

4-H Focus

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Thank You Volunteers

Volunteers are the heartbeat of what we do in Extension, especially within the 4-H program. Our volunteers make a major impact on our community especially in the lives of your young people. They come from all walks of life, driven by a passion for helping others. Their generosity creates opportunities for learning and growth, and their support encourages us to aspire for greatness. In a world where time is often scarce, their willingness to lend a hand or share a kind word is a true blessing. As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, let us take a moment to express gratitude for these remarkable individuals. Let's recognize their dedication and the lasting impact they have on our lives and the lives of others. Together, we can honor their contributions by volunteering ourselves, manifesting the spirit of giving that they exemplify every day.

Happy National Volunteer Week
April 21st - 25th

4-H Volunteers are not paid; not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

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Small Animal Tagging & Worksheet Deadline - Sunday, May 4th

Small Animal Tagging is Sunday, May 4th at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. You should receive your worksheets for all animals soon and an email with the link to the tagging sign-up will be sent out April 16th.

Reminder: ALL worksheets are due on May 4th. You can scan and email, take a picture and email or text, mail (not recommended), drop it by the office or bring all your worksheets to tagging on Sunday, May 4th. NO worksheets will be accepted after Sunday, May 4th. Do not wait if you have questions.

ATTENTION

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Annual Training

All youth who are planning to exhibit livestock at the Leavenworth County Fair must take the annual Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification class. You can either take the class online at yqcaprogram.org or attend a in-person class. There are two in-person classes left in Leavenworth County. The two classes are April 17th and April 28th. Both classes will start check-in at 5:30 and class will begin at 6pm. They will be held at the Extension Office.

If you have already taken the class, please remember to log back in to your YQCA account and print your certificate. You will need to take a pre and post class survey in order to gain access to your YQCA certificate.

If you attend one of the three in-person classes that we offered, we do not need your certificate, just your number on your family identification worksheets that are due May 4th. If you took the class elsewhere or online, please submit a copy of your certificate to the office.

Deadline to complete YQCA training to exhibit livestock at the 2025 Leavenworth County Fair is June 30th.

2025 Fair Dates

The Leavenworth County Fair is coming fast. I know many of you have already started working on projects. Please pay close attention to newsletters and emails over the next few months as we move closer to the week of fair so you don't miss information and deadlines.

2025 Fair Rules are now available on our website. You can access them by going to leavenworth.ksu.edu, clicking on 4-H Youth Development and then 4-H Fair Book and Information. This is also where you can access the 4-H Fair Schedule. The 2025 4-H Fair Schedule will go live the first week of May. This will be your guide to all 4-H judging and events happening during the County Fair.

As we look towards July, below are a list of important fair dates to mark in you calendars.

Important Fair Dates:

Dog Show: July 19th

Pet Show: July 20th

Clothing Judging/ Fashion Revue: July 25th

Fair Set-Up: July 27th

Leavenworth County Fair: July 28th - August 2nd

Fair Clean-Up and Project Release: August 3rd

Wellness Workshop - April 27th

We will be offering a "Wellness Workshop" on Sunday, April 27th from 2:30pm-4pm at the 4-H building on the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds ([405 W 4th St, Tonganoxie, KS 66086](https://www.google.com/maps/place/405+W+4th+St,+Tonganoxie,+KS+66086)). Registration and more information will be released soon.

Topics:

Hydration- Learn how to stay hydrated while getting to choose from our "hydration station" that will be set up.

Skin Protection- Learn more about proper sunscreen application and the importance of skin protection. Activity provided.

Yoga & Mindfulness- This will be an interactive session where 4-Hers will learn some simple stretches and positions to get up and moving. The session will be taught by a certified yoga instructor.

Record Books

Why do we need to learn 4-H Record Keeping? The purpose of 4-H record keeping is to teach how to keep records, which is an important life skill. Record keeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends. Youth are encouraged to select from a variety of alternatives to meet their individual record keeping needs and learning styles.

In 4-H, using a record keeping system is a recommended practice for youth in grades 4-12 to track participation, goals, achievements, and reflections throughout your 4-H journey. This record keeping system can be referred to when writing award applications, resumes, scholarship applications, or preparing for meetings or speeches. You can find more information on our local website under 4-H Youth Development/Forms and Resources.

Objectives for 4-H Record Keeping

To learn how to set goals, how to make plans for action, and how to decide how well you did (evaluation).

To learn the skills of record keeping and organization to use now and in the future.

To learn to communicate and summarize.

To learn responsibility by completing a task.

To evaluate information that will market personal skills through future resumes and application forms.

Kansas Junior Livestock and State Fair Nomination Reminder

Families planning to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show should read this information.

You must order the DNA envelopes online!

The Rookie Guide will be helpful to everyone who is going through the process. It can be found on the Youth Livestock webpage at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/>

There is also a video located on the Youth Livestock page that can be very helpful.

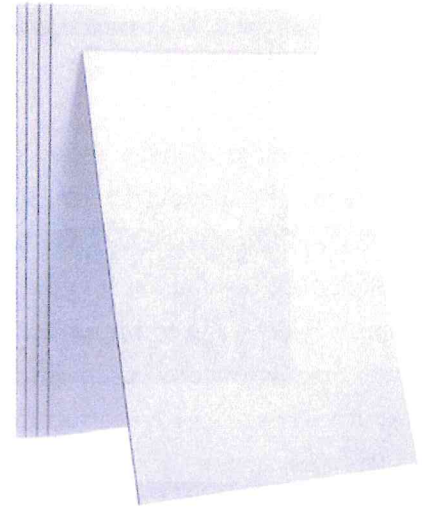
Finally, it is a requirement for 4-H members to be enrolled and the enrollment fee must be paid in order to participate.

Nominations are due for small livestock and Commercial Heifers on June 15th.



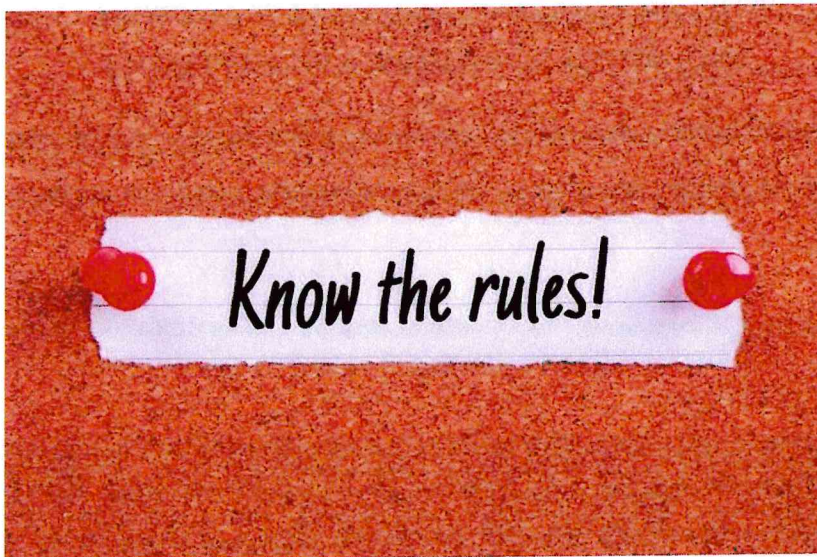
Photo Boards

Before we know it, it will be time to purchase photo boards for all those beautiful photos your 4-Her has been taking. Price for photo boards will increase this year. The price for each board will move to \$1.25. Just a reminder, the Extension Office does not make money on these boards. We simply pass the cost on. Boards are available anytime at the Extension Office.



2025 4-H County Fair Rules

4-H County Fair Rules are now available on our website. Please take a few minutes to read the rules of the projects you plan to exhibit at our 2025 Leavenworth County Fair. A little prep a head of time can save lots of heartache later. Rules can be found on our website under 4-H Youth Development and then Fair Book and Information.



2025 State Fair Rules

Kansas State Fair Rules for the 2025 State Fair are now available. If you plan to exhibit at the State Fair, please take a few minutes to look over the rules for your project. You can find them here: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/docs/2025/2025%20Clean%20Fairbook%203.25.25.pdf](https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/docs/2025/2025%20Clean%20Fairbook%203.25.25.pdf)
They will also available when you turn in your entries at County Fair.

4-H Discovery Days

We would like to invite youth to K-State to develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult through our educational sessions during 2025 4-H Discovery Days. We have numerous campus partners that will be offering sessions. These sessions will open the door to possibilities for youth to learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs, groups, and communities. Youth will stay in the dorms, meet new friends from all over the state and make their way throughout campus to different classes and activities. Discovery Days will be held June 4th - 6th and is open to youth 4-H age 13-18. Cost to attend is \$235.00. Registration is due May 5th. Use the following link to register: <https://web.cvent.com/event/804cacbf-5f90-4a1e-a439-bf490e82fb39/regProcessStep1>

Leavenworth County 4-H Camp Out

Youth Leaders will be hosting a overnight camp at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. This will replace the traditional Leadership Day Camp that Youth Leaders have hosted. The camp will take place June 12th and 13th. The camp is open to 4-hers 7-12 years of age (4-H age). During camp, campers will have the opportunity for some project learning, fun and games, enjoy a campfire, swim at the Tonganoxie pool and much more. More information and registration details coming soon.

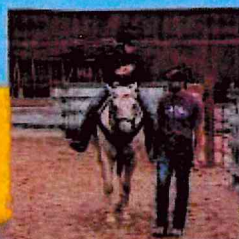
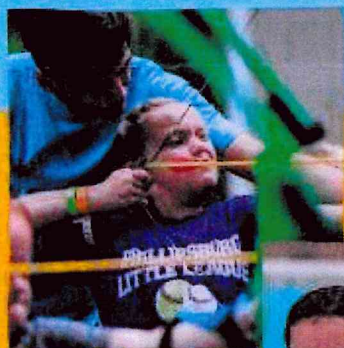


CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS!



Registration for 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch is now open!

At Rock Springs Ranch, campers unplug, make friends, learn lifelong skills and have fun in the Flint Hills of Kansas.



Register Now!

Visit us online to learn more about 4-H camp!



Mini Camp

Residing 1st-2nd graders
August 11 - 16, 2025

Half Week

Residing 3rd-5th graders
August 18 - 22, 2025
Non-residing 4th-5th graders
August 18 - 22, 2025
Non-residing 3rd-5th graders
August 25 - 29, 2025

Week Long

Residing 6th-8th graders
August 25 - 29, 2025
Non-residing 6th-8th graders
August 25 - 29, 2025

LIT

Leadership Institute
Residing 10th-12th graders
August 25 - 29, 2025
Non-residing 10th-12th graders
August 25 - 29, 2025

CIT

Community In Transition
Residing 10th-12th graders
August 25 - 29, 2025
Non-residing 10th-12th graders
August 25 - 29, 2025

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