



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Important Enrollment Announcement

We are sending out project specific letters and emails. If your 4-Her is not enrolled, you will **not be receiving this important information**. We encourage you to enroll and double check project enrollment today! Here are links to guides to help you with [enrollment](#) and [adding/deleting projects](#).

2023-2024 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment opened on **October 1** and will be done via [4-H Online](#). If you have forgotten your password, 4-H Online can set you up with a temporary one. If you have forgotten your email log-in, PLEASE do not create a second account. Instead, contact Brandy brandymarie@ksu.edu or call 785-537-6350 and she can assist you. The deadline to enroll and change projects will be May 1. **You must be enrolled by May 1 to exhibit at the Riley County Fair.**

Grow Green Match Day

The 12th Annual Grow Green Match Day on Friday, April 22 holds an incredible opportunity for the Riley County 4-H Foundation. On that day, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation will match donations made to our endowment fund—our long-term savings—and we could potentially receive up to a \$10,000 match. **Please watch your mailbox for details on how to give.**

Fair Royalty Program

Please encourage 4-H members 15 and older to apply! Applications are available NOW. Fill one out today by visiting www.riley.ksu.edu (4-H → Forms/Resources → Other Resources). Contact the office if you have any questions. **Applications are due back to the Extension office by Monday, April 19, 2024 with interviews in June.**

2024 Riley County Fair Theme

At the March 4-H Council meeting, club representatives voted a good number of fair theme ideas down to three options. At the March Riley County Fair board meeting, board members voted to use ‘**Sew It, Grow It, Show It!**’ as the 2024 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2024 fair book.

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Remember to enroll
in Riley County 4-H
by **May 1!**

<https://v2.4honline.com/>



If you have
something for the
4-H newsletter,
please submit it to
jajobe@ksu.edu
by the *10 of the
month.*

4-H Council Dates for 2023-2024

Monday, November 6, 2023; Monday, January 8, 2024; Monday, March 25, 2024; Monday, May 6, 2024; Monday, July 1, 2024; Monday, August 26, 2024.

Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults.

4-H Geology Field Trip

The Kansas 4-H Geology Trip will be held on June 14-16 in the Northwest part of Kansas focusing on the chalk beds. Please watch for more information including headquarters and registration to come. Thank you!

Spring Into Volunteering - April 20 in Salina

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Campus on **Saturday, April 20**. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try some new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, Record Books, Facilitating Sparks in SPIN Clubs, Hands-on Learning Techniques, and more!

Registration includes, materials, snacks and lunch! Online registration is due April 1, 2024 and costs for this workshop will be paid for by the Riley County 4-H Foundation.

Save the Date for Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp Open House!

Camp families and friends are invited to attend Open House at Rock Springs Ranch, located 10 minutes south of Junction City, Kansas! Rock Springs Ranch is 735 acres in the Flint Hills and we want to share the 4-H camp experience with everyone.

Please share this event and information with your community!

Come and join us for a tour of the property, meet our 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. Our team is so excited to meet you and answer all of your questions.

Sunday, April 21, 2024 1-4 pm

Tours begin at 1 p.m. and run until 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Would you like a more in-depth experience OR are you too far away for a day trip to see us? Give us a call and we can help you set up overnight accommodations at minimal cost. If you are unable to attend this time, we are always happy to set up another opportunity to show you around!

For more information and to RSVP, please visit [here](#) or call Rock Springs Ranch office at (785)257-3221.

Annual Quality Beef Day 2024

Please join us **Saturday, April 13** for the 64th Annual Quality Beef Day in Blue Rapids, KS.



Tagging Commercial Females ****NEW INFO for 2024****

All unregistered females, except Dairy Goats, exhibited at the 2024 Riley County Fair need to be tagged with an official 4-H ear tag by May 1. This includes beef, sheep, goats, dairy, and swine. This is a new rule for all species except swine – tagging was already required for all gilts.

Sheep and goats should come to the tagging event on **May 6, 2024**; between 5 and 7 pm. (The fair book says May 1 but sheep and goat tagging has historically been the first Monday in May, which is May 6 in 2024. You get 5 extra days this year.) Swine may be tagged at home prior to May 1.

4-H Club Window Decorations 2024

Each club will have the option to decorate a window in a local business or office in their local community. Window designs will be judged prior to the start of the fair. Photos of the window and ribbon placings will be on display in Pottorf Hall during the fair.

Below are the parameters:

Each club must secure their own window, making arrangements for painting as well as cleaning the window within a week following the fair.

Clubs CAN decorate more than one window, but can only submit one for judging.

Fair window will need to be decorated by Monday, July 15.

Each club must notify the Extension office by **Monday, July 15 at 5 pm** as to the location of their clubs window and send a picture of the window to Brandy at bbruna@rileycountyks.gov

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording “Riley County Fair 2024” somewhere in the design.

Designs are not required to follow the fair theme.

Judging criteria will be based on 1) Creativity 2) Fair Marketing Value/ Location.



Share your World Exchange Program

These short-term Exchange programs are like no other as it's a short-term experience lasting about three and half weeks. Families are to be themselves doing normal summer activities such as attending youth sports events, county fairs, and even camping. There is no requirement that host families include guests on family vacations or plan extensive sightseeing adventures. The Japanese delegates are coming to Kansas to be part of Kansas families and experience the routines Kansas families.

Dates for the exchanges are **Costa Rica: June 26 – July 21** and **Japan July 21 – August 16**.

For more information contact Pam Van Horn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu or Mary Kay Munson, mkm2@ksu.edu. 3

Leaders and Parents

Consider in April

- Check your club mailbox
- Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club
- Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Encourage Discovery Days 2024
- Remind Families of the May 1 enrollment deadline for dropping/ adding projects. You must be enrolled and signed up for projects in order to exhibit at the Riley County Fair.
- Encourage members to apply for fair royalty (See page 1)
- Horse ID papers are due June 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair

Importance of Attending 4-H Council

Our Riley County 4-H Council serves as a vital component to our month-to-month programming here in our area, but also allows club representative to take vital information back and report to their club. 4-H Council plans and implements county-wide events, oversees funding request, and votes to make necessary changes to our program as they see fit. Each club is allowed to have (5) voting representatives (3) youth and (2) adults. I would strongly encourage you to exercise that right throughout the year. You don't have to be a Council Representative to attend. It is open to all 4-Hers and parents. The 4-H Council dates are on the top of this page.

4-H TRIPLE E Exchange Program

Meeting dates in 2024

April 2, May 7, June 4

All meetings are 7:00 PM at Green Valley Community Center.

Participants must be 12-18 by June 1, 2024 & travel dates are June 24 thru July 2.

For more information please contact Cherie Trieb 785-844-0781

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4-H Garage Sale
May 3-4
Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

**We are looking for a huge selection of items
to be donated.**

We do not accept TVs of any kind.

**Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley,
& Wabaunsee Counties**

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, May 1, 5-8 PM

Thursday, May 2, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, May 3, 9 AM - 8 PM

Saturday, May 4, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350



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Riley County Fair 2024 Open Class Challenge

“Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2024 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on “**Windmills of Riley County**”. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the windmill and location must be included on the back of the photo. The winning photo will receive a special ribbon and will be hung in the Riley County Office Building for one year. Cropping is allowed, but no digital manipulation. Only **ONE** entry per person. Please refer to the 2024 Riley County fair book for additional requirements when it comes out. Contact the Riley County Extension office with any questions about the challenge 785-537-6350.



2023-2024 Riley County 4-H Calendar

April

- 19 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 20 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- 20 State Shooting Sports Match
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 6 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
Hulburt Arena, 5-7 pm
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 1 Dog Show (Showmanship/Obedience)
- 5-7 State Geology Field Trip
- 19 Juneteenth; Office Closed
- 22 Dog Show (Agility/Rally-0)
- 18 Pre-Fair Workshop; 5:30-7 pm, Pottorf Hall
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall

July

- 1 4-H Council, 7pm Pottorf Hall
- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 19 Fair Fashion Review
- 20 4-H Horse Show
- 22 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 23 4-H Photography Judging
- 23 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 24 4-H Visual Arts Judging
- 24 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 25-29 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 30 Fairground Cleanup

August

- 2 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 17 State Livestock Judging (tentative)
- 26 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September

- 2 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 4 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 6-15 Kansas State Fair
- 20 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

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