



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

March 2026

2025-2026 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

4-H Enrollment opened on **October 1** and is 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. Contact Brandy and she can assist you. The deadline to enroll and update projects is May 1.

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 (4-H → Forms/Resources → Other Resources). Contact the office if you have any questions. **Applications should be email to Kelly Wendland (wendland@twinvalley.net) by Friday, May 1, 2026. Interviews will be June 10.**

Mark Your Calendar Plant Science 4-Hers!

There will be free growing media for container gardens to be given out on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. While it lasts. There will be some containers available or plan to bring your own. The pick up will be at the fair grounds near or in the **Wreath barn** where the garage sales take place. Stop-by between **8:30 – 11 am**. There may be some plants and seeds available that would go in the containers. Yet to be determined.

4-H Project Day Ideas?...Let us Know.

Riley County 4-H is currently looking for passionate individuals to host project days during the next year. Do you have a skill or hobby you would be willing to share with other 4-Hers across the county? In addition, we are always looking for touring ideas for 4-Hers and families. Contact Brandy or John if this is of interest, 785-537-6350.

Spring Livestock and Meats Judging Contests

Throughout the spring there will be opportunities to attend Livestock and Meats judging contests through 4-H. If your 4-H member is interested in being notified of these opportunities, reach out to Lindsay @lindsayshorter@ksu.edu

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ENROLL in
Riley County
4-H TODAY
<https://v2.4honline.com/>

If you have something for the 4-H newsletter, please submit it to jajobe@ksu.edu by the 10 of the month.

How to Reach Us:

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785-537-6350

John: jajobe@ksu.edu

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4-H Info: 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 5 pm

Friday 7:30 am to noon

4-H Council Dates for 2025-2026

Monday, March 2, 2026; Monday, May 4, 2026; Monday, July 6, 2026; Monday, August 31, 2026.

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

Importance of attending 4-H Council

Our Riley County 4-H Council serves as a vital component to our month-to-month programming. Club representative to take vital information back and report to their club. You don't have to be a Council Representative to attend. It is open to all 4-Hers and parents. **We will be serving pizza starting 6:30 pm for all 4-H Council meetings.**

UAS Workshop, March 14, 2026, by Central Kansas District

Central Kansas District 4-H is hosting a UAS workshop on **March 14, 9:30 am-6:00 pm, at K-State Salina Campus**. Any 4-H youth across the State aged 7-18 who is interested in UAS is eligible to register. Estimated total flight hours required at the time of registration. Youth will be grouped as beginners or experienced based on flight hours.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3I37gpLlFA7kJ3o

Deadline: March 9, 2026. If you have any questions, please call 785-309-5850

Spring Break Art and Baking Workshops

Cookies and Cranes

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 am to noon

Pottorf Hall

\$7 per youth



We will be learning the art of origami and folding paper cranes. Origami is a paper folding process that teaches precision and concentration, as well as critical thinking and problem solving. The Crane is a symbol of hope and peace. Youth will be instructed on the process and technique of Japanese decorative paper folding. Bake a variety of thumbprint cookies. Learn about properly measuring ingredients and proper baking. Please bring a cookie scoop. If you have one to bring, an electric mixer is useful. Cookies can also be mixed by hand.

Youth 9 and younger must have 1 adult with them the entire time. Limited to 12 youth (minimum 6). You must pay before attending. For more information and to register [Register for Cookies and Cranes](#)

Pixel Painting Monkeys

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 am to noon

Pottorf Hall

\$10 per youth

Youth will create a 5X7 stretched canvas pixel painting with acrylic paint and cotton swabs. We will use a cookie cutter to create a shape to pixel paint. Youth will learn how to brighten and darken colors to create different hues. All supplies will be provided. Many of us have enjoyed a sweet, gooey monkey bread, but have you ever tried savory monkey bread? Youth will use canned biscuits as a short cut. The monkey bread can be made with a variety of savory options including cheese, Italian seasonings, black pepper cranberries and more. All supplies will be provided.

Youth 9 and younger must have 1 adult with them the entire time. Limited to 12 youth (minimum 6). You must pay before attending. For more information and to register [Pixel Painting Monkeys](#)

Livestock Tagging 2026

Save the date for goat and sheep tagging on Monday, May 4, from 5-7 pm at the fairgrounds. Swine tags and table tagging forms are now available at the Riley County Extension office. Come by and say hi! Bucket tags are also available now. Check out the graph on page (12).

National 4-H Council Youth in Action Applications Open

The 4-H Youth in Action (YIA) program celebrates young people who are creating real change in their communities. This national program amplifies the stories and leadership of 4-H youth, showcasing how 4-H has shaped their lives and equipped them to impact others. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/>

Four Award Winners will receive a(n):

- \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, paid directly to the institution, including two-year and four-year colleges, trade schools, or other advanced learning opportunities.
- Year of professional and media development, training, networking, and national opportunities to serve as a spokesperson and thought leader.
- All expenses paid trips for each award winner and a chaperone to attend national events.
- Official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational or career purposes.

Applications are due Monday, April 13, 2026, 11:59 p.m. PST. To learn more about the program and application process, National 4-H Council is hosting two webinars: one for 4-H Professionals (January 28 at 3:00 p.m. ET) and one for applicants and their parents (March 4 at 7:00 p.m. ET). To sign up for one of these webinars, visit <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

Take on the Heaviest Onion Challenge for Fair 2026

Congratulations to Brianna Britt on winning the Largest Pepper Challenge at the 2025 Riley County Fair. The 2026 fair will look to host the heaviest onion (any kind) contest. Contact the Riley County Extension office if you have any questions, 785-537-6350.

4-H Ag Tech Day, April 4, 2026

Kansas 4-H, Kansas State University ID3A (Institute for Digital Agriculture & Advanced Analytics), and KCARE (Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment) are co-hosting an engaging Ag Tech Day at Flickner Innovation Farm in Moundridge, Kansas, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 4.

This event is geared toward youth in grades 5-12, offering a unique opportunity to explore the farm and learn about both new and established technologies that are helping make farm management easier and more efficient for producers. A wide variety of stations will be set up around the farm for attendees to visit while they learn from presenters. Attendees are welcome to come and go as they please, and snacks will be provided!

Stations may include: Unmanned aircraft systems and drone technologies, John Deere technologies, Sensors, An under canopy robot, Technology for finding and tracking insects

Registration: <https://bit.ly/AgTechDay>

Ag Tech Day is FREE and open to the public, but registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, April 1. You can register as an individual or as a group. Group registration allows up to five people at a time.

Leaders and Parents

Consider in March

- Check your club mailbox
- 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
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Encourage Discovery Days 2026
- Encourage members to apply for fair royalty (See page 1)
- Horse ID papers are due June 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair
- Share the livestock tagging dates/ graph on page (12)
- Save the date for the "Path to Purple Showmanship Camp" May 30-31

Save the Date for Spring Into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" at the K-State Polytechnic Campus in Salina on Saturday, April 25.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles.

Online registration will be available soon, with a due date of April 15, 2026. Once registration opens, it will be shared through the listserv, 4-H Online, and TEAMS.

Riley County 4-H will cover the cost of anyone wanting to attend this event!



**JR. WILDCAT
ROBOTICS
CLUB**

**ANNOUNCEMENT
CALLING ALL
ENGINEERS!**

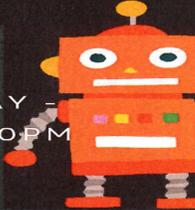
ENROLLMENT WILL OPEN APRIL 1ST !

- AGES 7 - 18 *AGE 7 - 11 PARENT PARTICIPATION REQUIRED
- ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP = \$80
 - FEE INCLUDES PERSONAL ROBOT CAR KIT TO KEEP
- MEETINGS HELD ON THE 3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH MAY - APRIL @ GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER 4:30PM-6:30PM
- EACH MEETING WILL INCLUDE SOCIAL TIME, A LESSON & ROBOT BUILDING WORKSHOP TIME
- INDEPENDENT STUDY & WORKING FROM HOME IN BETWEEN MEETINGS IS ENCOURAGED & WILL BE FACILITATED THROUGH EMAIL
- SPACE IS LIMITED SO DON'T WAIT TO SIGN UP

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO: JRWILDCATROBOTICSCLUB@GMAIL.COM

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**LET'S LEARN, BUILD, AND
INNOVATE TOGETHER!**





4-H Garage Sale
May 6-9, 2026
Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

We are looking for a huge selection of items to be donated.
We do not accept TVs of any kind.

Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley, & Wabaunsee Counties

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, May 6, 5-8 PM
Thursday, May 7, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, May 8, 9 AM - 8 PM
Saturday, May 9, 9 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350



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March
27th

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

PRE-REGISTRATION UNTIL MARCH 20TH

AT JUDGINGCARD.COM

LATE REGISTRATION MARCH 21ST - MARCH 25TH

\$\$ DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE \$\$

CONTESTS:

- ~ENTOMOLOGY
- ~FARM MANAGEMENT
- ~FLORICULTURE
- ~FOOD SCIENCE
- ~LIVESTOCK JUDGING
- ~MEAT EVALUATION
- ~MILK QUALITY
- ~NURSERY/LANDSCAPE
- ~POULTRY
- ~SPEECH
- ~VETERINARY SCIENCE

**MORE INFORMATION @
FORTSCOTT.EDU/AGRICULTURE/AGGIE-DAY**

**SARA SUTTON @ SARAS@FORTSCOTT.EDU
CONNER VERNON @ CONNERV@FORTSCOTT.EDU**

YOUTH LAWN MOWER CLINIC

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
POTTORF HALL, CICO PARK
1710 AVERY AVE
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

SNACKS PROVIDED

SIGN UP AT
RILEY.K-STATE.EDU
BY MARCH 5



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Path to Purple Showmanship Camp



MAY 30TH **MAY 31ST**
SHEEP & GOAT **SWINE & CATTLE**

[Showmanship Camp 2026](#)

More information will be released later in the spring, but save the date now for the Riley County 4-H "Path to Purple Showmanship Camp". This camp will include hands-on sessions focusing on showmanship, getting show ready, and project fundamentals. YQCA Class will be taught BOTH DAYS of camp, so save the date on your calendar!

[Red Wheel Fundraiser 2026](#)

Riley County 4-H clubs are selling Red Wheel items as a fundraiser. You can order directly from the Riley County 4-Hers, stop by the Riley County Extension Office or order online. <https://fundraisingwebstore.shop.matiries.com/shop-now?sellerId=1014742> All funds raised go to support local club initiatives and activities. Thank you for your support of Riley County 4-H! “

[Judges Training in Concordia](#)

Are you interested in judging county fair exhibits or just learning more about the judging process as a project leader, parent, or Extension staff member? Join us for a Fair Judges Training on **Tuesday, April 14**, in Concordia, Kansas

There will be training for: Visual Arts, Posters, Notebooks, and Displays, Woodworking, Building Block Engineering, Welding, Fashion Revue, Photography, Sewing and Textiles, Robotics, and Aerospace/Rocketry Register and learn more here https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0qVodpU6ViVWjv8?Q_CHL=qr

Get access to our Riley County 4-H Practice Judging Account



Sign Up for free Account



Step 1: Follow the QR code or go to
www.livestockjudging.com

Step 2: Create a free account

Log in with our code



Step 3: Log in using our code to get access
to all the classes at
<https://www.livestockjudging.com/code/>

Our Code: JNQG

Once logged in with our quode, you have
access to all the livestock judging, meats
judging, classes and question sets to
practice on.

If you have issues accessing the account reach out to Lindsay Shorter at lindsayshorter@ksu.edu

Want to keep practicing your livestock and meats judging skills this spring? The Riley County 4-H has a premium account through www.livestockjudging.com and all 4-Her's have access to THOUSANDS of practice classes. Follow the instructions to get signed up, and if you have any issues, reach out to Lindsay.

Are YOU interested in plants, livestock or wildlife?



KANSAS YOUTH RANGE CAMP

Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

Learn about range plant identification, plant growth, stocking rates, livestock nutrition, and rangeland wildlife management

Enjoy field trips, hands on learning, a steak dinner, swimming, fishing, and hiking!



June 9-12, 2026

COST: \$300



Contact your local Conservation District for scholarship opportunities!

REGISTER NOW



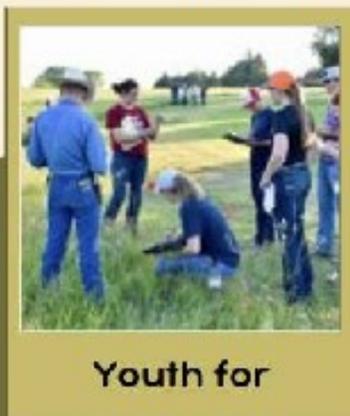
www.kglc.org/range-youth-camp



Register



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Contact:

Ethan Walker

KS Youth Range Camp Chair

620-451-1011

ethan.walker@usda.gov



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Scholarships Available!!

Contact Lindsay if interested @lindsayshorter@ksu.edu

Southwest FFA District Livestock Judging Contest



March 25th, 2026

9:00 AM

Western State Bank Expo Arena

11333 US-283 Dodge City, KS

\$20 per team/\$6 per individual

7 Placing Classes and 1 Keep Cull Class

Sr. Division: 2 sets of reasons

Jr. Division: 1 set of reasons & 1 set of questions

Divisions: FFA Sr., FFA Jr., 4-H Sr., 4-H Jr.

One team per chapter/county per division!

**Please contact Mr. Harmon Bliss at bliss.harmon@usd443.net
or Andrea Burns at aburns@ksu.edu for more information!**

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Contact Lindsay if interested
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Livestock Tagging Made Easy!

Attached is a grid to help all livestock families understand livestock tagging, registration requirements, and YQCA requirements for showing at the Riley County Fair. Please utilize this tool and share it with new families within your club. It's also available on the Riley County Extension website. Check the grid for your livestock and ensure you meet all tagging or registration requirements.

As a reminder:

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in/Tagging: May 4 from 5-7 pm at the Riley County Fairgrounds

Swine tagging can happen at any time, but must be completed by May 1. Come to the office to borrow the tagger, pick up tags, and pick up the nomination form, due by May 1.

2026 Riley County Fair 4-H Tagging Guidelines and Forms

Animal: Species	Tagging / Weigh-in Date	4-H Tag Required	YQCA Required	Registration Papers Required
BEEF INFORMATION				
Market Beef (Steers & Heifers)	Feb. 21st @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	YES	NO - Show by weight, not breed
Registered Breeding Heifers	N/A	NO	NO	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15th-Original papers due by Fair entry on July 1st
Unregistered Breeding Heifers	May 1st	YES	NO	NO
Bucket Calf (Born between Jan 1 to May 1)	May 15th	YES	NO	NO
DAIRY CATTLE INFORMATION				
Grade Dairy Heifers/Cows	May 1st	YES	NO	
Registered Dairy Cattle	N/A	NO	NO	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15th-Original papers due by Fair entry on July 1st
SHEEP INFORMATION				
Market Lambs	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	YES	NO
Registered Breeding Ewes	N/A	NO	NO	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15 th - original papers due by Fair entry on July 1st
Unregistered Breeding Ewes	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	NO	NO
SWINE INFORMATION				
Tags Required for ALL Swine				
Market Swine (Registered)	Swine nomination form with tagging and pictures turned into Lindsay at the office by May 1st	YES	YES	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15th- original papers due by Fair entry on July 1st
Market Swine (Crossbred)	Swine nomination form with tagging and pictures turned into Lindsay at the office by May 1st	YES	YES	NO
Registered Breeding Gilts	Swine nomination form with tagging and pictures turned into Lindsay at the office by May 1st	YES	YES	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15 th and turned in by Fair entry on July 1st
Commercial Breeding Gilts	Swine nomination form with tagging and pictures turned into Lindsay at the office by May 1st	YES	YES	NO
Animal: Species				
Tagging / Weigh-in Date				
4-H Tag Required				
YQCA Required				
Registration Papers Required				
GOAT INFORMATION				
Market Meat Goats	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	YES	NO
Market Dairy Goats	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	YES	NO
Meat Goat Registered Breeding Does	N/A	NO	NO	YES-in youth's name on or prior to June 15th - Original papers due by Fair entry July 1st
Unregistered Meat Goat Breeding Does	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	NO	NO
DAIRY GOAT INFORMATION				
Registered Dairy Does	N/A	NO	NO	YES-in youth's name on or prior to June 15th - Original papers due by Fair entry July 1st
Unregistered Grade Does	N/A	NO	NO	NO, *Unique animal ID shall be tattooed in tail or ear*
RABBIT INFORMATION				
Rabbits	Permanently Tattooed by July 1st	NO	NO	N/A
POULTRY INFORMATION				
Poultry	Any testing/banding information will be sent out when necessary	NO	NO	N/A
HORSE INFORMATION				
Horse	N/A	NO	NO	Must submit Horse ID Form to Lindsay for Approval by June 1st

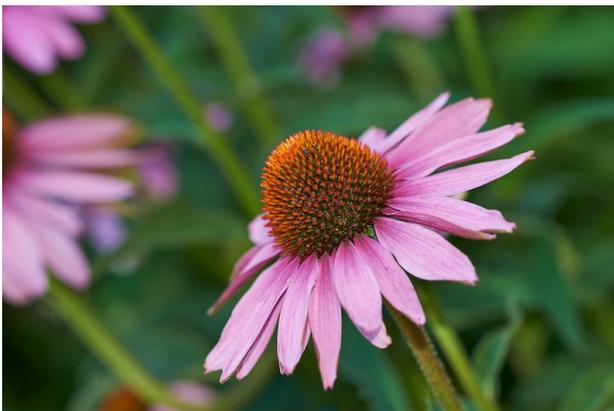
**If you have market animals that need tagged for state or national shows, they may be tagged after the Riley County Fair tagging deadline. However, they will NOT be eligible for the Riley County Fair.

**Tag Stickers for State Show Nominations: Stickers are required for the nomination of animals wanting to show at KILS or the State Fair. We will only provide stickers upon request from the 4-H family.

Riley County Fair 2026 Open Class Challenge

“Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2026 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on “**Flowers of Riley County**”. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the flower(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 2026 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.



RILEY COUNTY 4-H

Performing Arts



**JOIN US FOR PERFORMING ARTS
PROJECT EVENTS ALL YEAR.**

you do NOT have to be enrolled in performing arts to participate

Sunday – Nov. 16, 2025 – 5-6 pm – @GVCC

“Take the Stage!” (Introduction to Performing Arts)

Sunday – Dec. 14, 2025 – 2 pm – @Manhattan Arts

*FIELD TRIP – **additional ticket purchase to see *Annie* at MAC*

Sunday – Jan. 25, 2026 – 5-6 pm – @GVCC

“The Power of Story” (Acting & Improv Skills)

Sunday – February 22, 2026 – 5-6 pm – @GVCC

“Find Your Voice” (Music, Speech, and Expression)

Sunday – March 29, 2026 – 5-6 pm – @GVCC

“Move to the Music” (Dance & Movement for the Stage)

Sunday – April 3, 2026 – 2 pm – @MHS

*FIELD TRIP – **additional ticket purchase to see *Newsies* at MHS*

GVCC – Green Valley
Community Center
3770 Green Valley Rd,
Manhattan

*for questions or to RSVP – contact
morganroberts51210@gmail.com*

2026 K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

Program

Join us on March 7, 2026, for the biennial K-State Junior Beef Producer Day! This event is a fun-filled educational day for youth, parents, beef project leaders, ag teachers, and extension agents to expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, students, and guest speakers will cover topics that may include selection, nutrition, daily care, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification class will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will also be provided for those who register by the deadline. The registration fee is \$20 per person for those who sign up by February 13. The fee will increase to \$30 per person for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 13 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending the event must register, including youth and adults.



Tentative Schedule

8:00AM	Check-in
9:00AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Project Selection
10:00AM	Morning Breakout Sessions -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Care, Grooming & Fitting
Noon	Lunch
1:00PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions -Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM	Dismissal
3:30PM	Optional YQCA Class

Registration

Deadline: February 13

Fee: \$20/person

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>

Late Registration: \$30/person (after February 13)

*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.

**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.



Questions?
Lexie Hayes

☎ 785.532.1264 ✉ adhayes@ksu.edu

Registration Due
February 13

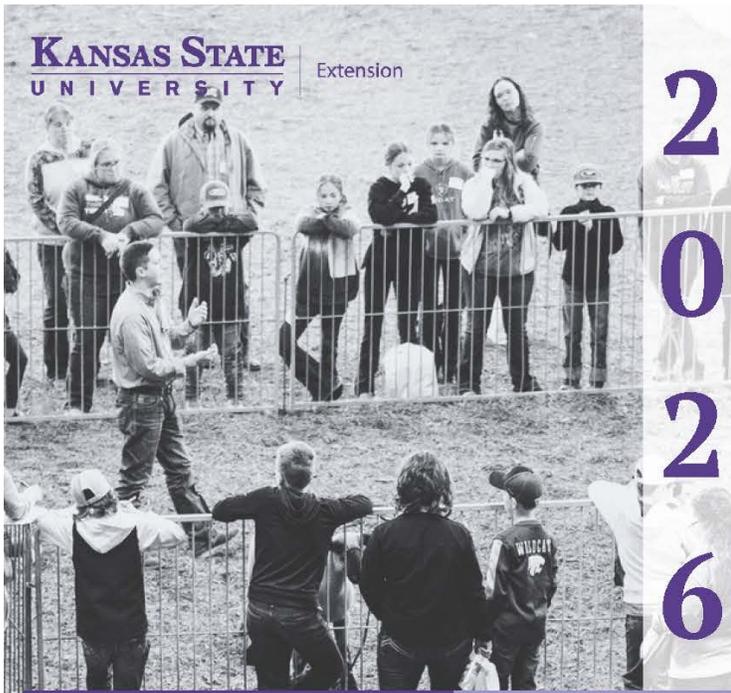


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2026 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



Scan Me!



Registration

Due: 3.20.2026

Cost: \$20/person

<https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

**All adults & youth must register to attend.*

***Only those registered by 3/20/26 will receive a t-shirt.*

****Late registration is \$30/person.*



Questions

Lexie Hayes



785.532.1264



adhayes@ksu.edu

Program

Join us for the biennial K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Presentations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. A variety of topics will be shared, including an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. All ages and skill levels are invited! Lunch and a t-shirt are included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by March 20 or \$30/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register. There will be an optional tour of the sheep and meat goat center offered on Friday evening and Saturday after jr. day.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 10

5:00-7:00PM Optional Tour of Sheep & Goat Center

Saturday, April 11

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Nutrition

10:45AM Morning Breakout Sessions

-facilities & equipment, reproduction, project management purchase to show

NOON Lunch

1:00PM Health

1:45PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions

-wool, showmanship, clipping & grooming

3:45PM Dismissal

4:00PM Optional YQCA Class

4:00-6:00PM Optional Sheep & Goat Center Tour



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2026 Riley County 4-H Calendar

March

- 1 State PRFs DUE
- 3 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 2 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 7 Junior Beef Producer Day
- 16 Triple E Exchange MTG– Green Valley CC
- 29 Performing Arts Project Workshop; 5-6 pm
- Late March Red Wheel Sales DUE to club

April

- 11 Junior Sheep Producer Day
- 14 Judges Training
- 18 State Shooting Sports Match
- 25 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- 25 Spring into Volunteering Workshop
- 25 Plant Science Project Workshop
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE
- TBA State Shutterbug Event

May

- 1 Swine Nominations DUE to office
- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 1 Fair Royalty Apps DUE
- 1 State Livestock Nominations DUE
- 1 Bucket Calf Tagging DUE
- 4 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 4 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
Hulbert Arena, 5-7 pm
- 10 Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- 30-31 Path to Purple Showmanship Camp
- 30 YQCA
- TBA Dog Agility Workshop
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 3-5 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- 10 Fair Royalty Interviews
- 12-14 State Geology Field Trip
- 19-20 Insect Spectacular; Yates Cents
- TBA Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
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July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE Online
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 12-22 Triple E Exchange Trip to PA
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 15 Fair Fashion Review (including Cloverbuds)
- 18 4-H Horse Show
- 20 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 21 4-H Photography Judging
- 21 4-H Pet Show
- 21 Cloverbud Judging (No Clothing/ Fashion
Revue)
- 22 4-H Visual Arts Judging
- 22 4-H Foods Judging
- 23-27 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 28 Fairground Cleanup

August

- 4 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 15 State Horticulture Judging
- 22-23 State Livestock Judging
- 31 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA KJLS Entries DUE

September

- 7 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 10 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 11-20 Kansas State Fair
- 18 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE



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