Interested in Assisting a Department Chair at the Fair?

We are currently looking for individuals (adults and youth 12+) willing to assist our department chairs at the 2022 Riley County Fair. Time commitments vary from 1-3 hours for most projects. There will be a Department Chair that will oversee each department. Assistants will help with fair set up, during the judging time and with clean up.

We could especially use help with Food and Visual Arts. A fair schedule can be found here if you want to know when projects will be judged. [http://www.rileycountyfair.com/schedule/?all=1](http://www.rileycountyfair.com/schedule/?all=1)

If this is something you would be interested in please contact Lynne Berry via email at lberry@rileycountyks.gov or call the Extension Office at 785-537-6350.

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 website at [www.rileycountyfair.com](http://www.rileycountyfair.com). 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!

Riley County Fair Book Mailing

Watch your mail later this month for your Riley County Fair Book and pre-entry letter. This will be mailed to the address listed on your 4-H Online account. If a 4-Her has a parent/that lives at a different address and they wish to have a fair book mailed to them, please contact the Extension Office.

The fair book has all the dates, times, and guidelines for each project area. 4-Hers will not have exhibitor numbers this year. All inside exhibits will have to be entered into the fair pre-entry system by July 1.

Details on signing up for interview judging times (inside exhibits only) will be shared after the July 1 pre-fair entry deadline.

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4-H Council Dates for 2021-2022

Monday, November 1, 2021; Monday, January 3, 2022; Monday, March 7, 2022; Monday, May 2, 2022; Monday, June 27, 2022; Monday, August 29, 2022.

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 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 ABOVE.

Applications Due for Summer Inbound Exchanges

Families wishing to host students from Costa Rica, South Korea, Taiwan and Japan. These youth are ages 12-18, depending on the exchange program. The placements for families to host students from Japan will be managed within Kansas by Pam Van Horn, State Coordinator. Placements for students for Costa Rica, South Korea and Taiwan are managed by Mary Kay Munson. Families should submit online applications to States' 4-H International Exchange Programs. The same application can be used for all of these exchanges.

The link to the application is found on the Kansas 4-H web page at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html.

Contact Mary Kay Munson for more information on one-month States' 4-H exchanges other than Japan. munson@ksbroadband.net If a family applies to host and does not get a placement, the family will be contacted about other options including Japan and IFYE.

Livestock Skillathon 2022

The 4-H youth livestock skillathon contest is designed to promote understanding of management and care of livestock, and is focused on the following species: cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Contest stations can include any or all of the following areas: feed ID/use, breed identification/characteristics, animal anatomy, meat cut ID, livestock equipment ID/use, animal health management, and livestock quality assurance. There is no team competition; 4-Hers will compete as individuals. Awards will be presented to the top individual in each age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). After winning a division, the individual will need to compete in the next older age division in following years. Individuals are eligible to compete in the senior division multiple years, but may only receive an award once per age division.

The contest will be held on the afternoon of Monday, July 25, and you will sign up for the contest at the fair; no fair pre-entry is required. It will be held in the open air tent north of Pottorf Hall. Belt buckles will be given to each division winner. All 4-Hers may compete in the contest; you do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project to compete. Questions, contact Gary Fike gfike@rileycountyks.gov

Save the dates! Insect Spectacular 2022

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held in person this year! It will be held June 17-18 in Chanute, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, invasive species, pollinator gardens and more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information can be found here. Register by May 15 at midnight
**Fair Judging Contests**

Join us for multiple fair judging contest. You don’t have to be enrolled in the project to participate! Each is a come and go event. Top scorers can participate on the state fair judging team. A great way to expand your 4-H participation! No previous experience is necessary.

FCS Judging - Saturday, July 23; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall  
Horticulture Judging - Saturday, July 23; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall  
Photography Judging - Saturday, July 23, 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall  
Livestock Judging - Sunday, July 24, 3:15 pm; Hurlburt Show Arena

**Consider Taking the Largest Potato Challenge**

Join us as we start the charge for the 2022 Riley County Fair ‘largest potato’ competition. For more information contact Riley County Extension Horticulture Agent Gregg Eyestone, 785-537-6350.

**2022 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trips**

Open to 4-H Geology project members and their families - all participants are asked to register for the event.

The headquarters for the 2022 4-H Geology State Field Trip is the Old Iron Club, located at 10393 Jade Road in Fredonia, Kansas. At the Highway 400 “roundabout” east of Fredonia, proceed east on Highway 47 approximately 1/4 mile to Jade Road (first gravel road). Turn south on Jade Road and proceed approximately 3/4 mile to the Old Iron Club. Signs will be posted for check-in and parking.

**EXHIBIT BOXES AND T-SHIRTS:** Please be aware that the deadline for orders of exhibit boxes and field trip t-shirts is **May 20 at midnight** and must be purchased separately from general registration. Exhibit boxes are $50 each for Pine and $60 each for Oak, Walnut or Cottonwood. T-shirts are $15 each.

The **deadline for field trip registration is May 27 at 12:00 noon**. The registration fee is $15 per person for everyone attending the field trip. [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cUqCf3NKnXCHp9I](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cUqCf3NKnXCHp9I)

**Pre– Fair Workshop 2022**

Join us on **Tuesday, June 21** for our annual pre-fair informational event. 4-Hers can come out and learn about exhibiting their projects at the 2022 fair. We will have project-experts in the areas of photo/ photo mounting, geology, entomology, foods/ food preservation, as well as an interview judging practice station. Join us that evening at **Pottorf Hall from 5:30– 7:00 pm**.

**Newsletter Worthy**

I would love to highlight some of the wonderful activities and people who are currently active in our Riley County 4-H program. If you would like to let everyone know about something your 4-Hers have accomplished or honor a volunteer please email me the details and I will put it in the next newsletter. Also, if any of our young people deserve recognition for something they have done outside of 4-H let me know and we will recognize them.
Leaders and Parents

2022 Riley County Fair Theme

At the March 4-H Council meeting, club representatives voted a good number of fair theme ideas down to three options. At the March Riley County Fair board meeting, board members voted to use ‘Bright Lights & Summer Nights’ as the 2022 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2022 fair book.

4-H Club Window Decorations 2022

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 on Tuesday, July 12 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 11.

Each club must notify the Extension office by Monday, July 11 as to the location of their clubs window as well as email Brandy brandymarie@ksu.edu a photo of your window.

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording “Riley County Fair 2022” 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.

Encouraging Fair Participation

As we enjoy these warmer spring 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 2022 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.
1. Building Creations (LEGO®, K’NEX®, toothpicks, 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+).

4. 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 2022 Riley County Fair

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 20 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 21. Entries must be picked up Monday, July 25 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 Optimist Club
2021-2022 Riley County 4-H Calendar

May
1  Project Add/ Drop Deadline
2  Horse ID Papers DUE
2  Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
    Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
2  4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
14  Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
18  Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
30  Memorial Day, Extension office closed
TBA  Emerald Circle Banquet

June
1-3  Discovery Days, KSU Campus
4  Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf Hall
9  State Horse Judging
20  Juneteenth, Extension office closed
25  Dog Agility and Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
27  4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
TBA  State Geology Field Trip

July
1  Fair Pre-Entries DUE
14  Clothing Construction & Fashion Revue Judging
14  Fair Fashion Review; 7 pm St. Thomas More
15  State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
16  4-H Horse Show
18  Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
19  4-H Photography Judging
19  Cloverbud Exhibits Judging
19  4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
20  4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging/ Visual Arts
21-25  Riley County Fair, Cico Park
26  Fairground Cleanup

August
5  State Fair Entry Forms DUE
15  KJLS Entries DUE
TBA  State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
29  4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September
5  Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
TBA  State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
9-18  Kansas State Fair
TBA  Project Reports & Awards DUE
30  KJLS

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