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Read letter very carefully

Dear 4-H Family:

Summer is upon us, and the Riley County Fair will be here before you know it.

Your fair book should be picked up at a May or June 4-H club meeting. If you don't pick it up from your club meeting, you may pick it up from the Extension Office in July. You may view the fair book electronically on our website www.ksu.edu (Riley County Fair → explore the fair book). The fair book contains all the rules and guidelines for exhibiting projects at the Riley County Fair.

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 exhibits, 3 separate pre-entries).

To access the Fair Entry program, visit www.riley.ksu (Riley County Fair → 4-H Fair Registration). 4-H families will use their 4-H Online login to log into Fair Entry. If you did not enroll in a particular project as of May 1, 2026, the program will not allow you to pre-enter or exhibit in that project area at the 2026 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. The Fair Entry program will open for dog entries on May 14 and will close on May 29. All other exhibits, pre-entries open on June 1 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.

The final part of the fair preparation process will be selecting an interview judging timeslot, for all indoor static exhibits (1 timeslot per project area). 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.

The Extension Office will provide pre-printed entry cards. You will pick them up when you come for judging.

***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 15** at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). Use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1 and your script(s) for the evening revue will be **DUE July 10**. The script(s) is the responsibility of the 4-H'er and will be submitted electronically. Watch for an email from Brandy in early July. The description should be 4 to 5 sentences; longer descriptions will be edited. No late scripts or changes will be accepted. If you have questions about writing a description, please contact the office, 785-537-6350.

A schedule will be emailed to all fashion revue and sewing and textile participants. Members are responsible for printing off their own judging forms (www.ksu.edu → Riley County Fair → County Fair Resources). You may also pick up copies from the Extension Office or the Leonardville or Riley Post Office. Judging forms will need to be filled out and brought with you to fashion revue judging on **July 15**. The public evening revue will also be held at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). *Cloverbuds will use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1 for fashion revue and constructed garments.

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

All constructed garments will be judged on **Wednesday, July 15** in conjunction with the fashion revue. This includes all classes listed in the Sewing and Textile Design department (constructed article, garment or outfit, recycled clothing item, "Community Project" and educational exhibits). Constructed garment project members and Cloverbuds use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1.

CLOVERBUDS

All Cloverbud projects will need to be pre-entered. Cloverbud Sewing and Textiles and Fashion review will be judged on **Wednesday, July 15** at Manhattan Catholic Schools. All other Cloverbud projects will be judged on **Tuesday, July 21** at Pottorf Hall. This includes Foods, Pets and all other project areas. Cloverbuds may bring a total of 5 exhibits.

FOOD COUPONS

Finally, each Cloverbud and 4-H member will find enclosed a Food Coupon. It is good for \$2 off your order at the 4-H Pop Stand, located next to Hurlburt Arena or the 4-H Food Stand, located in Pottorf Hall, just off the patio. Please use your coupon at the fair July 23-27. Unable to attend, feel free to give it to a 4-H friend. No change is given. Coupons are donated by Riley County Farm Bureau.

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.

Sincerely,



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