December-January 2022

Chautauqua County 4-H Update

4-H Calendar

December
9 Countywide Christmas Party—Hollow/Farm Bureau Bldg.
23-31 Merry Christmas!! Offices Closed.

January
16 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Offices Closed
20 SE Regional Project Award Screening, Fredonia
28 Horse Panorama—Salina

February
1 Enrollment Deadline for Exhibiting at the fair
8 4-H Council
19-20 Citizenship in Action—Topeka

March
1 State 4-H Scholarships and Honor Cord Applications Due
4 County Club Days/Favorite Foods Show — Sedan High School
11 KSU Junior Swine Producer Days—Manhattan
18 KSU Junior Meat Goat Producer Days—Manhattan
25 Regional 4-H Club Days—Madison
26 Market Beef Weigh In—Sedan

County Wide 4-H Christmas Party

Friday, December 9th from 5pm-8pm

We will start out the evening with cocoa and cookies with the residents of PVM at the Hollow. Santa will present them with the presents that 4-H and FFA bought them. Then we will go over to the Farm Bureau Building for Food, Games and a movie. Make sure to bring a $5 gender neutral gift and a snack to share with you.
**4-H Enrollment**

September 30 was the end of the 4-H year and October 1 started re-enrollment for the new 4-H year. Enrollments and re-enrollments will all be done on 4-H Online, [https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in). If you can’t remember your log on or are having trouble, call Jenny at (620) 725-5890.

Remember, you must be 7 by January 1, 2023 to enroll in 4-H. Kids ages 5-7 may sign up to be in Cloverbuds.

Enrollment Deadline for competing in the county fair will be **February 1st**. Drop/Add Deadline will still be **May 1st**.

**NOTE:**

If you worked the Spook Walk, mark “pay with check” and I will input the coupon code when I approve you.

**CQ Co. 4-H Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will by ZOOM on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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**Volunteer Screening Process**

If you have not already contacted the [local Extension Office](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html) you plan to volunteer for, please do so as soon as you can, to discuss the 4-H Volunteer Application process. Talking to your local extension office is your first step in the volunteer process. You will then complete your application through 4-H Online. All Kansas 4-H volunteers must complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening process through their local Extension Office to work with Kansas 4-H youth. Your local Extension Office will guide you through the process.

Kansas 4-H offers a wide variety of involvement opportunities for adult volunteers, from a one-time event or program to a multi-year experience as a club or project leader. There are many roles for volunteers, check with your local club and/or Extension Office for more information.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 4-H program year, the 4-H Volunteer process has been streamlined. When 4-H Volunteers enroll through 4-H Online the process will take the place of what once was the volunteer application and then re-enrollment forms. Once volunteers enter their information in the system, they will simply have to re-enroll each year, the same way youth currently do through 4-H Online. For a step by step tutorial please visit the [4-H Online Family Resources page](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html) and view the Enrollment Guides for Volunteers.

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**Volunteer Screening Checklist**

- Create a 4-H Online Account
- Create your Adult Volunteer Record

To complete this process, you will need to provide information for the Volunteer Application. Some information you may need to collect beforehand, such as:

- Employer and supervisor contact info
- Residential history
- Previous 4-H Volunteer history
- Volunteer experience
- 3 References and their contact information (not related to you)
- Health Insurance and doctor contact information.
# Chautauqua County 4-H Calendar of Events 2023

*dates are subject to change*

## January
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Offices Closed
- 20 SE Regional Project Award Screening, Fredonia
- 28 Horse Panorama, Salina

## February
- 1 Enrollment Deadline for Exhibiting at the fair
- 8 4-H Council-Sedan
- 19-21 Citizenship in Action—Topeka

## March
- 1 State 4-H Scholarships Applications Due
- 4 County Club Days/Favorite Foods Show — Sedan High School
- 11 KSU Jr Swine Producer Days—Manhattan
- 19 KSU Jr Goat Producer Days—Manhattan
- 25 Regional 4-H Club Days—Madison
- 26 Market Beef Weigh In—Sedan
- 30 Judge’s Training—Parsons

## April
- 1 CQ County 4-H Scholarships Due
- 7 Good Friday—Extension Offices Closed
- 12 4-H Council
- 21-22 Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh In—Sedan
- 22 Spring Beef Show

## May
- 1 Project Drop/Add Deadline
- 1 State Nominations Due for Market Beef
- 6 Spring Small Animal Livestock Show-Sedan
- 7 Fun Fish Clinic—Sedan
- 29 Memorial Day—Extension Offices Closed
- 30-2 Discovery Days—Manhattan

## June
- 1 Horse ID’s Due
- 4-7/14 4-H Camp—Rock Springs
- 14 4-H Council
- 15 State Nominations Due for Commercial Heifer, Market Hogs, Lambs and Meat Goats
- 16 SE Area Ag Contests—Yates Center
- 27 SE Area 4-H Youth Challenge Day—Emporia
- TBA KSU Animal Science Leadership Academy
- TBA Citizenship Washington Focus

## July
- 4 Independence Day – Extension Offices Closed
- 8 CQ County Fair Entries Due
- 8 Skillathon—Extension Office
- 8 Premium Sale Requirements Due to Office
- 15 Kansas State Fair Market Livestock Entries Due
- 16 CQ/EK Counties Horse Show—Sedan
- 19-22 Elk County 4-H Fair—Howard
- 22 Fashion Revue—Cedar Vale
- 26 CQ County Market Livestock Weigh In—Sedan
- 26-29 CQ County Fair—Sedan

## August
- 9 4-H Council
- TBA Coffeyville Fair and Rodeo
- 15 Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due
- TBA State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

## September
- TBA Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend
- TBA County 4-H Achievement Banquet and Supporters’ Appreciation Dinner

## October
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Join us on March 11, 2023 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. There will also be door prizes! The registration fee is $20/person for those who sign up by the February 15 deadline, or $25/person after that date. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

Join us on March 18 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 22 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is $20/person before February 22 and $25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.
Wreaths Across America

Cedar Vale Go-Getters will be hosting their annual Wreaths Across America on December 17, 2022 at 11 am. Everyone is invited to attend.

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember, Honor, and Teach. It is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. We also organize a week of events including international veteran’s tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long “Veteran’s Parade” between Maine and Virginia where we stop along the way to spread our message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. - See more at: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org

K-State Innovation Lab

Current 7th and 8th graders that are interested in and want the opportunity to use the latest innovative technologies; the Hale Library on the Kansas State University campus, has the Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab. The lab gives opportunities for students to learn about new technologies and gain hands on experience with them. The lab has spaces for:

- Artificial Intelligence Studio
- Collaboration Spaces
- Fabspace
- Immersion Studio
- Liquid Galaxy Display
- Makerspace
- Media Studio
- Media Gallery
- One Button + Studio
- Sound Studio
- Video Production Studio

Any current 7th or 8th graders that would be interested in going to the lab, please let me know. I would like to take a group sometime to explore the lab. For more information about the lab and spaces go to:

December Office Closings

The Extension Office will be closed December 23 - January 3 for the Holidays.
SE Regional Project Award

The Regional Project Award Screening is used to select area and state project winners. To be eligible for area award selection, 4-H members must have passed their 14th birthday, but not their 19th birthday as of January 1, 2023. If you want forms to complete for these projects, they are available at the Extension Office.

The second part of the Kansas 4-H Project Recognition process, is the Regional Project Award Screening. Senior age 4-H members, are eligible to advance to the regional screening if they are chosen as the project award winner in their local unit. Only one youth per project area is allowed per County Extension Unit. Extension Districts may submit one youth equal to the number of counties comprising the district. Each 4-H'er must submit a separate project award for each program they are eligible. The following items must be turned in for a complete Regional Project Award submission:

1. Check Sheet
2. Personal Information Page
3. Project Report Form
4. Cover Letter
5. Resume

Do not include:
- 4-H Permanent Record
- Dividers
- Plastic Cover Sheets
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There are several helpful resources to help you prepare your Cover Letter & Resume:

- The Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition- see pages 9 & 10
- Cover Letter & Resume Evaluation Rubric
- https://www.k-state.edu/careercenter/students/apply_interview/

Check with the Extension Office to find out more about Entomology and this State activity.

Project Exploration

What’s Bugging You?

If you’ve ever chased butterflies, caught a lightning bug for a closer look, been curious about a row of dots on the underside of a leaf, or started a bug collection, the entomology project may be a great fit. You’ll learn the anatomy of an insect; make an insect net; and collect, pin, label, and exhibit an insect collection. Later, you’ll study how insects move, learn about insecticides and explore insect behavior.

Some things you might do for this project are:
- Plant a pollinator garden
- Catch and observe a spider in its web
- Conduct an insect survey
- Start an insect collection for the fair
- Talk to an entomologist, someone who studies bugs and their habits for a living.
- Look for bug larvae on plants and determine if it’s a good bug or bad bug.
Record Book Hacks

When I was little, I hated doing Record books. Can you imagine? Unbelievable, right? Anyway, everything was handwritten back then. So I would lay everything out on my bed and write the repetitive stuff on everything. You have the advantage of technology. “Control-C” (copy) and “Control-V” (paste) can be your best friends getting started.

**Hack #3:** Make a folder on your computer desktop. Save the project pages for each project in that file. Multiple copies of the Animal Project Report Form for each species of animal you have.

After they are all saved, choose one and type in your name. Copy your name and paste it on each one. Do the same for each blank. This should take you maybe 10 minutes, while you’re listening to your favorite tunes. Don’t forget, your “Project” will be different, and your “Years in Project” will also be different.

**Hack #4:** Next, you’re going to set your goals for each project. Pick ONE project. Focus on just one project each week. Two if you’re feeling energetic. What do you want to learn? What do you want to get better at? What do you want to do? Learn? Make? Lead? Keep (as in Records)?

That’s your goal! Well, the start of it. Write that down. Remember, goals are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time Bound. But that’s so HARD!!

Remember the Goal Setting worksheet from last month: [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Category.aspx?id=1&catld=1007](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Category.aspx?id=1&catld=1007) There may also one in your record book. Click on the PDF icon and download it, print it out or open it up. It’s a lot simpler and it has examples.

Now, be specific. What do you want the result to be? That may be what you jotted down. It’s not enough to learn about nutritional needs. You have to know what nutritional needs you want to learn about (i.e. your meat goat’s nutritional needs).

Next is that Time element. When do you need to have this action done?

Finally, who is going to help you accomplish this goal? We all need a cheering section sometime. Who can help you get across the finish line? Some people that are good at encouraging you may be your Mom, Dad, Project leader, Siblings, or a Teacher. Remember, your local county agent is always a great cheerleader and anyone else in the Extension Office would be glad to help you out.
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