



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

December 2022

4-H Council Officer Applications

We are still in need of 4-H Council Officers for the upcoming year. PLEASE consider serving with this amazing group of 4-Hers. We will take applications up until the **January 8** 4-H council meeting. For details on 4-H Council Officer responsibilities and for an application, please visit <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/council/index.html> You will have to download the application for it to be form fillable. It must be typed.

2023 4-H Showcase

4-H Showcase will be held **Saturday, February 18** at Riley County High School~! It will include Gavel Games (parlaw contest), project talks, demos, music performances, etc. Events will begin at 8:30 am and we should be done by 3:00 pm. As part of the event we will have photography, horticulture and family and consumer science judging. We will also have an event just for Cloverbuds. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day.

Registration will open soon, so watch your email. Start the planning process now for the February event. See you there! <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/club-day/index.html>

Local 4-H Scholarships Available

State and local scholarships are now available at www.riley.ksu.edu —> 4-H Youth Development —> Forms and Resources —> Scholarships

All state and local scholarships need to be turned into the Riley County Extension office **by 5 pm on Friday, February 3**. If you have questions about filling out the applications, please do not hesitate to call John or Brandy at the Riley County Extension Office for assistance 785-537-6350.

State 4-H Scholarships Available

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year should be posted after the first of the year <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Youth who should be applying for this scholarship should be in their Senior year in High School OR OLDER (there are scholarships available for former 4-Hers who are Freshman-Senior in Post-Secondary Education and some that are available to Vet Med Students).

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed December 24 through January 2 for the Christmas and New Years holiday



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 2021-2022

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.

Area Project Report Form Due Dates

Project Reports attending the NE-AREA screening need to be turned in to the Riley County Extension office by 5 pm on Friday, January 6.

2022-2023 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment is now open! Please log into [4-H Online](#) and complete your 4-H enrollment. If you have forgotten your email log in or password, 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.

If you are paying the 4-H Program Fee with a check, please make it payable to "4-H Youth Development" and mail it to: Kansas State 4-H Office 201 Umberger Hall 1612 Claflin Road; Manhattan, KS 66506

Save the Date for 4-H Ambassador and Communication Training

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be held February 24-25 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp. Please get this date on your 4-H Ambassador's calendars now. We will be offering some 4-H Communication Training for teens who might not be part of a local ambassador program. We also are looking for volunteers, teen leaders and Extension staff who would like to serve on the 4-H Ambassador Action Team or have a passion for helping teens learn and improve communication skills. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/trainings/ambassador-training/index.html>

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

We are excited to host the 2023 K-State Junior Producer Days on campus again this year! The K-State Junior Swine Producer Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 11**, in Weber Hall in Manhattan, KS. This event is a one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth swine projects. Youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and project leads of all ages and skill levels are invited to attend. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, breeds and ear notching, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. The **deadline to register is February 15**. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after. Only those registered by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. All attendees, including both youth and adults, must register.

Registration is open now and may be completed using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>.

K-State Junior Meat Goat Day

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Registration is open now and may be completed using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>.

[Save the dates! Insect Spectacular 2023](#)

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held **June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas**. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more.

A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!

[Horse Panorama 2023](#)

The 2023 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for **January 28, 2023**, at K-State Salina.

A schedule of events is located at [Horse Panorama Schedule](#). 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more. Virtual and in-person events are available.

For more information and to register visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html> **Registration is due January 10.**

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Course](#)

It is our livestock quality assurance course and is required annually for ALL exhibitors at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Greg will be hosting two in-person sessions:

Wednesday, March 15, 2-4 pm; Pottorf Hall

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6-8 pm; Pottorf Hall

[Spring Breakout 4-H Camp](#)

NEW Camping Opportunity coming March 2023! Spring Breakout with campers from Riley and Wabaunsee Counties during Spring Break 2023 . It will be held **March 17-18** in Harveyville, KS.

Registration is now open for youth in grades 2nd - 5th to attend as campers and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Hands on activities include STEM, crafts, group building, games and more! 4-Hers will be housed in cabins and huge lodge will be used for meals and some activities.

Campers will have a registration fee of \$75, due by **January 20, 2023**. Cash or check made payable to Riley County 4-H can be mailed to the Riley County Extension Office, delivered in-person to the Extension Office or dropped in the drop box to the left of our building doors (please include a note of what you are paying for).

Youth ages 15 - 18, we want YOU to join us for a traditional camp counselor experience! Selected counselors will attend an overnight counselor training (**March 16**) before the campers arrive. This is a great leadership opportunity for just \$50. Counselors, **please wait** to pay until you have been notified you are going.

This camp is open to Riley and Wabaunsee county 4-Hers only. If you haven't already, enroll in [4-H Online](#) today and get registered for an educational, fun overnight camp experience in the Flint Hills!

Register here: <https://bit.ly/SBO-23>

Download the **required medical form**. You will upload it during the registration process <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/2023%20Spring%20Breakout%20Camp%20Medical%20Form.pdf>

Leaders and Parents

Consider in December

- Encourage families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online
- Remind families paying the 4-H program fee by check that it is to be sent to the State 4-H Office.
- Talk about club holiday plans for meeting, etc.
- Make sure families are receiving emails from the Extension Office (at least weekly)
- Create club goals for the new year
- Start talking to families about attending the Annual Showcase event (February 18; RCHS)
- Encourage seniors to apply for county and state 4-H scholarships
- Invite Mr. Jobe to a club meeting

Welcoming New Families

As new families come into your club, please make sure you have assigned someone to greet these families and make them feel welcome. Feeling welcome can be the difference between a family staying with the 4-H program for years to come, or dropping out after a few meetings. New Family Handbooks are available at the

Online Record Book Keeping with ZBooks

Online ZBooks 4-H record keeping software state-wide for the 2022-2023 program year. ZBooks is extremely easy to navigate and user friendly. This online record keeping software is identical to the Project Report Form pdfs- meaning 4-H'ers and families now have the option to choose which format they feel more comfortable using. Families can continue to fill out the form-fillable pdf version of Project Report Forms or they may opt to keep their records online with ZBooks. Both are evaluated using the same rubric and the same set of standards.

Some features of ZBooks include:

- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device that is connected to the internet.
- Unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
- Permanent Record is also included

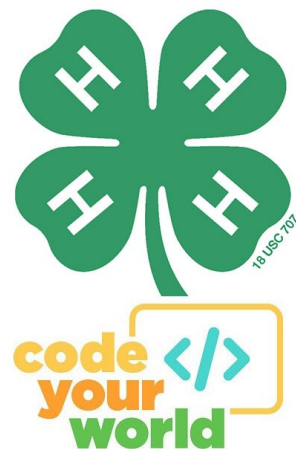
Check out the [ZBooks resource page](#).

Code Your World Kit - volunteer leaders wanted

We have two Code Your World kits.

The kit includes activities introducing youth to the world of computer science and coding. Each kit has materials for 10 youth (youth could team up and share if you had more than 10). The facilitator's guide includes background information, preparation details, discussion points, prompting questions and reflection questions for all 4 lessons. It says it is for youth ages 8-14. This link tells you more about kit and its activities. <https://shop4-h.org/pages/nysd-code-your-world>

Interested in teaching to a group of youth or want to look the materials over, let us know.



Kansas 4-H Names Maass New Program Leader

Sarah Maass, whose professional career in 4-H and youth development spans nearly a quarter-century, has been named the state leader for the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program, effective November 13.



Since 2007, Maass has been the 4-H Youth Development agent in the Central Kansas District, covering Ottawa and Saline counties. She was the Lyon County 4-H Youth Development agent from 2004 to 2007.

“Family, church, and 4-H have played a big part in my life and who I am today,” Maass said. “I am thrilled to be able to help lead the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program into the future. I look forward to having conversations with 4-H volunteers, parents, members and extension professionals about the needs for youth and the 4-H program throughout the state.”

She added: “Together, we have the opportunity to continue to change the lives of the families and youth we work with in our communities. I am excited to work with everyone in this new role, as together we will make the best better for Kansans.”

Maass will be responsible for management and leadership of the state’s largest youth development organization, reaching approximately 74,000 youth and their families each year. She will be located in the state 4-H office on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

Prior to K-State, Maass held 4-H positions in Florida and Oklahoma, beginning as a student office assistant in 1999 for the Oklahoma State 4-H office in Stillwater.

She earned a doctoral degree in life-span human development from K-State in 2018. Her dissertation was a study of the impact of peer relationships, parental influence and adult mentors on the character development of high school adolescents.

Maass also earned a master’s degree in family, youth and community services from the University of Florida in 2004; and undergraduate degree in family relations and child development from Oklahoma State University in 2001.

Rick Peterson, the associate director for extension programs at K-State, has been serving as interim director of the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program. He said he is grateful to the K-State transition team – among them Dona Ratliff, Justin Goodno, Beth Hinshaw, Anna Muir and Corinne Patterson – for their work during the search for a new program leader.

“That group provided support to me in the form of advice, input from the system, and served as a sounding board during the transition period,” Peterson said.

“I would also like to thank the state 4-H office staff, specialists, contract professionals, county agents and (others) for their service to our 4-H youth, parents and volunteers during the transition phase. I look forward to working with (Maass) in making Kansas 4-H the best youth development program in the state.”

Chris Onstad, K-State Research and Extension associate director for field operations, chaired the search committee, which included Terry Roberts, Amy Sollock, Jake Worcester, John Jobe, Betsy Patrick, Nancy Honig, Matt Young and Candis Meerpohl.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Onstad said: “We are excited about (Maass) assuming the position and look forward to the new era under her leadership of the Kansas 4-H program.”

Onstad also expressed appreciation for feedback received from K-State Research and Extension employees, calling that feedback “instrumental in the selection process.”

2022-2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

December

- 1 Ambassador Applications DUE
- 4 Ambassador Interviews; Pottorf Hall
- 26-30 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

January

- 2 NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 9 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 10 Horse Panorama Registration DUE
- 16 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- 20 NE Area PRF Screening, Pottorf Hall
- 27 4-H Showcase Pre-Entry DUE
- 28 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

February

- 3 Local 4-H Scholarships DUE
- 10 4-H Showcase deadline to sign up for time
- 18 Riley County 4-H Showcase, RCHS
- 24-25 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 25 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
- TBA Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 20 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA State Horse Judging

March

- Early Red Wheel Sales Begin
- March State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE
- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 15 YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room
- 23 YQCA, 6-8 pm, Clover Room

April

- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- 3 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 22 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- TBA State Shooting Sports Match
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 1 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hulbert Arena, 5-7 pm
- 1 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA Dog Agility Workshop
- TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 3 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- TBA Campference, Rock Springs
- 24 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
- 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 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 26 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 27-31 Riley County Fair, Cico Park

August

- 1 Fairground Cleanup
- 4 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 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

