



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January 2023

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 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 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 with any questions. Applications and supporting documents are due in by no later than March 1, 2023.

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 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). All scholarships are DUE on March 1, 2023 and will be submitted online.

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of the MLK 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 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.

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

We are excited to host the 2023 K-State Junior Producer Days on campus again this year! The K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 18**, in Weber Hall in Manhattan, KS. This event is a one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth meat goat 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, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. The **deadline to register is February 22**. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after. Only those registered by February 22 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>.

2023 4-H Showcase

Registration for 4-H Showcase is now open this includes Gavel Games, project talks, demonstrations, musical performances, drama, dance and a Cloverbud event. 4-H Showcase will be held **Saturday, February 18** at Riley County High School. Gavel Games will be held first, followed by 4-H Showcase.

Registration is now open on <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/> under 'Hot Topics' on the right side of our landing page. **Registration for 4-H Showcase closes January 31.** A link to sign up for a judging time will be sent to everyone who pre-entered by January 31. You will have until **February 10 to sign up for a judging time.** If you have conflicts after scheduling your time, it will be your responsibility to find an individual/group to trade times with. Based on previous years' participation, we predict Gavel Games will run from 8:30-10:00 am and 4-H Showcase events will be from 10:30 am -2:00 pm. Some areas (i.e. vocal, skits and dance) will run shorter due to fewer participants

All guidelines and requirements for both Gavel Games and 4-H Showcase can be found here [Gavel Games and 4-H Showcase Guidelines](#). There are also guides and videos to help you prepare your project talks, demonstrations and illustrated talks.

Horticulture, Photography, and FACs judging will be from 9-noon. No previous experience is necessary. If you participate in Horticulture, Photography or FACs judging at 4-H Showcase, you can have it count as one of your items on your Achievement Pin application.

Definitely check out the awesome STEM activities in the cafeteria, available all day. Concessions will be available for breakfast and lunch. Questions, please let us know.

Even if you have families that will not be participating in the 2023 Showcase event, please encourage them to come out and check out the event.

Citizenship In Action

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

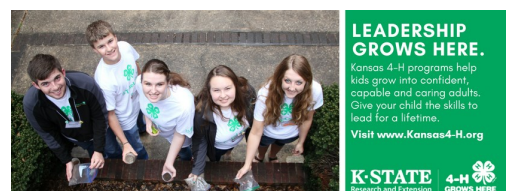
When: February 19-20, 2023

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration: Coming Soon

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2023



[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 a 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 January

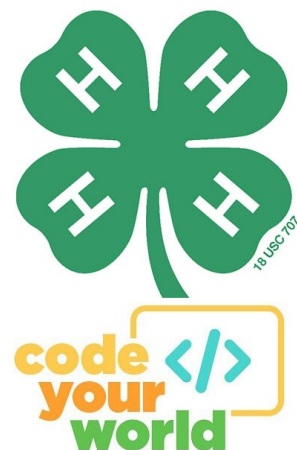
- Encourage families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online
- Make sure families are receiving emails from the Extension Office (at least weekly)
- Create club goals for the new year
- Start talking to families about attending the Annual Showcase event (February 18; RCHS)
- Encourage seniors to apply for county and state 4-H scholarships
- Invite Mr. Jobe to a club meeting
- Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club
- Check on progress/needs of committees & parent volunteers/leaders.
- Encourage project leaders to begin hosting project meetings (even if it needs to be virtually)
- 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
- Encourage older 4-Hers to run for Fair Royalty

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 the 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.



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](#).



Riley County 4-H Kennel Club



KENNEL CLUB SCHEDULE Spring 2023

March 1	6:45 p.m.	Obedience
Obedience	7:15 p.m.	Club Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Obedience (Intermediate & Advanced) & Quiz Bowl
	8:30 p.m.	Clean Up
March 8	6:45 p.m.	Obedience
Rally	7:15 p.m.	Announcements
	7:30 p.m.	Rally
	8:30 p.m.	Clean Up
March 15	No Class	Spring Break
March 22	6:45 p.m.	Agility
Agility	8:30 p.m.	Clean Up
March 29	Rally	
April 5	Obedience and Club Meeting	
Saturday April 8	Potential Club Show TBD	
April 12	Agility	
April 19	Rally	
April 26	Obedience and Showmanship	
May 3	Obedience and Club Meeting	
May 10	<u>Potential</u> Club Show	
May 17	TBD	
May 24	No Class	
May 31	Showmanship and Fair Prep	
June 4	Fair Show (TBD)	
June 7	Show Prep	
June 14	Show Prep	
June 21	Show Prep	
June 24	Fair Show (TBD)	

* Please note: leaders and trainers may adjust the above schedule as needed.

For more information, contact Chris Otto at ottoranch@gmail.com or 785-313-7234

[Tour of the KSU Vet School](#)

Join us for a tour of the KSU Vet School to possibly include a tour of the anatomy lab, clinical skills classroom (lots of model animals to see) and the veterinary health center (small animal specialties, surgery suites, large animal areas). Vet students will lead a short conversation/Q&A with the group about how to become a veterinarian. It is suggested for youth 3rd grade and above. Youth must have an adult with them. An adult can be responsible for up to 4 youth.

Please RSVP by January 18!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev8UWdT8YYoiowvA4y9QFBW0GsVG893u6IY0okKKpJvg69ng/viewform?usp=sf_link

2022-2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

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
- 20 4-H Spring Breakout Camp Reg. DUE
- 27 4-H Showcase Pre-Entry DUE
- 28 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

February

- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 3 Local 4-H Scholarships DUE
- 10 4-H Showcase deadline to sign up for time
- 18 Riley County 4-H Showcase, RCHS
- 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 Red Wheel
- 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
- 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

