

4-H Focus

MAY 2025



More than a Fair Entry

As fair season is fast approaching, it is important to remember to look beyond the blue and purple ribbons or the trophies and remember why we do what we do in 4-H.

4-H project-based learning provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions — or what we like to call their sparks! Youth learn from caring adult volunteers, or in some cases through self-guided study, in projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture, and citizenship. Screened adult volunteers provide a safe and positive environment where youth learn by doing. Young people thrive through 4-H participation, finding their way to success in life and career.

Careful consideration should be used when selecting a 4-H project to enroll in for the year. A 4-H project has five components: Learning Experiences, Leadership, Citizenship, Exhibition, and Record Keeping. These five components can all be found along the Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway.

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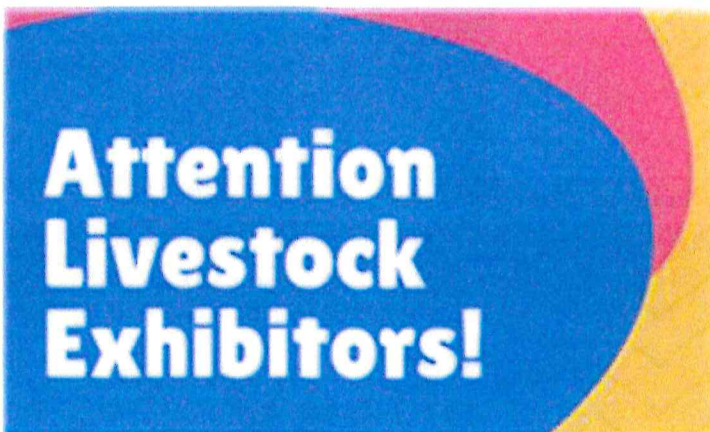
Countywide Cloverbud Meeting - June 9th

Kansas State Research and Extension and 4-H Youth Development offers an educational program specifically designed for youth ages 5 and 6 called Cloverbuds. Children of this age have distinctive learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older youth who participate in 4-H. That is why the 4-H Cloverbuds program is designed with specific educational objectives and policies focused to benefit 5- and 6-year-old children. 4-H Cloverbuds may not participate in any competitive 4-H events, but they may showcase their exhibits at county fair and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds are allowed to showcase a pet from the approved list in accordance with 4-H Cloverbuds pet policies. 4-H Cloverbuds may not own and/or show **4-H** livestock.

Most of our community clubs in Leavenworth County have youth this age who are enrolled members of that club. Some clubs have separate activities for Cloverbud youth while others have them engage during their regular monthly meetings. Leavenworth County 4-H also offers a countywide Cloverbud meeting every quarter.

The next Countywide Cloverbud meeting will be hosted by Glenwood 4-H Club and held on June 9th at 6pm at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to RSVP.

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. All in-person classes in Leavenworth County have been offered this year but you can still take in-person classes in surrounding areas/counties.

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 attended 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 were 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.

FairEntry Opens June 1, 2025



You Must Enter Your Projects in FairEntry to be eligible to bring them to fair under 4-H.

Registration is June 1 through June 30, 2025. You will access the FairEntry program through our website, leavenworth.ksu.edu. The system works with your 4-H Online Enrollment information. You will use your family account email and password to log in to FairEntry. *It is important to remember that only the projects that you enrolled in through 4honline will be available for fair entries.*

IMPORTANT: Complete entries for ALL 4-H members in your family BEFORE selecting the submit button. Entries may be adjusted in the account before the submit button is selected until June 30, but become final when the submit button is selected. There will be no changes made after June 30.

There is a \$5.00 fee per exhibitor, which now can be paid online! This fee increased by \$1 this year to help off-set the cost of ribbons.

If you have any questions, please access the 4-H FairEntry Guide located on our website. Within the guide is a step by step tutorial with written instructions and screenshots of examples of pages you will see when registering.

As a reminder if you filled out and turned in a Livestock Identification worksheet, this does not count as your entry for fair. You still need to enter the animals you are bringing to fair into the FairEntry System.

If you need further assistance or access to a computer come into the Extension Office or give us a call at 913-364-5700.

This is George

George waited until the last
minute to enter his project
in FairEntry

Don't be like George!!!

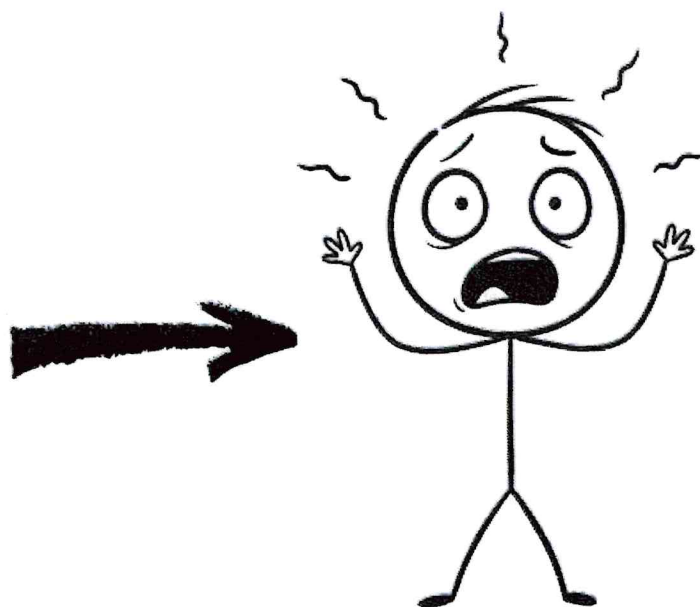


Photo Boards

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.



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.

First Time at County Fair as a 4-Her?

New to 4-H? Is this your first fair? Are you feeling stressed about it? Please plan to attend the “What to Expect at the County Fair” meeting on Sunday, June 22nd at 1pm at the Extension Office. Please register for the meeting by contacting the Extension Office so we can insure we have enough materials printed and ready to go.



Leavenworth County 4-H Council Food Stand and Building Watch

Leavenworth County 4-H Council runs the 4-H Food Stand at County Fair each year. It is councils one and only fundraiser that helps pay for ribbons, events and scholarships. Each 4-Her is expected to help out.

4-H clubs will be expected to take two shifts, one day shift and one night shift. Club shifts will be determined by lottery system. What does this mean? You need to have a club representative at the June 23rd County Council Meeting to draw for your club spots. It is important that your club decide what shifts your club would prefer. I would recommend ranking all club shifts from number one choice all the way to last choice. Because the order of clubs picking is completely random, this will help your representative select the best shifts for your club. County Council meets at 7pm at the Extension Office. The drawing for club shifts will take place first thing. If you do not have a club representative present, then your club will receive the remaining shifts available.

Building watch shifts will also be drawn at the June County Council Meeting. 4-Hers and their families will keep an eye on the 4-H exhibits in the Administration Building and the 4-H buildings during fair week. Building watch shifts are 3 hour shifts and each club is responsible for one shift in each building and an additional shift in either building. Please rank your shifts like your food stand shifts so your club representative is prepared at the June County Council Meeting.



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). The cost of the overnight camp is \$46. During camp, campers will have the opportunity to for some project learning, fun and games, enjoy a campfire, swim at the Tonganoxie pool and much more. Deadline to register has been extended to May 16th. Space is limited so don't wait. Contact the Extension Office to register.

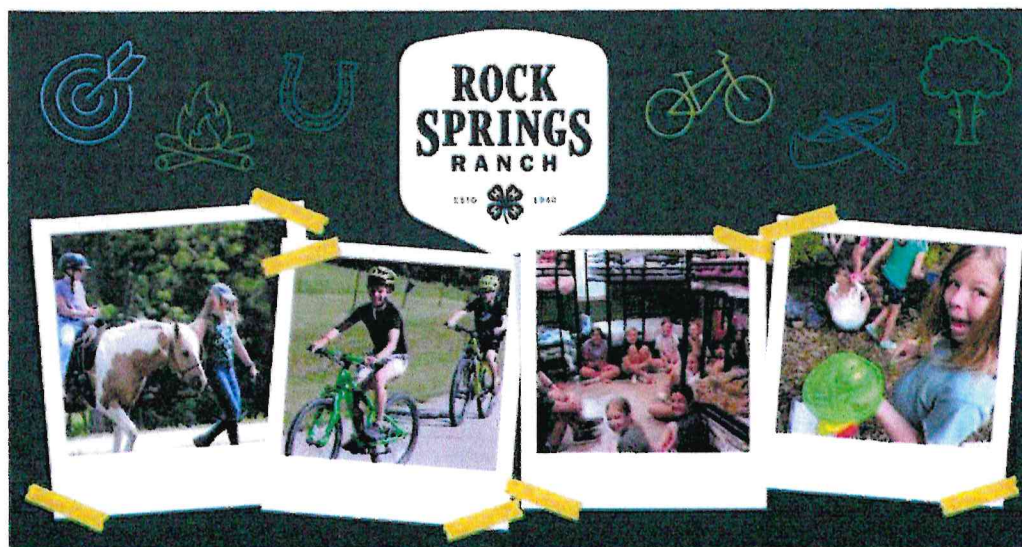
Rock Springs Ranch

Did you know that Rock Springs Ranch offers Mini Camp and Specialty Camp?

Mini-Camp is a 3 day/2 night experience for rising 1st - 3rd graders. This is a great introductory program for campers who are not old enough to attend traditional 4-H Camp. Minicamp has smaller groups with higher ratios of staff to campers.

Specialty Camp offer unique, hands-on experiences that allow campers to develop new skills, build confidence, and make lasting memories. Specialty Camp is for rising 6th - 9th graders. They are Ranch Camp, Shooting Sports Camp, Cooking Camp, and Outdoor Wilderness Leadership Skills Camp.

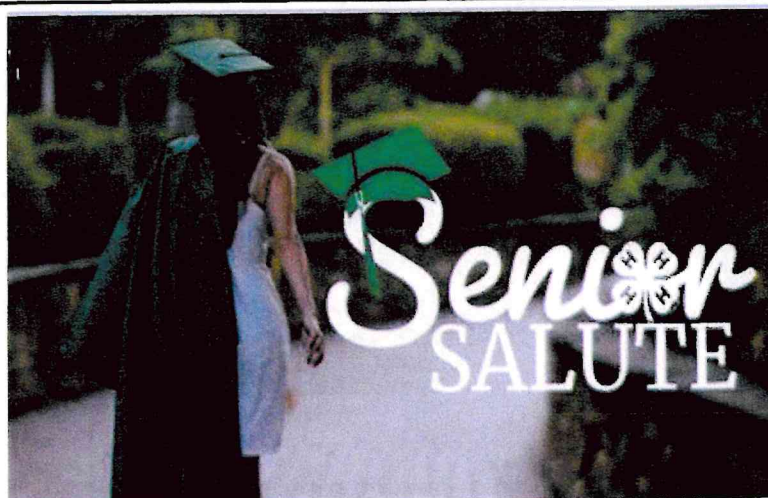
For more information, please go to rockspringsranch.org



2025 Senior Shout-Out

Congratulations to our 2025 4-H Seniors! Best wishes for your next adventure. May 4-H always hold a special place in your hearts. Please join me in congratulating our Seniors!

BASEHOR RUSTLERS Ester Bondy Emilee Maxwell	HAPPY HELPERS Eliza Brockhoff
BELL Jaeda Adams Caleb Heim Max Nichols	HAPPY HOLLOW Jackson Haverkamp Wyatt Wilburn
GLENWOOD Emmy Bracken Gage Coffman Grace Douglas Madelyn Lueck Joseph Tollett	LIVEWIRES Jet Gilmore
GROWN RIGHT Bailey Wiehe	RENO BOBWHITES Elizabeth Celeen Jacob Celeen Gracey Foster Elijah Jones



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Shout out to our 4-hers
who will be attending the
National Shooting Sports
Competition in Arkansas
at the end of June.
Best of luck!!



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