



POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

EVENTS AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

- Mar. 2: Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan
- Mar. 4: 4-H Day #2, Smith Center
- Mar. 14: Sewing Workshop, Downs
- Mar. 14: State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Salina
- Mar. 15: NW Agricultural Ambassador Program deadline
- Mar. 16: Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan
- Mar. 23: Super Saturday, Hays
- Mar. 23-24: K-State Alpha of Clovia Hospitality Weekend
- Apr. 12: Horse Show Judge Seminar, Colby
- Apr. 15: Animal Science Leadership Academy application deadline
- Apr. 15: Insect Art Contest deadline
- Apr. 20: Math Workshop, Manhattan
- Apr. 20: Spring into Volunteering 4-H Training, Salina
- Apr. 20: Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Training, Beloit
- Apr. 21: Rock Springs 4-H Camp Open House
- Apr. 21-27: National Volunteer Week
- May 1: Drop/Add Projects Deadline in 4-H Online
- May 3-5: Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Rock Springs
- Jun. 5-7: Discovery Days, Manhattan
- Jun. 11-14: Plant Science Range Camp, Murdock, KS
- Jun. 17-28: Citizenship Washington Focus
- Jul. 21: Post Rock District Archery Qualifier, Waconda Lake
- Jul. 22: Post Rock District 4-H Dog Show, Osborne



KANSAS 4-H MASTER CALENDAR

Kansas 4-H has a state and regional events master calendar. It is a living document with regular additions. Access the latest version at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/.



Post Rock 4-H



Kansas 4-H



4-H Online



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JEWELL COUNTY 4-H

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FAIR *Blue Jeans and Country Dreams* 

Jewell County Fair is July 11-14, 2024

The fair color is Heather Green.

Jewell County 4-H Tags

Tags are available in the office for purchase and will also be available at weigh-ins. Please note that EID tags can no longer be sold over the counter. A Post Rock District staff member must be present and observe all EID tags being placed in the animal's ear. Jewell County 4-H tags are free; \$3.50 for beef EID tags and \$2.75 for small animal EID tags.

Jewell County Small Animal Weigh-in



Small animal weigh-in is on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jewell County Fairgrounds.

4-H Council Meeting

The next Jewell County 4-H Council meeting is Monday, April 29 at the Mankato Courthouse starting at 7:00 p.m.

Due to many upcoming events and important agenda items, we need to add a meeting in March. Representatives, please watch your emails!



Deadline to Add/Drop Projects

The deadline to add/drop projects in 4-H Online is May 1! You can only take exhibits to fair in projects you are enrolled in!

Family Fun Day

Jewell County 4-H will host Family Fun Day on Sunday, April 14 at the City Building in Mankato. It will start at 11:00 a.m. and finish at 3:00 p.m. Invite friends and family of all ages to come have fun!



Club Donation: Every 4-H Club must bring 24 cans of soda pop and 3 dozen individually wrapped treats.

Family Donation: Every 4-H family is asked to bring one (1) dessert for the meal and at least one (1) cake for the cake walk.

Work Schedule: A sign-up for working the games and kitchen assignments will be coming soon. Please watch your emails!

Raffle for Grand Prizes: Each club leader has a packet of raffle tickets for every 4-H family to sell. Checks are payable to the 4-H Council. Return your packets and sold ticket information to the Extension Office.

Family Fun Day Grand Prizes

1. Duis Meats gift card for \$200.00
2. Blackstone stainless steel propane gas hood, flat griddle grill station for tailgating.
3. JBL Flip 5, Waterproof Portable Bluetooth Speaker, black, with a protection case.



Money raised supports 4-H scholarships to attend 4-H related educational events, conferences, camps, and for college!

Premium Auction at County Fair

Market animals sold through the Jewell County 4-H/FFA Premium Auction can be shown at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. See page 4 of State/District news for additional details.



LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H

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4-H COUNCIL MEETING

- Thursday, March 14 at 4:00 p.m.
- Location is the Lincoln Senior Center

SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN

Small Animal Weigh-In will be Saturday, April 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Weigh-in will be at the Fairgrounds in Sylvan Grove. Animals must be in line by 11:30 a.m. to be weighed. This weigh-in is for market sheep, swine, and goats. Bucket calves, etc. can also come to get tagged.

There is no schedule sign-up this year. If you are in the swine, sheep, goat, or bucket calf project and NOT planning to come to weigh-in please let the Extension Office know.



YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS TRAINING IN LINCOLN COUNTY

4-H Council is looking to team up with Blaire Todd, Post Rock District Livestock Agent, to offer youth involved in livestock projects with a great learning opportunity on April 27 after the small animal weigh-in. The YQCA training is a fantastic opportunity to learn important ways to keep your animal safe and healthy as you prepare for fair and beyond. More details will be released in the coming weeks. Save the date for the afternoon of April 27!

4-H SUPPORTER CAMPAIGN

The 4-H Boosters will be sending out letters for the Lincoln County 4-H supporter campaign this spring. If you know of a new or unique business in the area that you'd like to make sure is on the mailing list please get their contact information to the Extension Office. We greatly appreciate every supporter that helps make Lincoln County 4-H great!

FAIR County Fair Safari ~ It's a Jungle Out There!



Lincoln County Fair week is July 15 - 20!

Superintendent and Assistant Sign-up:

If there is a project area you are able to volunteer with at the county fair, please call the office and let us know. Even if you have volunteered in the past, please call the office to confirm you are still interested and available. It takes many volunteers for the fair to be successful and fun!

COUNTY FAIR AND STATE EID TAGS

County fair animal tags are available in the office for purchase and will also be available at weigh-ins. EID tags can NOT be sold over the counter. A Post Rock District staff member must be present and observe all EID tags being placed in the animal's ear. You can bring ANY animal species needing an EID tag to small animal weigh-in for tagging verification.

- County Fair Tags = \$1.00
- Beef EID Tags = \$3.50
- Swine, Goat, Sheep EID Tags = \$2.75
- Make checks payable to Lincoln County 4-H Council



ELLSWORTH PACKING RESERVATIONS FOR FAIR

Call the Extension Office no later than March 6 if you want to reserve a butcher spot for your 4-H beef or swine after the county fair! We need to get Ellsworth Packing our numbers ASAP.

SENIOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE MAY 1

Graduating seniors are eligible to apply for multiple 4-H scholarships! Find the applications at the Post Rock District 4-H > Awards and Recognition > [Education Scholarship website](#).





MITCHELL COUNTY 4-H

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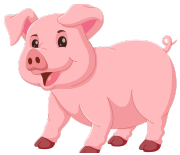
Save the Date for Fair!

Mitchell County Fair dates are July 25 - 27, 2024.

Mitchell County 4-H Tags

Tags are available in the office for purchase and will also be available at weigh-ins. Please note that EID tags can no longer be sold over the counter. A Post Rock District staff member must be present and observe all EID tags being placed in the animal's ear. Mitchell County 4-H tags are free; \$3.50 for beef EID tags and \$2.75 for small animal EID tags.

Mitchell County Small Animal Weigh-in



Small animal weigh-in is on Wednesday, April 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds.

Mitchell County 4-H Council News

Fair Theme: An online survey will be emailed this month to all Mitchell County 4-H members to vote on a Fair Theme.

Next Meeting: Mitchell County 4-H Council will meet at First Bank Beloit Meeting Room on Monday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.



Tonia's Office Hours

Tonia plans to be in the Beloit Office on most Tuesdays or by appointment! If you need something, please call or email!

Project Add/Drop Deadline

Deadline for enrolling in projects in 4-H Online is May 1. You can only take exhibits to fair in projects you are enrolled in!



4-H Fair Superintendents

The only way fair is successful is with the help of volunteer superintendents. Tasks vary from project-to-project, yet generally superintendents help with check-in, assist with paperwork, and set-up the displays. Mitchell County is looking for superintendents for Visual Arts, Photography, Horticulture & Landscape Design, Woodworking, Ag Mechanics Welding, and Small Engines. If you would like to be a Superintendent of any of these areas, please call the Extension Office 785-738-3597 or email Tonia at tiunderw@ksu.edu.

Senior 4-H Scholarships Due May 1

Graduating seniors are eligible to apply for multiple 4-H scholarships! Find the applications at the Post Rock District 4-H > Awards and Recognition > [Education Scholarship website](#).



Norah Ellenz attended **Citizenship in Action** in Topeka. She learned about the Kansas legislative process.





OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H

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2024 OSBORNE COUNTY SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN & TAGGING



Sunday, April 28, 2024
5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Osborne County Fairgrounds



Small Animal Weigh-in for swine, sheep and goats is optional. Any 4-H/FFA member wishing to participate in the Rate of Gain contest will need to bring their project to weigh-in.

2024 FAIR SUPERINTENDENT SIGN-UP

Everyone's help is needed for our 2024 fair events to be successful. Adult and junior superintendents are needed to assist during division project judging and displaying projects in the 4-H building. No special knowledge or skills required...just a desire to help our 4-H members. Please sign up or contact Kim.



QR Code for 2024 Osborne County Fair Superintendent Sign-up

2024 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR INFO



Get the Fair Dates on your calendar!

July 24 - 28, 2024



Fair Theme - ***DANCING WITH THE STEERS***

Deadline for animal and project ownership and Fair Entry registration is **July 8th**.

The schedule for the 2024 fair and a draft of the 4-H/FFA division fair book can be found on the Post Rock Extension website. Here is the link:

www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/osbornefair/

OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS

Upcoming 4-H Council Dates

March 25 | 7:30 p.m. | Extension Office
April 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Osborne Fairgrounds

Save the Date 2024 Osborne County 4-H Council Day Camp - Tuesday, May 28th, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

2024 PREMIUM AUCTION RULE UPDATES

The Premium Auction committee met January 31st to review the Premium Auction rules section for the fair book. The committee added this rule to the 2024 4-H/FFA Division fairbook. Any exhibit sold through the Osborne County 4-H Premium Auction can not be exhibited in any future Osborne County Fair 4-H/FFA division (i.e. breeding females - beef, swine, sheep, goats, bucket calf, poultry, rabbit, other large animal, horse or miscellaneous exhibit). Market animals sold through the Osborne County 4-H/FFA Premium Auction can be shown at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. See page 4 of State and District news for additional information.

OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR AND STATE EID TAGS

County fair livestock tags are available in the office for purchase and will also be available at Osborne County weigh-ins. Please note that EID tags required for livestock projects nominated for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive shows and/or Kansas Junior Livestock show, can no longer be sold over the counter. A Post Rock District staff member must be present and observe all EID tags being placed in the animal's ear. Beef EID tags are \$3.50 each and small animal EID tags are \$2.75 each.

VISITING THE OSBORNE OFFICE

The Office Professional position in Osborne is still vacant. Please call ahead if you need to visit the office to make sure there is someone at the office. Thanks in advance for your understanding.



SMITH COUNTY 4-H

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Storm Hockey

Smith Co. 4-H Council will host all Smith Co. 4-Her's at the Saturday, March 9, 6:05 p.m. Storm Hockey game in Kearney. Cost is covered for members. Any adults that want to attend are \$10 and any extra kids are \$7. Call the office or email Shelly or Risa by Tuesday, March 5th to get tickets.



Beef Weigh In --

Sat. March 2, 10 - 11 a.m.
Smith Center Vet Clinic

We have weigh in for beef, sheep, and goat. It is not mandatory. To compete in the rate-of-gain you must be at a weigh in. Also, if you would like an EID tag vs. a County Tag - an EID tag must be put in this year with a Post Rock Employee present. New rule by the state to show at State Fair and KJLS. You can show up at a tagging event to have the EID tags put in with the presence of a Post Rock District employee.

Small Weigh In --

Sunday, April 28, 3 - 4 p.m.
Smith Co. Fair Grounds

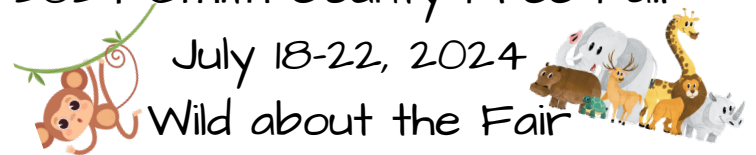


Important Dates:

- March 2 - Beef Weigh-in 10 - 11 a.m. SC Vet Clinic
- March 4 - Post Rock District 4-H Day - Smith Center
- March 17 - 4-H Council 2:30 p.m. - Courthouse
- March 23 - Super Saturday - Hays, KS
- April 14 - Sun Porch Activities 3:30 p.m.
- April 28 - Small Animal Weigh-in 3 - 4 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- May 1 - Project Drop/Add Deadline in 4-H Online
- July 1 - All Fair Entries due to the Office
- July 18-22 - Smith Co. Free Fair - Wild About the Fair

2024 Smith County Free Fair

July 18-22, 2024



Wild about the Fair

Thank You

To all who sold, baked, decorated, boxed, and delivered 4-H Valentine cookies. You sold 167 cookies!

Great job!

Say Thank you to High Plains Farm Credit. They once again donated money to our livestock projects. The donation will cover the cost of your animal tags.

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4-H DAY REMINDERS

4-H Day #2: The final event is March 4 in Smith Center. March 4 is also the deadline to submit any virtual entries. Youth registered for the upcoming 4-H Day received an email with the presentation schedule. If you have any questions, contact your local Extension Office.

4-H Day Guide: The 2024 Post Rock District 4-H Day Guide will help determine what contests to participate in, and it includes the contest rules and other event details. Review the guide at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/4-hday.

Judging Contests: There will be judging contests at 4-H Day related to plant science, photography, and life skills. The same contests will be at both events, and participants will be scored against all Post Rock District participants in the respective age division. The age divisions for judging contests are Junior: 7 - 12 years old and Senior: 13 and older (before January 1, 2024). Study resources are available online at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/judging-contests/.

Results: We will publish 4-H Day results online at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/4-hday as soon as they are available. Ribbons not picked up at the event will be taken to your local Extension Office.

State Fair Opportunity: In eligible contest areas and age divisions, youth earning a purple at a Post Rock District 4-H Day are able to participate at the Kansas State Fair! If you earn a purple and are interested in moving on to the State Fair, notify your local Extension Office and we'll connect you with more details.



NW 4-H SUPER SATURDAY: REGISTER BY MARCH 15

Northwest Kansas 4-H Super Saturday will take place on Saturday, March 23 in Hays at Fort Hays State University. Any 4-H or FFA youth 7 - 18 years of age are eligible to participate in the regional judging contests and educational activities. There is a single fee of \$7 to complete one or more judging contests. An optional sack lunch is available for \$8. Some of the afternoon project workshops have additional fees. All payments are due to the NW 4-H Advisory at check-in the day of the event. [Online registration and lunch RSVP](#) is required by March 15. Use the QR code to register today!

Review the event flyer with complete details and contest rules on the Post Rock District 4-H event webpage at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/postrock-district-events/. Schedule and opportunities:

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Indoor Judging at Albertson Hall second floor (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills and Livestock Skill-a-thon.
- 10:00 a.m. to Noon: Volunteer/Parent Session at Albertson Hall
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Lunch at Albertson Hall
- 12:30 p.m.: Livestock Judging Check-in at Livestock Pavilion, north of I-70
- 12:30 p.m.: Project Opportunities at Albertson Hall (Dog, STEM, Club activities, Fiber Arts, Shooting Sports).

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NORTHWEST AGRICULTURAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM: APPLY BY MARCH 15

Check out the new Northwest Kansas 4-H Agricultural Ambassador Program! The ambassador program will be a premier leadership opportunity for youth ages 13 to 18 (current 8th grade through Senior in high school) who are passionate about agriculture and are willing to complete a one or two-year term. The program focuses on connecting youth with their local agricultural industries, exploring the richness and diversity of Kansas opportunities, developing ag advocacy skills and fostering educational mindsets, and increasing access to career and post-secondary experiences within the agriscience world. Participation/membership in 4-H is not required.

The Northwest Kansas 4-H Agricultural Ambassadors complete training to develop leadership and teamwork skills that are used in promoting and educating communities about agriculture. This includes leading educational experiences for youth and attending ag events, such as the Kansas Youth Ag Experience trip.

Youth interested in being a part of the ambassador program must complete an application, submit a leadership resume, a cover letter, three letters of reference, and complete a virtual interview if selected as a finalist. Applications and supporting documents are due by March 15th and may be submitted to your local K-State Research and Extension office.

For more information, a copy of the flyer and application visit the Twin Creeks District website at: <https://www.twincreeks.k-state.edu/youth-ag/index.html>. For questions about the program, contact Twin Creeks District Youth Agriculture Agent, Jenilee Godsey. (Phone: 785-421-3411, Email: jenileem@ksu.edu).

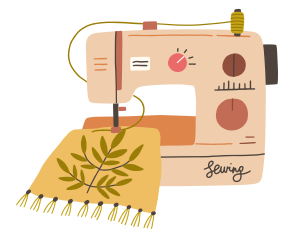


**DO YOU HAVE A
PASSION FOR AGRICULTURE?
ARE YOU AGES 13-18 AND INTERESTED IN
FURTHERING YOUR LEADERSHIP ABILITIES?**



SEWING WORKSHOP IN DOWNS ON MARCH 14

Youth interested in learning how to sew a table runner are invited to participate in a sewing workshop hosted by the Solomon Valley 4-H Club. The workshop is open to all Post Rock District 4-H youth. The hands-on experience will run from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Location is to be determined, but will be shared with all registered youth. You can bring your own fabric (1 yard needed) or there is a fee of \$10 per youth for fabric. Registration deadline is March 6th. To register, contact LaRhea Cole, club leader, by phone at 785-545-5564.



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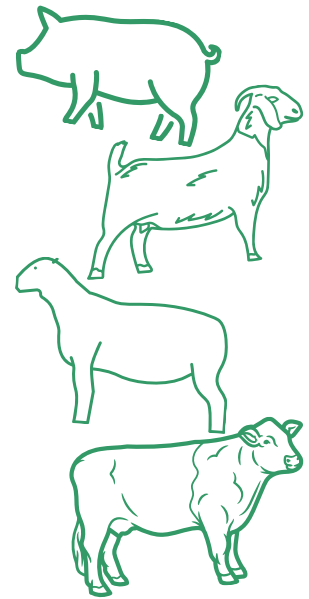
PRE-FAIR DEADLINE: PROJECT OWNERSHIP AND VERIFICATION

Each 4-H Council in the Post Rock District will designate a pre-fair entry deadline. *The pre-fair deadline is when all project exhibits must be designated for the class which will be shown at the county fair.* Entries can be dropped, but not added after the pre-fair deadline. Any project areas not required by 4-H Council to meet the pre-fair deadline will submit entry requirements at the project's fair check-in time. The 4-H Council will have an exhibit entry card or form designated in the fair book which will be used to meet the entry requirements for each project area. This will be used to describe the exhibit and articulate class of exhibition.

- Check your county's 4-H newsletter page in March or April to find the pre-fair entry deadline set for your respective county fair. This is a very important date to have marked on your calendar if you want to exhibit a 4-H project (animal and non-animal) at the county fair!

COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN

Rate-of-gain contests are managed differently in each county and it is an optional experience. Any livestock not weighed-in and tagged with the county's official 4-H tag (or the state Kansas 4-H EID tag) at the designated event are not eligible for the county fair's 4-H rate-of-gain contest. The determination of what livestock are eligible for rate-of-gain is the decision of the county body which manages the experience in the respective county (4-H Council or Fair board). Watch your county's 4-H Newsletter page for information about weigh-in and verification events! If you are enrolled in a livestock project, it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** to bring your animal to these events because attending can assure you are understanding of and ready to meet all exhibition requirements (so you won't be disqualified at fair); you can connect with other adults and youth in the project for support, encouragement, and assistance throughout the year; and you can get many of your questions answered.



LIVESTOCK TAGGING (EID) FOR STATE NOMINATIONS

Post Rock District will no longer sell Kansas 4-H EID tags over-the-counter at our Extension Offices. The state requires our staff to approve all State Nominations for livestock, and part of that approval process is confirming that we have physically seen each Kansas 4-H EID tag in your livestock animal's ear at tagging time (photos and over-the-counter sales do not qualify). Please plan to attend your county's tagging and verification event (i.e. weigh-in) for beef, swine, sheep, and goats - these dates will be shared on your county's newsletter page. While you must attend your county's weigh-in for your respective county fair's rate-of-gain contest, any Post Rock District event can be attended to verify tagging of state-level EID tags for the nomination process. Contact your Extension Office if you have questions.



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STATE FAIR ANIMALS

Exhibiting an animal beyond the 4-H division at a Post Rock District county fair means that ownership and identification must meet the requirements outlined by the specific show's governing body. The 4-H member is responsible for understanding the deadlines and expectations involved.

- Contact your local Extension Office as soon as possible if you are considering showing at the Kansas State Fair, so we can share resources to help you navigate the process.
- If your animal species doesn't classify for state livestock nomination, visit the [Kansas 4-H State Fairbook](#) for important ownership, verification, and exhibition deadlines and details.

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

All market animals and commercial females youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) must be nominated. The [Kansas Youth Livestock Program](#) website outlines the [State Livestock Nomination Process](#) under the "Nomination Information" tab. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the *Rookie Guide*.

The nomination 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 in past years (2022 or 2023) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the [Kansas Youth Livestock Program](#) for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account. The ShoWorks website is <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>.

Grand Drive and KJLS Important Dates:

- April 20: Last Day to Order Beef DNA Envelopes
- May 1: Market Beef Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked
- June 5: Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
- June 15: Small Livestock Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked
 - Market Swine, Commercial Gilt
 - Market Lamb, Commercial Ewe
 - ALL Meat Goat (Market & Breeding)
- June 15: Commercial Heifer Nominations Due
- TBD: Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- TBD: Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- TBD: Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- July 15: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
- TBD: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Late Entry Deadline
- August 15: KJLS Entry Deadline
- August 25: KJLS Late Entry Deadline
- September 6 - 15: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- September 27-29: Kansas Junior Livestock Show



**KANSAS
YOUTH LIVESTOCK
PROGRAM
WEBSITE**

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PREMIUM AUCTION AND PROJECT SALE AT COUNTY FAIR

Beginning with the current 4-H year, Kansas 4-H Policy no longer has a policy relating to the sale of 4-H exhibits/projects at a county fair. *This means that animals which go through a county premium auction are now eligible to be shown at a later show such as the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (if your county auction rules allow).* KSF and KJLS will refer to each county-level governance. There may not be changes in your county. If there are any changes to your county's rules, they will be shared on your county's 4-H Newsletter page once information is available.

Post Rock District is not responsible for the planning and facilitation of a county-level premium auction or project sale, nor serve as the fiscal managers of such an event. Each county has a unique process and team in place to oversee this experience. Post Rock District will enforce that Kansas 4-H policies and code of conduct are followed at these activities because 4-H members are the target audience of such experiences.

SPRING SHOWS AND YOUTH LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES

The [K-State Youth Livestock Program](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/) has a website dedicated to sharing youth livestock events: www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/. It is for informational purposes only. No endorsement or support by Kansas State University or the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry is implied in the events listed. Any county that has a youth livestock educational opportunity open to kids outside of the county is invited to share that information with Lexie Hayes (adhayes@ksu.edu). This includes spring shows, showmanship clinics, skillathons, field days, other related events, etc.

You can also find spring show information that has been shared with our local unit on the [Post Rock District 4-H events webpage](#). The shows are not sponsored, planned, or facilitated by Post Rock District, yet they are available to 4-H members to participate. It is always important to contact the listed event contact with your questions.

PROJECT ENROLLMENT IN 4-H ONLINE DUE MAY 1

Log into [4-H Online](#) or contact your local Extension Office to review and update your projects! The earlier you update your projects in 4-H Online the better! 4-H project experiences, opportunities and reminders are communicated to you by local and state 4-H staff based on your project enrollment and contact information in 4-H Online.

- May 1 is the final project drop/add deadline if you want to exhibit in a respective project area at the county fair.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

If you are continuing your education after high school, there may be a local scholarship opportunity you are eligible for as a 4-H member. Find applications and details on the [Post Rock District's Education Scholarship's website](#).

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STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST IS MARCH 14 IN SALINA

The 2024 state-level 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held March 14, in conjunction with EquiFest of Kansas in Salina. 4-H members age 9-18 are invited to participate in the 4-H contest, and may also participate in the open contest. Youth of any age are eligible to participate in the open contest hosted by Kansas Quarter Horse Association. Cost to enter the first contest is \$15. Registration for both contests is \$25. Coaches need to register teams and individuals by March 8. Find rules and event details on the [Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest website](#).

EQUINE SCIENCE WEBINAR IS BACK

Kansas 4-H is once again providing the equine webinar series. Each month there will be a virtual learning experience for all things equine. You can register to participate in the live Zoom or watch recordings. More details are on the [Kansas 4-H project experience's website](#).

HORSE JUDGES SEMINAR IN COLBY ON APRIL 12

There is a Horse Show Judges Seminar on Friday, April 12, at the Colby Community College School Farm. Adults interested in learning to judge open or 4-H horse shows, current judges who want to brush up on their judging skills, coaches of youth horse judging teams, and youth looking to gain experience and instruction about judging horses are invited to participate. The seminar will cover basic horse show classes, professionalism of judges, hands-on demonstrations with live classes, and a rule book exam. Registration is \$50/person and includes snacks, lunch, instruction, and materials. Register by March 29. Complete details and registration are on the [Kansas 4-H event website](#).

ANIMAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: APPLY BY APRIL 15

Applications are now open for the 2024 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. The four-day experience for selected teens is hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. In 2024 the program will be held June 5-8. Applications must be postmarked by April 15. Find all the details at the [KASLA event website](#).

VISUAL ARTS OR ENTOMOLOGY PROJECTS: INSECT ART CONTEST DUE APRIL 15

The K-State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H members and art students across the state. The 2024 contest theme is "Incognito: Insects in Disguise". The program encourages participants to get creative and create an entry before the April 15 deadline. For contest rules and details, visit the [KSU IPM website](#).

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MATH WORKSHOP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IS APRIL 20

The KSU Mathematics Department will host the Sonia Kovalevsky Day on April 20. The objective of the event is to increase student interest in mathematics, assist them in the transition between middle school and high school mathematics, and encourage careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. All middle school students (6 - 8 graders) are invited to participate. Students can attend on their own or in groups. It is free to attend, lunch and supplies are included. Registration closes on April 6. Complete details are available at math.k-state.edu/skday.

SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING: 4-H TRAINING IN SALINA ON APRIL 20

Kansas 4-H is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" at K-State Salina on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. This experience is for current and interested club leaders, project leaders, and volunteers. The goal is for participants to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try some new things in their volunteer roles. Topics include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, Record Books, Facilitating Sparks in Special Interest Clubs, Hands-on Learning Techniques, and more! Fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Pay your fee to the 4-H Council at your local Extension Office by the registration deadline, and then one check for all Post Rock District participants will be submitted for the training. Deadline to [register](#) is April 1. Registration and more details are on the [Kansas 4-H event website](#).

SAFE TRACTOR AND MACHINERY OPERATION TRAINING IN BELOIT ON APRIL 20



Register for
Safety Training
Today!

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is designed for 14- and 15-year-olds seeking employment in production agriculture. Core content areas focused on during the one-day training include: safety basics, agricultural hazards, tractors, connecting and using implements, materials handling, and more! Students are certified after successfully passing a knowledge test at the training and doing both an operating skills test and a driving test administered by the employer.

The cost to participate is \$15 due to your local Extension Office. Prior to the course, each participant needs to pick up a manual from the Extension Office. You will also need to complete a pre-test before attending the training event. Direct questions to Blaire Todd at blairet@ksu.edu or 785-738-3597. The flyer is on the [Post Rock District website](#). Register online at <https://bit.ly/2024-tractor-safety> or follow the QR code. The registration deadline is one week before the date you plan to attend. Training dates in the region include:

- April 20 - Beloit at Carrico Implement
- April 27 - Washington at Bruna Implement
- May 4 - Great Bend at KanEquip
- May 23 - Salina at Great Plains Manufacturing

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4-H CAMP OPEN HOUSE IS APRIL 21

Explore 2024 Kansas 4-H Camp sessions at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. Register directly with Rock Springs Ranch through the website. Before registering, contact your local Extension Office and your club leader. There may be club or county-level event scholarships available.

Rock Springs Ranch will be hosting an open house on Sunday, April 21 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a tour of the property, meet the staff, and learn all about the fun to be had at Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Guests will get to see cabins, activity center, pool, ropes course, horses, dining hall, and lots more. Their team is so excited to meet you and answer all of your questions. Find more information and register at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/upcoming-events/.

CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS IN APRIL

National Volunteer Week is April 21 - 27. This is an excellent opportunity for your family or club to execute a plan to recognize volunteers in your community and county. 4-H is successful because of contributions from our amazing volunteers! Write a special thank you note, put an ad or story in the newspaper, bake a special treat to share, go out of your way to make a personal visit, post a shout out on social media, make an announcement at a ball game, record a radio ad, create a window display, hang gratitude posters throughout town, invite guests to your next meeting, have an appreciation party, etc... there are many unique ways to show caring volunteers they are valued!

SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICES REQUIRED TO COMPETE

There are a variety of shooting sports activities planned for the spring by our Post Rock District certified instructors. Youth properly enrolled in the respective disciplines will receive emails sharing about practices. Be sure to get enrolled in 4-H Online if you want to participate. You must attend practices to be eligible to compete at 4-H matches. Post Rock District has instructors for BB gun, Archery, and Shotgun. Contact Tonia at tiunderw@ksu.edu if you have questions.

SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING IN MAY

Post Rock District is in need of more certified instructors for our shooting sports program. Kansas 4-H is hosting the required training at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City on May 3 - 5. There are multiple steps that must be completed before the training in order to attend. There is a cost to become certified, but many times we can help secure local support for stepping up to serve our youth in these project areas. If you are interested in instructing 4-H Archery, BB gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Small Bore Rifle, Muzzleloader, or Hunting Skills please contact Tonia Underwood, our certified shooting sports coordinator, at tiunderw@ksu.edu by April 1 so we can help you through the process.

NO JUDGING EXTRAVAGANZA

Notice: There will not be a Judging Extravaganza event during the 2023-2024 program year in Post Rock District. We'll look for opportunities to provide more judging experiences in the future.

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TEEN-LED PROJECT LEARNING

As you advance in 4-H, teens are challenged to plan and implement learning experiences to help others gain knowledge and skills in project areas. If you are interested in leading a project workshop or meeting in the spring or summer, contact your local Extension Office so we can help you promote and support your effort!

PLANT SCIENCE RANGE CAMP IN JUNE

The Kansas Range Youth Camp will be June 11 - 14 at Camp Mennoscah in Murdock, KS. Upcoming sophomore, junior and senior high school students are eligible to attend and learn range plant identification, plant growth, stocking rate determinations, livestock nutrition, rangeland wildlife management, and much more! Registration is due May 12. Space is limited. Learn more at the [camp's website](#).

DISTRICT 4-H DOG SHOW IS JULY 22 IN OSBORNE

Post Rock District will host an annual district-wide dog show in place of five separate 4-H dog shows at each county fair. It will take place on July 22 at 9:00 a.m. in Osborne. Pre-registration, rules, and event details will be shared by email with all enrolled project members this summer.

ARCHERY QUALIFIER IN POST ROCK DISTRICT ON JULY 21

Post Rock District is organizing an Archery Qualifier to take place at Waconda Lake the morning of Sunday, July 21. There will not be a qualifier as part of the Lincoln County Fair this year. Youth must qualify in shooting sports disciplines in order to attend a state match. Qualifiers scheduled around the state are posted at the [Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports website](#) as information becomes available. Save the date. More details will be shared in future newsletters.

AG DISCOVERY PROGRAM

AgDiscovery is a summer outreach program designed to help teenagers explore careers in plant and animal science, wildlife management, agribusiness, and much more! The program allows students to live on a college campus and learn about agriculture from university professors, scientists, and administrative professionals who work for the U.S. Government in a variety of fields. Visit the [USDA APHIS AgDiscovery website](#) for more information.

CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS

Please share a photo and summary of exciting 4-H activities with your local Extension Office so we can share your impact. We know you are doing great things!

ZBOOKS - ONLINE 4-H RECORD BOOK

Don't delay getting your online permanent and project record books started with Zbooks! Use your device to keep track of activities and project information throughout the busy season. Find details at the [Kansas 4-H Zbooks Online 4-H Record Keeping resource webpage](#).

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FFA PARTICIPATION AT POST ROCK DISTRICT COUNTY FAIRS IN 4-H DIVISION

Post Rock District supports FFA member participation in the 4-H division of the county fair. The Kansas 4-H Policy relating to Dual Enrollment of 4-H and FFA members will be followed. All 4-H participation deadlines will apply to FFA Chapters and members, including but not limited to tagging and verification expectations, weigh-ins, project drop/add deadline, fair entry deadlines and fees, dress code, code of conduct, etc.

To meet the Post Rock District's project enrollment drop/add deadline, FFA members need to identify what project areas they will be participating in by May 1, 2024. They will also share important contact information to assist the Post Rock District with providing communication to and supporting the youth in their participation. The earlier FFA members sign up, the more they can be included in communication about upcoming weigh-ins, deadlines, etc. Sign up by completing the online form at <https://bit.ly/FFAParticipationIn4HDivisionAtCountyFair>.

Are you currently enrolled in Post Rock District 4-H, but also want to exhibit FFA at the same county fair? You do not need to fill out this online form. You can select all of your 4-H AND FFA project areas in 4-H Online. Then, when you submit your entries by your county's pre-fair/other entry deadlines you will clarify which project areas are to be in 4-H and which ones are to be in FFA. The form is a way to gather information from youth *only* representing FFA at the county fair.

UPDATED KANSAS 4-H MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PIN APPLICATIONS

Kansas 4-H has updated the achievement pin applications and they are to be used effective with the current 4-H year. There is also now a document that will be used statewide in all local Extension Units so achievement pin recognition is consistent across Kansas. Take time to review the updated [pin applications](#). Visit the Post Rock District webpage dedicated to [Member Achievement](#).

FUNDRAISERS FOR 4-H

Remember to communicate with your local Extension Office in the early planning stages of your fundraiser to make sure you meet all Kansas 4-H policies and best practices relating to raising money in the name of 4-H.

4-H BRANDING ON CLOTHING AND AWARDS

The use of the K-State Research and Extension/Kansas 4-H co-wordmark is required on all 4-H print, digital, apparel, and merchandise. This requirement applies to all designs created at the local, county, district, area, and state levels. Communicate with your local Extension Office before ordering any items to ensure your club, council, fair board, etc. are using licensed vendors and that all designs include the required co-wordmark. Learn more at our [4-H Branding and Marketing website](#).

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact two weeks prior to the start of the event. Contact information for the Post Rock District is available at postrock.ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

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