

4-H Connections



Happy New Year 4-Hers! We hope everyone had a great Christmas and start to the New Year. January is a great time to set some goals for yourself. What do you want to accomplish this year in 4-H? What projects do you hope to enter in the fair?

We are looking forward to what 2024 will hold for Meade County 4-H!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! Important dates released:

County Club Day: (see page 2) February 21st

Regional Club Day: March 2nd in Dodge City

Citizenship in Action: February 18-19th

Livestock Weigh ins: (see page 4)

Beef – March 20th from 5-6pm

Small Animal – May 6th from 5:30-7pm

YQCA Training TENTATIVE (see page 4): March 12th at 10am OR April 18th at 6:30pm

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Upcoming Events

Regional Record Book Screening

4-Hers in the senior division (14 years old before January 1, 2024) who would like to take their project record book to compete at the state level, the next step is Regional Screening! **Please let the office know if you are planning to take your record book to the regional level. These will be due back to the office on January 10th.**

Assembling the 4-H Project Award:

The following items must be turned in for a complete Regional Project Award submission in the following order:

1. Check Sheet
2. Personal Information Page
3. Cover Letter
4. Resume
5. Project Report Form

Please do not include:

- 4-H Permanent Records
- Plastic page sleeves

County Club Day Registration **DUE** **FEBRUARY 9TH**

Event Date: February 21, 2024

Regional Club Day: March 2nd, 2024

County Club Day will be held on February 21. Please note the corrected registration deadline of no later than February 9th to participate. Registration is available online at

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9KB1TmzRTBujUzk

Club Day offers the following three divisions.
(4-H Age, age on Jan 1st, 2023)

- Senior - 14 and older
- Junior – 13 and under
- Cloverbuds – 5 & 6 years old

Please visit the registration site for clarification on each event for further details and time requirements. If you are willing to be a room monitor, please select that on your registration as well.

Club Day Categories & Events

Parliamentary Procedure:

- Gavel Game
- Model Meeting

Presentations

- Show and Tell
- Jr. Project Talk
- Demonstration/Illustrated Talk
- Digital Presentation
- Reading
- Public Speaking
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- **NEW: CRI: Cover Letter, Resume, and Interview**

Music

- Vocal: Solo, Ensemble, Chorus
- Instrument: Solo, Ensemble, Chorus

Talent

- One Act Play
- Skit
- Novelty
- Vocal Performance
- Dance

Pictures from last year!

Citizenship in Action

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

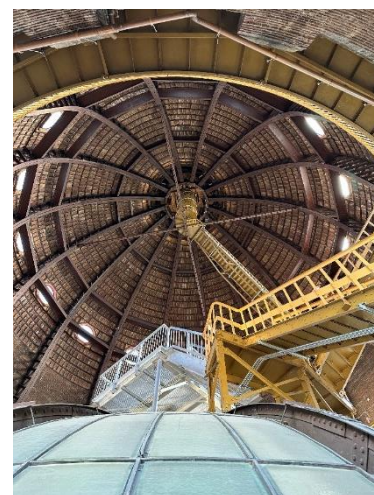
Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

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

Registration: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2tmVbXzXVG4Vqce

Fee: \$220.00* Meade County 4-H Covers \$100 of this fee

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2024



K-State Junior Producer Days – Manhattan, KS

Junior producer days are hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Science to provide educational material and hands-on experiences for youth, parents, leaders, and extension agents. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. Beef and Sheep days are held in the even years and Swine and Meat Goat days are held in the odd years.

Junior Beef Producer Day – March 2, 2024

Registration Deadline: February 12, 2024

Flyer: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>

Junior Sheep Producer day – March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline: February 26, 2024

Flyer: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>

County Fair Prep!

Livestock Weigh-ins

Beef – Wednesday, March 20, 5-6 pm

Small animal – Monday, May 6, 5:30-7 pm

If you are planning to show a livestock animal at the county fair, you will need to weigh them in at the respective weigh-in. Animals that are not weighed in by the date will not be able to show. If you have conflicts you can make arrangements to have your animal tagged prior to weigh in. Please contact Hannah and she will help coordinate a time with you. We will be using all EID tags this year, which are the same tags that are required for state fair!

YQCA Training

In person (tentative): March 12th at 10am OR
April 18th at 6:30pm.



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a required course for 4-Hers exhibiting livestock in the county and state fairs. 4-H Youth have the option to take YQCA training online for \$12 or in person for \$3. We highly recommend attending the training in person if possible, as this will be more engaging and hands on. Registration for either type of training will be at yqcaprogram.org. Instructions for how to sign up will be coming out soon!

Summer
already?! Who's
excited??

Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Rock Springs Ranch has many different sessions for rising 3rd-12th graders to attend. This is a different camping experience than WildHorse Camp, our 4-H Camp put on by the Extension Agents. Rock Springs Ranch is an awesome facility that has hired staff to run camp. If your 4-Hers are interested in going to camp with other 4-Hers from Meade County, select the session from **June 30-July 3rd**. We currently know of one 8th grader that will be attending those dates, and she would love to have other Meade County 4-Hers attend with her! Town & Country will pay half of the fees for their club members! We are also brainstorming some ideas to help fundraise to cover some of the cost of camp. Let us know if you are interested!

WildHorse Camp

June 11-13th at Silver Maple Camp in Kingman

Mark these dates down for our 4-H camp with 6 other surrounding counties! This camp is open to youth ages 7-12. We will be doing lots of fun activities again this year including archery, crafts, swimming/paddle boats, fishing, and more!!

Project Meetings

Project Meetings:

Horse Shows – 10am at the indoor arena

February 25th

March 30th

April 21st

Shooting Sports Practices:

Parents are expected to attend. Please arrive early to set up in the 4-H building.

BB:

January 7th – 4:00pm

January 21st – 4:00pm

February 4th – 4:00pm

February 11th – Superbowl Sunday, no practice

February 18th – 4:00pm

February 25th – 4:00pm

Air Rifle:

January 7th – 5:30pm

January 21st – 5:30pm

February 4th – 5:30pm

February 11th – Superbowl Sunday, no practice

February 18th – 5:30pm

February 25th – 5:30pm

Cloverbuds

RSVP Required

January 10th 3:30-4:30pm

Make sure to enroll in 4-H Online and let us know if you have youth that would like to participate.

Free Monthly 4-H Meetings for 5-6 year olds

4-H Cloverbuds

MEADE CLUB, MEADE COUNTY

**2nd Wednesday of Each Month,
KSRE Offices**
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Nov 8th Dec 13th Jan 10th
Feb 14th Apr 10th

 Sign up ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR at:
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Meade County Research and Extension (KSRE)
407 East Rainbelt, PO Box 369
Meade, Kansas 67869
Phone: 620-873-8790

Arts & Crafts Games Healthy Living
Manners Science Projects

Other News...

Summer Interns

This year, Meade County was selected to be a host site for the Summer Engagement Grant from K-State Extension. This will allow us to have two paid interns all summer to provide 4-H programming to youth in Meade County! We are super excited about this opportunity to provide more programming to our youth this summer. Keep an eye out for programs to be announced as we get closer to the summer.

The interns must be at least 18 years old with a high school diploma. Applications are still open until January 21st if you know someone that would be interested in serving our local youth!

<https://careers.pageuppeople.com/742/cw/en-us/job/516432/4h-youth-development-summer-internships>

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January 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Shooting Sports Practice	Town and Country Meeting		Meade Cloverbuds Regional Record Books Due			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3 C's Meeting		Plains Livewires Meeting				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Shooting Sports Practice					CIA Registration Deadline	
28	29	30	31			

Monthly Club Meetings	Date	Time	Location
• Four Leaf Clover -	no January meeting		
• Plains Livewires -	16 th	6:30pm	Plains Methodist Church
• Town & Country-	8 th	6:30pm	The Busy Brush
• 3 C's -	14 th	3:00pm	Fowler Grade School

Year in a Glance:

Important dates for 2024!

January

- 7 – Shooting Sports Practice
- 10 – Senior Record Books due for Regional Screening
- 21 – Shooting Sports Practice
- 26 – CIA Registration Deadline

February

- 18-19 – Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 21 – County Club Day
- 25 – Horse Show!

March

- 2 – Regional Club Day
- 2 – Junior Beef Producer Day in Manhattan
- 16 – Junior Sheep Producer Day in Manhattan
- 20 – Beef Weigh In

April

- 20 – Spring State 4-H Shooting Sports Match BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
- 21-27 – National Volunteer Week

May

- 6 – Small Animal Weigh In

June

- 5-7 – Discovery Days, Manhattan

July

- 22-26 – Meade County Fair!

August

- TBA – State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September

- 6-15 – Kansas State Fair