

GREENWOOD COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Kansas State University Extension - Greenwood County ~ Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

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January

- 1-2 Extension Office Closed - New Year's Day
- 2 **Enrollment due to the Extension office by 4:30pm for returning 4-H members**
- 5 State 4-H Scholarships due online
- 10 Entomology Project Meeting - Iola, KS
- 12 Regional Record Books due by 4:30pm to Ext. Office
- 14 Junk in a Bucket entries close
- 16 SEA 4-H Record Book Judging in Fredonia
- 19 4-H Council Meeting
- 30 Club Leaders check email for County 4-H Club Day Group presentations sign up (Due Friday, February 6th by 4:30 pm)

February

- 6 Fair Design Ideas due to Extension Office
- 7 County 4-H Day registration opens (entries due February 14 by 11:59 pm)
- 15-16 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA) - Topeka
- 21 County Club Day @ Hamilton School
- 21-22 Horse Panorama - Rock Springs 4-H Camp

March

- 1 4-H Day with Women's Basketball
- 7 Kansas Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 20 Beef Weigh-In - Luthi's Ranch
- 28 Regional Club Day @ Madison High School

April

- 1 Judy Wiggins Scholarship applications due
- 11 Kansas Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 18 Small Animal Weigh-In
- 26 Flint Hills Classic

***YQCA Training Dates TBD**

SEA 4-H Record Book Judging

The SEA 4-H Record Book judging will be held in Fredonia this year on Friday, January 16th from 9am - 3pm (record books are due at the Extension office by the 4:30pm on Monday, January 12th). If you are interested in helping judge this year, please call or email the Extension office. Click [HERE](#) for more information on Regional Project Award Screening.

Horse Panorama

Horse Panorama will be at the Rock Springs 4-H Ranch on Saturday & Sunday, February 21-22. Contests include: Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, photography, design and more. Register ASAP. Check the Panorama webpage for schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

"Junk In a Bucket"

Last months newsletter had information about "Junk in a Bucket". Entries for this class opened Saturday, December 13th at 8:00 AM. All entries are made through SignUpGenius. The link was emailed out on Saturday, December 13th. Entries will close on January 14th or earlier if slots are filled.

4-H County Club Day

This year's 4-H County Club Day is on Saturday, February 21st at Hamilton Elementary School. Guidelines were included in the December newsletter relating to how to make entries, times, ages, etc. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits. You can find more information and a helpful Club Day guideline document on our website [HERE](#).

4-H Regional Club Day

Regional Club Days is planned for Saturday, March 28th at the Madison High School. Save the date and start planning for events!

2026 4-H Exchange Host Families

Application are now open. More information is available [HERE](#).

2026 Greenwood County Fair Design

The 123rd Greenwood County Fair is July 24-27, 2026! Each 4-H club is encouraged by the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation to be creative and submit a design for the fair. Last year's design appeared on fair t-shirts, the fair book, and newspaper advertisements. Entries are due in the Extension by Friday, February 6th. Below is a list of requirements to fit our graphic needs:

2026 Fair Theme is **"Prairie Nights and Fair Lights"**

- Black and White Only
- Digital Design (no hand drawn ideas)
- Size should be 8 inches x 8 inches

Record Book Goal Setting

It's never too early to start thinking about Record Books and setting project goals for the year! Find a helpful document [HERE](#) to start planning your goals for the year.

Citizenship in Action

When: February 15 - 16, 2026

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

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1, 2026

Registration: [HERE!](#) \$225 w/ \$70 covered by 4-H Council
Registration is open and is due by January 26th or soon if spots are filled. Please let the office know ASAP if you plan to attend!

Kansas 4-H Scholarship

The online applications for the 2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship are available and **due January 5th**. Please review all of the documentation thoroughly. The information you will need for this scholarship are available [HERE](#).

Judy Wiggins Scholarship

The Judy Wiggins Memorial scholarship application are due April 1st. Copies of the application are available by request from the Extension Office.

Entomology Project Meeting

We will meet on January 10th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office meeting room. 4-Hers will be working on pinning insects again. So bring your pinning boards, pinning supplies and 3 or 4 insects to pin. I would like each 4-Her to look up an insect nickname and bring a short project talk on how the insect got its nickname. A few examples are: Dragonflies are called Devil's Darning Needles and several other things, Ladybird Beetles are called Lady Bugs, Sphinx Moths are called Hummingbird Moths. Remember to put your insects you want to pin in a relaxing chamber on Friday before the meeting on Saturday. Hope to see you there! Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

K-State Junior Producer Days

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 7th

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 13th

Cost: \$20/person by February 13th (\$30/person after February 13th)

- Registration must be RECEIVED by February 13th to receive a t-shirt
- Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration: <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, April 11th

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 20th

Cost: \$20/person by March 20th (\$30/person after March 20th)

- Registration must be RECEIVED by March 20th to receive a t-shirt
- Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration: <https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

*****An instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. More details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be sent only to those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3.00/child fee.

Upcoming 2026 Dates

- SEA 4-H Record Book Judging – January 16
- CIA – February 15-16
- GW County 4-H Club Day & Favorite Foods Show – February 21
- Beef Weigh-In - March 20
- Regional 4-H Club Day – March 28
- Small Animal Weigh-In - April 18
- Flint Hills Classic - April 26
- Discovery Days – June 3-5
- Greenwood County Fair – July 24 - 27

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting

We are excited for another year of the Greenwood County Shooting Sports program. For those new to the program, it is "REQUIRED" that the 4-H'er attend a shooting sports safety meeting for 2 years to participate. All safety will be reviewed continually at individual practices. A minimum of 2 practices must also be attended to be eligible for the County Fair Shoots.

The date for the safety meetings will be released in an upcoming 4-H Newsletter. Contact 4-H S/S Coordinator Annissa Boulanger with questions: fivebtribe@gmail.com or (620) 583-4100.

4-H Day with Women's Basketball

The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" game will take place on Sunday, March 1 as the Wildcats take on Iowa State @ 1 pm. Registration details will be shared later.

Livestock Tagging

Beef weigh-in is on Friday, March 20th at Luthi's, 3673 Z Rd. Madison. Beef Tags are \$4.00

Market and breeding females will need to be tagged at spring weigh-in to be able to show at the Greenwood County Fair. If you have purebred animals that have registration papers they will not be required to be tagged, but you must turn in a copy of those registration papers to the Extension office by the spring weigh-in date. You may email them to Alisha (alisha32@ksu.edu). All market beef must be castrated or banded by spring weigh-in.

Tips for New 4-H Members and Families

- Check out the K-State Research & Extension-Greenwood County website at: www.greenwood.k-state.edu
- Read the Greenwood County 4-H newsletter carefully (you can find it on the website listed above)
- **Ask lots of questions!** Please don't hesitate to call the Extension office with questions, ask community and project leaders, and reach out to older, more established 4-H families (contact information for the Extension office is located on the website).
- Attend every club meeting - explore county 4-H events during the entire year
- Do just a few projects per member the first year of 4-H as you "learn while having fun"
- Your 4-H Club Leaders and 4-H Agents are a great resource.

4-H Council Corner

The Greenwood County 4-H Council will be held on Monday, January 19th at 7pm at the Courthouse. Items to be on the agenda:

- Concessions at Flint Hills Classic
- Kansas Maid Fundraiser
- Upcoming Events

Standard 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

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

The 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.

4-H CLUB DAY PRESENTATION TIPS

General Thoughts

- Don't read your talk. Don't memorize, but do practice so you are familiar with it.
- Look at the audience and judge. This is a must for keeping their attention.
- Talk loud enough so people in the back row can hear you.
- Don't talk too fast. Make sure everyone can understand everything you say.
- Dress appropriately. Be sure you are well groomed and neat. Dress to fit your presentation.
- Good posture increases self confidence.
- Stand on two feet. Try not to rock back and forth.
- Charts should be easy to read - not crowded or cluttered.
- Place your charts in a place everyone can read.
- Remember to smile, smile, smile! It takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown.
- Demonstrations and illustrated talks - ask for questions. Project talks - do not ask for questions.

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

- Cover table with paper, table cloth, etc.
- Organize all your ingredients on a tray so that you can quickly move them from the supply table to the work area.
- Pre-measure ingredients or supplies.
- Clear empty containers from the work space as you finish with them.
- Make sure the electrical equipment works properly. Bring all supplies needed and equipment.
- Have examples of every step of the process. If something needs to dry for 5 minutes, have one already dry.
- Have "fill" information. Silence is not a good thing during a demonstration. Provide additional information about your topic - nutritional value, costs, origin of products, history of the subject, etc.
- Food presentations: wear an apron, washable clothing and keep hair pulled back.
- Use trays to help organize your supplies.
- Use clear containers so the audience can see what you are doing.
- Use a damp cloth to wipe hands if doing foods demonstration or when using glue for crafts, etc.
- Cover name brands of products.
- Clear your work area before you show your finished product.

4-H CLUB DAY PRESENTATION TIPS CONT.

Posters/Charts

- Serve as a guide to you
- Add interest to the title, topic and ideas presented.
- Focus and hold audience attention.
- Emphasize key points.
- Show comparisons.
- Summarize main thoughts.
- Should be neat and attractive.
- Use upper and lower case letters.
- Use block letters. Avoid script or broken letters.
- Letters should be at least 2" in height in order to be read from 20' away.
- Should be easily read. Don't clutter or crowd with too many words/ideas. Use bullets or outline style.
- Limit the number of colors used. Easy to read colors include:
 - Black on white
 - Green on white
 - Blue on white
 - Yellow on black
- Hard to read colors include:
 - White on red
 - White on orange
 - Red on yellow
 - Green on red
- Use color for emphasis, but don't use it on everything.
- Beware that fluorescent colors can be hard on the eyes.
- Let color work for you, not against you.
- Include at least 3 categories - title poster, steps/supplies and a summary.
- Use heavyweight poster board.



2026 K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

Program

Join us on March 7, 2026, for the biennial K-State Junior Beef Producer Day! This event is a fun-filled educational day for youth, parents, beef project leaders, ag teachers, and extension agents to expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, students, and guest speakers will cover topics that may include selection, nutrition, daily care, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification class will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will also be provided for those who register by the deadline. The registration fee is \$20 per person for those who sign up by February 13. The fee will increase to \$30 per person for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 13 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending the event must register, including youth and adults.

Registration

Deadline: February 13

Fee: \$20/person

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>

Late Registration: \$30/person (after February 13)

*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.

**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.



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Tentative Schedule

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| 8:00AM | Check-in |
| 9:00AM | Welcome |
| 9:15AM | Project Selection |
| 10:00AM | Morning Breakout Sessions -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Care, Grooming & Fitting |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 1:00PM | Afternoon Breakout Sessions -Health, Reproduction, Showmanship |
| 3:15PM | Dismissal |
| 3:30PM | Optional YQCA Class |

Questions?
Lexie Hayes

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Registration Due
February 13



K-State, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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2026 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



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Registration

Due: 3.20.2026

Cost: \$20/person

<https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

**All adults & youth must register to attend.*

***Only those registered by 3/20/26 will receive a t-shirt.*

****Late registration is \$30/person.*



Questions

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Program

Join us for the biennial K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Presentations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. A variety of topics will be shared, including an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. All ages and skill levels are invited! Lunch and a t-shirt are included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by March 20 or \$30/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register. There will be an optional tour of the sheep and meat goat center offered on Friday evening and Saturday after jr. day.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 10

5:00-7:00PM Optional Tour of Sheep & Goat Center

Saturday, April 11

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Nutrition

10:45AM Morning Breakout Sessions

-facilities & equipment, reproduction, project management purchase to show

NOON Lunch

1:00PM Health

1:45PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions

-wool, showmanship, clipping & grooming

3:45PM Dismissal

4:00PM Optional YQCA Class

4:00-6:00PM Optional Sheep & Goat Center Tour

4-H CLUB LEADERS NOTES

REMINDER!!!! All returning 4-H members must be enrolled by 4:30pm on Friday, January 2nd. Enrollments for returning members WILL NOT be accepted after this date/time!!!! Project drop/add due date will remain May 1st, as will new member enrollment.

Junk-in-a-Bucket: Registration for "Junk-in-a-Bucket" was emailed out and done via a SignUpGenius link on December 13th and is due by January 14th! Registration is limited to the first 15 Juniors, 15 Intermediates, and 10 Seniors. More details can be found in the December newsletter.

SE Area Record Book Screening: We need volunteers to assist with screening in Fredonia on Friday, January 16th beginning at 9am. Must have some previous experience with Record Books. If interested contact the Extension office.

2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship: For the 2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, the online applications are available and due by January 5th. This an earlier deadline than previous years.

Judy Wiggins Scholarship: Applications are available at the Extension office and will be due to the Extension Office by April 1st.

4-H County Club Day: County Club day will be Saturday, February 21st. Encourage members to make plans now! Entries will be made via SignUpGenius. Club leaders will receive an email with the sign up link on January 30th for the group events at club days (model meeting, gavel games, and skits). Due date to sign up for group events will be February 6th by 4:30pm. **THIS LINK IS FOR CLUB LEADERS ONLY!** Another email containing links to sign up for individual presentations (show and share, demos, project talks, public speaking, video presentations, music, talent, dance, and job interviews) will be sent out February 7th to all 4-H members. Registration will close February 14th at 11:59 pm. This email will include the schedule for group events (model meeting, gavel games, and skits) that leaders signed up for, so members do not double schedule their activities.

4-H Regional Club Day: Regional Club day will be Saturday, March 28th at Madison High School.



As a resource for club leaders the North Central Region Volunteer Specialists have created an online training resource: "4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success."

This training includes 6 videos, handouts, and resources that go with the videos. Volunteers can watch the videos and review the handouts and resources designed to help create a better club experience. We have also included a "4-H EZ Application Guide" that allows you to reflect on the videos and apply the information specifically to your 4-H Community Club.

This online training can be completed by an individual as volunteer development or with a group of youth and adult volunteers. The videos are set up so they could be completed all in one setting or divide them up, as needed, for a busy schedule.

Click on the heading of each section to go to the training videos. You'll first be asked to sign in, then you can click on the video link. At the end of each video, you'll be asked to reflect on something you have learned and offer suggestions for future training opportunities.

Thank you for your interest in strengthening your 4-H Community Club!