

4-H NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

PROGRAM FEE FOR 2025/2026

To get the program fee reimbursed for 2025/2026, there are three major requirements to be eligible:

- Attend a minimum of six 4-H Club meetings.
- Submit a complete MIG Book (Member in Good Standing).
- Submit at least one PRR (Project Record Report).

DISTRICT 4-H DAY

District 4-H Day will be held on February 1, 2025 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: <https://www.southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/events/>

REGIONAL 4-H DAY

4-H'ers receiving a Purple 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.

COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES/OPPORTUNITIES

4-H members age 9 and older (before January 1) participating at District 4-H Day that receives a purple ribbon can take their project talks, demonstrations, and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair. Poetry entries can also be entered. New this year Public Speaking entries can come to the State Fair, however regardless of the topic used locally, all contestants at the State Fair will use the same topic, "What 4-H Means to Me". More information will be in the Fair Book in January. There are some great resources for project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and public speaking on the 4-H Communications Project Page [Here](#).

DATES FOR 2025 JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

Junior Swine Producer Day – March 1st
Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – March 22nd
The K-State Junior Producer Days are one-day educational programs 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. Register [Here](#).

2025 4-H HORSE PANORAMA

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: [Here](#).

KANSAS STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Kansas 4-H, Kansas Quarter Horse Association, and EquiFest of Kansas are teaming up to host the 2025 Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The Contest will be held March 21, 2025, in conjunction with EquiFest of Kansas in Salina. Two contests are available- an open contest and a 4-H contest. Kansas 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 4-H contest is \$25. Registration for the open contest is \$15. Coaches should register teams and individuals. Registration closes March 7th. Please be sure to read all rules prior to entry [Here](#).



ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

The SE Kansas Entomology group will meet at the Allen County Extension Office on Saturday, February 8th beginning at 1:00 p.m. We will be working on pinning insects, so please bring 3 or 4 insects to pin. Make sure they have been in a relaxing chamber for at least 12 hours before the meeting. We will also make an insect valentine craft - one for you to take home and one for the Senior Citizens Center. This will count as a Regional level community service project in your record books. Our lesson will be on insect legs. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

2025 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Calling all creative 4-Hers! Try your hand at creating a design to go on the 2025 Insect Spectacular T-shirts. Theme: Scarab Beetles
Contest Dates: February 1 to March 3, 2025. Design must be submitted to Vicky Wallace by midnight March 3, 2025. Mailing Address: 2447 40th Road, Humboldt, Kansas 66748 OR Email: vicky.wallace55@gmail.com Design Size: Design must fit on an 8 ½" X 11" sheet of paper. Colors: Maximum three colors plus one color for T-Shirt Wording: Must include "Insect Spectacular 2025". You can include something that goes with the theme if you like. Description: You are creating the design for the graphic that will be on the T-shirts for participants at the 2025 Insect Spectacular. This is the State 4-H Entomology Workshop held each summer. You can use graphics of true scarab beetles or create your own artful images. No copyrighted clip art, photos or graphics may be used. Prize: Winner will receive a \$20 gift card to Sonic. Leadership: This would be a great addition to your 4-H Record Book, especially for the Visual Arts, Entomology, and Leadership projects. Information that must be on the back of your entry: 4-Hers Name, 4-H Age, County/District, mailing address, Phone number, first and second choice of T-shirt color, Email (if you have one) Questions: Contact Vicky Wallace at vicly.wallace55@gmail.com OR Phone: (620)804-9170 Winning design will be selected by the State 4-H Entomology committee. Anyone submitting a design for competition may not vote on the design selection.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

February 11 – Capturing Emotion
March 11 – TBD
April 8 – Food Photography
May 13 – Photo Solutions/Problem solving
June 10 – Cropping/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. Zion Lutheran Church 1202 W. Main Chanute, KS, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP text Susan Stich [sstich12.ss@gmail.com](mailto:ssstich12.ss@gmail.com) or call her at 620-212-2943.

K-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 p.m. To learn more about the scholarship visit [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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H DISCOVERY DAYS

4-H Discovery Days will be held June 4 - 6, 2025 at Kansas State University. Classes and learning activities are the focus of this mini-college event. Youth must be at least 13 years old to attend. Registration coming soon.

4-H SUMMER CONTEST – SAVE THE DATES!

Youth Livestock Day: June 3rd at Iola.
Youth Challenge Day: June 12th at Emporia.

4-H EVENT SCHOLARSIPS AVAILABLE

Don't forget that when 4-H'ers sign up for a 4-H Event where registration fees are required, 4-H'ers can receive event scholarships. The amount varies throughout the District. Forms are online and must be completed prior to the event. Forms can be found [Here](#).

YQCA LAUNCHING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

YQCA is excited to announce the 2025 Scholarship Program available to high school seniors and students enrolled in a 2-4-year university or certification program. In order to be considered for this scholarship, youth must be a high school senior up to 21 years of age. In order to be considered for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a high school senior or a high school graduate up to 21 years of age.
- Have an active YQCA certification at the time of application (2025).
- Have had active YQCA certification the previous two years (2023, 2024).

As a high school senior, the essay question regarding future plans to enter the agriculture industry or commitment to a university will be considered for eligibility. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment to receive the award. High school graduates must be currently enrolled in a 2-4- year university agriculture program or enrolled in a certification program to meet the scholarship requirements. If selected, scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school. Applications open January 1, 2025 and close February 17, 2025. Visit <https://yqcaprogram.org/> for additional details and the scholarship application.

SAVE THE DATE

K-State will be hosting a spring invitational meat judging contest on April 5, 2025. Additional details and registration information will be released later this spring. Questions contact Dr. Erin Beyer at erbeyer@ksu.edu



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for families to host youth from

- Costa Rica: June 25 – July 19;
- Japan: July 21 – August 16;
- Norway: June 25 – July 19; and
- Taiwan: July 3 – August 2.

Host families are needed to host an international boy or girl. International youth will be between the ages of 12 - 18. Any Kansas family with children aged 10-19 who are interested in a cultural exchange, may host. Interested families can complete the application at:

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. The Japanese Delegates' personal information forms arrive in February. If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, (785) 826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu or Mary Kay Munson, State Coordinator Costa Rica, Norway, and Taiwan, mkm2@ksu.edu.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

Allen County Fair is scheduled for July 24-28.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next Allen County 4-H Council meeting will be Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Southwind Extension Office in Iola.

MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

We will weigh in on March 2, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds. This will be for all market beef showing at the Allen County Fair. Tags will be \$4 a piece, cash or check only.

OTHER LIVESTOCK TAGGING & WEIGHING

Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine will weigh and tag -in Monday April 21, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

GWEN E. WILSON 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Gwen E. Wilson 4-H Scholarship is to be awarded to an Allen County 4-H member, annually. This scholarship must be used at Kansas State University for work leading to a degree of the student's own choice. The scholarship is worth \$500.00. No winner may receive it more than once and it is not renewable. Specific details and the application can be found [Here](#).

MILES KESSINGER SCHOLARSHIP

Miles Kessinger Scholarship is awarded for the purpose of attending Allen Community College. This scholarship is to be awarded annually to an Allen County 4-H member and/or a Woodson County 4-H member who is a graduating senior. Those eligible to apply for this scholarship must have been a 4-H member for at least three years, be of good moral character and have financial need. This scholarship is worth \$500.00 and is payable to the recipient. The scholarship winner must use this award in the school year selected, otherwise he/she will be required to re-apply. Completed applications are to be mailed or brought to Allen Community College, Financial Aid Office, 1801 N. Cottonwood, Iola, KS 66749 on or before April 1. Specific details and the application can be found [Here](#).

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR

Bourbon County Fair is scheduled for July 12-19.

BEEF TAGGING

Monday, March 10, Bourbon County Fairgrounds. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registered heifers do not need to be tagged.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

4-H/FFA members may tag as many animals as they wish but after the 2 allowed tags per specie members will be charged \$4.00 per tag. Please have exact change or a check written to Livestock Account.

BOURBON COUNTY FCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Bourbon County FCE Council Scholarship is a \$200.00 scholarship. Application can be found on the Southwind Extension District website [Here](#).

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a resident of Bourbon County.
- Applicant must plan to enroll in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related field.
- Scholarship can be used in any college in Kansas.
- Applicant must have average or above scholastic rating.

Summit completed application with two letters of recommendation, post marked by February 15, 2025. Address to: Southwind Extension District, Fort Scott Office, Room 13, 210 South National Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701

FRED AND DORIS FINK SCHOLARSHIP

The Fred and Doris Fink Bourbon County 4-H Scholarship will be given during the 2024 Achievement Recognition. This is a \$750.00 scholarship.

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 Kansas.
- 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 Application. Note on the form that you are applying for the Fink Scholarship. Applications are available [Here](#) and are due in the Fort Scott Office by March 1, 2025.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR

Neosho County Fair is scheduled for July 24-28.

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR BOARD WORK DAYS

The Neosho County Fair Board has scheduled work days for 4-Hers and volunteers to gather and prepare the grounds for events and the fair. You are encouraged to participate in at least two work days. Full letter from the board was emailed to you December 19th. If you have questions contact Justin Kramer, Fair Board President at 620-820-3510. The Saturday dates are as follows, starting at 8:00 a.m.:

February 8th

March 8th

April 12th

April 27th

June 14th

BEEF TAGGING

Beef Tagging/Weigh-in will be held at the Neosho County Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 9th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. In order for the event to run smoothly – all trailers must enter the South gate and the line will form there. Once finished, trailers will exit out the East or West gate. Cost for tags is \$4.00 each. Beef animals that need to be tagged – market beef and feeder beef. If you have questions please contact Krista Harding at 620-244-3826.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY FAIR

Woodson County Fair is scheduled for July 18-21.

FAIR THEME

The fair theme this year is Mardi Gras. More details to come.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council meeting will be February 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodson County Extension Office.

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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

