4-H Calendar of Events

February
1   Citizenship in Action Registration Deadline
2   4-H Council Meeting
18  4-H Club Day and Junk in a Bucket Entries Due
20  Beef Weigh In and Tag Day
20  Teen Leaders Meeting
20 - 21 Citizenship in Action
26  4-H Club Day

March
1   Kansas 4-H and Elk County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
5   KSU Jr Beef Producer Day
19  KSU Jr Sheep Producer Day
26  Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison

April
6   4-H Council Meeting
22 & 23 Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat Weigh In and Tag Day

Citizenship in Action

Youth have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. This two-day event is sponsored by Kansas 4-H Youth Development and the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the program 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.

The current plan is a community conversation, including deliberating on tough conversations that matter and finding creative ways to attain common ground on Sunday afternoon (tentatively 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a banquet and keynote event in the evening).

On Monday the program will allow youth to see the capitol, meet with their representatives and senators,
and have a more behind the scenes understanding of the legislative process.

**When:** February 20-21, 2022  
**Where:** Topeka  
**Who:** Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year  
**Registration:** [Click Here to Register]  
**Registration Fee:** $200.00  
**Registration Deadline:** February 1

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### 4-H Council

4-H Council will meet **Wednesday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m.** The agenda items include:
- Steak Dinner
- Fair Awards
- Other New Business

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### Valentine’s Steak Dinner

The Steak Dinner was originally scheduled for February 6. However, due to the rise in illness in the area and to better meet the needs of our supporters, the dinner has been postponed! At the 4-H Council meeting, a news date will be selected for the event.

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If you have not done so already, search Facebook for the Elk County 4-H page. Information will be posted there that pertains only to the Elk County 4-H program.

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### Kansas 4-H and Elk County 4-H Scholarships

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Scholarship Applications are now open on the [Kansas 4-H Scholarship Opportunities Webpage](#). All applications and corresponding requested materials must be submitted by **March 1, 2022**.

The application that is used for the State 4-H Scholarship is what is used for the Elk County 4-H Scholarship. Once you apply for a state scholarship you have automatically applied for the Elk County 4-H scholarship.

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### Elk County 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day is set for **Saturday, February 26** at West Elk High School in Howard. Entries are due in the Extension Office by **Friday, February 18** at 4:00 p.m.

Entries may be done online in a Google docs form or you may fill out the paper form. Here is a link to the online Google docs form. This will work best in Google web browser.  
[https://forms.gle/KzmjEsJTr82Kwy89](https://forms.gle/KzmjEsJTr82Kwy89)

At this link on the Rolling Prairie website, [https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#ClubDays](https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#ClubDays) you will find the PowerPoint slides from the Basics of 4-H Club Day presentation that I did several years ago, club day guidelines, and a presentation and poster tips document. Also, at this site is the link to the Google docs entry form and the paper entry form.

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to have an entry for 4-H Club Day. One of the basic requirements to be eligible for an Excellence in Project Achievement Award is to give at least two formal talks or demonstrations (unless you are a first-year member and then you must give at least one).

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**Junk in a Bucket entries are due by February 18 as well.**  
[https://forms.gle/PWLbShbcNZGv7V7J7](https://forms.gle/PWLbShbcNZGv7V7J7)

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### Teen Leaders

Teen Leaders will meet on Sunday, February 20 at Fechter’s house at 5:30 p.m. Teen Leaders will put together the buckets of junk for the Junk in a Bucket entries. Each Teen Leader is
requested to bring at least ½ a five gallon bucket of junk to add to the buckets.

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**Senior Job Interview Contest at Club Days**

At club days this year there is a new contest for members age 14 - 18. Public speaking is one of the most important life skills 4-Hers develop over their 4-H careers. Yep, that’s right. You are developing career-based skills, and 4-H Club Day is one opportunity to develop and showcase these skills.

For more information about the interview contest, refer to the January newsletter or contact the Extension Office.

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**Standards for 4-H and FFA**

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants’ knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens.

Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show, or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials, and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

These standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

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**Livestock Tagging**

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2022 Elk County 4-H Fair, it must be tagged and/or ownership verified by registration papers, including dairy and bucket calf. All breeding animals must have ownership as of the date of that species weigh in/tag day. Commercial livestock needs to be tagged with a 4-H tag and registered purebred livestock must have registration papers in the exhibitor’s name. Breeding animals that were tagged in previous years and are eligible for the 2022 county fair, do not need to be retagged so long as the previous year’s tag is still in its ear.

Breeding beef heifers must be tagged on February 20 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 22 or 23 or have registration papers by this date.
Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year.

Spring Weigh In Dates:
- Beef -- February 20 (150 days prior to fair)
- Sheep/Swine/Meat Goats -- April 22 and April 23 (89 and 88 days prior to fair)

Beef Weigh In
Sunday, February 20
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Howard Veterinary Clinic

Livestock Weight Charts
Livestock weight charts are posted to the Rolling Prairie website under Elk County 4-H. Take a look at these to help you determine the size of animal to purchase or after spring weigh in how much weight they need to gain to meet the premium sale requirements.

https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/index.html

Market Beef Project
There is an exciting opportunity for 4-H/FFA members interested in the Market Beef Project. In an effort to try and increase the number of market beef exhibits, members that have a desire to show a market beef project but don’t think they can for various reasons now have an opportunity to do so. Members can work with a cattle producer to select a calf for a project and take care of it throughout the year and show it at the county fair. The producer will pay for the feed and assist the member in getting the calf to the fair. At the fair, the member may sell the project at the premium sale, if all premium sale requirements are met, and then the calf is returned to the producer.

If you may be interested in this idea, let me know and I can get you in contact with a cattle producer.

YQCA Requirement for 2022 State Shows
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multispecies youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

The fourth year of curriculum materials was launched in October 2021, and youth are welcome to begin completing the training at any time. ALL exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), will need to be YQCA certified by June 15. Your certification from any previous year does not carry over to this year. A new certification must occur each year.
Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods: Instructor-led Training - $3/child; or the Online Course - $12/child. Youth need to complete their YQCA certification by June 15, 2022.

How to get your YQCA Certification online:
- [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io)
- Sign in with your 4-HOnline credentials.
- Select your course based on your age.
- Select purchase course and complete the web-based training.

**FOR ELK COUNTY MEMBERS:** Each 4-H/FFA member that wishes to sell animal(s) in the livestock premium sale at the county fair must complete YQCA certification training before **July 1.** Members may complete an online course. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

There will be two face-to-face YQCA training opportunities in Elk County. The registration fee of $3.00 is due online when you register. To attend this training you will need to register online **BEFORE THE TRAINING.** You can do this by register online at [https://yqca.learngrow.io/Training/Search](https://yqca.learngrow.io/Training/Search).

March 16 -- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
May 23 -- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Trainings will be held at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard.

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### 4-H Camp Changes

4-H Camp is making some changes beginning with the 2022 camping season. Here is the link to the Rock Springs Ranch website with more information.

[https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/](https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/)

- **Year-round Summer Camp Team**
  A new Camp Director will lead a team of program specialists and counselors under the supervision of the Rock Springs Ranch Executive Director.

- **4-H Open Attendance Dates**
  Open attendance dates will increase flexibility for campers and helps families fit Kansas 4-H Camp into their busy summer schedules.

- **Open Invitation to All Kansas Youth**
  We are eager to share the Kansas 4-H experience as well as invite these new campers into their local 4-H groups when they return home.

- **New Online Registration System**
  Our new system from CampInTouch will streamline communications, allow direct registration, keep parents updated and ensure accurate health records.

- **Extended Camp Sessions**
  - Traditional 4 Day/3 Night Sessions – This is the perfect way for young campers to experience time away from home and still be immersed in Kansas 4-H programming.
  - All New 7 Day/6 Night Sessions – This option expands Kansas 4-H Camp to a full week! These sessions allow our campers to repeat their favorite activities, cement new friendships and truly experience the positive youth development of 4-H.

- **Transportation**
  Rock Springs Ranch and Extension Agents will coordinate transportation based on regional hubs and transportation fees will be included in the price of camp.

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**Insect Art Contest**

The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her’s and art students. This year the artwork needs to fit into the contest theme of “The Benefits of Insects.” The goal is to explore why insects benefit us as a society and why they are important and create an art piece that captures that information. Selected artwork will be used to promote why insects are important and to create other educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. A winner will be selected from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. Age categories are as follows:

1. Kindergarten – 2nd grade (1st - 3rd place)
2. 3rd grade – 5th grade (1st - 3rd place)
3. 6th grade – 8th grade (1st - 3rd place)
4. High School (1st - 3rd place)

**Rules:**

- Only one artwork per student per category.
- A COMPLETED entry form must accompany all entries.
- Drawing must be on flat paper. It’s not that we want to limit the creativity, but protruding parts will create challenges to get the artwork on the intended media.
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant – no traced or copyright protected images.
- Individual drawings and paintings must not be larger than “8.5 x 11”. Original entries will not be returned.
- Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits into one of categories above.
- The title, artist’s name, 4-H club or school, grade and county must appear on the back lower right corner of the art. (You can cut out and use the label provided on the entry form.)

**Scoring guidelines:**

All entries will be judged according to their adherence to the contest theme and overall visual impact, originality, artistic skill, and effort level. We are looking for colorful and creative art that illustrates the importance of pollinators. Have fun!

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**Drop/Add Project Deadline**

Even though you needed to be enrolled by December 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, you have until May 2 to make changes in your projects. You can do this through 4HOnline or call the Extension Office and we can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4HOnline, after May 2 it will not allow you to make any changes.

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# 4-H Club Day Guidelines

**Junior Division** - Age 13 years & under  
**Senior Division** - Age 14 & over

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<td>1 number, not to exceed 5 minutes</td>
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<td>Individual activity</td>
<td>1 number, not to exceed 5 minutes, with or without script.</td>
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<td>No size or age limit, original script must be presented to the judge</td>
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<td>All club participation</td>
<td>35 minute meeting (includes roll call and recreation). Provide agenda, present Secretary’s book &amp; notes after meeting.</td>
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Join us March 5, 2022, for the Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This family event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided.

K-State COVID-19 policies in effect at the time of the event will be followed.

Cost: $15/person by February 11 or $20/person after February 11

*Registrations received after Feb. 11 will not receive a t-shirt.

**Tentative Topics & Schedule**

8:30am  Registration
9:30am  Welcome/Opening Remarks
9:45am  Beef Project Selection & Management
10:30am Morning Breakout Sessions
        Nutrition, Meat Science, Heifers, Fitting & Grooming
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm  Beef Across the World and at Home
2:00pm  Afternoon Breakout Sessions
        Health, Repro, Meat Science, Showmanship
3:30pm  Final Questions, Wrap-up, & Evaluation
4:00pm  Instructor-led YQCA Certification (optional)
        State Livestock Nominations (optional)

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**Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day: March 5, 2022 ~ Register by February 11, 2022**

Name: ___________________________________________ Email: ________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________ City: __________________ Zip: __________ State: ____

Adult Shirt Size: __________ or Youth Shirt Size: __________

Age Division: 11 & Under _________ 12-14 _________ 15-18 _________ Adult _________

Fee Enclosed: __________ County: ______________________ Phone: ___________________

Attending YQCA Session? Yes No If yes, is child active on 4HOnline? Yes No

Special Dietary or Participation Needs: _____________________________________________________________

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One form per participant, everyone attending must register (adults and youth).

Make checks payable to: KSU Department of Animal Sciences & Industry

Mail payment & registration to: Lexie Hayes, 214 Weber Hall, 1424 Claflin Rd., Manhattan, KS 66506


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Join us for Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 19, 2022, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and youth livestock quality assurance training. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. A complimentary lunch will be served and all participants who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. K-State COVID-19 policies in place at the time of the event will be followed.

Cost: $15/person by February 25 or $20/person after February 25

*Registrations received after February 25 will not receive a t-shirt.

Tentative Topics & Schedule:

8:30am     Registration
9:30am     Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:45am     Project Selection
10:30am    Morning Breakout Sessions
           Nutrition, Facilities & Daily Care, Repro
12:00pm    Lunch
12:45pm    Sheep Health
1:30 pm    Afternoon Breakout Sessions
           Wool, Showmanship, Clipping, Meat Science
3:45pm     Final Questions, Wrap-up, & Evaluation
4:00pm     Instructor-led YQCA Training (optional)
           State Livestock Nominations (optional)

K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, or their assignees, reserve the right to photograph, record the image and/or voice of participants for current or future research, educational, and/or promotional purposes. By attending, you provide consent to the above items and waive all rights to claims for payment or royalties in connection with any use of said images or recordings.

Kansas Jr. Sheep Producer Day: March 19, 2022
Register by February 25, 2022

Name: ______________________________________ Email: ______________________________________
Address: _____________________________________ City: ___________________ State: _____ Zip: _________
Adult Shirt Size: _________ or Youth Shirt Size: _________
Age Division: 11 & Under _________ 12-14 _________ 15-18 _________ Adult _________
Fee Enclosed: _______ County: _______________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Attending YQCA Session? Yes No If yes, is child active on 4HOnline? Yes No
Special Dietary or Participation Needs: _______________________________________________________

One form per participant, anyone attending must register (both youth and adults).

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To Register Online: http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister

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