April 2023

Chautauqua County

4-H Calendar

April
1  CQ County 4-H Scholarships Due
7  Good Friday—Extension Offices Closed
12 4-H Council
21 Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh-In, 5-7 pm—Sedan
22 Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh-In, 9-10 am—Sedan
22 Spring Beef Show
26 YQCA Training—7 pm

May
1  Project Drop/Add Deadline
1  Horse IDs Due
6  Spring Small Animal Livestock Show—Sedan
29 Memorial Day—Extension Offices Closed

June
7-9 Discovery Days—Manhattan

May 1 Deadlines

May 1 is a very important deadline date.

⇒ **Drop/Add Deadline:** This is the last day you can drop or add projects for the year so make sure you are in the projects you want. You can do this through 4HOnline or call Jenny and she can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4HOnline, after May 1 it will not allow you to make any changes.

⇒ **Market Beef State Nominations:** Nominations and paperwork needs to be postmarked by May 1.
Kansas 4-H Discovery Days
2023

Are You Ready for the 100th Anniversary of Discovery Days (formerly known as Round Up)? Put June 7-9, 2023 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus.

Discovery Days is one of the largest events that is put on by the Kansas 4-H program and it would not be able to happen without the help and time that you put into it! This year Discovery Days will be held June 7-9, 2023 with classes being held on June 7th and 8th. We are currently soliciting volunteers to teach classes while they are at Discovery Days. We offer class sessions that are 75 minutes in length or 3 hours in length. Many of our instructors find their time rewarding and enjoy interacting with the delegates that attend Discovery Days.

Objectives for Discovery Days:
- Learn new ideas, techniques, and skills you can use personally and in your 4-H clubs, groups and communities
- In-depth training through hands-on educational sessions from content and youth development experts
- Make informed decisions about your careers and college path
- Enhance personal growth by giving opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills
- Meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state
- Experience the K-State campus and its wealth of resources
- Develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult

Who Should Register: Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required. All adults who will be participating in Discovery Days must also register and go through the Volunteer Registration process.

CQ Co. 4-H Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be April 12, 7:00 pm at the Courthouse in Sedan.

To Make the Best BETTER

Record Book Hacks

Hack #9: I know I’ve said this before, but here it is again. Take lots of pictures of you, your project, 4-H Activities now, not just at fair time. This will show you how far you’ve come.

Hack #10: If you’ve done hacks 1-9, you should be ready to have fun and do lots of activities in your 4-H project. Just remember to write down what you’ve done and when you did it.

You might wonder why 4-H members have to do record books. Successful people keep records of what they’ve done. Scientists keep notes on experiments and studies; accountants and economists keep records of money and patterns of spending, business leaders also keep track of sales, new trends, and things they want to try. In every career, you have to keep track of what you do and how you do it; even thoughts about your processes or outcomes.
Changes to the Kansas 4-H Horse Project for 2023

The Kansas 4-H Horse Project released changes for the 2023 program year. Complete information is available at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/index.html.

Beginning with the 2023 4-H Program Year, Kansas 4-H Horse Project Members who are currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project are eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show if:

The horse is properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project either by a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H’er's or an immediate family member’s name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, or b) identifying with a Kansas 4-H Horse ID Form signed by the local extension agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. The 4-H member must have a copy of the 4-H Horse ID form signed by the local agent or a copy of the horse’s registration papers on file with their local extension office by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. You may exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show need not be a “4-H” show. Shows may include: open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc.), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.).

Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: If a 4-H’er qualifies more than one mare/gelding in the same halter class. In this case, another 4-H’er can show the second horse in the appropriate halter class at the State Fair.

**Group 1:** Halter, Showmanship

**Group 2:** Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Saddleseat Pleasure, Saddleseat Equitation

**Group 3:** Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail

**Group 4:** Ranch Rail, Ranch Pattern, Ranch Trail, Reining

**Group 5:** Barrels, Poles, Flags

Complete the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Safety Episode with quiz annually before completing the State Fair Entry. Complete online entry information for the Kansas State 4-H Horse Show via ShoWorks by August 1 of the current program year.

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Exhibitors should be prepared to show proof of exhibition via signed affidavit by show management.

The qualification period will be from October 1 - August 1 of the current 4-H program year.

Resource: video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=attjFIqgMJo
## Chautauqua County 4-H Spring Livestock Shows

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<td>April 22, 2023</td>
<td>11:00 am</td>
<td>Chautauqua County Fairgrounds – Sedan, KS</td>
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<td><strong>Small Animal Show</strong></td>
<td>May 6, 2023</td>
<td>9:00 am</td>
<td>Chautauqua County Fairgrounds – Sedan, KS</td>
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- **Weigh-in & registration**: 30 minutes prior to each show.
- **Open only to youth in Chautauqua & Elk Counties.**
- For more information contact the Extension Office at (620)725-5890.

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**K-STATE Research and Extension**

**Rolling Prairie District**
**Drop/Add Project Deadline**

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**HORSE SAFETY WEBINAR**


As part of the qualification requirements for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, members must complete the Horse Safety Webinar and pass the quiz. They will be available at the above website on Monday, April 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

They must both be completed prior to the entry deadline (August 1, 2023)

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**Complete your pre-test BEFORE your In-Person Training!**

1. Login to user account at www.yqcaprogram.org.

2. Hover over and click username (in blue box in the upper right of page).

3. Select “Enrolled ILT Trainings” towards the bottom of the list.

4. List of enrolled trainings will appear.

5. Click the blue “Pre-Test” button on the right to have each child complete their pre-test.

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**Horse IDs Due:**

June 1, 2023

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**State Nominations Due**

Market Beef—May 1, 2023

Small Livestock—June 15, 2023
**Premium Sale Requirements**

A new 4-H year means that it is time to start thinking about the fair. It is required that youth wishing to sell animals in the Premium Sale at the fair next summer complete at least three educational events or livestock activities between August 1, 2021 and weigh-in at the fair. The events should pertain to the 4 species that are eligible for the premium sale.

This may include

- Rolling Prairie livestock project meeting
- Exhibit in a spring show
- Livestock judging contest
- YQCA program online or face-to-face
- Present a market livestock presentation at Club Days
- Participate in a livestock educational tour or event
- Write a story about your livestock project
- Do a Financial Analysis of your livestock project with a loan officer at a lending in-situation.

If you are not sure if an event will count ask Jenny prior to attending to get verification. Also, it is your responsibility to notify the office what events you attended and/or participated in order to receive credit for them. Local club events or project meetings are not the only activities that were meant to count toward the requirement. We want you to attend both in and out of district events for the requirements.

To sell in the premium sale, animals must be of a packer acceptable weight based on the scales at the fair. Animals may go across the scales two times if under weight. Under weight animals maybe feed & watered under supervision but must reweigh in the time allotted. No drenching of animals. Superintendent has overall say in ethical treatment of animals. The minimum weight for each species is:

- Steers 1,050 pounds (8a-9a)
- Pigs 210 pounds (9a-10a)
- Lambs 90 pounds (10a-11a)
- Goats 50 pounds (10a-11a)

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**Spring Tagging**

- If you plan on showing market livestock at the fair all animals will need to be weighed in and tagged. All 4-H members should be enrolled in their projects before tagging. If you need help adding projects call Jenny. Tagging will be at the following locations and times (89-88 days before the fair):

  Tags cost $3.00 each. Please have exact change or check ready.

**Weigh In Dates**

- Sheep, Goats, & Swine—**Friday, April 21st** from 5-7 pm at Sedan Fairgrounds
- Sheep, Goats, & Swine—**Saturday, April 22nd** from 9-10 am at Sedan Fairgrounds.

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**Regional 4-H Club Day Participants**

Prairie Pride, Dance, Blue
Sedan Willing Workers, Skit, Blue
Tiffany McDaniel, Demonstration, Blue
Wyatt Schmidtberger, Demonstration, Blue
Tripp Williams, Project Talk, Blue
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is an annual training open to youth 8-21 years of age and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development. For further details, please contact your local extension office or visit the program website, www.yqca.org. To register for training, create a user account here. Kansas 4-H members may use their family 4HOnline credentials to log in and register for the appropriate training. Youth who are FFA members or non-4-H members need to create an independent user account.

ALL exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified to participate in the 2023 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). This includes youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females.

**Project Exploration**

**Sportfishing:**

The sportfishing project provides hands-on learning experiences for youth and adult audiences interested in fishing and aquatic resource stewardship. It teaches fishing skills, conservation, ethical knowledge, aquatic ecology, tackle crafting and much, much more.

Some of the things you will learn in this project are:
- basic fishing skills
- Fish and aquatic life identification
- Aquatic Ecology
- Fishing laws, ethics and stewardship
- Tackle crafting—lures, rods, and other fishing equipment.
- Outdoor safety and first aid
- Fish habitat management

If you like the outdoors and maybe have even thought about being a Ranger or Conservationist, cast into the Sportfishing project.

RESOURCE: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/sportfishing/index.html

**Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament 2023**

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members! The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2022.

Participants can enter in any species/categories that they catch fish. Go fishing and have fun!

Find more information at https://bit.ly/3HF0bcJ
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