



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

May 2023

Riley County Fair Book Mailing

Watch your mail later this month for your Riley County Fair Book and pre-entry letter. This will be mailed to the address listed on your 4-H Online account. If a 4-Her has a parent that lives at a different address and they wish to have a fair book mailed to them, please contact the Extension Office.

The fair book has all the dates, times, and guidelines for each project area. All exhibits will have to be entered into the fair pre-entry system by July 1.

Details on signing up for interview judging times (inside exhibits only) will be shared after the July 1 pre-fair entry deadline.

Golden Clover Hunt

In early July, we will once again kick off the Golden Clover Hunt in anticipation of the Riley County Fair. Each weekday a new clue will be posted to the Riley County Fair website at www.rileycountyfair.com. Clues will continue to post right up until the start of the fair or until someone finds the clover. Upon discovery, the individual or family will be showered in wonderful gifts donated by local participants. Good luck to you all!



2023 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 **'The Last Blast of Summer'** as the 2023 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2023 fair book.

Interested in Assisting a Dept. Chair at the Fair?

We are currently looking for individuals willing to assist our department chairs at the 2023 Riley County Fair. If this is something you would be interested in please contact Lynne Berry via email at lberry@rileycountyks.gov or call the Extension Office at 785-537-6350.

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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 2022-2023

Monday, January 9, 2023; Monday, March 6, 2023; Monday, May 1, 2023; Monday, June 26, 2023; Monday, August 28, 2023.

4-H Council is held at Pottorf Hall and begins at 7 pm. **Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults. You** don't have to be a voting representative to attend.

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 **ABOVE**.

100 Years of Discovery Days

The 100th Anniversary of Kansas 4-H Discovery Days (formerly known as Round Up) will be happening on K-State campus from June 7-9, 2023. Registration for the event opened on Saturday, April 1. Registration will remain open until May 15, but some of the classes will be limited in size, so make sure they don't wait if there is a class they really want.

We are excited to have the Kansas 4-H Foundation also celebrating the Emerald Circle event during this years Discovery Days. All the information that is available, will be found on our Discovery Days webpage found [here](#). **Registration opened on Saturday, April 1, so sign up today!**

Pre- Fair Workshop 2023

Join us on **Thursday, June 29** for our annual pre-fair informational event. 4-Hers can come out and learn about exhibiting their projects at the 2023 fair. We will have project-experts to answer all your fair-project questions, as well as an interview judging practice station. Join us that evening at **Pottorf Hall from 5:30–7:00 pm**.

Scratch Coding Workshop

Do you love video games and computers? Join us in making your very own simple computer game using a coding tool called Scratch!

Saturday, May 20
10-11:30 am
Manhattan Public Library
Collaboration Space



Participants will learn the basics of computer programming through Scratch, and even walk away with a completed simple game of their own. Geared towards beginner coders (ages 9 and up) with little to no experience in Scratch. Space is limited to 10 participants. If they wish, siblings could work together on one computer, but would only complete one game at the end of the workshop. Youth 9 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.

Registration Link

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=bybmwrdb&oeidk=a07ejq2dvlbe146a133>

4-H Club Window Decorations 2023

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 11.

Each club must notify the Extension office by Monday, July 11 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 2023” 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.

Newsletter Worthy

I would love to highlight some of the wonderful activities and people who are currently active in our Riley County 4-H program. If you would like to let everyone know about something your 4-Hers have accomplished or honor a volunteer please email me the details and I will put it in the next newsletter. Also, if any of our young people deserve recognition for something they have done outside of 4-H let me know and we will recognize them.

Fair Judging Contests

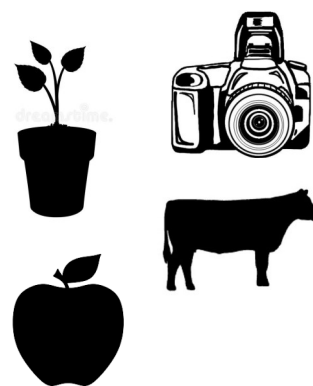
Join us for multiple fair judging contest. You don't have to be enrolled in the project to participate! Each is a come and go event. Top scorers can participate on the state fair judging team. A great way to expand your 4-H participation! No previous experience is necessary.

FCS Judging - Saturday, July 29; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Horticulture Judging - Saturday, July 29; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Photography Judging - Saturday, July 29, 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Livestock Judging - Sunday, July 30, 3:30 pm; Hurlburt Show Arena



Consider Taking the Longest Ear of Corn Challenge

Join us as we start the charge for the 2023 Riley County Fair ‘longest ear of corn’ competition. For more information contact Riley County Extension Horticulture Agent Gregg Eyestone, 785-537-6350.



2023 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip Registration

Flint Hills and Glacial Hills of Northeast Kansas

WHEN: June 9th - 11th

WHERE: The headquarters for the 2023 4-H Geology State Field Trip is the Riley County High School, located at 12451 Fairview Church Road, in Riley, Kansas, 19 miles northwest of Manhattan, just north of US Highway 24.

WHAT: The Saturday field trip will be about sedimentary rocks and fossils from the Permian age and an igneous kimberlite plug. The Sunday field trip will be about igneous and metamorphic rocks and minerals from glacial deposits. A variety of workshops and activities are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings. Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl. A catered supper will be provided Saturday evening for \$10.00 per person and we will have a variety of educational publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 15th, 2023 - **You must register all those who plan to attend - One registration per person**

COST:

- Registration - \$15.00 per person with a \$10.00 late fee will be charged (to be paid at the event) for any registrations after the deadline of May 15th
- Saturday Meal - \$10.00 per person
- Guidebooks - \$4.00 each
- T-Shirts - \$15.00 each

More information can be found on our website at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/index.html>

Indoor and outdoor camping is available at the Riley County High School. Other lodgings can be found in Manhattan.

Open to 4-H Geology project members and their families - all participants are asked to register for the event

Flint Hills 4-H Rabbit Raisers

This multi-county educational group has formed, providing monthly informative rabbit meetings to teach and enhance youth contests skills, like teaching showmanship for the county fair & state fair.

PLEASE join us at our 2:00 meeting Sunday, May 21st ~ Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds in Alma.

This group provides leadership and citizenship opportunities, and teaches about 4-H records and award applications. There are Riley County 4-Hers serving as Officers!!!

For more info or possible ride sharing call or text 785-844-0781

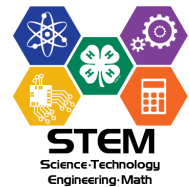
Two Families Needed for 2023-24 4-H High School Exchange

Kansas is committed to hosting two students for the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Academic Year Program (AYP) in the 2023-2024 school year. It is time to finish placements. Participating students selected by Japan's Labo and LEX and South Korea 4-H arrive around August 1 and depart in June. They attend public high schools, participate in Kansas 4-H, share their culture with both the school and community, and become like family members. Contact Mary Kay Munson at mkm2@ksu.edu or 785-375-3189 for information and application.



BUILD YOUR WORLD

OPEN CLASS (PUBLIC) BUILDING CREATIONS



1. Building Creations (LEGO®, K'NEX®, tooth picks, Etc.) should be no larger than 24"(L) x 24"(W) x 60"(H). **Special size accommodations can be made for larger creations with the approval of Mr. Jobe, Riley County 4-H Agent.** Contact him at the Riley County Extension Office prior to entry. 785-537-6350.
2. Building Creations will be judged on theme, neatness, and creativity.
3. Creations will be judged in (4) separate age categories; **Junior (ages 7-9), Intermediate (ages 10-13), Senior (14-19), and Adult (20+).**
3. Group exhibits are allowed, but only one prize will be given per exhibit if winner.
5. Each builder may enter a maximum of two exhibits.
6. One prize awarded for top exhibit in each age-category.
7. All entries must be completely assembled when entered. Only minor repairs will be permitted at entry.
8. **Entries will be displayed for the duration of the 2023 Riley County Fair**

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 27. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm. No early release will be permitted.

Open Class Building Creation prizes are made possible by a generous donation from the Manhattan Optimist Club



Leaders and Parents

Consider in May

- Check your club mailbox
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Encourage Discovery Days 2023
- Horse ID papers are due June 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair
- Prepare a committee to work on the fair banner and window decorations
- Work with new families to make sure they are fair-ready

Encouraging Fair Participation

As we enjoy these warmer spring months, think about what you can do to get your club active. Perhaps set a date aside from the monthly club meetings as a fun “project day” where each 4-Her walks away with a completed project they can display at the 2023 Riley County fair. Alternatively, make sure your club families are aware of the monthly project meetings taking place here in our area. Keep in mind that it is the “doing” that makes 4-H great. Getting active also allows for our 4-H youth to work alongside knowledgeable adults in completing a project or task.

Livestock Skillathon 2023

The 4-H youth livestock skillathon contest is designed to promote understanding of management and care of livestock, and is focused on the following species: cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Contest stations can include any or all of the following areas: feed ID/use, breed identification/characteristics, animal anatomy, meat cut ID, livestock equipment ID/ use, animal health management, and livestock quality assurance. There is no team competition; 4-Hers will compete as individuals. Awards will be presented to the top individual in each age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). After winning a division, the individual will need to compete in the next older age division in following years. Individuals are eligible to compete in the senior division multiple years, but may only receive an award once per age division.

The contest will be held on the afternoon of Monday, July 31, and you will sign up for the contest at the fair; no fair pre-entry is required. It will be held in the open air tent north of Pottorf Hall. Belt buckles will be given to each division winner. All 4-Hers may compete in the contest; you do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project to compete. Questions, contact Gary Fike gfike@rileycountyks.gov

Updated Address

Please make sure your address is correct in 4-H Online, as this is the address we use to mail out all fair books.

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2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 1 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
- 1 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 15 Discovery Days Registration DUE
- 16 4-H TRIPle E Meeting 7:00 Green Valley CC
- 18 4-H TRIPle E Pizza Ranch fundraiser 5-8 PM
- 21 Multi-County Rabbit Meeting, Alma
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 3 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 7-9 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- June 12-19 4-H TRIPle E Trip to Van Wert County
Ohio
- TBA Campference, Rock Springs
- 14 Fair Royalty Interviews; Pottorf Hall
- 24 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
- 29 Pre-Fair Info Session, 5:30– 7 pm @ Pottorf
- TBA State Geology Field Trip

July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 20 Fair Fashion Review
- 22 4-H Horse Show
- 24 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 25 Photography Judging; Pottorf Hall
- 25 Cloverbud Project “Judging”; Pottorf Hall
- 25 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 26 Visual Arts Judging; Pottorf Hall
- 26 4-H and Cloverbud Foods; Food Pres. Judging
- 26 4-H and Cloverbud Cake Decorating Judging
- 27-31 Riley County Fair, Cico Park

August

- 1 Fairground Cleanup
- 4 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 12 State Horticulture Judging
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
- 28 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September

- 4 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 6 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 8-17 Kansas State Fair
- 22 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

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