

4-H Connections – August Mini Newsletter

THANK YOU

Both the Meade County Extension Office and Fair Board would like to send a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to 4-Her's, your families, and every volunteer that helped make the 2023 Meade County Fair a great event. No matter what ribbon color or placing you received, you should be proud of your hard work and what you learned along the way. Please remember to take the time to thank others that sponsored prizes, and don't forget to pick up your premium money at the Extension Office.



Auction Eligibility - Starts This Month

Each year, 4-Her's that sell any item at the Fair's Cake & Pie or Livestock Auction are required to attend a minimum of 5 club meetings and three additional requirements. Club Meetings: August's club meetings start the first official month that you can count towards the five meetings that are required for the 2024 County Fair. Additional Requirements: Please watch the newsletter for save the dates and information on optional requirements.

The Importance of Thank You Notes



There are many people involved in 4-H projects, events, and programs. Your parents, sponsors, donors, agents, and volunteers all contribute to our program and allow you to have the opportunities you do through 4-H. Because of this generosity and support, it is important that we express gratitude to those who have helped us! How you choose to thank these people can make a real difference in your 4-H program. A lot of respect can be earned or lost by our ability to say thanks. Thank you notes help our sponsors realize that the award sponsorship really means something to you. It also helps encourage them to consider sponsoring again next year. Please make sure to take the time to write a thank you to your sponsors and other volunteers who helped you at the fair or with your 4-H projects!

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Got Fair Pictures?

If you have cute pictures from the fair, we want to see them and share them! This will help us promote the Meade County Fair. Please either text or email pictures to Hannah 620-629-5972 or hannahmckenzie@ksu.edu.



State Fair Information

Each exhibitor will receive two free tickets to the State Fair. The office will order those and hand them out when you drop off your items.

State Fair judging will begin on September 7th. Please make arrangements to get your entries to Laura!

4-H Record Book, Project Records, & Pin Applications

Due Date: September 22nd at 4:00 PM

Now that county fair is over, it is time to get started on Record Books. Non-competitive Record Books will still look the same in 2023 for Meade County 4-Hers. These books will still require a personal information page, 4-H Story (general, two-page maximum), and the permanent record. For 2023, 4-Her's will need to fill out project record(s) for each project they would like to compete for an award in. These records will be judged and winners will be selected. In Meade County, the top half of record books submitted in a project and age division are awarded as winners. For example, if four youth

submit a Food project record in the Intermediate Division, two will be selected as winners. If an odd number is submitted, we will round up for number of winners in that group.

If you need help to determine what membership pin you are ready for this fall, please contact the office and we will let you know. You must submit a Record Book (non-competitive or competitive) to receive a pin.

4-H Council awards 4-Hers with \$25 for one record book and \$50 to use towards 4-H event registrations in the current 4-H year.

Follow this link for information on record books. 4-Hers have the option to use ZBOOKS, which is a record keeping software, or form fillable PDFs. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>

Pin applications can be found online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html>

2023 Fall Shooting Sports State Qualifying Matches



The following link will provide dates for local matches to qualifying for State Archery and Shot Gun. If interested in a match, call the Extension Office or come in to sign up!

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/shooting-sports/local-qualifiers.html>

Ambassadors for 2023-2024 4-H Year!

Due Friday, September 15th



Meade County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of committed 4-H members who work closely with County Agents and Advisor, Dixie Harlow to promote 4-H, organize, and narrate events, and become positive role models for other members of the community. Serving as an ambassador is an excellent way to improve your leadership skills and serve the community and looks great on a college application! To become a 4-H Ambassador, a 4-Her must apply by September 15th.

In the past, this group has provided meals during Thanksgiving to local families, Trunk-or-Treat in Meade, Gaga Ball at the fair, Corn Hole contest at CCC. We can't wait to see where the group will expand to in the 2023-2024 4-H Year.

Applications will be at the office, so come in and grab one or you can email Leslie for an application!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

November 18th-19th, 2023

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2023 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

When: November 18-19, 2023

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024

Registration Deadline: Will open in August
Deadline – **Monday, October 16th, 2023**

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H SUNDAY OCTOBER, 8TH

**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
OCTOBER 1ST-7TH**



AUGUST 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Back to School Bash		Deadline to let Laura know if you are taking an entry to state fair	
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						Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		