



NEW ACHIEVEMENT PIN PLANS

The Kansas 4-H Youth Development Office has published the new Achievement Pin Plans. These will replace all previous plans, so please make sure to toss all of the older versions you might have on hand. Please take a minute to see what plan your child(ren) are on and print. Now is a good time to make a plan to make sure the requirements are met. You can find the new Achievement Pin Plans on the Southwind website under 4-H Youth Development and Record Books/End of year tab.

SENIOR PROJECT RECORD REPORT

If you are a Senior age 14 and up and named a winner/champion for your PRR, your book is eligible for the Southeast Area PRR Screening in January. Please plan to make any changes needed from your score sheet. PRR's must be turned into your local Extension Office by Friday, January 12.

SE AREA PRR SCREENING

The Southeast Area PRR Screening will be on Friday, January 19 in Fredonia. It will start with gathering time at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and snacks. The screening starts with an orientation shortly after. Lunch and breaks will be served at no cost to you. RSVP to Jennifer and let her know if you want a ride asap. We need atleast two volunteers per County.

4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Don't forget that when 4-H'ers sign up for a 4-H event where registration fees are required, 4-H'ers can receive event scholarships. The amount varies throughout the District. Forms are online and must be completed prior to the event. Forms can be found here: <https://forms.gle/jHGUQ6WEH1xLzgMA8>

DISTRICT 4-H DAY

District 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, February 3rd 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. With everyone checked in by 11:30 a.m. The location is Marmaton Valley School, in Moran. All entries are due by 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 12, 2024 at: <https://forms.gle/aNW9zJVBuyPWdASC7>

If you have any questions about the guidelines or rules, please refer to the Southwind District website: www.southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/events/index.html
NEW at District 4-H Day – Favorite Food Show.

REGIONAL 4-H DAY

4-Her's receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals February 24, 2024 at Neosho County Community College in Chanute. All eligible participants will receive an email.

4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

KAE4-HA is excited to announce the details of the 2024 Kansas 4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, January 13th at 1:00 p.m. Families will pick-up ticket packages from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the day of the event at the 4-H Foundation. We will offer two packages to families this year:
\$30: Ticket, \$10 Concession Stand Voucher, and Shirt
\$20: Ticket and \$10 Concession Stand Voucher
Register at <https://bit.ly/3N85oPY> by January 1, 2024.

4-H DOG JUDGE/LEADER TRAINING

The annual training and re-certification for 4-H Dog show judges will be January 26-28, 2024 at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. Registration is due January 12, 2024. For more information and to register go to: kansas4-h.org website under Events & Activities/Animal Science Events.

2024 4-H HORSE PANORAMA

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 27, 2024, at K-State Salina. Registration and a schedule of events is located at: kansas4-h.org under Events & Activities/Animal Science. Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations and more. Registration is due January 2, 2024.

HORSE SHOW JUDGES SEMINAR

Kansas 4-H, the KSU Horse Judging Team and Colby Community College are excited to offer a 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar Friday, April 12, 2024 in Colby, KS. Registration information is forthcoming.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

There are several great scholarships available to 4-H'ers across the state. These are due online by March 1st, but don't delay in making sure you have all of the materials required to have a complete and competitive scholarship application. You can find all the details you will need on the Kansas 4-H website: kansas4-h.org click on resources/awards and recognition/scholarships. The new scholarship process has combined the State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together.

K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

The 2024 K-State Junior Producer Day dates have been set and registration is now open! Cost is \$20.00

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day – March 2

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day – March 16

These are one-day educational events during which families learn about the selection and management of your livestock projects. The junior day programs will be in Web Hall, on the K-State campus in Manhattan. More information, including the tentative schedule and registration can be completed online using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister> Junior Beef Producer Day registrations are due February 12, with Junior Sheep being due February 26, 2024.

2024 KANSAS JR. DAIRY SHOW

The Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show is happy to announce next year's event has been moved up and is now scheduled for June 20-22, 2024 at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center in Salina. This is obviously a big change, but one we're hoping will allow more families to participate. K-State Research and Extension, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Dairy Commission, and Kansas Dairy Association are excited to team up again to bring this unique opportunity to the dairy youth of Kansas. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 2024 Kansas Jr. Dairy Show!

ALPHA OF CLOVIA 4-H COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP HOUSE

Alpha of Clovia is located at Kansas State University. Clovia gives girls interested in attending K-State the great opportunity to live off campus their freshman year. It provides girls with a community of caring friends, accountability, and fun. Clovia's hospitality weekend will be March 23rd and 24th, where high school girls of all grade levels can spend the weekend at Clovia, and learn more about what it would be like. Questions e-mail alphaofclovia@gmail.com or [instagram@alphaofclovia](https://www.instagram.com/alphaofclovia)

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

Entomology project meeting to be held Saturday, January 13th at the Allen County Extension Office. We will start at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning board and supplies and one insect to pin. Bring your specimens you already have mounted so we can work on identification. Bring a zip drive to put the template for creating labels on. If you are going to give a talk for County/District Club Day, we would love to hear it and give you some practice. Otherwise, bring a short talk on one of the types of insect antennae we studied at the December meeting. Questions? Call Vicky @ (620)804-9170.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Photographers Jennifer Han, and Ken Kraxberger are joining Susan Stich, Kansas 4-H Photo Action Team member, to bring Photography project meetings to Southwind District. Photography project meetings will be held on the following dates 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Location will be at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted. Any type of camera is okay to use, bring your cameras with you to each meeting. All photography project members are welcome to come to any of the meetings. Contact Susan Stich H: 620-431-6986 or C: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information. Parents are welcome to attend.

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024 Location to be determined

July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos

CITIZENSHIP IN AUCTION

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two-day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event 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.

When: February 18-19, 2024

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration: Coming soon!

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2024

BANQUET will be Sunday evening, if you are asking your legislators to join, please email dsratlif@ksu.edu by Feb 12 with any additional attendees. The cost is \$30 for additional attendees.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 4-H CAMP 2024

Every year, thousands of kids come to 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. They unplug, explore, play and learn the kinds of lessons that can last a lifetime. Campers grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Many make friends for life. It's also just plain FUN! Visit Rock Springs Ranch if you'd like to learn more about sessions, dates, rates and the 4-H Camp experience! rockspringsranch4hcamp.org

4-H SUMMER CONTEST – SAVE THE DATES!

Youth Challenge Day June 25th at Emporia

- Horticulture
- Crops
- FCS
- Favorite Foods
- Photography

Youth Livestock Day June 27th at Iola

- Livestock
- Meats
- Skillathon

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

Allen County Fair is scheduled for July 25-28, 2024

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

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Bourbon County Fair is scheduled for July 13-20, 2024

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet January 31, 2024 6:30 p.m. at the Common Ground Coffee Shop. All 4-H Club Council Representatives need to attend this important meeting. What is decided will affect each 4-H Club. Topics will be Community Service and Fair Theme.

FRED AND DORIS FINK SCHOLARSHIP

The Fred and Doris Fink Bourbon County 4-H Scholarship will be given during the 2024 Achievement Recognition. This is a \$750.00 scholarship. Eligibility Requirements are:

- Three or more years in a Bourbon County 4-H Club.
- Must demonstrate outstanding achievement in 4-H activities and project work.
- Must be a resident of Bourbon County Kansas.
- Must be a senior in high school or freshman in College.
- Must be used by a student enrolled full time in an accredited Kansas 4-year college or university or a Kansas community college.

Preference will be given to a student in agriculture or family and consumer sciences. Scholarship may be awarded to a previous winner one time. We will use the Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application. Note on the form that you are applying for the Fink Scholarship. Applications are available on our Southwind website and are due in the Fort Scott Office by March 1, 2024.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP **BEEF PROJECT OPTIONS**

FCE Council is offering a \$200 scholarship to a high school senior or college student who is a Bourbon County resident and will be attending any two-or-four-year college or university in Kansas. All students are welcome to apply; preference will be given to a student who plans to major in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related field. Applications and references must be post marked by February 13, 2024. Application is available on the Southwind District website at:
southwind.k-state.edu/home-family/fce/index.html

Although “Beef” is the only option when enrolling, keep in mind that there are fair classes for market beef, feeder beef, breeding heifer and bucket calf. Here are the requirements for each:

Market Beef – own a minimum of 140 days – can be steer or heifer. Must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds to be eligible for grand or reserve and to sell in the premium sale.

Feeder Beef – own a minimum of 140 days – can be steer or heifer. Must weigh a minimum of 600 pounds, maximum of 900 pounds to be eligible for grand or reserve and to sell in the premium sale.

Breeding Heifer – commercial or registered. If registered, members must have registration or transfer papers in their name by July 1st.

Bucket Calf – for members 7-12 years old. Calf must be born between January 1st – May 1st of current year. Calf can be male or female – beef, dairy or cross.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR

Neosho County Fair is scheduled for July 25-29, 2024

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet January 21, 2024 6:00 p.m. at the Neosho Valley Event Center

FAIR BOARD DONATION TO DINNER AND AUCTION

All clubs are invited to donate an item, a basket, find a sponsor, or a monetary donation by February 1st to the Dinner and Auction.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

\$750 scholarship available for 4-H members who are planning on attending CWF in summer of 2024. For more scholarship information, contact Krista.

BEEF TAGGING

Beef Tagging/Weigh-in will be held at the Neosho County Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 10th from 1-3 pm. Please note the new location! In order for the event to run smoothly – all trailers must enter the SOUTH gate and the line will form there. Once finished, trailers will exit out the EAST or WEST gate. Cost for tags is \$4 each. Beef animals that need to be tagged – market beef and feeder beef. If you have questions, please contact Krista Harding at 620-244-3826.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

4-H COUNTY MEETING

The next 4-H Council meeting will be February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodson County Extension Office.

