



ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

K-State Research and Extension and Kansas 4-H strive to make its programs and events accessible to all Kansans who are otherwise eligible to participate in the activities. This applies to local and state events /programs. Reasonable accommodations are often possible for persons with disabilities who wish to participate, so long as granting the accommodations does not fundamentally alter the nature of the program, cause undue hardship or otherwise cause a direct threat to the health or safety of the participant or others. K-State Research and Extension and the Department of 4-H Youth Development will work with the participant to identify a reasonable accommodation that provides access to the desired program. Please note the accommodation may not be the one proposed by the participant. In collaboration with your local Extension professional, it is essential for the Accommodation Request Form to be completed online to launch a formal accommodations process. We recognize that accommodations may be requested up to the date of the event. However, some accommodation requests require time to determine and coordinate. KSRE requests that this form be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the event or activity. Please note: we will continue to accept requests for accommodations up to and including the day of the event. Submitting accommodation requests as soon as possible increases our ability to provide the most effective accommodations. Upon receipt of the Accommodation Request Form, you will be invited to an in-person, virtual or phone intake process. An eligibility team will review the request and determine accommodations. The team may consist of KSRE and K-State Human Resources personnel as well as people knowledgeable about the day-to-day activities of the participant. Following the eligibility meeting, persons requesting accommodations will be notified by email.

PROGRAM FEE SPONSORSHIP

Just a reminder that all youth have the opportunity to get their \$15 program fee paid for by completing the following requirements in 2025:

Submit a complete MIGS Book to your club leader by their deadline.

Submit ONE complete Project Record Report Form to your club leader by their deadline.

Attend a minimum of SIX monthly 4-H club meetings in the previous 4-H year.

ATTENTION CLUB REPORTERS

In addition to sending your reports to the local paper, please send your club meeting reports to Andrea at ahilyard@ksu.edu and we will post them on our Southwind District 4-H Facebook page. We understand that sometimes your reports are not printed with the local paper. This will allow you to have a published report.

SE AREA PPR SCREENING

Record book screening for the Southeast Region will be Friday, January 17th in Fredonia at the 4-H Building at the Old Iron Club. Volunteers will be needed to judge if interested please let your local Extension office know.

SENIOR PROJECT RECORD REPORT

If you are a Senior age 14 and up and named a winner/champion for your PRR, your book is eligible for the Southeast Area PRR Screening in January. Please plan to make any changes needed from your score sheet. PRR'S must be turned into your local Extension Office by Friday, January 10. Emails were sent to those eligible mid – November.



DISTRICT 4-H DAY

District 4-H Day will be held on February 1, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. With everyone checked in by 11:30 p.m. at Marmaton Valley School, Moran. All entries are due by 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 17 at: <https://forms.gle/7vShWWX6ZdkP92Zu5>

If you have any questions about the guidelines or rules, please refer to the Southwind District website: southwind.k-state.edu

REGIONAL 4-H DAY

4-H'ers receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals February 22, 2025 at Neosho County Community College in Chanute. All eligible participants will receive an email.

2025 4-H HORSE PANORAMA

The 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for February 22-23, 2025 at K-State Salina. Registration and a schedule of events is located at kansas4-h.org under Events & Activities/Animal Science. Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl., Hippology, presentations and more. Registration information coming soon!!!

DATES FOR 2025 K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

Junior Swine Producer Day – Saturday, March 1
Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – Saturday, March 22
The K-State Junior Producer Days are one-day educational programs through which youth, parents, extension professionals, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects. A variety of sessions from selection to nutrition, reproduction, and showmanship are provided by faculty, staff, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited to attend! Register [Here](#).

SHOP 4-H

Are you in need of new 4-H apparel? Maybe some 4-H school items? Or some project curriculum to help with learning about a new project interest? Look no further than Shop 4-H (formerly known as 4-H Mall). They have lots of new items! You can check them out at: <https://shop4-h.org/>

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE VANIER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. Applications are due by March 1, 2024, at 11:59 PM. To learn more about the scholarship process click [Here](#) . Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. We encourage all of these individuals to apply for one of the Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Questions can be directed to Sarah Keatley, 620-366-0035 or keatley@ksu.edu.

SOUTHWIND EXTENSION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

All Southwind Extension Offices will be closed December 24th to January 2nd.

REGISTRATION FOR ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

Kansas 4-H Camp registration opens November 15! From now until December 31, 2024, 4-H families can register early and receive a 10% discount on any session of summer camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Register [Here](#).

KANSAS 4-H DAY WITH THE K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Join us for our 4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball Team! "4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball Team" has been scheduled for Saturday, January 4th at 4:00 p.m. Join us as the Wildcat women take on the Red Raiders of Texas Tech! For \$25, each attendee will receive a ticket to the game, an awesome game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. A ticket/voucher option with no t-shirt is available for \$15. Register by December 13th at <http://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththeCats2025>
Questions contact Macy Hynek, River Valley 4-H Agent, at mhynek@ksu.edu.



ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

Come join the fun and learn about insects! The next Entomology Project meeting will be on Saturday, December 14th at the Allen County Extension Office beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning boards, pinning supplies and 2 or 3 insects to pin. If you are just starting in this project, I will have pinning set ups available to purchase for \$10. 4-Hers please bring a short talk on Entomology on the subject of your choice. If it is about an insect, please try to do a "Who Am I?" to start out with. We are going to do a group community service project and try to grant a few Christmas wishes for some Senior Citizens. Please bring one or two items from the following Christmas Wish List to put in our gift box. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Christmas Wish List:

Candy, Artificial Sweetener, Creamer, Nuts – Honey Roasted, Cookies, Coffee, Coffee Filters (small), 16oz. Coffee Cups, Toilet Paper, Paper Plates – Large/Small (Heavy duty), Paper Towels, Ziploc Bags (Various sizes), Extra Large Trash Bags, Dawn Dish Soap, Dishwasher Pods, Hand Soap (Liquid), Disinfecting Wipes, Clorox Bleach, Ajax Cleaner.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

December 10 – Holiday Photography
January 14 – Everyday objects
February 11 – Capturing Emotion
March 11 – TBD
April 8 – Food Photography
May 13 – Photo Solutions/Problem solving
June 10 – Cropping and preparing your photo for fair
July 8 /15 – Mounting photos for fair
Please RSVP each month. We need to have at least 5 4-Hers at each meeting to hold the meeting. Same place and time as last year, 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church 1202 W. Main Chanute, KS. For more information or to RSVP call or text Susan Stich 620-212-2943 or email sstich12.ss@gmail.com

ALPHA OF CLOVIA 4-H COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP HOUSE

Alpha of Clovia is located at Kansas State University. Clovia gives girls interested in attending K-State the great opportunity to live off campus their freshman year. It provides girls with a community of caring friends, accountability, and fun. For more information visit their website at alphaofclovia.org

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Wreaths Across America committee in Fort Scott has requested 4-H'ers to assist with leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the Wreath Laying Ceremony this year. The ceremony will be on December 14th at 10:00am. Please plan to arrive around 9:50am to gather and be prepared. Make sure to watch the weather and dress warm! Following the ceremony, they would love volunteers to help lay wreaths on graves. This is quite an undertaking and they appreciate all the help they can get.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

No News

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet January 29, 2025 6:30 p.m. at the Common Ground Coffee Shop. All 4-H Club Council Representatives need to attend this important meeting. What is decided will affect each 4-H Club.

FRED AND DORIS FINK SCHOLARSHIP

The Fred and Doris Fink 4-H Scholarship will be given during the 2025 Achievement Recognition. This is a \$750.00 scholarship or could be less depending how many qualified applicants are selected. Eligibility Requirements are:

- Three or more years in a Bourbon County 4-H Club.
- Must demonstrate outstanding achievement in 4-H activities and project work.
- Must be a resident of Bourbon County.
- Must be a senior in High School or freshman in College.
- Must be used by a student enrolled full time in an accredited Kansas 4-year College or University or a Kansas Community College.

Preference will be given to a student in Agriculture or Family and Consumer Sciences. Scholarship may be awarded to a previous winner one time. We will use the Kansas 4-H Scholarship paper application. Applications are available on our Southwind website and are due in the Fort Scott Extension Office by March 1, 2025

FAMILY & COMMUNITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

FCE Council is offering a \$200.00 scholarship to a high school senior or college student who is a Bourbon County resident and will be attending any two-or-four-year college or university in Kansas. All students are welcome to apply; preference will be given to a student who plans to major in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related field. Applications and references must be post marked by Friday, February 14, 2025. Application is available [Here](#).

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet January 20, 2025 6:00 p.m. at the Neosho Valley Event Center.

NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Cashlee Smith

Vice President: Devin Vogel

Secretary: Marisa O'Brien

Treasurer: Caysen Cosby

Fair Board Representatives: Isaiah Dick & Elli Pemberton

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THE SHEEP PROJECT?

If you are a new or even seasoned 4-H family that has an interest in exploring the sheep project, please don't hesitate to reach out to county-wide sheep leader Dustie Elsworth for information. The sheep project can seem overwhelming and the questions of where do you purchase a lamb? what do you feed? how do you shear? These are often deterrents for families because they just don't know where to get help. Dustie is more than willing to help any 4-H member get started in the sheep project! He can be reached at 620-432-4563.

FAIR BOARD DONATION TO DINNER AND AUCTION

All clubs are invited to donate an item, a basket, find a sponsor, or a monetary donation by February 1st to the dinner and auction.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

\$750 scholarship available for 4-H members who are planning on attending CWF in summer of 2024. For more scholarship information, contact Krista.

BEEF PROJECT OPTIONS

Although "Beef" is the only option when enrolling keep in mind that there are fair classes for market beef, feeder beef, breeding heifer and bucket calf. Here are requirements for each:

Market Beef – own a minimum of 140 days – can be steer or heifer. Must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds to be eligible for grand or reserve and to sell in the premium sale.

Feeder Beef – own a minimum of 140 days – can be steer or heifer. Must weigh a minimum of 600 pounds, maximum of 900 pounds to be eligible for a grand or reserve and to sell in the premium sale.

Breeding Heifer – commercial or registered. If registered, members must have registration or transfer papers in their name by July 1st.

Bucket Calf – for members 7-12 years old. Calf must be born between January 1st -May 1st of current year. Calf can be male or female – beef, dairy or cross.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Kevin Brown

Vice President: Clayton Culver

Secretary: Camryn Wille

Treasurer: Tayla Baker

Reporter:

Fair Board Representatives: Kevin Brown and Zoe McIntyre

SAVE THE DATE

Beef weigh-in: January 2nd from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

