24- 9 am Showmanship & Obedience, 3:30 pm Agility & Rally Obedience*

### Horticulture Judging Contest Practices

Hello Shawnee County 4-H families! If you don't know me, I'm Lane Wiens and I've been the horticulture agent here in Shawnee County since 2023. Just like the last several years, I am hosting horticulture judging contest practices to prepare for the local and state contests. Even if you're not in the horticulture project, everyone is more than welcome to attend!

This year's practices are scheduled for:

-June 10th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Ted Ensley Gardens. We will meet at The Garden House (3720 SE Yacht Ct, Topeka, KS 66609) and walk around the gardens to see what the ID plants look like in the garden. Parents are more than welcome (and encouraged!) to come along too!

-June 16th from 2-4 pm, upstairs meeting room at the Extension Office. This session will cover Plant Identification and show practice resources to the youth.

-July 9th from 2-4 pm, upstairs meeting room at the Extension Office. This session will cover the quality judging and knowledge test portion of the contest, and an overview of the county contest.

I want to thank you all in advance for supporting the horticulture judging team make it to state and continue improving horticulture skills! See you this summer!



# Sunlit Summer: Shawnee County 4-H Leadership Event

*Come and join 4-H youth leaders from across the county as we learn and grow together through leadership activities-summer style! This event will be an excellent time to build friendships, enjoy leadership activities with county Ambassadors and keynote speaker, and finish the event with some fun in the sun at the pool!*

**When: Saturday, June 20, 2026**







**Where: Shawnee County North Community Center & Pool**

***300 NE 43rd St, Topeka, KS 66617***

**Cost: \$20**

**Sign Up Link: <https://forms.gle/nm8NtP9DiSh95CSG7>**

### ***Schedule of Events:***

-  Registration 2-2:30 pm
-  Icebreaker with Ambassadors 2:30-3 pm
-  Motivational Speaker 3-3:30 pm
-  Ambassador Games 3:30-4 pm
-  4 pm Pizza & Treats
-  4:30 pm-6 pm Make Our Way to the Pool (weather permitting)

**Registration Closes June 15.**

*4-H Council Committee Responsible for Event: Junior-Senior Youth  
Leadership Activity*

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## Livestock Corner

### State Livestock Nominations- Small Livestock

State Livestock Nomination is for 4-Hers 9 to 18 with animals they want to have eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS).

**DNA Envelope Order Deadline: June 5**

**Nomination Deadline: June 15**

All details can be found at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>

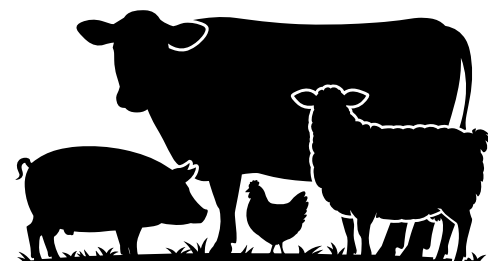
### County Fair Sale Requirements

- Complete YQCA Training
- Complete buyer forms (located in county fair book)
- Meet withdrawal deadlines (form located in county fair book)
- Animals must make minimum sale weights
- Attend at least 2 of 3 educational meetings hosted by the 4-H Livestock Committee (make-up opportunities will be available-see below)
- Declare Intent to Sell at the fair livestock sale by the deadline of 30 minutes after
- the conclusion of the beef show



### Livestock Educational Sessions

Attendance of at least 2 of 3 educational meetings hosted by the 4-H Livestock Committee is required to sell animals at the Shawnee County Fair Livestock Sale. If youth were not able to attend, sessions were recorded and posted on our website for 4-Hers who need to make up the sessions. Information for all three sessions is available at [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h\\_livestock/](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h_livestock/)



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## State News

### Youth Council and National 4-H Conference Applications

Applications for the Kansas Youth Leadership Council and the National 4-H Conference will open before June 1. All applications will be completed online and will be due by October 1, 2026, 11:59 p.m. CT.

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2027, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2027, may apply for the National 4-H Conference.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one-year terms on the council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF, and they serve a two-year term on the council.

### 2027 Outbound Exchanges Announced

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs recently announced the Outbound Exchanges to be offered for summer 2027. The following exchanges are for four weeks beginning in June or July 2027 for Kansas Youth ages 12 or 15 to 18, depending on the destination country: Norway (June 17-July 17), Costa Rica (June 24-July 23), Taiwan (June 30-July 30), Japan (July 7-August 6), and South Korea (July 7-August 6). The Japan 8-Week Exchange will run from June 9 to August 6. More details will be available in early June with a flyer posted on States' 4-H and Kansas 4-H websites.

The online outbound application will be live in September. Kansas will again have a due date for applications on November 1. For more information, contact Kansas outbound coordinator, Mary Kay Munson at [mkm2@ksu.edu](mailto:mkm2@ksu.edu) or (785) 375-3189.



August 4: Wheat Expo, El Dorado

August 15: State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan

August 22-23: 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan

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## Club Chatter

### Deer Trail

The Deer Trail 4-H Club had their monthly meeting on Monday, May 10th at the extension office. We did a fun tie-dyeing activity for the shirts our club designed and made. Our next meeting will be at 6:30pm on June 8th, it will be a potluck at the Boutz family's house.

-Arlo Odgers



### Auburn

The Auburn 4-H Club held our monthly meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026. For roll call, we had a fun question- What is your favorite ice cream flavor? In committee breakouts, we talked about doing the hay bale for the fair and also Sunday Funday working with the Rossville Rustlers Club leading a fun kid activity. In new business, we voted to do a club event in June where we decided to go play Putt-Putt golfing together. Program presenters were Elle Philipi and Macklyn Philipi. We concluded our meeting with recreation and snacks. Our next monthly meeting will be on June 8, 2026.

-Harley Brossard

### Rabbit Club

This month's meeting we discussed making mother day gifts for the senior center and delivering them. We have 2 graduates, Kierstyn Tillotson and Brooklynn Powell. Congratulations to all the graduates. Our next meetings are June 1st and July 6th in the upstairs meeting room at the extension office at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

-Brooklynn Powell

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## Horse Club

Shawnee County 4-H Horse Club members are gearing up for a busy summer! The club will host their first Open Show on June 6th and 7th at Domer Arena. Open Shows are open to the general public as well as 4H members and have age groups starting with the Junior Division (7-8) all the way up to 18 & over for adults. Come out and get a start on your Horse Show season in the covered arena at Domer. On June 10th, the club will host speed event clinic with Abby Ahring as the clinician. Clinics are open to all SNCO 4H Horse Project members. Reach out to the club at [shawneecohorseclub@gmail.com](mailto:shawneecohorseclub@gmail.com) for more information. For those in horse project that are planning to compete at County Fair or State Fair, horse ID papers are due in the Extension Office by 5pm on June 1st.

-Paige Chockley.

## Topeka Trailblazers

Topeka Trailblazers had their monthly meeting. I had my dairy goat and my meat goat tagged in the rain at a really nice local 4-H family barn with both agents and several older 4-Hers from other clubs helping out. Everybody's starting to work on their projects for the fair.

-Max Diehl

## Grove

Grove 4-H members have been busy this spring with Spring shows in a lot of places. Beef cattle, goats, and pigs are what have been shown by members to practice for the fair.

-Chance Nolte



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## Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

### June 2026

#### **1 HORSE ID PAPERS DUE TO OFFICE**

#### **FAIR ENTRIES OPEN**

Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

3-5 Discovery Days, Manhattan, KS

5 4-H Exchange, EMR, 7 pm

#### **11 Office Closed- Staff Professional Development**

Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm

4-H Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

12-14 State Geology Field Trip, Parsons, KS

#### **15 State Nomination Deadline for Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat & Commercial Heifer**

16 Geology, TSCPL- Marvin B, 7 pm

17 Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 pm

18 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6 pm

#### **19 OFFICE CLOSED- JUNETEENTH**

20 4-H Royalty Interviews

19-20 Insect Spectacular, Iola, KS

22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

23 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

25 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm

Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

#### **26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**

### July 2026

#### **1 Fair Entries CLOSE**

2 Fair Superintendents Meeting, EMR 7 pm  
4-H Exchange, Downstairs Conference Room, 7 pm

#### **3 OFFICE CLOSED- INDEPENDENCE DAY**

6 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

9 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm

14 Geology, TSCPL- Marvin B, 7 pm

#### **15 Livestock Entries due for Kansas State Fair Grand Drive**

Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 pm

#### **18 SHAWNEE COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW**

**19 FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING, 1:30 pm, Maner Conference Center**

**FAIR FASHION REVUE & CLOTHING JUDGING, 2:30 pm, Maner Conference Center**

#### **23-26 SHAWNEE COUNTY FAIR, SVEC**

27 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

28 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

#### **Chatterbox Submissions Due**

30 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

### August 2026

1 Kansas State Fair Horse Show Entries Due

7 State Fair Entries Due to Office

### **EMR= Extension Meeting Room at Extension Office**

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All dates and activities are subject to change.

