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.

Riley County 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 2. 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 is now posted 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).

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 a 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 page (2).
4-H Council Dates for 2023-2024

Monday, November 6, 2023; Monday, January 8, 2024; Monday, March 4, 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.

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 18-19, 2024

**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:** [HERE](#)

**Registration Deadline:** January 26, 2024

Seed Planting Workshop

For the 2024 Riley County Fair, we will once again host a vegetable growing challenge. We have selected the “Largest Tomato” for this years event. In preparation for getting our tomato's started, we will host a seed planting workshop on March 23, from 10 –11 am on Pottorf Hall. The event is free to anyone interested. Seeds will be available at the event.

Tagging Commercial Females **NEW INFO**

All unregistered females 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, dairy goats, and swine. This is a new rule for all species except swine – tagging was already required for all gilts.

Beef and dairy exhibitors should plan to bring females to the beef tagging event on February 24, 2024. Sheep and goats should come to the tagging event on May 6, 2024. (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.

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 5.**
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 17; RCGS)
- 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
- Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families
- Encourage older 4-Hers to run for Fair Royalty (info coming soon)

4-H Showcase Event 2024

The event will be held at Riley County Grade School on Saturday, February 17 starting at 8:30 am. At this time, we are simply asking families to submit their interest in participating in the event at the following link (DUE Jan. 31) https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vMprqtHtzHa6mwZQg951paTv_y_1t1mOd0GyJUF9WO8/edit?usp=sharing. Please be specific (project talk, jr. demo, piano solo, reading, drum solo). By filling out this interest form it will allow us to release a time-specific registration in mid-January, so families can select their individual time slots for each Showcase event you plan on participating in (DUE February 12).

This year we will be offering (2) new showcase events for participating 4-Hers.

*(NEW in 2024) In place of the morning event known as Gavel Games, we will instead offer a team Trivia Challenge. 4-Hers can compete in teams of 3-4, answering questions about 4-H history, parliamentary procedure, as well as some general knowledge questions. The challenge will be broken up into (2) age categories; Juniors (ages 7-12) and the Senior division (ages 13+). The event will run from 9 am to 11 am on February 17, so plan accordingly if you are participating in other showcase events this day.

**(NEW in 2024) We will also host Impromptu “Pickle Talks” at this year’s 4-H Showcase Event. In short, each 4-Her will have the opportunity to meet with a judge, select a discussion topic from a list of 3-4 prompts, then deliver a 3 minute impromptu talk. All participants will then receive a full-sized pickle-on-a-stick for their efforts. 4-H Cloverbuds are also encouraged to participate in this event and parents can request the list of questions for this younger group prior to the day of the event for practice purposes.

A schedule will be sent to all 4-H families after final registration closes on February 12, so please let us know if things change between then and the day of the event.

Horticulture Judging, Photography, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACs), and Poultry judging will be from 9-noon. No previous experience is necessary. If you participate in Horticulture, Photography, or FACs judging at 4-H Showcase, it can count as one of your items on your Achievement Pin application. In addition, we will have Livestock Skill-a-thon questions on hand for those who want to practice.

Definitely check out the awesome STEM activities in the cafeteria, available all day.

Drink and donuts will be on hand for the duration of the day, but we will not offer breakfast or lunch.

Even if you have families that will not be participating in the 2024 Showcase event, please encourage them to come out and check out the event!
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MONDAY, JANUARY 29 - 3:30 - 5:30 PM
POTTORF HALL, 1710 AVERY AVE, MANHATTAN, KS
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 Courthouse 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.
Free Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic

Tuesday, March 5
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.

Sponsored by:
Manhattan Optimist Club
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Pre-registration required

You may register on-line at www.riley.ksu.edu or

(print clearly) Clip and Return by March 1

Student (First & Last) Name: ___________________________ Grade: ______

Special Dietary Needs:___________________________________________

Parent or Guardian Name: ________________________________

Email: __________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Return this form by March 1 to: Riley County Extension; 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220, Manhattan, KS 66502 or by fax at 785-537-6353.

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# 2023-2024 Riley County 4-H Calendar

### January
1. NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed  
4. YQCA Training; 6-7:30 pm; Pottorf Hall  
8. 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall  
10. YQCA Training; 6-7:30 pm; Pottorf Hall  
11. NE Area PRF Screening, Pottorf Hall  
15. MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed  
27. Horse Panorama, Rock Springs  
29. Greg McClure Retirement Party  
31. 4-H Showcase Pre-Entry DUE

### February
2. Local Scholarships DUE  
17. Riley County Showcase, RCGS  
18-19. Citizenship in Action, Topeka  
19. Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed  
24. Beef Weigh-In; Fairgrounds 1-3 pm  
TBA. State Horse Judging

### March
1. State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE  
1. Red Wheel Sales Begin  
4. 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall  
5. Lawn Mowing Clinic, Pottorf Hall

### April
Early April. Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders  
TBA. 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. Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall  
TBA. Emerald Circle Banquet

### June
1. Horse ID Papers DUE  
1. Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)  
5-7. State Geology Field Trip  
19. Juneteenth; Office Closed  
22. Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)

### July
1. 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall  
1. Fair Pre-Entries DUE  
15. State Fair Livestock Entries DUE  
18. 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  
10. State Horticulture & Livestock Judging  
15. KJLS Entries DUE  
24. 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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