



# RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

## February 2023

### 2023 Kansas 4-H and Vanier Scholarship Applications NOW AVAILABLE

The applications for Kansas 4-H and Vanier Scholarships are now available on our [webpage](#). The only significant change for the applications this year is that youth are asked to submit some files to our [Kansas4H@ksu.edu](mailto:Kansas4H@ksu.edu) email address rather than uploading them into the Qualtrics application.

All necessary information for applications can be found listed under each description. Please contact Sarah Keatley at 620-366-0035 or [keatley@ksu.edu](mailto:keatley@ksu.edu) with any questions. Applications and supporting documents are due in by no later than March 1, 2023.

### 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

### 4-H Showcase Event 2023

Gavel Games and 4-H Showcase will be held **Saturday, February 18, 2023** at **Riley County Grade School**. Pre-registered 4-Her need to sign up for judging times by February 15 Registration has closed, but we encourage you to come out and check out the awesome things happening throughout the day.

Events will begin at 8:30 am and should be done by 2:15 pm. As part of the event we will have photography, horticulture, and FACs judging from 9-noon. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. **There will be a STEM expo in the cafeteria as well!**

**We need help setting up for 4-H Showcase. Meet John and Brandy 3:30 pm Friday, February 17 at Riley County Grade School.**

### Fair Royalty Program

Please encourage older 4-H members to apply! Applications are available NOW. Fill one out today by visiting [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://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 3, 2023 with interviews on June 14.**

#### How to Reach Us:

Riley County Extension  
110 Courthouse Plaza, RM B220  
Manhattan, KS 66502

John: [jajobe@ksu.edu](mailto:jajobe@ksu.edu)  
Brandy: [brandymarie@ksu.edu](mailto:brandymarie@ksu.edu)  
4-H Info: [4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov](mailto:4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov)

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed on February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day



If you have something for the 4-H newsletter, please submit it to [jajobe@ksu.edu](mailto: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.**

## Rabbit Project Educational Experience

Want to learn about rabbit project closer to home? We are trying to recruit new 4-Hers for the Rabbit project, so please join us for an informative rabbit meeting/clinic to teach rabbit basics plus other project opportunities, while enhancing skills in more experienced rabbit raisers.

PLEASE join us at 6:30 pm on March 7 in Green Valley Community Center on Green Valley Road  
To RSVP call or text 785-844-0781 or for more info, so we can plan for handouts.

## 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](mailto:brandymarie@ksu.edu) or call 785-537-6350 and she can assist you. The deadline to enroll and change projects will be May 1. We are sending project specific emails to enrolled members only.

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

## 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>.

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

## **Registration STILL OPEN- 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 a huge lodge will be used for meals and some activities.

Campers will have a registration fee of \$75, due by **February 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, Wabaunsee County, and now Pottawatomie 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>

## **IFYE Opportunities for Young Adult Exchanges in 2023**

After a successful year renewing the exchange in 2022 after COVID, IFYE USA is back with exchange 2023 programs for 18-25 year-olds in numerous countries across five continents. Kansas 4-H has been a participant since the program began in 1948 and welcomes young adult 4-H alumni to participate in 2-month, 3-month or 6-month exchanges in 2023.

Traci Ross, a Rush County 4-H alumna, has returned from two months in Norway and is currently residing and working in Johnson County but is re-locating to Leavenworth County. She welcomes requests to share her experiences as an IFYE in that area of the state. Sanders Barbee, a Lawrence resident, also returned in August from an IFYE Exchange in Morocco. She was on an exchange sponsored by the United Sorghum Checkoff and focused on the agriculture of Morocco, a potential customer of grain sorghum production from the U. S. Sanders is in her senior year at K-State and welcomes requests for presentations in the Manhattan area, as well as when she is home in Lawrence during school breaks. Mary Kay Munson, 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, can assist in contacting Traci and Sanders. Contact her at [mkm2@ksu.edu](mailto:mkm2@ksu.edu). 2023 IFYE Exchange Application and information is available at [www.ifyeusa.org](http://www.ifyeusa.org). Applicants from Kansas are expected to participate in Interviews and **First Orientation for Outbound Exchange Delegates November 20, 2023**. Contact should be made with Munson to be accepted as a Kansas applicant and to get further information on the application process by November 1.

## **Beef Weigh-In**

Beef Weigh-in is **February 25 from 1-3 pm** Casement Barn, Riley County Fairgrounds. Questions, please contact Greg McClure [gmcclure@ksu.edu](mailto:gmcclure@ksu.edu)

# Free Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic

**Tuesday, March 7  
4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**Pottorf Hall - Cico Park  
1710 Avery Avenue  
Manhattan, KS**



Open to any youth in grades 4-6 who would like to learn more about lawn mowing, mower safety, and the business of lawn care.

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**Pre-registration req. - Masks encouraged - Social distancing will be observed**

**You may register on-line at [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu) or**

(print clearly)

Clip and Return by **March 3**

Student (First & Last) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form by **March 3** to: Riley County Extension; 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220, Manhattan, KS 66502 or by fax at 785-537-6353.

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## Spotlight on 4-H TRIPLE E Excellent Exchange Experience

In our Exchange experience, our group traveled to Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota in June 2018, hosted a 4-H group from Huntingdon County Pennsylvania in July 2019, but we were unable to travel there in 2020 nor 2021, so we hosted Van Wert County Ohio in June 2022. In June 2023, we will be hosted for a week in Ohio. Our group will travel to a new location in 2024, then host them in 2025. We have had participants from Riley, Morris, Shawnee, Clay, Pottawatomie, and Wabaunsee Counties, so it's an opportunity for 4-Hers to network with 4-Hers from other Counties in Kansas as well as other states.

This Exchange program is open to any 4-H member 12-18 as of 6/10/2023 and selected adult chaperons, who have submitted Application, any required fees (chaperons exempt), initialed Delegate Requirements page, and signed Code of Conduct. The Exchange period is generally for 7-10 days. Exact dates are confirmed each year as soon as possible, considering other 4-H conflicts. Those who travel with the program are expected to host the following or previous summer, in their home, or by engaging in activities, planning, and fundraising. It is hoped that those who host, will be able to stay with that 4-Her when we travel there. Host families are to provide room and board. A separate room is not required but a separate bed is (air mattresses can be approved as a separate bed) – talk with Coordinator about your situation. Homes are to be clean – a little clutter is acceptable, but a dirty house is not. Host families are to provide transportation to and from the meeting point of the group tours, provide supervision and treat the Exchange teen as a member of the family. No special family activities need to be planned for the week, as we want youth to have an experience of learning about the normal life of 4-Hers in other states, plus there will be planned group activities and tours that are selected by the teens. Our group will have monthly meetings and form committees to plan group activities and itinerary while hosting and when traveling. Teens will raise funds by participating in fundraising activities to cover all group expenses described specifically for hosting and traveling years, except for \$75 required fee. Participating in TRIPLE E can be counted as a requirement for CWF. Through TRIPLE E, leadership, citizenship, cooperation, goal setting, planning, and communication skills are enhanced.



When we travelled West, we visited Burlington, Colorado, were hosted 1 night in Cheyenne, Wyoming where we toured the Rodeo Grounds & Museum, then we spent a weekend in Montana touring Historical Museums, Custer's Last Stand, Pompey's Pillar, and ranchland. Being hosted 3 more nights in Wyoming, we toured Yellowstone, Shell Falls, Hot Springs State Park, plus other local attractions in Sheridan, Cody, Worland, and Thermopolis, then on to South Dakota where they took us to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, WWII Bunkers on Fort Igloo, and hosted us in a bunkhouse on a ranch.

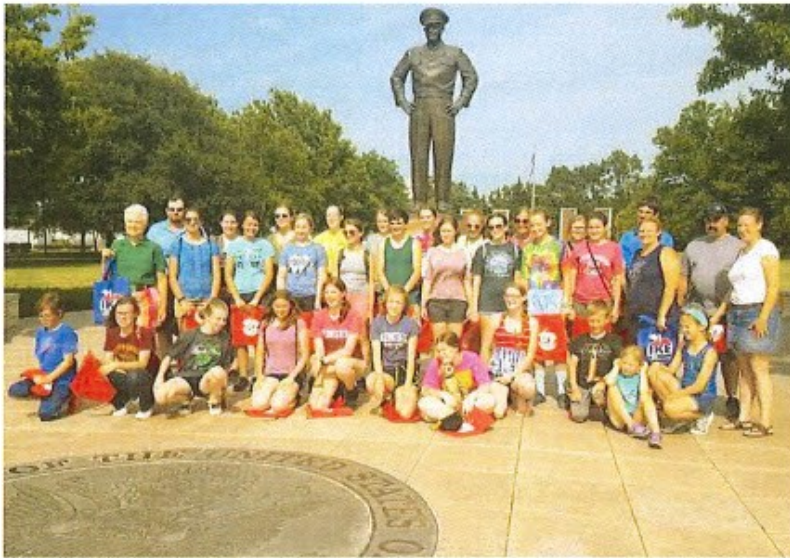
Our trip out West was not a typical Exchange, as we stayed with 4 groups, but not 1 of them were able to travel back to us, so we hosted PA and were looking forward to travelling there, when COVID-19 cancelled our travel for 2020 & 2021, thus we began planning with Ohio. We are excited to travel to them!!! Our 4-Hers who hosted them developed friendships that they look forward to continuing, plus we have new members that will be paired with their new members.





Currently, we have 16 4-Hers from 3 Counties plus 4 adult chaperons in our group planning to travel with us June 12<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>. For more info on joining this group of terrific, energetic, enthusiastic families, text or call Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781. Fee of \$75 is due annually with applications. Please join us at our Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 5-8 PM on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> or at our Bingo Fundraiser at Columbian Theatre in Wamego on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>!!!



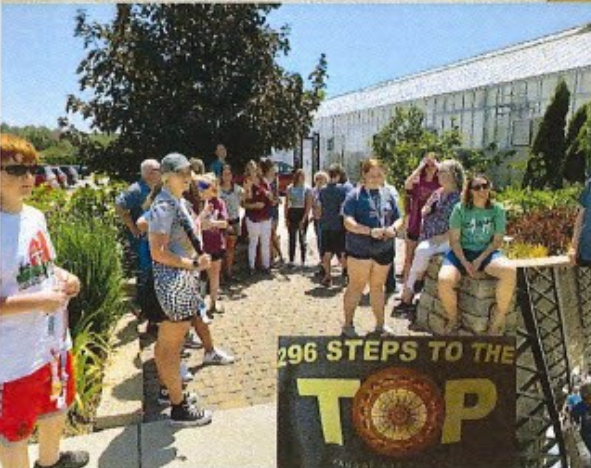


Hosting in Kansas, activities have included Topeka Capitol Dome, Bison Potluck Tour, Fort Riley Helicopter Simulation & Stables, Milford, Abilene, Strataca Salt Mine, Cosmosphere, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Fireworks, KSU Garden, Milling Science, Call Hall Dairy Bar, Konza Prairie, Ziplining, Alma Cheese, Grandma Hoerners, Stocker Unit, OZ Museum, Columbian Theatre, Wolf House, plus some of our families travelled to additional locations like Lindsborg, Ranch Tour, Oregon Trail, USA Geodetic Center, World's Largest Ball of Twine, Lavender Farm, Tallgrass Prairie, and Historic Hand Dug Well.



Above left 2019 Host Pennsylvania

Photos below 2022 Host Ohio



# Leaders and Parents

## Consider in February

- ♦ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- ♦ Highlight key points/deadlines from the 4-H newsletter & calendar at club meeting
- ♦ Check on progress/needs of committees & parent volunteers/leaders.
- ♦ Report on January 4-H Council Meeting.
- ♦ Remind council representatives of March 4-H Council meeting
- ♦ Encourage older 4-Hers to apply for Fair Royalty. Applications April 3
- ♦ What is your club doing for fun? Plan a fun activity for the whole club
- ♦ Continue to encourage project leaders to host meetings, tours and other learning opportunities.
- ♦ At your 4-H meeting brainstorm and submit 2-3 Fair Theme ideas to the Extension Office by March 1. They must be inclusive (no 4-H in theme)

## Encouraging Fair Participation

As we ride out these winter 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.

## 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](#).





# 2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

## February

- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 3 Local 4-H Scholarships DUE
- 15 4-H Showcase deadline to sign up for time
- 18 Riley County 4-H Showcase, RCGS
- 19-20 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 20 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- 24-25 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 25 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall

## March

- Early
- March State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 16 Spring Breakout 4-H Camp  
Counselor Training
- 17-18 Spring Breakout 4-H Camp
- 15 YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room, Pottorf
- 23 YQCA, 6-8 pm, Clover Room, Pottorf

## April

- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- 3 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 8 Dog Agility Workshop
- 21-22 CWF Garage Sale, Cico Park
- 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,  
Hurlbert Arena, 5-7 pm
- 1 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall TBA
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

## June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 3 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 7-9 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- 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 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. Judgi
- 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
- 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

