



KANSAS 4-H THRIVING STUDY

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM 4-H MEMBERS!

Members in grades 3 and up are invited to participate in a survey to tell us about their experience in 4-H. The survey is designed to help Kansas 4-H understand how youth are thriving in 4-H. While the survey is optional, we would love to hear from every member. Emails will be sent to the parent emails we have on file in 4-H Online with an electronic survey link. Parents will be asked to share the electronic survey link with their child(ren). Two reminders will be sent to all participants who have not completed the survey. The survey will close mid-July. This data will help us share the impact of 4-H programs in Kansas. By responding, your child(ren) will help us tell the story of Kansas 4-H. If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this study, you can simply delete the message. There is no impact on 4-H programming, and Extension Agents will never know who completed and who did not complete the survey. Direct any questions to Samantha Grant samgrant@ksu.edu, Evaluation Consultant, or Sarah Maass semaass@ksu.edu, State 4-H Program Leader, or 785-532-5800. Thank you for supporting Kansas 4-H as we continue "To Make the Best Better!"

4-H CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds was designed for 5- and 6-year old's and is activity focused, rather than project focused. Cloverbuds may not participate in any competitive 4-H events, but they may showcase their exhibits at fair and public events. Cloverbuds are not to own and/or show 4-H livestock. All Cloverbud members will receive a Cloverbud participant ribbon for their fair exhibit.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEMBERS

Each photo exhibited at the County fair will need to be properly mounted for display. Your local Extension Office has photo mats and photo sleeves for purchase of a \$1.25.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETING

We will be mounting fair photos July 9, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran. Bring your camera to the meeting. Parents are welcome to attend. Contact Susan Stich H: 620-431-6986 or C: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information.

CRAWFORD FAMILY KITCHENAID MIXER 4-H CHALLENGE

Sponsored by Carol & Larry Crawford. Open to Senior Division (ages 14-18) 4-H'ers enrolled in the Food & Nutrition Project within the Southwind District. To qualify, 4-H'ers must exhibit specific food & nutrition items at their local county fair in the 4-H Division. Points will be assigned to the ribbon placings and totaled to determine the winner.

Required Specific Items (must do all 5):

Angle Food or Chiffon Cake

Yeast Bread

Preserved Vegetable

Preserved Soft Spread

Gift Basket

Winners will be announced in August!

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

Final Entomology Project meeting before most County/District Fairs begin will be on Saturday, July 13th at the Allen County Extension Office. It will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will work on what you need to get ready for the Fair. You should have all insects you plan to put in your display box pinned by now or pictures taken. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

POULTRY TESTING

Birds exhibited at the County Fair in the Southwind Extension District that originate from Kansas do not need to be tested before the fair until 2027. Birds will then be tested every 5 years. Now, if your bird comes from out of state you will be required to test within 90 days of the fair.

WRITING THANK YOU NOTES TO FAIR SPONSORS

It is very important 4-H members write and mail thank you notes to fair sponsors and livestock buyers. Please make sure you take time to send a simple note of thanks to each sponsor that has awarded you with funds, trophies, banners or plaques. Livestock buyers also appreciate it when you send them a thank you after the sale is over and/or take your baked items and gift baskets to their business the following week rather than during the livestock sale.

KANSAS STATE FAIR ENTRIES NON-LIVESTOCK

Non-livestock State Fair entries are due August 10th to your local Extension Office. Please watch your e-mail for information on what to do!

RECORD BOOKS/PROJECT RECORD REPORTS

As soon as the County Fair ends, it is a good time to begin working on record books. If you are needing any help with completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer know. Record Books are due to your club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books before they are due to your local Extension Office October 1, 2024. Books that are turned in after the deadline of your club leaders will not be judged for county-wide awards.

2024 STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, in Manhattan, Kansas. Our contest is hosted for the day by the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources. Intermediates must be 9 thru 13 before January 1 of the current year. Seniors must be 14 thru 18 before January 1 of the current year. The objective of 4-H Horticulture Judging is for members to grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments, through plant identification, knowledge testing and judging classes. For more information and the study list visit [Here](#).



YOUTH LIVESTOCK EVENTS

Locate Spring Shows [Here](#) click on the events tab.

BIOSECURITY RESOURCES FOR EXHIBITION LIVESTOCK

Livestock exhibitions are events where animals have an increased risk of getting infectious diseases due to the commingling of animals from different sources. Taking some simple precautions can help reduce that risk and keep your animals healthy. KDA has biosecurity resources available to livestock exhibitors on the KDA website [Here](#).

48 HOURS OF 4-H 2024

We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too!

When: October 12-13, 2024

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate.

KANSAS 4-H DOG CONFERENCE LOGO DESIGN CONTEST NOW OPEN

"Pupkin Spice" is the theme of the 2024 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference scheduled for October 19 & 20 at Rock Springs. Think falling leaves and cool temperatures as you design a logo to be used for this year's conference. All Kansas 4-H dog project members are invited to participate in the logo design contest by emailing a drawing of your idea in JPEG format to Jill Martinson at martinso@ksu.edu by July 10, 2024. The winning design will be used by our graphic designers as a basis for the logo to be used on t-shirts, hoodies, and promotional materials. The winning designer will be awarded their choice of a t-shirt or hoodie featuring their "Pupkin Spice" design.



STATE SHOW LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Exhibitors must submit an official entry and pay the entry fees directly through each state show in which they would like to participate. This includes entries for state nominated market animals and commercial breeding females, as well as registered breeding females. A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry. It only makes animals eligible to subsequently be entered and exhibited in each state show a 4-H or FFA member would like to participate. The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entries will be available once nominations close. The link to entry will be available on the Grand Drive and KJLS websites, as well as their social media platforms. Typically, Grand Drive entries open around July 1. Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entries will be due July 15, with KJLS entries due August 15. Animals that are nominated, but exhibitors do not follow the appropriate entry processes set forth by each show and pay their entry fees, will not be permitted to show. Each show manages their own rules and entries. Families will log in and submit their show entries using the same exhibitor accounts they used for state nominations – including exhibitor name and password. The tag number of each market animal or commercial breeding female an exhibitor would like to enter will be selected as a "validation number" from a list of nominated animals. All entries should be submitted under an exhibitor's name. For nomination questions, please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu. Questions regarding show rules or entries should be directed to each specific show (KSF Grand Drive 620-669-3623 or KJLS 785-817-1350).

State Show Websites:

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Website - [Here](#)

KJLS Website - [Here](#)



2024 KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

Join us for the 2024 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Monday, August 12th in Pottorf Hall at Cico Park in Manhattan, KS. We are excited to provide a fun, educational and hands-on program for all. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate. The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. Tours include the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center and the Hal Ross Flour Mill. Eight contests are open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include: (1) 1 lb. bin run for crops members; or (2) 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; (All wheat samples must be postmarked to KSU by July 20 so testing can be completed). Youth may bring multiple exhibits in Divisions 3-9. A maximum of two placings per individual in each division, 1-8 will be awarded. (3) 1-quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) three standard yeast rolls; (5) three standard-sized cookies; (6) three standard muffins; (7) wheat photography contest; (8) wheat educational posters and (9) Cloverbuds, (5-6-year-olds) with participation ribbons. The cost will be \$10 per person and registration will open online June 1. Pre-registration is required by July 25 [Here](#). For additional questions contact Kelsey Nordyke at (620) 222-1311 or e-mail; knordyke@ksu.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet August 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office.

PREMIUM SALE:

With new state rules, animals can be sold in the premium auction and still be taken to the State Fair/KJLS. This does **NOT** change anything with the sale. The buyer will still get the first choice of the animal if they buy the premium. Please keep this risk in mind when deciding which animals to sell. As of mid-May, we do not have a base bid for Market Beef, so you may need to market your own animals. If there is a change we will let families know. If you have any questions, please call Hunter Nickell at 620-365-2242.

4-H ON THE FREE STAGE

The Allen County Fair Board is looking for 4-H'ers to share demonstrations, illustrated talks, poetry/prose, musical number or other talent during a 15-minute time slot on Saturday of fair from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the Free Stage. If you would be interested in a time slot, please visit the link below and sign-up! Should you find all slots taken at any time, please reach out and we will try to secure more time. Register [Here](#).

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR OFFICE

We will be moving to the Fair Office location on Thursday, July 11th. Please be sure you have picked up fair entry cards, photo mats and sleeves, canning labels etc. before we move. There is no phone at the fair office. **Fair office hours will be 8:00 a.m. - Noon & 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

FAIR EXHIBITORS

4-H members must have their fair entry cards before entering static exhibits at the fair Monday, July 15th. Please arrange time to pick up entry cards between July 8 and July 10 from the Extension Office we are open from 8:00 a.m. - Noon & 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

BARNYARD OLYMPICS

Any 4-H'er may participate in the Barnyard Olympics but you must enter a fair entry in the FairEntry System. See fair paper for details.

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR T-SHIRTS

All 4-H Members. If you have not already picked up your fair T-shirts please stop by the Extension Office before July 10th. Members are asked to send a thank you note to Landmark National Bank for donating all the shirts.

PUBLIC STYLE REVUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Script narrators and ushers are needed at the County Fair Public Style Revue to be held Thursday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. Any 4-H'er can volunteer you don't have to be in the project to help call 620-223-3720.



TALENT FOR THE PUBLIC STYLE REVUE

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Let us know. We are hoping to add to the Public Style Revue.

FAIR CLEAN UP NIGHT

Fair Clean Up will be Thursday, July 11. Each 4-H Club is responsible for cleanup before the fair. Leaders will have a list of duties for the evening. Please do not come before your assigned time.

Barnstormers – 5:30 p.m.

Hiattville – 5:30 P.M.

Northeast Scott – 6:30 p.m.

Uniontown – 6:30 p.m.

ASK ME BOOTH

Clubs are asked to volunteer for a 2-hour shift during the day to supervise the building and take care of trash, sweeping floors, and bathrooms. Sign up will be done electronically with "Ask Me Booth".

4-H FUN ACTIVITIES

The Bourbon County 4-H Council has scheduled some free summer fun on Sunday, July 21st for Bourbon County 4-H'ers and their immediate family.

Swimming: 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. at Fort Scott Aquatic Center. No floatation devices are allowed. All pool rules will apply.

FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Our intention is to have fair premiums ready to hand out to 4-H members after fair clean up on Saturday, July 20th. This includes the Cloverleaf Event Center, all barns and the grounds. If premiums are not ready by Saturday they will be available in the Extension Office the following week. Checks will only be given out to the 4-H member or their parent.

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cloverleaf Event Center.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

MEAT GOAT PROJECT MEETINGS

Becky Isle will have a goat meeting at 6:00 p.m. July 10th at the fairgrounds.

BEEF PROJECT MEETINGS

For those wanting to work with their beef animals, including bucket calves, project meetings will be held at the fairgrounds on the following dates - July 7, 14 and 21. All meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. This will be a come and go opportunity. For more information, please contact Jill Kepley, county-wide beef leader, at 620-432-1383.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Neosho County 4-H Development Fund plans to provide financial support to 4-H events this year. The events and amounts include: Rock Springs campers \$100; \$100 towards state events such as Discovery Days or CIA; support Greenbush campers with \$25. To be considered for financial support, you must complete an event request form.

ROYALTY CONTEST DETAILS

Contestant questionnaires are due July 8th, and money will be due July 22nd.

CAMPER CONTEST AT THE FAIR

4-H Council is sponsoring a camper contest again this year. You are encouraged to use the fair theme, but are welcome to decorate how you wish. The judging will be July 26th at 4:00 p.m. Entries must be submitted to the Extension Office or Fair Office by 1:00 p.m. on July 26th with the \$5 entry fee. Winning campers will receive a banner.

CLEAN-UP BEFORE FAIR ASSIGNMENTS

All buildings must be ready by Monday, July 22nd.

Best Yet: Beef Barn & Show Arena

Hillcrest: Neosho Valley Event Center

Jolly Jayhawkers: Sheep/Hog Barns & Wash Racks

Neosho Valley Busy Bees: Open Class Building

Southeast Sunflowers: Dairy/Goat Barn

Sunrise Challengers: Bath House & Poultry Barn

Willing Workers: Horse Barn/Arena

COWBOY CHURCH SERVICE

4-H Council is sponsoring a Cowboy Church service on Sunday of fair by Delbert Shields. A free breakfast will follow 3 of biscuits and gravy while supplies last.



4-H SHOWCASE

Neosho County 4-H Development Fund will be sponsoring the 4-H Showcase at the county fair. Booth theme should showcase 4-H Promotion. This could be a display about joining 4-H, a particular project or a community service activity that the club has participated in. Cash awards will be paid as follows:

1 st place - \$500	2 nd place - \$400
3 rd place - \$350	4 th place - \$300
5 th place - \$250	6 th place - \$200
7 th place - \$100	

NEOSHO COUNTY FAVORITE FOODS SHOW

You will have an opportunity to participate in this during the foods judging at the fair. The Favorite Foods Show was developed to help 4-H members learn valuable skills in table setting, planning a menu, and food preparation. It is important for participants to identify a theme, a menu that compliments the theme, and a favorite food item from the menu selected. This can truly be anything. The item could be a snack, dessert, soup, salad, drink, side, or an entrée.

Prior to foods judging, please do the following:

- * Practice preparing your favorite food
- * Practice serving your favorite food
- * Understand the nutritional value of your favorite food and if there is a way to make it healthier
- * Select the table service and dishes
- * Practice setting up your table to be attractive and proper for your favorite food. This can be formal or informal (paper plates are acceptable as long as the setting is informal).

Items needed for the Favorite Food Show:

- * Card table (we will not provide them)
- * Proper table setting for one (the judge)
- * Menu
- * Recipe card for favorite food
- * Sample of your favorite food for one to be on display (judge will not sample due to the potential of safety concerns)
- * Anything else you might need

This event is a conference style judging, it is important for participants to be knowledgeable about each aspect of the display. Participation helps youth learn valuable skills they can use for a lifetime with menu planning and table setting.

BUILDING WATCH

We also ask that clubs help with flag raising and lowering during your assigned time. Flags should be up by 8:00 a.m. and down by 8:00 p.m. Please make sure at least one 4-H'er and one adult is available.

Below is the schedule:

Neosho Valley Busy Bees:

Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hillcrest:

Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Willing Works:

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Southeast Sunflowers:

Saturday, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jolly Jayhawkers:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Staff will cover: Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Best Yet:

Monday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunrise Challengers:

Monday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (*help set up for dinner*)

FOODS JUDGING JULY 22ND DETAILS

Don't forget to sign up for a judging time here: <https://bit.ly/NOFoods>. If there are no longer slots available please email Tara at tsolomon@ksu.edu or call 620-244-3826. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your judging time to take your picture and fill out an exhibit form. Parents will be taking pictures this year with our provided backdrop, please email your picture directly to Tara tsolomon@ksu.edu, so that it can be printed or find Tara that day to take it for you if you do not have a phone/camera. Foods Volunteer Opportunity: If a 4-H'er would like some leadership stats or another willing adult, we could use help in keeping the foods judging running smoothly, let Tara know if you are willing!

CLOTHING & FIBER ARTS - TUESDAY, JULY 23RD

ALL forms can be found at [HERE](#). Please be dressed and ready in your first outfit by 5:00 p.m. for buymanship/style revue!

See the construction/fiber arts judge between outfits or before modeling.

Shopping in Style and Sewing and Textile Style Revue

- Dressing Rooms will be the small meeting room for the girls and the kitchen for the boys. If need be, bathrooms can be used as well.

- Complete necessary paperwork of each outfit with a 4x6 photo of 4-H'er in that outfit attached with a staple (this is the same for both Shopping in Style and wearable Sewing and Textiles garment).
- Modeling tips may be found here: <https://bit.ly/3CDrG6x>.
- As your 4-H'er(s) is dressed and ready with paperwork in hand, they can get in line to wait for the next available judge. There will be no call backs. This is why the photo is very important.

Sewing & Textile Designed Garments and Fiber Arts.

- A separate judge will be available to judge your constructed garment and fiber arts.
- There will be some forms available that evening, but may also be found at the above link

Please arrive with your sewing & textile designed garment or fiber art no later than 6:30 p.m.!

INDOOR JUDGING DETAILS THURSDAY, JULY 25TH

Please find details are below about indoor judging times. We are excited to see your projects!

4-H Horticulture & Landscape Design and Agronomy (Floriculture, Horticulture, and Field Crops)

- **8:00-10:00 a.m.** MUST be checked in
- **10:00 a.m.** OPEN Class Plant Sciences judged
- **11:00 a.m.** ESTIMATED 4-H Plant Science judging, please arrive then If you would like to conference with the judge

All Other Indoor Projects

- **1:00-2:00 p.m.** all members of families with last names beginning with A-M **and those exhibiting sheep**
- **2:00-3:00 p.m.** (*must arrive by 2:50 p.m.*) all members of families with the last names beginning with N-Z
*If you are blessed with a blended family, please choose one 4-H'er's last name and your whole family can come within that hour.
- **3:00 p.m.** Cloverbud Conference Judging. Please arrive now later than 3:30 p.m.
- **4:00 p.m.** Building will be closed briefly so that our volunteers may nicely display exhibits so that the building will be ready for evening fair goers to enjoy!

PUBLIC STYLE REVUE ON FRIDAY, JULY 26th

Bring or email tsolomon@ksu.edu, a typed Script for the outfit that will be modeled at the public revue, Friday, July 26th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Neosho Valley Event Center. This needs to be a minimum of 5 sentences about the outfit and the 4-H'er. Samples can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4461ihq>. Tara will be asking older clothing members to read during the public revue/between modeling. Please be dressed and ready to model for the public revue no later than 1:45 p.m.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

PREMIUM SALE

The Woodson County Premium Sale is **NON-TERMINAL**. With new state rules, animals can be sold in the premium auction and still be taken to the State Fair/KJLS. This doesn't change anything with the way the sale functions, the buyer will still get the first choice of the animal if they buy the premium. Please keep this risk in mind when deciding which animals to sell.

FAIR SET-UP MONDAY, JULY 15TH, 6:00PM

All families should plan to help with fair set up on Monday, July 15th, at 6:00 p.m. Family fair packets with entry cards and essentials will be distributed to clubs at this time. ALL Clubs will meet initially in the Community Building and assignments will be dispersed from there. Thank you for your help in make the fairgrounds look great!

2024 INDOOR JUDGING PROCESS

We are looking forward to seeing all of your hard work come together at the Woodson County Fair. The judging process will be a little different this year. All indoor projects, with the exception of clothing, will be in the Community Building on Wednesday, July 17th. You will come with all your projects by club, see schedule below:

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Eager Beavers (*must arrive by 5:45p.m.*)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Piqua (*must arrive by 6:45p.m.*)

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 3-N-1 (*must arrive by 7:45p.m.*)

BRESSNER BUILDING WATCH

Clubs will monitor and lock buildings when done.

Piqua Thursday, July 18th, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Eager Beavers Friday, July 19th, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

3-N-1 Saturday, July 20th, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

POST FAIR CLEAN UP

Plan to attend the post fair clean up at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 23rd, followed by fun at Still Waters Retreat!

4-H SHOPPING IN STYLE (Buymanship) & CONSTRUCTION STYLE REVUE

All forms can be found at the extension office or [Here](#) for event taking place Tuesday, July 16th, at New York Valley Church.

We ask that *Boys Shopping in Style* and those *modeling constructed garments* be dressed and ready with your first outfit by 8:30 a.m.

We ask that *Girls Shopping in Style* be dressed and ready in your first outfit by 8:45 a.m. *Must complete the two-sided cost per wear/evaluation sheet and include a picture.*

CONSTRUCTION AND FIBER ARTS JUDGING

Judging of constructed items and fiber arts will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. following the constructed garment modeling Tuesday, July 16th.

PUBLIC STYLE REVUE TUESDAY, JULY 16TH, 6:00 p.m.

Please bring all your outfits for display. You will model ONE outfit after the Friends of 4-H Meal. Please bring your modeling description night of event, there are examples/ideas located [Here](#).

"County Fairs come and go.
Trophies collect dust.
Ribbons get tossed to the side,
but the memories are never
forgotten and the friendships
are never replaced."

