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# Central Kansas District 4-H

March, 2026

## 4-H Council News

### March Meeting

The March 4-H Council Meeting will be held Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m., in Minneapolis. We will meet in the new Extension Office at 315 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, across the street south from the Ottawa County Courthouse.

## 4-H Newsletter Deadlines for 2026

If you have something you would like in the *4-H Newsletter*, be sure to email it to [ev13104@ksu.edu](mailto:ev13104@ksu.edu).

Deadlines are:

- April - March 10
- May - April 10
- June - May 10
- July/August - July 10
- September - August 10



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## 4-H Council Scholarships

4-H Council scholarships continue to be available for numerous 4-H sponsored events, including virtual events.



**Important information** you need to know when applying for a 4-H Council scholarship:

- **Complete and print** the 4-H Council Scholarship Application found on the website
  - ◊ Go to <http://www.centralkansas.k-state.edu/4-h/> under 4-H Member Forms & Documents.
- **Turn in** to either Extension Office **before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the registration deadline.**
- Only original printed applications will be accepted.
- Emailed applications cannot be accepted.

**Any applications received after 5:00 p.m. on the registration deadline will not be considered for a scholarship.**

## Add/Drop Due May 1

Being a 4-H member and parent comes with several important responsibilities. One of them is managing project enrollment in 4-H Online, including adding and dropping projects.

- **Add or Drop Projects**
  - **Important Deadline - May 1 at 11:59 p.m.**
  - **ALL** 4-H members have the opportunity to add and drop projects any time prior to this deadline.
  - Projects cannot be added or dropped after May 1.
  - Members **must be** enrolled in any project they plan to exhibit in at the County Fair **no later than May 1.**
  - **Double check** the projects your child(ren) are enrolled in.
  - Members are expected to complete a record book for **all projects they remain enrolled in.**
- **Log in to <https://v2.4honline.com/>**
  - **Double check** the projects your child(ren) are enrolled in.
  - Instructions to add or drop projects can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/docs/Family%20Editing%20of%20Projects.pdf>
- **Important Deadline**
  - It is **your responsibility** to add or drop projects by **May 1 at 11:59 p.m.**
  - After this deadline, the system will not allow any additions or deletions.
  - Changes must be made in 4-H Online. The office cannot make these changes.

If you have questions, please contact either Extension Office.

# 4-H Club Day Results



Congratulations to all who participated in 4-H Club Day. Those who will represent the District at Regional 4-H Club Day are:

### Project Talks:

Maryn Gates, Cardinal  
JD Mettlen, Smoky View  
Parker Page, Cardinal  
Alexis Phipps, Solomon Valley

### Junior Demo./Ill. Talk:

Anna Bagby, Boldly Go  
Bristol Isaacson, Smoky View  
Esther Olander, Friendly Valley  
Ella Riese, Cardinal

### Senior Demo./Ill. Talk:

Zoe Ade, Boldly Go  
Jaelyn Gates, Cardinal  
Kyson Griffin, Willing Workers  
Suzu Kimizuka, Smoky View

### Public Speaking:

Bradley Pfannenstiel, Boldly Go  
Caleb Schlatter, Boldly Go  
Lauren Taylor, Cardinal

### Vocal Music

Junior Solo:  
Eddie Littich, Smoky View  
Finley Moore, Boldly Go

### Senior Solo:

Zoe Ade, Boldly Go  
Kyson Griffin, Willing Workers

### Dance:

Amelia Higgins, Sunny Valley  
Emrie McDuffee, Pleasant Valley

### Instrumental Music

#### Junior Solo:

Eddie Littich, Smoky View  
Alexis Phipps, Solomon Valley

#### Senior Solo:

Bradley Pfannenstiel, Boldly Go  
Matthias Schlatter, Boldly Go

#### Ensemble:

Smoky View

#### Drama:

##### Junior Reading:

Eddie Littich, Smoky View  
Maia Pracht, Smoky View

##### Senior Reading:

Zoe Ade, Boldly Go  
Matthias Schlatter, Boldly Go

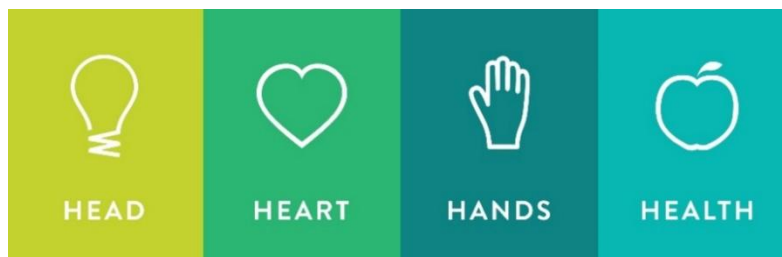
## Club Day Thank You!

What a fantastic day! 4-H Club Day was awesome! Thanks to everyone for a terrific day. Thank you to the Organizational Leaders for training room monitors, as it helped the judging run smoothly. Thank you for volunteering and assisting where needed! A BIG shout out to the 4-H Club Day Committee as they helped make the day possible too! Thanks for contributing in making the day a success!



## Service Project Thank You

Thank you for all the donations to Salina Shares. We delivered 40 hats, 30 pairs of gloves and 1 scarf. These items were greatly appreciated. - 4-H Club Day Committee



# Information On Fundraisers

## Spring Fundraiser with Little Ol' Cookie House

Our District spring fundraiser begins April 1 and will run until May 1. We are working with Little Ol' Cookie House again, which is local and provides a variety of products. Besides several kinds of cookie dough, they also sell pies, cheesecakes, candles, coffees, candies, Krehbiels meats, and Alma cheeses -- something for every shopper and budget! Collection details are included with your sales packet and will also be available on the CKD website. If you have any further questions, please contact Robyn Prickett, Master Volunteer for Finance and Fundraising, at [robynprickettks@gmail.com](mailto:robynprickettks@gmail.com) or (785) 493-0014.

## Annual Ottawa County 4-H Foundation Fund Drive

The annual Ottawa County 4-H Foundation Fund Drive will be held March 1 - 31 this year.

## Tri-Rivers Fairboard Fundraiser

The Tri-Rivers Fairboard would like to invite you to join the Dillon's Community Rewards Program which donates a percentage of your total Dillons bill to the Saline County Fair Association (Fairboard) which we use to support 4-H. You may sign up at: <http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>



Join us if interested in bees or beginning beekeeping. Experienced beekeepers will be sharing, and participants will learn basics, with tips and tricks for success.



Free-open to all.  
North Central Kansas Beekeepers-KHPA  
Questions: [skhokett@gmail.com](mailto:skhokett@gmail.com)

North Central Kansas Beekeepers will be hosting:

Introduction to Beekeeping

- Sunday, March 8
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Rolling Hills Zoo  
625 N. Hedville Rd., Salina

If any 4-H member is interested, this is a good opportunity to come learn. The North Central Kansas Beekeepers have hives hosted by the Rolling Hills Zoo that are also used for hands-on teaching.

Please reach out to either Jennie Nichols at [vinecreekjn@gmail.com](mailto:vinecreekjn@gmail.com) or Suzanne Hokett at [skhokett@gmail.com](mailto:skhokett@gmail.com) if you have questions.

# Project News

## Attention Livestock Exhibitors – 2026 YQCA Certification

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through an age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 8-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

- All members enrolled in breeding and market beef, meat goats, sheep, and/or swine **MUST** complete the certification by May 1, to exhibit at the Ottawa County Fair and Tri-Rivers Fair.
- Members enrolled in bucket calf, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dog, horse, pets, poultry, and rabbits **DO NOT** need to complete the certification.

### 7-Year-Old Members

- If you **do not plan to show at KJLS, YQCA is not required**, but youth are welcome to attend for the learning experience (no registration needed).
- If you **plan to show at KJLS, you must be YQCA certified** by attending an instructor-led course.

### 2026 YQCA Class Information

There are two options for the 2026 in-person class.

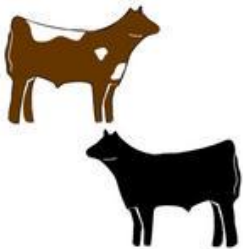
- April 6 - 6:00 p.m. - Minneapolis Extension Office, 315 W. 3rd Street (across the street south from the courthouse)
- April 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Salina, College Center Conference Room on the K-State Campus

Parents do not need to attend. They may drop off and pick up children accordingly. Also, know that if you do not wish to attend in-person training, the online course is available. **If you choose this option, please email a copy of your certificate to Justine at [jwh04@ksu.edu](mailto:jwh04@ksu.edu) by May 1.**

Follow the link <https://yqcaprogram.org> to log into your account or create an account, and sign up for a class. You are highly encouraged to click on “Help Desk” for Frequently Asked Questions and to view Help Videos about creating an account, registering for courses and printing certificates.

Members need to complete the **PRE-TEST** before coming to the course and the **POST TEST** after attending the course. They will not be able to receive their certificate until both are completed. For more details about the YQCA program, contact Justine Johns at [jwh04@ksu.edu](mailto:jwh04@ksu.edu) or 785-392-2147.

## Central Kansas Beef Classic Show



This “Blow and Go” show will be held on Saturday, April 18. The show is open to any bonafide 4-H and FFA member who has not yet reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1, 2026. There will be a special class for the 4-H members enrolled in a club in the Central Kansas District. The entry fee is \$25 per head, but after April 10 the fee will increase to \$30 per head. All fees must accompany registration. For registration information, please go to the District website at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu>, click on “4-H Youth and Development” on the left-hand side, and a flyer will be located under Upcoming Events & Online Registration.

# Beef Weigh-In & Tagging for District Beef Project Members

Beef Weigh-in will be Saturday, March 14, in two locations.

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Glenn Engelland's Farm, 4399 W. Watkins Rd., Salina.  
From the I-70 exit, go north 1 1/2 miles on Halstead Rd. Turn left (west) on to Watkins Rd. for 1 1/2 miles. The farm is located on the south side of the road.
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Schrader Ranch, 2118 Oxbow Rd., Wells.  
From Wells, go north to Mulberry Rd., then east 2/3 mile to 210 Rd. Go north 2 miles, and then turn east on Oxbow Road. The farm is located on the south side of the road.

Regardless of where you plan to go, please go to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> and click on Beef Weigh-in under Upcoming Events & Online Registration to sign up for a spot before Thursday, March 12. Sign-up will be ONLINE ONLY. Both locations are open to all District 4-H Members. All animals will have an official "Kansas 4-H" ear tag put in the ear at a cost of \$3.50/tag.

➔ We will be weighing, tagging all market animals, and tagging all commercial heifers. **Photo submissions are no longer accepted as a way to tag commercial heifers.**

Registered heifers and bucket calves **DO NOT** need to come to weigh-in and tagging.

## Small Animal Weigh-In & Tagging - Market & Breeding Meat Goat, Sheep & Swine

The Districtwide small animal tagging and weigh-in will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for meat goats, sheep, and swine on:



- Wednesday, April 22, in Salina (fairgrounds)
- Thursday, April 23, in Minneapolis (fairgrounds)

Tags will cost \$3.00/tag.

➔ Swine are now required to be at the small animal weigh-in and tagging. **Photo submissions are no longer accepted as a way to tag swine.** You will need to bring all market and breeding swine projects to tagging. They will not be weighed and will be left on trailers for tagging. Members or an associated adult will be required to tag all swine. All market and breeding sheep, meat goats and swine need to come to weigh-in.

## Reminder - Livestock Premium Auction Policy

**Attention Livestock Exhibitors:** Livestock that have sold through the Ottawa County Fair and Tri-Rivers Fair Livestock Sales are eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show, as long as they have not changed ownership. Please feel free to give the Extension Office a call if you have any questions.




## Mark Your Calendars - Tractor Safety Class in Solomon

Tractor Safety certification is required for youth ages 14 and 15 who plan to be employed on a farm or ranch. Central Kansas District Extension will once again be hosting their Tractor Safety course on May 28 at 9:00 a.m. at KanEquip, Inc., 525 N. Poplar St., Solomon. Registration will be out soon. Check the Central Kansas District [centrankansas.k-state.edu](http://centrankansas.k-state.edu). Manual cost is \$15 and can be picked up at either Extension Office. Please pick up your manual PRIOR to the course.

Agent contacts: Jay Wisbey [jwisbey@ksu.edu](mailto:jwisbey@ksu.edu) or 785-309-5850 and Justine Johns [jwh04@ksu.edu](mailto:jwh04@ksu.edu) Minneapolis office phone at 785-392-2147.

# Important Information for Coggins Test

 In 2024-2025, there were some new changes and requirements for CKD Horse exhibitors.

- All exhibitors in the Ottawa County and Tri-Rivers Fair 4-H Horse Show must bring a printed copy of a negative Coggins test within the last 12 months at the time Horse IDs are due to the extension office - **that deadline this year will be May 29, 2026**. An image or file on your phone is NOT accepted.
- Each horse the exhibitor plans to show/use must have a negative test.
- Your negative Coggins test **MUST** be valid through October 1 of this year. This is to ensure that all tests are valid not only for district fairs but also for state fairs.
- You must also have a negative Coggins test at any future CKD horse clinics.

**What will this mean for Ottawa County?** We understand this was a new requirement last year for Ottawa County. If you need help getting connected with a Veterinarian who can perform a Coggins or have questions about the test and the requirements, please reach out to the Extension Office.

**What will this mean for Saline County?** Since it is already required at Tri-Rivers Fair, the only change for Saline County members is the deadline. We realize some of you may have Coggins that expire between June 1 - October 1, so we are recommending testing now to ensure your new expiration date matches up with the District deadline. **Remember, it has to be valid through October 1.**

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Justine Johns at 785-392-2147.

## Horse ID's - Due by May 29

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) can be found at [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate\\_P1039](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate_P1039). The form was updated for the 2024-2025 4-H program year. Please use the new form and destroy previously used 4-H Horse ID Certificates. As a reminder, to properly identify your horse:



- Complete the 4-H Horse ID Certificate.
- **The form MUST BE front and back of one page, not 2 separate pages.** The date on the lower right corner on the back of the form must say July, 2024.
- A standard-size color picture **MUST BE** attached for identification purposes. This should include:
  - ALL four feet and legs showing.
  - Profile of the horse with the head turned a quarter turn toward the camera.
  - ALL markings need to be clearly visible in the photo.
- Have your Extension Agent sign it and make a copy.
- A **COPY** of the Horse ID Certificate is kept on file in the Extension Office.
- The 4-H Horse member maintains the **ORIGINAL** certificate.
- The **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE** is presented by the 4-H member to show staff for check-in at the local 4-H horse shows.
- This form can be signed anytime between now and **May 29, 2026**.

Registration papers **WILL NOT** be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse Project. An example of the Horse ID Certificate can be found at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/SampleHorseID.pdf>

The 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (S133) be found at [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/kansas-4-h-horse-show-rulebook\\_S133](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/kansas-4-h-horse-show-rulebook_S133). Supplemental educational materials will also be released throughout the year to assist 4-H members, leaders and Extension staff with the 4-H Horse program.

# CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT 4-H



## UAS WORKSHOP

MARCH 14, 2026, 9:30AM-6:00PM  
K-STATE SALINA CAMPUS

### Who should register:

Youth ages 7-18 who have an interest in Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

### Registration:

Please register at: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3I37gpLIFA7kJ3o](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3I37gpLIFA7kJ3o)

New this year: Estimated total flight hours required at time of registration. Youth will be grouped as Beginner or Experienced based on flight hours.

Each individual (including parents/guardians) will need to register. Registrations are due online by March 9, 2026. If you have questions, please call 785-309-5850.



## Event Objectives

- Safety Rules
- Flight Basics
- Drone Flights
- Obstacle Course Flight Competition



### Cost:

\$15/person, includes lunch and contest fees. Payment must be made to Central Kansas District 4-H Council and needs to be received by the registration deadline. Payments may be mailed or dropped off to the Central Kansas District 4-H Council at 2218 K-State Road N; Salina, KS 67401

### Attire & What to Expect:

Dress code is casual. The day will feature sessions covering the basics (including rules and flight overview), flight competition, and prizes. Also included this year is a UAS workshop for parents.

### Additional Information:

Please plan to arrive and sign-in at 9:30 a.m. at the College Center Conference Room on the K-State Salina Campus.

Participants will be using the equipment provided. Please do not bring your own drone.

Please join us in special thanks to 4-H Member Eian P. for his leadership to plan the workshop and to Acacia P. for her artwork for the flyer.



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### Accommodations:

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact Ellie Vincent two weeks prior to the start of the event (March 1) at [ev13104@ksu.edu](mailto:ev13104@ksu.edu) or 785-309-5850. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

# Babysitting Clinic

March 16 9AM-Noon  
Central Kansas District Extension Office  
315 W 3rd, Minneapolis

OR

March 18 9AM-Noon  
Salina Family Healthcare Center  
651 E Prescott Rd, Salina

Registration Fee: \$5



**SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER ONLINE:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BABYSITTING](https://tinyurl.com/babysitting)  
BY MARCH 9**

The Business of  
Babysitting

Health and Wellness  
Intro to First Aid/CPR

Development  
and Activities



**Are you interested in becoming a babysitter? Join  
K-State Extension along with community partners to  
learn about the responsibility of babysitting.**

**FOR AGES 11-15**

This institution is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Language access requests and reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means of communication (e.g., Braille, large print, and American Sign Language), may be requested by contacting Lisa Newman four weeks prior to the start of the event at 785-309-5850 or lnewman@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

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# County Fair Information



## 2026 Fair Dates and Fair Theme

Mark your calendars! Fair dates for 2026 have been announced. Note the corrected fair dates for the Ottawa County Fair.

**Ottawa County Fair:** July 14-18

**Pre-Fair Dates:** July 13

**Tri-Rivers Fair:** July 30 - August 2

**Pre-Fair Dates:** July 25 - 29

Watch the newsletter and emails for dates for pre-fair judging and other fair activities.

The fair theme is the same for both fairs this year. It is: **Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights**

## County Fair Information

It is hard to imagine that the county fairs will be here before we know it. The planning has begun. Watch for more details in future 4-H newsletters and emails to 4-H families.

## Fair Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents

Both fairs need superintendents and assistants. We need many parents and youth to help ensure a smooth-sailing event. Don't forget—these leadership and citizenship opportunities can be counted in a 4-H member's record book.

- Superintendents and assistant superintendents must be present during the exhibit judging times they sign up for and at exhibit dismissal.
- Help with **exhibit check-in day or animal entry is appreciated for the areas in which they signed up.**

Interested 4-H members, parents, and volunteers should sign up online by **May 1**. You will find a link at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under "County Fair". Click on the specific fair and then Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Sign Up.

## King & Queen Candidates & Contest Update

The Fair King and Queen represent 4-H during the Tri-Rivers Fair in the 4-H and Open Class Departments and at other fair events. Since 4-H is part of the Tri-Rivers Fair, clubs have a part by selecting strong candidates to represent our program.

### Candidate Requirements

- Must be 14 years old before January 1, 2026.
- Must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of three years.

### Deadline

- King and Queen candidate names **due online by May 1**.
- The link will be emailed soon to Organizational Leaders.

The contest consists of résumé/essay, interview and thank you note writing. Details will be updated soon on the 4-H Youth Development page at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>. Click on County Fairs, Tri-Rivers Fair and scroll down to 4-H King and Queen Information.

## Minimum Livestock Weights at County Fair

The minimum weights for livestock to be eligible for grand or reserve champion and be eligible to sell in the premium auction at the 2026 Ottawa County Fair and 2026 Tri-Rivers Fair are as follows:

Beef: 1,000 lbs

Meat Goats: 50 lbs

Sheep: 90 lbs

Swine: 220 lbs

# Fair-Worthy Recipes Await! Get Baking with 4-H!

Hey 4-H Foods & Nutrition Stars! County Fair season is just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking about those winning recipes! We've got two fantastic resources to help you find the perfect baked goods to showcase your skills:

- Home Baking Association: <https://www.homebaking.org/skill-level/beginner/> This site is perfect for those just starting out or looking for solid, reliable recipes. It's packed with beginner-friendly options that are sure to impress the judges.
- King Arthur Baking Company: <https://www.kingarthurbaking.com/recipes/collections> King Arthur Baking is a trusted source for bakers of all levels. Explore their recipe collections for a wide variety of treats, from classic cookies to show-stopping breads.

Your Challenge: As you browse these sites, keep your 4-H Foods & Nutrition knowledge in mind! Look for recipes that:

- Feature whole grains.
- Incorporate fruits and vegetables.
- Offer healthy substitutions (like using applesauce instead of oil).
- Are modifiable to reduce sugar or fat.

Remember, the fair isn't just about delicious treats; it's also about showcasing your understanding of healthy and nutritious food choices. We want to see your creativity and skill shine! Happy Baking!

## Free All-Purpose Flour

For those interested in the Foods and Nutrition project, contact Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent in the CKD Salina Office, for free flour from K-State! Each 4-H member that contacts Lisa will receive 6 cups of "Willie's Pride" All-Purpose Flour while supplies last. This is a great opportunity to practice your baking skills or try out a new recipe.

Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent, Central Kansas District - [lmnewman@ksu.edu](mailto:lmnewman@ksu.edu) .



## Fair Judge Training

Are you interested in judging county fair exhibits or just learning more about the judging process as a project leader or parent? Learn how to conduct effective conference evaluations using recognized standards, with project-specific guidance in:

Visual Arts  
Posters, Notebooks, and Displays  
Woodworking  
Building Block Engineering  
Welding

Fashion Revue  
Photography  
Sewing and Textiles  
Robotics  
Aerospace/Rocketry

Registration is \$20 per person and due online April 1 by 11:59 p.m. You can register at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0qVodpU6ViVWjv8?Q\\_CHL=qr](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0qVodpU6ViVWjv8?Q_CHL=qr) . The complete schedule and flyer can be found at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/judging/Concordia%20Judges%20Training%20Flyer.pdf> .

# Leadership Opportunities

## Districtwide Leadership Workshops

Come learn some fun, hands-on activities you can use at club meetings for icebreakers, team building and group discussion! There are two workshops scheduled.

- Monday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – K-State Salina Campus, Tech Center, Room 118.  
**Please register by Monday, March 23.**
- Thursday, April 30, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Minneapolis Extension Office, 315 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, across the street south of the courthouse.  
**Please register by Thursday, April 23.**

Registration is available at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h/> by clicking the link under “Upcoming Events & Online Registration.”

This workshop will count toward the leadership workshop requirement for the pin application. 4-H members, parents and volunteers are all encouraged to attend. Participants will learn practical activities they can take back to their clubs and other groups they are involved with. Key lessons emphasized will include teamwork, cooperation, leadership, problem-solving, communication, and decision making.

## Discovery Days

Are You Ready for Discovery Days? Put June 3-5, 2026, on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2026. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required.



## Match Madness

Match Madness is just around the corner, March 12, 2026, at the Salina Field House, 140 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Salina. This is your opportunity to help sustain the 4-H Program in Central Kansas District by donating to the Saline County 4-H Development Fund. During this important event all donations made through the Greater Salina Community Foundation will be matched. This is a great way to double your donation to support 4-H. So, if your 4-H Club or your family are planning to support 4-H this year, make plans to donate in person 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., at the Salina Field House during the Match Madness Event OR online at [matchmadnessgscf.org](http://matchmadnessgscf.org) between 12:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. Thank you, we appreciate your support and will continue to strive to Make the Best Better!



## 4-H Camp Update

A quick update regarding 4-H Camp...



- 4-H Camp is for ALL AGES!
- 4-H Camp details on cost, dates and age categories can be found at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>
- 4-H Camp 2026 will be using the "Open Enrollment" method. 4-H Open Enrollment means families can register for any 2026 4-H Camp Session that fits their schedules. For additional information, go to <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.
- Our older 4-H members who would typically be interested in serving as a camp counselor are encouraged to participate in the LIT and/or CIT camp sessions at Rock Springs.
- Registration is handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- The 2026 scholarship amount is \$110 per night. In order to receive this scholarship, an approved scholarship application must be received no later than **Wednesday, April 1, by 5:00 p.m.** at either Extension Office. Scholarships will not exceed the total camp cost and in most cases will be applied directly to Rock Springs.
- Other scholarships funds may be available.

If any family has already paid their registration in full, please contact Kate.

## Campership Drawing

New this year... CKD will be hosting a drawing for a FREE, full ride "Campership" sponsored by Rock Springs Ranch! How to enter: Sign up for a 3 or 5 day 4-H Camp session for summer 2026 — that's it! All registered CKD 4-H participants will automatically be entered into the drawing. We will draw and announce the lucky winner on April 1, so be sure to follow our social media platforms to see who wins. If the selected camper has already paid for their camp session, Rock Springs Ranch will issue a full refund with proof of the campership award. Happy Camping!



## K-State Admissions Partners to Empower Families on the College Journey

Kansas 4-H and K-State Admissions are partnering to help youth and their families confidently navigate the college journey. Through a series of interactive sessions, participants will gain a clear understanding of the college preparation process, explore strategies for financing education - including scholarships, loans and other resources - and learn how students are supported both academically and personally, from both the student's and parent's perspective. We will also focus on "beginning with the end in mind," equipping youth with tools to prepare for life after college, create personalized plans, and take ownership of their future. In addition, open office hours will provide families with direct access to experts for questions and guidance, ensuring every student feels prepared and empowered for success. These sessions will be targeted at 4-H parents of juniors and seniors in high school; 4-H members are also encouraged to attend.

Sessions will not be recorded, to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of participants.

Upcoming Sessions (all 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom):

- **March 10:** Create Your Own Plan - Personalized College and Career Planning
- **April 14:** Open Office Hours - Expert Guidance and Q&A

Registration information will be emailed directly to families via 4-H Online. For questions, please contact [kansas4h@ksu.edu](mailto:kansas4h@ksu.edu).

## Districtwide Project Leaders

Below are listed District Project Leaders which hold meetings throughout the year to help you with your projects. Check the newsletter for meeting dates and times or you may contact these leaders to find out the next meeting date, time and location. All phone numbers use the 785 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Project	Name	Phone	Email
Beef	Spencer & Laci Schrader	H: 488-2135 C: 488-7204	schrader@twinvalley.net
Dog	Madison & Tracy Repp	452-5647	k9capersckd4h@gmail.com
Dog	Morgan & Diana Thompson	452-2234	k9capersckd4h@gmail.com
Health & Wellness	Michelle Coats	820-7488	fairdalefam429@gmail.com
Horse	Stalee Diehl	829-7128	stalee@icloud.com
Horse	Camisha Stevenson	829-0965	stevensoncamisha@yahoo.com
Livestock Judging	Spencer & Laci Schrader	H: 488-2135 C: 488-7204	schrader@twinvalley.net
Rabbit	Lindi Farenthold	826-5980	lfarenthold@yahoo.com
Reading Adventures	Amber Pracht	212-5000	prachtamber@gmail.com
Shooting Sports: Air Rifle	Adam Freeman	376-9015	redlegranchks@gmail.com
Shooting Sports: Archery	Cole Malmberg	392-7712	c-dmalmberg@hotmail.com
Shooting Sports: Archery	Cade Rensink	392-0022	crensink@ksu.edu
Shooting Sports: BB Gun	Jay Wisbey	587-7987	jwisbey@ksu.edu
Shooting Sports: Hunting Skills	Eric Klein	392-0368	herbie57_57@hotmail.com
Shooting Sports: Hunting Skills	Pat Riese	650-5245	pariese@mail.fhsu.edu
Shooting Sports: Muzzleloader	Cole Malmberg	392-7712	c-dmalmberg@hotmail.com
Shooting Sports: Shotgun	Eric Klein	392-0368	herbie57_57@hotmail.com





# EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

## March Check-Up

Five months into the 2025-26 4-H year . . . where has the time gone? Are you ready for the monthly check-up? There are many spring activities in front of us that are about to spring into action. Where is the club heading? How are members doing on projects? What great and wonderful opportunities are the project leaders teaching? Let's take a look . . .

\_\_\_ A fun spring planned!

### Review

\_\_\_ 4-H Newsletter read and important dates marked on calendar.

\_\_\_ Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at club meeting.

### To-Do

\_\_\_ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.

\_\_\_ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.

\_\_\_ Encourage 4-H members to update their 4-H Records, Achievement Pins and Permanent Records.

\_\_\_ Check club's progress toward goals and club annual summary up-to-date.

\_\_\_ Check project leaders on progress.

\_\_\_ Work on Fair projects.

\_\_\_ Visitors reported to Kate ([klittich@ksu.edu](mailto:klittich@ksu.edu))

### Promote/Recruit

\_\_\_ 4-H Camp promoted.

\_\_\_ 4-H Discovery Days promoted, June 3-5.

\_\_\_ Encourage Fair Superintendents and Assistants.

\_\_\_ Promote Club Exchange.

\_\_\_ Promote the Leadership Workshop.

\_\_\_ County Fair Assistant Superintendents and Superintendents submitted online for the Ottawa County Fair and the Tri-Rivers Fair, due May 1.

\_\_\_ New 4-H members enrolled by May 1, returning members enrolled by December 1 to participate in the 4-H Division at the County Fair.

\_\_\_ All 4-H project changes, adds and drops, to 4-H Online by May 1. Please double check! No late changes accepted.

\_\_\_ Club representatives should attend 4-H council meeting.




\_\_\_ Horse IDs are due May 29.



## ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER UPDATE

The next Organizational Leader Update will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 9, via zoom. We will be discussing county fairs and more! You won't want to miss this update!

# March, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> Local 4-H scholarships DUE, online  Ottawa county 4-H Foundation Fund Drive March 1-31	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> Babysitting Clinic Registration, DUE online  UAS Workshop Registration, DUE online	<b>10</b> April Newsletter articles due to Ellie	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Match Madness 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Salina	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Spring Beef Weigh-In UAS Workshop	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Babysitting Clinic, CKD Extension Office, Minneapolis, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> Babysitting Clinic, Salina Family Healthcare Center, Salina, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4-H Council, Minneapolis, 7:00 p.m.  Districtwide Leadership Workshop, RSVP Due	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Regional 4-H Club Day, Clay Center	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Districtwide Leadership Workshop, K-State Salina Campus, Tech Center, Room 118, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	<b>31</b>	<b>UPCOMING DATES:</b> <b>April</b> <b>1</b> —4-H Camp Scholarship Due <b>6</b> —YQCA, Minneapolis, Extension Office, 6:00 p.m. <b>9</b> —Organizational Leader Update via Zoom, 7:00 p.m. <b>16</b> —YQCA, Salina, College Center Conference Room, K-State Salina Campus, 6:00 p.m. <b>18</b> —Central Kansas Beef Show, Salina <b>22</b> —Sheep/Meat Goat/Swine Check-in, Salina, Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. <b>23</b> —Sheep/Meat Goat/Swine Check-in, Minneapolis, Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. <b>30</b> —Districtwide Leadership Workshop, Minneapolis, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.				



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Address Service Requested

Dear 4-H Families,

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated in and supported the recent 4-H Club Day. These activities continue to show the dedication of our youth and the strong support system around them.

We want to clearly recognize the volunteers who support CKD 4-H every day. Our program depends on the time, leadership, and consistency of volunteers who plan events, lead clubs, mentor youth, and step in wherever help is needed. Their ongoing commitment is what allows 4-H to function and grow, and we are grateful for the work they do throughout the year.

Best,

Ellie

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