



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

June 2025

Pre-Fair Workshop 2025

Join us on **Wednesday, July 2** for our annual pre-fair informational event. This is a come and go event from **5:30-7:00 pm** at Pottorf Hall.

4-Hers and Cloverbuds can come out and learn about exhibiting their projects including; Project Poster/Notebook, Rabbit, Poultry, Garden, Plants, Flowers, Forestry, Photography (bring your photos to mount), Geology (bring your rock/minerals/fossil specimens), Horticulture Judging practice, and Shopping in Style (Buymanship).

There will be an opportunity to learn/practice how to model and also practice talking with a judge.

2025 Riley County Fair Theme

At the March 4-H Council meeting, club representatives voted on a good number of fair theme ideas and narrowed it down to options. At the March Riley County Fair board meeting, board members voted to use **'Fun For the Whole Herd'** as the 2025 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2025 fair book.

4-H Online and Email Communication

Please be diligent in reading through 4-H newsletters and 4-H emails sent through 4-H Online. RegMax is the outgoing server for 4-H Online emails. Please insure you are marked as "Not Spam" if 4-H Online emails are being sent to your junk or spam folder.

Multiple emails can receive 4-H emails. If you have another email you would like included, please contact Brandy brandymarie@ksu.edu



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**July 1 is the fair
pre-entry deadline
for**

4-H & Cloverbud

3 photos =
3 pre-entries

1 goat in 5 classes =
5 pre-entries



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Friday 7:30 am - noon

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 2024-2025

Monday, November 4, 2024; Monday, January 6, 2025; Monday, March 3, 2025; Monday, May 5, 2025; Monday, June 30, 2025; Monday, August 18, 2025 (Labor Day is September 1)

Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults. .

Heaviest Pepper Contest

Challenge yourself by participating in the 2025 Riley County Fair 'Heaviest Pepper' Contest. Participants will enter a pepper of their choosing at a chance to take home bragging rights for a year...



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 page <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/fair/RLFair.html>. 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!



NEW for Fair 2025

Riley County Extension has installed several permanent large TV screens inside Pottorf Hall. What we are looking for this year are clubs that would be willing to submit a photo montage, representing their club from this past year. We will run these photos on a loop throughout the duration of the Riley County Fair 2025. Contact John or Brandy if your club is interested.

4-H TRIPle E Excellent Exchange Experience

Did you know that there is a multi-county 4-H Interstate Exchange Trip group that 4-H youth can join?

4-Hers who are 12 years old or will be by June 10 this year, through those who are 18 4-H age on January 1 are eligible. Our group has recently planned, organized, fund-raised for, and participated in very fun, successful, enjoyable, educational, and awesome road trips to Ohio in 2023 and North Carolina in 2024, where we stayed with 4-H families there to learn about their customs, lifestyle, 4-H activities, and toured educational, historical sites in their states, plus en-route.

For the week of July 6 THIS summer, we will be hosting 4-Hers and their chaperones from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, then in 2026 we will travel to Eastern Pennsylvania. They are very excited to travel here and to host us next year!!!

We are currently seeking more 4-Hers and families to become involved in our program. The only cost is a \$75 application fee per 4-Her, and requirement to help with fundraisers when we have them. Travel expenses are covered by 4-H TRIPle E, and admission fees to visit attractions are paid by our group when we host, and by the other state when we travel there.

If your family might be interested, please contact Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781 to discuss your questions and concerns, plus to be added to our list for meeting reminders.

If any Clubs would like a program about this for a 4-H Meeting or other events, please contact Cherie Trieb to arrange with our members.

Please note: There is a need to host adult chaperones, so if you don't have a 4-Her in your family to serve as a host, but you would like to become involved in our program by hosting an adult 4-H parent or leader, please let me know!!!

Riley County Fair Sign Up Info 2025

*****Read very carefully*****

We will be using the Fair Entry online program for pre-entering **all 4-H exhibits**. This includes every project coming to the Riley County Fair; indoor static exhibits, all livestock exhibits, showmanship, as well as Cloverbud projects. Each separate project must have a pre-entry (i.e. 3 foods items, 3 separate pre-entries)

Step 1—complete before July 1

To access the Fair Entry program, all 4-H families will use their 4-H Online login. If you did not enroll in a particular project as of May 1, 2025, the program will not allow you to pre-enter or exhibit in that project area at the 2025 fair. You will follow the steps on the program for your entries. **You will receive an email confirmation of your pre-entry.** It will come from no-reply@faireentry.com. Pre-entries open on June 2 and will close on July 1. We highly suggest using a computer or tablet. Entering information in the Fair Entry program can be difficult on a cell phone.

Step 2—complete before July 11

The final part of the fair preparation process will be selecting an interview judging time-slot for all indoor static exhibits (4-H and Cloverbud). All indoor exhibits must be interview judged. These links will be sent out on July 2 and will remain open until midnight on July 11.

As part of the Fair Entry online program, all entry cards will be printed from the project information provided during the pre-entry process. You will not need to fill out entry cards prior to coming to the fair.

***FIBER ARTS, SEWING AND TEXTILE DESIGN, AND FASHION REVUE ***

Clothing, knitting or crocheting project members are eligible to participate in the Fashion Revue on **Wednesday, July 16** at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). Use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1. *Cloverbuds will use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1 for fashion revue and constructed garments.

If you chose to participate in the evening fashion revue (optional), you will need to submit a script prior to July 11. Watch for an email from Brandy with detail. Scripts will be read as you model in the evening fashion revue. The script is a 4-5 sentence description of your outfit. If you have questions about writing a description, please contact the office, 785-537-6350.

Judging forms and a schedule will be emailed to all fashion revue participants. Copies can also be picked up from the Extension Office (after July 7). These judging forms will need to be filled out and brought with you to fashion revue judging on **July 16**. The public evening revue will also be held at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette).

This year we will be following state fair guidelines. There will no longer be classes separated by gender in the Fashion Revue Department. Classes will only be separated into Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

CONSTRUCTED GARMENTS AND CONSTRUCTED ITEMS (APRON, PILLOW, ETC)

All constructed garments/items will be judged on **Wednesday, July 16**. This includes all classes listed in the Sewing and Textile Design department (constructed article, garment or outfit, recycled clothing item, and educational exhibits). Constructed garment project members and Cloverbuds use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1.

Watch your emails for more project-specific information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 785-537-6350.

Leaders and Parents

Consider in June

- Check your club mailbox
- Prepare a committee to work on the fair banner and window decorations
- Work with new families to make sure they are fair-ready
- Help work the 4-H pop stand during the fair
- Encourage new 4-H families to attend the Pre-Fair Workshop on Wednesday, July 2; 5:30-7:00 pm Pottorf

Fair Pop Stand Sign Up

As we make the final drive towards fair 2025, we are putting together some of the details for non-project related scheduling. As with the past couple years, we are **not** appointing pop stand slots for each club. Instead we are allowing individuals or families to sign up for slots that work with their schedule. Ideally four kids and one adult are about as many people you want to have in the stand at one time, but you can staff it with as few as two kids and one adult. Below is the link to the time slots, so please don't wait to get signed up for a shift. **We build in an extra (30) minutes for opening shifts Friday through Monday to accommodate the preparation of the pop stand. The opening shift will have additional responsibilities.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44ADA72FA4FD0-4hpop>

Guidelines for operating the Riley County 4-H food stand

1. It is your groups responsibility to make sure someone is operating the pop stand during the assigned time.
2. One adult needs to be present when working.
3. Each group should clean throughout their scheduled time (wipe up spills, etc.)
4. Last in the evening are responsible for cleaning up and closing.
5. If the club assigned after your club does not show up, please contact Brandy (typically in fair office).

4-H Club Window Decorations 2025

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 14.**

Each club must notify the Extension office by **Monday, July 14 at 5 pm** as to the location of their clubs window and send a picture of the window to Brandy at brandymarie@ksu.edu

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording "Riley County Fair 2025" 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.

Riley County Fair 2025 Open Class Challenge

“Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2025 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on **“People of Riley County”**. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the person(s) 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 2025 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.



The date for
Riley County 4-H
Fashion Revue and
Sewing and Textiles
has changed!!

Wednesday, July 16
Manhattan Catholic Schools



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**DID YOU
KNOW?**

4-H PRE FAIR WORKSHOP

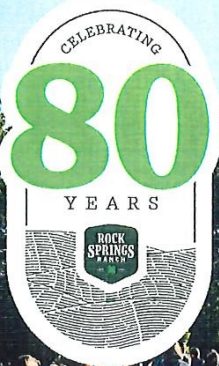
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
5:30-7:00 PM
POTTORF HALL**



**COME AND GO EVENT
GET YOUR FAIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED
PRACTICE TALKING WITH A "JUDGE"
PICK UP FAIR PROJECT SUPPLIES
AND MORE!**

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REGISTER NOW!

Registration for summer camp is now available for ages 6-17. Campers unplug, make friends, learn lifelong skills and have fun in the Flint Hills of Kansas!

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www.rockspringsranch.org

SESSIONS

Mini Camp

Ages 6 - 8

- 2 nights | Session #1: June 22-24
- Session #2: June 25-27

Overnight Camp

Ages 8 - 17

- 3 nights | Session #1: June 1-4
- Session #2: June 4-7
- Session #4: June 15-18
- Session #6: June 29- July 2
- 5 nights | Session #3: June 8-13
- Session #7: July 6-11
- Session #8: July 13-18

Family Camp

All ages!

- 2 nights | Session #1: May 16-18
- Session #2: August 8-10

Leaders in Training (LIT)

Ages 14 - 15

- 5 nights | Session #1: June 8-13
- Session #2: June 22-27
- Session #3: July 6-11
- Session #4: July 13-18

Counselors in Training (CIT)

Ages 16 - 17

- 5 nights | Session #1: June 8-13
- Session #2: June 22-27
- Session #3: July 6-11
- Session #4: July 13-18

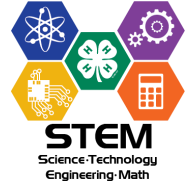
Specialty Camps

Ages 11 - 15

- June 22-27 | Ranch Camp
- Shooting Sports Camp
- Cooking Camp
- Outdoor Wilderness Leadership Skills Camp



BUILD YOUR WORLD



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 2025 Riley County Fair**

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 23 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 24. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 28 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 Breakfast Optimist Club



2025 Riley County 4-H Calendar

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 2 Pre-Entry Opens for Fair Projects
- 7 Dog Show (Showmanship & Obedience)
- 13-15 State Geology Field Trip
- 19 Juneteenth, Extension Office Closed
- 25 Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- 28 Dog Show (Rally O and Agility)
- 30 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 2 Fair Prep Workshop; Pottorf Hall 5:30-7 pm
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 11 Fashion Revue Scripts DUE
- 14 Fair Window Deadline
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 16 Fair Fashion Review; MCS
- 19 4-H Horse Show; Diamond L Arena; Dewight
- 21 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 22 4-H Photography Judging
- 22 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 23 4-H Visual Arts Judging
- 23 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 24-28 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 29 Fairground Cleanup

August

- 1 State Fair Entry Forms DUE before noon
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 16 State Horticulture Judging
- 18 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 23-24 State Livestock Judging

September

- 1 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 4 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 5-14 Kansas State Fair
- 19 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

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