

4-H Focus

COUNTY FAIR ADDITION



Time Slot Sign-up for Static Exhibits (Building Exhibits) that require consultation judging.

Each static exhibit (building exhibit) that uses consultation judging (consultation judging means the 4-Her will speak to the judge about their project) will utilize Sign-Up Genius to help control the crowds to help the 4-her better plan their day. Projects that use Sign-Up Genius include Clothing, Fashion Revue, Leadership, Presentations, Photography, Foods, Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Woodworking, Home Environment, Entomology, Energy Management, Cloverbuds, and STEM. Sign-ups will be emailed out on Friday, July 10, 2026. When signing up for a time, please be mindful of the judge's time and do not leave large gaps of time. If you have questions, please contact the office at 913-364-5700.

ATTENTION SWINE PROJECT MEMEBERS:

This year we will again be sending out a swine weigh-in sign-up to help alleviate the long wait in the line Monday evening at Fair. You will need to sign up for a time slot. Please look for a separate email on Friday, July 10th with the link to this sign-up.

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Building Watch

What is Building Watch? Every year we ask 4-Hers and volunteers to help us keep an eye on our building exhibits while the county fair is open to the public. We have two buildings that we keep an eye on, the 4-H Building and the Administration Building. Responsibilities of those who do building watch is to walk around and keep an eye on the 4-H exhibits within that building. It is important that exhibits and awards are not touched, broken or stolen. 4-Hers have worked hard to produce a great project and we don't want anything to happen to it while it is on display. The volunteer doing building watch may also be available for questions like "where is the closest restroom" or "who do I talk to if I want to join 4-H?" Shifts have been drawn, so check with your club leader and see how you can help out.

BUILDING WATCH SHIFTS - Admin Building (East & West End)

	11am – 2pm	2pm – 5pm	5pm – 8pm	8pm – 10pm
Tuesday			Happy Helpers	Glenwood
Wednesday		Grown Right	Bell	Reno Bobwhites
Thursday		Grown Right	Livewires	Basehor Rustlers
Friday		Reno Bobwhites	Stranger Creek	Livewires
Saturday	Stranger Creek	Happy Hollow	Boling	Boling

BUILDING WATCH SHIFTS - 4-H Building

	11am – 2pm	2pm – 5pm	5pm – 8pm	8pm – 10pm
Tuesday			Glenwood	Livewires
Wednesday		Bell	Grown Right	Happy Hollow
Thursday		Basehor Rustlers	Glenwood	Happy Helpers
Friday		Boling	Happy Hollow	Happy Helpers
Saturday	Reno Bobwhites	Stranger Creek	Bell	Basehor Rustlers

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much"

HELEN KELLER



4-H Food Stand

Food stand shifts were drawn at the June 23rd County Council Meeting. Each club is responsible for covering two food stand shifts. Each club will need to decide how they will cover their shifts. Larger clubs may decide to break each of their 4 hour shifts down to 2 hour shifts in order to allow more kids to help. Please remember that the 4-H Food Stand is the only current fundraiser that 4-H County Council does. The money raised from the food stand pays for ribbons, for club day and county fair, pays for judges for club day, achievement night, camp expenses, event scholarships and much more. Working the 4-H Food Stand is a shared responsibility among all 4-Hers. It is also a requirement in order to receive any event scholarship money from County Council. Please get with your club leaders to find out how you can help!

The food stand is open Tuesday through Saturday of Fair Week. Shifts start at 7am. The stand is open from 7:30am until 10pm. Check with your club to see when your club's food stand shifts are and how you can help.



FOOD STAND SHIFTS

PRIME SHIFTS

	7am – 11am	11am -3pm	3pm – 7pm	7pm – 10pm
Tuesday	Reno Bobwhites	Livewires	Reno Bobwhites	Happy Helpers
Wednesday	Bell	Boling	Basehor Rustlers	Glenwood
Thursday	Happy Hollow	Glenwood	Grown Right	Boling
Friday	Happy Helpers	Stranger Creek	Livewires	Happy Hollow
Saturday	Basehor Rustlers	Grown Right	Bell	Stranger Creek

4-H Food Safety Training

Each 4-Her and volunteer who works our 4-H County Food Stand is required to go through a quick food safety training each year. This year Anita Muniz-GrandPre, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, will be sending out a checklist and a short video. Watching this video and completing the checklist will count as your food safety training for 2026. Video and checklist will be emailed out by the end of next week. If you have any questions, please reach out.



Respect Judges and Fellow 4-Hers.

It is important that we are respectful of others being judged. To help with this we will be closing off the judging areas until judging is complete. I know everyone gets excited and wants to see what they got but this is distracting to those who are still getting judged or for the judges who are trying to make hard decisions. Please respect all judging areas and wait until judging is complete and displays are set up for the public in that building to look at results.



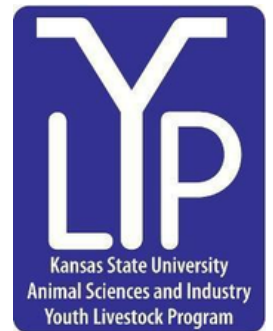
State Fair Entry Forms for all projects going to State Fair must be submitted to the *4-H Fair Office* by 10am on Sunday, August 2nd. Forms will be available at the Fair Extension Office anytime during fair week.

As a reminder, 4-hers must be 9 years old in 4-H to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. Project eligibility for State Fair varies from project to project. Please check project rules for more information.

All Kansas 4-Hers are invited to participate in a livestock learning and competition experience. 4-Hers can test their knowledge in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. Prizes will be given in each contest, with the addition of overall Sweepstakes buckles to the team and individual placing the highest in all four contests!

Date: Aug. 22nd - 23rd

Entries must be submitted to the Extension office by August 1st.



The Leavenworth County 4-H Clubs Welcome You to the Fairgrounds

Boling (est 1932)
Happy Hollow (est 1932)
Glenwood (est 1933)
Bell (est 1944)
Happy Helpers (est 1947)



Basehor Rustlers (est 1954)
Livewires (est 1958)
Reno Bobwhites (est 1963)
Stranger Creek (est 1978)
Grown Right (est 2023)

It has finally happened. We replaced the club sign that is on the fence by the east gate to the fair grounds. It now up to date and includes all current clubs. Check it out!

Card Pick Up for Static Exhibits (Building Exhibits)

The below information applies to Building Exhibits only. This would include any project that is displayed in a building such as Photography, Foods, Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Horticulture, Flowers, Woodworking, Posters and Displays, Home Environment, Entomology, Energy Management, Cloverbuds, and STEM. Each 4-Her will pick up *only* the cards for the projects they are bringing to fair. The 4-Her will receive all of their Building Exhibit entry cards at one time instead of at each judging area. You still need to bring your projects to the designated areas where entries are accepted during the times listed on the 4-H Pre-Fair & Fair Week Schedule. These pick up areas are not a place to drop off projects, only pick up entry cards. Please try to come to one of the times below to get entry cards. Staff will be available to print cards outside these times but will not have as many resources as during the below times so it may take longer. You may also come to the office before fair to get cards. This option is available now through July 22nd. It is highly encouraged to come to one of the below times or to the office. If you have questions, please contact the office at 913-364-5700.

- Extension Office
Now - July 22nd
Mon - Fri. 8am - 5pm
- West Haven Baptist Church - 1000 West St, Tonganoxie, KS
Friday, July 24th
9am - Judging ends
- 4-H Fair Office - Fairgrounds
Sunday, July 26th
8:30am - 12pm
- 4-H Fair Office - Fairgrounds
Monday, July 27th
7am - 3pm



Fair Set-Up and Clean-Up

All 4-H families are responsible for helping set up the fair grounds for fair week and for helping clean up after fair is over. For fair set-up, everyone will meet in the show arena on Sunday, July 26th. You will then choose the area you will like to set-up. We ask that you meet in the arena so we can assure that there is adequate help at all areas of the grounds that need set up. Clean-up will be a bit different. An area of the fairgrounds will be assigned to each club to make sure that everything gets taken care of. Please bring brooms, trash bags, or any other items you feel will help in the process. Each club will be required to assign two members (older teens or adults preferred) to the food stand to help with set-up. Please determine this prior to Sunday. 4-Hers will still need to meet in the show arena and then will be dismissed to the food stand. If you cannot make the scheduled time, please come when you can. There is plenty to do in order to get the fairgrounds “fair” ready!!



FAIR SET-UP - SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

Time: 9am - Complete

Location: Meet in Show Arena and then will be dispersed to different locations on the fairgrounds for set up.

FAIR CLEAN-UP - SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026 (ASSIGNED BY CLUB)

Beef, Bucket Calf, Dairy and Show Arena	Happy Hollow, Bell, Glenwood
Swine and Show Arena	Happy Helpers, Reno Bobwhites
Sheep/Goat and Show Arena	Livewires, Countywide Goat
Rabbit Barn	Stranger Creek, Countywide Rabbit
Poultry Barn	Boling, Countywide Poultry Club
Brown 4-H Building	Basehor Rustlers, Happy Helpers
Administration Building	Bell, Happy Hollow
4-H Food Stand	Grown Right, Glenwood, Food Stand Committee

Other Things.....

Fair Book/Schedule

The Leavenworth County Fair Board have printed a limited number of Fair Books this year for open class and other fair events. You can pick one up at our office or you can access the fair book online on their website by going to leavenworthcountyfair.com.

I have included a copy of our 4-H fair schedule in this newsletter. It can also be found on our website at leavenworth.ksu.edu / 4-H Youth Development / 4-H Fair Book and Information.

Photo Boards

Photo boards are available at the Extension Office for \$1.75 per board. Please remember to use a permanent adhesive spray when mounting your photos. A great instructional video is located on our website to help you. You can find it at leavenworth.ksu.edu / 4-H Youth Development / 4-H Fair Book and Information.

Parking Passes

Parking Passes will be available again this year for 4-H families. 4-H families are eligible to purchase one pass per family. The cost is \$12. Check or cash only. Please make checks out to Leavenworth County Fair Association. They are currently available at the Extension Office.

County Council Events

Watermelon Eating Contest - Friday, July 31st @ 1pm outside Fair Extension Office

4-H Spashin Game - More information will be coming. Stay tuned.

2026 Livestock
Auction Sale Order:

Swine
Rabbit & Poultry
Beef
Sheep
Goat

2026 4-H/FFA PRE-FAIR & FAIR WEEK ACTIVITIES 7/2/2026

SATURDAY, JULY 18 - Pre-Fair Event

9:00 a.m.

4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show
(Administration Building, Fairgrounds)

SUNDAY, JULY 19 - Pre-Fair Event

12:30 p.m.

4-H Pet Check In (Brown Building, Fairgrounds)

1:00 p.m.

4-H Pet Show (Brown Building, Fairgrounds)

TUESDAY, JULY 21- Pre-Fair Event

4:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.

4-H Food Preservation Judging
Brown (4-H Building, Fairgrounds) In collaboration
w/Jefferson County Extension

FRIDAY, JULY 24 - Pre-Fair Event

9:00 a.m. West Haven Baptist Church
1000 West St., Tonganoxie, KS

4-H Shopping In Style Judging
4-H Shopping in Style Revue Judging
4-H Sewing & Textile Design Judging
4-H Sewing & Textile Design Constructed Garments Revue Judging
4-H Leadership Interview/Consultation
Building Exhibits Entry Card Pick Up
4-H Communications Judging

7:00 p.m.

Public Fashion Revue
West Haven Baptist Church
1000 West St., Tonganoxie, KS

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA Horse Show Registration

8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Building Exhibits Entry Card Pick Up (North end of Livestock Arena)

9:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA Horse Show (Horse Arena)

**9:00 a.m. Fairgrounds Set-Up
EVERYONE report to SHOW ARENA!!**

MONDAY, JULY 27

7:00 a.m.— 8:30 a.m.

Building Exhibits Entry Card Pick Up (Ext. Fair Office)

8:30 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

Building Exhibits Entry Card Pick Up (East End Admin Bldg)

9:00 a.m.

4-H Foods & Nutrition Consultation Judging
(West End of Admin Bldg)

4-H Woodworking Consultation Judging
(Brown Building)

4-H Visual Arts Consultation Judging
(West End of Admin Bldg)

Table Setting-Open to all-Complete by Noon (w end Admin)

10:00 a.m.

4-H Fiber Arts Consultation Judging
(West End of Admin Bldg)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

4-H Clothing entries accepted
(East End of Admin Bldg)

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

4-H Ag Mech/Bldg Blocks/Astronomy/Comp Sci/
Electric/Robots/Rockets/Sm Engines/UAS (formally
STEM Projects) Consultation Judging (Brown Building)

5:00 –7:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Rabbit Entries accepted
(Rabbit Barn)

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Swine entries weighed in or
accepted (Swine Barn)

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Sheep, Goat, Beef, Dairy and
Bucket Calf entries accepted (Animal Barns)

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:00 - 7:45 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Sheep entries weighed
in or accepted (Sheep/Goat Barn)

7:45 - 9:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Goats entries weighed in
or accepted (Sheep/Goat Barn)

8:00—11:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA/Open Class heifers ac
cepted (Livestock Barn)

8:00 a.m. - Noon

4-H/FFA/Open Class Poultry entries accepted
(Poultry Barn)

10:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

4-H Project Displays set-up (East End of Admin Bldg)
4-H Display/Banner entries accepted
(East End of Admin Bldg)
4-H Forestry, Geology, Shooting Sports, Wildlife
& Vet Science entries accepted (East End of
Admin Bldg.)

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Beef and dry Dairy Cattle
entries weighed in or accepted (Livestock Barns)

11:00 a.m.

4-H Bucket Calf entries weighed in and accepted
(Livestock Barns)

1:00 p.m.

4-H Entomology Consultation Judging (East End of
Admin Bldg)
4-H Photography Consultation Judging (Brown Bldg)

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Agronomy and Horticulture (Veg)
entries accepted (West End of Admin Bldg)

1:00 p.m.

4-H Interior Design & Architecture Consultation
Judging (East End of Admin Bldg)
4-H Display/Banners, Wildlife, Shooting Sports,
Forestry, Geology, and Project Display Judging
(East End of Admin Bldg)

5:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Agronomy and Horticulture
(Veg) Judging (West End of Admin Bldg)

6:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Swine Show (Livestock Show Arena)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:00 a.m.

4-H Bucket Calf Consultation Judging
(Brown Bldg)

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Horticulture (Flower) Entries
accepted (West End of Admin Bldg)

9:00 a.m.

4-H Cloverbud Entries accepted & judged
(East End of Admin Bldg)

9:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Sheep Show (Livestock Show Arena)

10:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Poultry Showmanship
followed by Poultry Show (Poultry Barn)

10:30 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Horticulture (Flower) Entries
judged (West End of Admin Bldg)

1:00 p.m.

4-H Bucket Calf Fitting & Showing Show
(Livestock Show Arena)

4:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Market & Other Goat Show
(Livestock Show Arena)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

8:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Rabbit Show (Rabbit Barn)

8:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Beef Show (Livestock Show Arena)

8:30 a.m. - Noon

4-H/FFA/Open Class Dairy Cattle (in milk) ac-
cepted (Dairy Barn)

12 Noon Completed destination sheet for mar-
ket entries due to the Superintendents (**PLEASE
NOTE: This time is one hour earlier than past
years.**)

3:00 p.m. or Immediately After Beef Show

4-H/FFA/Open Class Dairy Goat Show
(Livestock Show Arena)

7:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA/Open Class Dairy Cattle Show
(Livestock Show Arena)

FRIDAY JULY 31

8:00 a.m.

Round Robin Showmanship
(Livestock Show Arena)

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Livestock Judging Contest Registration—open
to all (Livestock Show Arena)

10:30 a.m.

Livestock Judging Contest
(Livestock Show Arena)

11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Ag Challenge of Champions - open to all
(Outside Fair Extension Office))

1:00 p.m.

4-H Council-sponsored Watermelon Eating
Contest (Outside Fair Extension Office)

2:00 p.m.

Set up for Livestock Auction
(Livestock Show Arena)

6:00 p.m. Pre-Auction Events

4-H Spirit Awards, Outstanding Senior
4-Her Award, Scholarship Awards, & 4-H
Foundation Pie Auction; Bucket Calf Parade
(Livestock Show Arena);

7:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK AUCTION

(Livestock Show Arena)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 4-H Horticulture Judging

Contest—open to all (West End of Admin Bldg—
Clover Café)

10:00 a.m. Ag Olympics—Sponsored by Bell

4-H Club (Big Top Tent)

10:00 a.m. - Noon

4-H Dog Agility Show (Livestock Show Arena)

8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Youth Dance (Livestock Show
Arena)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

All 4-H Exhibits **MUST** be picked up by 10 am
All State Fair Entries due by 10 am

8:00 a.m. - until done

Fairground Clean-up -- Everyone!

Reminder to ALL 4-H Members

To receive LVCO 4-H Council Scholarships, one of the re-
quirements is that you **MUST** work your assigned shift in
the 4-H Council Food Stand.

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