



FEBRUARY 2024

Highlights:

- ✦ February 8: Events Council Meeting
- ✦ February 11: Beef Weigh-in
- ✦ February 25: CLUB DAY!
- ✦ February 26: Chatterbox Submissions Due
- ✦ March 1: State Scholarships DUE
- ✦ March 5: In-person Volunteer Training

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Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

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Dates to Remember:

- February 11: Beef Weigh-in
- February 18-19: Citizenship in Action
- February 25: Club Day
- March 1: ALL STATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
- March 5: In-person Volunteer Training
- March 23: Regional Club Day

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by February 26

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A Word From Your Agent...

Hi everyone! I hope you are getting off to a great start on your projects and activities this year. As a reminder, if you are not enrolled in 4-H Online yet you will need to be in order to receive emails and updates from us. You also need to be enrolled by May 1st in order to exhibit at the fair. If you are having a hard time with the 4-H Online site, don't hesitate to reach out to the office and we can help you through! ***Changes with 4-H Online mean that emails we send through the platform (like the Chatterbox) will appear from RegMax. Please make sure to check your junk folder if you are not receiving our 4-H Online emails and to mark RegMax as a 'safe sender'.***

High school Seniors, it is time for scholarship applications to be submitted! If you are submitting an application to Kansas 4-H those are due **March 1st, 2024**, and the application can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>.

Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation is also offering scholarships. You can find due dates and applications here: https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/index.html.

More information about scholarships is on page 4!

Club Day registration is open! We would love to have you come to show off your talents with us on February 25th from 2-5 pm. The deadline to enter is February 21st. You can find the links to sign up, event rules, and more resources here: <http://tinyurl.com/mupxxefp>

-Grace

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Livestock Corner

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 2, 2024

Registration Deadline- **February 12**

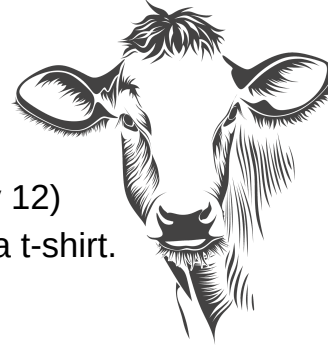
Cost - \$20/person by February 12 (\$25/person after February 12)

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 12 to receive a t-shirt.

**Both youth and adults attending need to register.

***No refunds.

Online Registration - <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>



K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline – **February 26**

Cost - \$20/person by February 26 (\$25/person after February 26)

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26 to receive a t-shirt.

**Both youth and adults attending need to register.

***No refunds.

Online Registration - <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>



Important Dates

Beef Weigh-In: Sunday, February 11th, 1:00-3:00 pm @ Gleason's

Small Animal Weigh-In: Sunday, April 28th, 1:00-4:00 pm @ Blythe's

Spring Livestock Show: Saturday, May 4th @ Holton, KS

Information for the Spring Show is located on our website on the Flyers page:
<https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/up-coming-events/flyers/index.html>

YQCA session dates: Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:30 pm

Saturday, May 11th at 9 am

Reach out to Abigail or Grace if you have questions!

Registration
opens
February 19

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County Notes

From Farm to You is Back!

The Shawnee County Extension office is happy to announce we will be hosting From Farm to You in 2024! This is the first time we have had this program since 2019.

From Farm to You will be held **April 23rd** from 9:00am-2:00pm in Domer Arena. We have 750 Shawnee County second graders attending to learn about where their food comes from. We need 4-H'ers (8th graders and above) to act as group leaders throughout the day. 4-H'ers will guide the students and their teachers from learning station to learning station.

This is a great service project and is also fun to watch the second graders learn about their food. We will provide lunch that day and if your school needs a note for your absence, we can do that too!

Please email Candis Meerpohl at candism@ksu.edu and let her know if you can help with this program.

4-H Volunteer Training Session

We will be holding an in person 4-H Volunteer Training session for new volunteers and any volunteers who need to complete the re-screening process. If you are unable to attend, there are training videos in 4-H Online you can watch on your own. Reach out to the office if you have any questions!



Date: Tuesday, March 5th

Time: 7 pm

Location: Extension Meeting Room
(EMR)

Please RSVP by March 1st to Grace and Lisa if you are interested in attending or plan to attend!

From the office

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to thank you all for your patience the last few months!

-Lisa

Thank you 



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Notes from Project Clubs

Geology

Geology club meetings start this month! They will be meeting the third Tuesday of the month from 7-9 pm in Stoffer Hall, room 118 at Washburn University. This month the meeting will be February 20 and some introductory information for new project members!

From the Marilyn Dudley Memorial

Community Service Sewing Project

Open to All Shawnee County 4-Hers!

Community Service Project - Sewing Stockings for the Ronald McDonald House

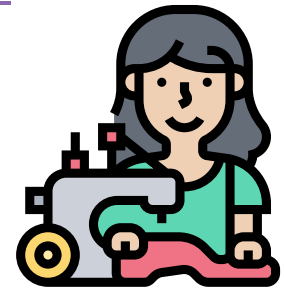
March 5, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Extension Office

Come and go throughout the evening. All materials will be provided by the Marilyn Dudley Memorial.

You must register so we know how many to prepare for. **Registration closes February 23.**

Find the flyer at <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/up-coming-events/flyers/index.html>

Questions: Call Karen Perkuhn at 785-221-8752.



Spring Break Sewing Workshop

Come sew an article for the 2024 Shawnee County Fair with Angie McConnell during Spring Break.

Date: **Thursday, March 14, 2024** from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Farm Bureau Building, 3801 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka, Kansas

Registration is required. **Registration closes March 4.** This workshop is limited to the **first 10 4-Hers.**

Find the flyer at <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/up-coming-events/flyers/index.html>

Questions: Call Karen Perkuhn at 785-221-8752.

save the date

Modeling Workshop
June 29th, 2024

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Scholarships



Kansas State Scholarships

State 4-H Scholarships are OPEN NOW! The deadline to apply for these scholarships is **MARCH 1, 2024**.

The process for these scholarships has been modified. Find all of the information on the state website at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation Scholarship Information

The Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation Scholarship application is now available!

The deadline for this scholarship is **March 29, 2024**

Note from the SCEEF: 4-Her's are no longer required to reside in Shawnee County, just be a member of Shawnee County 4-H!

Langley Foster Scholarship

The application for the Langley Foster Scholarship is now available! This scholarship is for sophomores, juniors, and seniors attending a two or four year postsecondary institution. The required GPA is cumulative. The deadline for this scholarship is **April 30, 2024!**

 Check our website for applications and more information! 

https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/index.html



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Club Day 2024

Sunday, February 25

Shawnee Heights Middle School
2-5 pm

- ★ Showcase your talent!
- ★ Support your friends!
- ★ Have fun!
- ★ Sign up by February 21st!



Link to sign up:

<http://tinyurl.com/mupxxefp>

Find our new Club Day Quick Guide on the website under the Current Events tab!



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State 4-H News

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The 2024 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Thursday, March 14**, in conjunction with Equifest of Kansas in Salina. More information will be out soon!

4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar

Kansas 4-H, the KSU Horse Judging Team and Colby Community College are excited to offer a 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar **Friday, April 12, 2024** in Colby, KS. Please share with potential 4-H Horse Show judges, volunteers and youth. Registration information is forthcoming.



Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Registration for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is now OPEN! If you are interested in camp at Rock Springs this year, we will have \$100 scholarships again! This year, you will be able to use a coupon code at the time of registration. Our code is **SNCO24**. This is limited to enrolled Shawnee County 4-Hers, so if you sign up for camp before enrolling you will have a week to enroll or you will be sent a bill for the scholarship amount.

<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>



**CALLING ALL
EXPLORERS,
TRAILBLAZERS,
& ADVENTURERS!**

**REGISTER NOW FOR 4-H CAMP
AT ROCK SPRINGS RANCH!**

All youth, ages 8-17 are welcome to attend!

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2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS



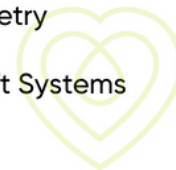
Kansas 4-H has made some changes to Project names starting this new 4-H year. Here is a guide, including a helpful guide to how projects were listed previously!

Beef
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goats
Dog
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Sewing & Textile Design
Shopping in Style
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Interior Design & Architecture

Entomology
Agronomy
Forestry
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Ag Mechanics Welding
Building Block Engineering
Astronomy
Computer Science
Electric & Renewable Energy
Robotics
Aerospace/Rocketry
Small Engines
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Woodworking



Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Environmental Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Civic Engagement
Leadership
Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

PREVIOUS PROJECT LISTING

Beef
Dairy, Cattle
Dairy, Goats
Dog Care & Training
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets (including Cats)
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Clothing & Textiles- Construction
Clothing & Textiles- Buymanship
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Home Environment

Environment Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Citizenship (Civic Engagement)
Leadership
Reading
Self-Determined

Entomology
Plant Science
Plant Science- Field Crops
Plant Science- Forestry
Plant Science- Horticulture



STEM - Ag Mechanics
STEM - Architectural Block Construction
STEM - Astronomy
STEM - Computer Science
STEM - Energy Management
STEM - Robotics
STEM- Aerospace/Rocketry
STEM - Small Engines
STEM - UAS
Woodworking



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Club Chatter

Silver Lake

The Silver Lake 4-H Club meeting was held on January 14, 2024 with 15 members in attendance. We started off by having a project talk about how to help cows survive the winter. Some of our club members helped to design a basket for the Fairgrounds Fundraiser. We ended the meeting with rice krispie treats and juice boxes.

-Tyler Thomas

Indian Creek

This month's meeting was canceled due to the weather conditions.

Riverside

During the holidays the Riverside 4-H club was busy with a number of activities. The club donated a tree to SLI Festival of Trees named "Gnome Place Like Home for the Holidays" and did Christmas carolling at Oak Creek Senior Living. During January the club participated in January Jamboree and offered snowmen and bracelets as activities during the event.

-Grayson Kuckelman



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

February 2024

- 1 Shooting Sports: Air Pistol, EMR, 6 pm
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 5 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 7 Shooting Sports 2, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 8 4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm
- 11 Beef Weigh-in, Gleason's, 1-3 pm
- 15 Sport Fishing, EMR, 6 pm
- 18-19 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 20 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
- 21 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 22 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 25 Club Day, SHMS, 2 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**
Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 29 Shooting Sports: Air Pistol, EMR, 6 pm

March 2024

- 1 State Scholarships Due
- 2 K-State Junior Beef Producer Day, Manhattan
- 4 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 5 Sewing Community Service Project, Conference Room, 6 pm
Volunteer Training, EMR, 7 pm
- 6 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 7 Shooting Sports: Air Pistol, EMR, 6 pm
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 10 4-H Horse Clinic
- 14 State Horse Judging Contest, Salina
Sewing Over Spring Break, Farm Bureau Building, 6 pm
Sport Fishing, EMR, 6 pm
Archery Meeting, EMR 7:30 pm
- 16 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan
- 19 YQCA Training, EMR, 5:30 pm
Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
- 20 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 21 Shooting Sports: Air Pistol, EMR, 6 pm
- 23 Regional Club Day, Paola High School
- 25 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**
- 28 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.