

# 4-H Connections



Can you believe it is already April? Summer is approaching quickly! This newsletter has information for several upcoming events in Southwest Kansas, as well as information on preparing for summer activities like camp and the fair. The fair book will be released and posted to our website soon. As always, reach out if you have any questions!

- Hannah

## Want to be a counselor at camp?

*Applications due April 26<sup>th</sup>*

**IMPORTANT**

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# News and Upcoming Events

**EXPRESS YOURSELF**

**PROJECT/DAYCAMP** \$10

**AGES 5-12**

**ACTIVITIES /PROJECTS:**  
CRAFTS, HORTICULTURE,  
FOOD, STEM PROJECT, GAMES  
AND MUCH MORE..

**SPONSORED BY CLARK COUNTY**

**1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**  
**MAY 4**

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FOR PARTICIPATION IN ALL PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES REASONABLE  
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THE CLARK COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 620-635-2811

**SIGN UP BY APRIL 24**  
BY CONTACTING

**ASHLAND**  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP  
1505 MAIN ST.

**THE CLARK COUNTY EXTENSION**  
OFFICE  
620-635-2811 OR EMAIL  
aagraff@ksu.edu



**4-H SHUTTERBUG**  
**PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**  
**GARDEN CITY, KS.**

**LEE RICHARDSON ZOO**  
FINNUP CENTER FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

**Who Should Register:** 4-H Photography Members interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using your phone to take great pictures. Family members may attend as well. Parents - learn along with your kids! Get a head start on your photography project!

**Time:**  
Doors open at 8:30; Workshops begin at 9:00 and concludes at 12:00.

**Cost:**  
No charge to attend! Event is sponsored by the State 4-H Photography Committee.

**Bonus:**  
Cameras will be available for checkout! Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.

**Accommodations:**  
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**What to Bring:**  
Smartphone or Camera, extra batteries,  
SD Card if checking out a camera

**Workshop Topics:**  
Kaleidoscopes, Move those bars,  
Pan Blurs, Creating a story & More

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This is a great opportunity for junior high and high school 4-Hers! If you would like to go, please turn this form in to the Meade County Extension Office by April 19th. Hannah will not be able to attend, so we will either need a parent volunteer to drive or families will need to coordinate their own transportation.



# 4-H LEADERSHIP DAY:

# THE YOGOWYPI EXPERIENCE!

CHECK OUT: [WWW.YOGOWYPI.COM](http://WWW.YOGOWYPI.COM) TO LEARN ABOUT OUR SPEAKER--BILL CORDES

## APRIL 27TH, 2024

## 10AM-12:30PM

### EVENT LOCATION:

### GRAY COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS 17002 W HWY 50, CIMARRON, KS

SPONSORED BY GRAY COUNTY 4-H AND  
WALNUT CREEK DISTRICT 4-H



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Event is for **4-Hers in 6th -12th grades** and 4-H volunteers.

\$10/4-Her or Volunteer. Registration Due to Local Counties by April 19, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Male Female Prefer Not to Answer

Extension County/District: \_\_\_\_\_

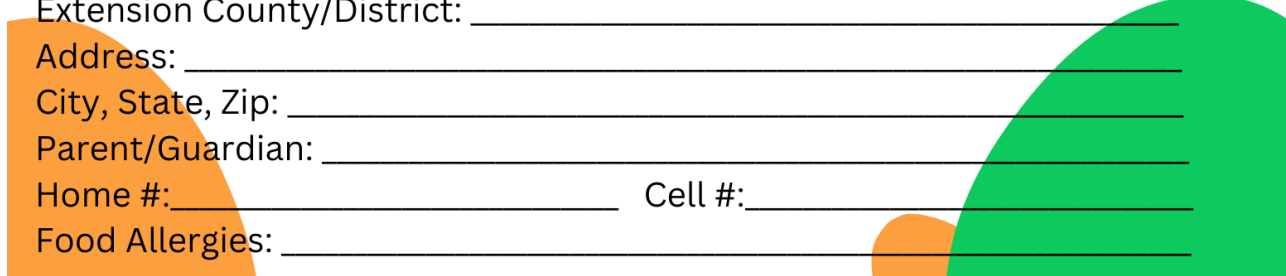
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2024 Meade County Fair Theme: Sew it, Grow it, Show it!

### Showing Livestock in the County Fair? Here is what you need to do:

- Make sure you're enrolled in the project in 4-H Online for whatever species you plan to show
- Take a YQCA course either in person with Hannah or online and turn your certificate in to the Extension Office by July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Attend the appropriate spring weigh in (beef- March 20, small animal- May 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Pre-Register through FairEntry in July (dates will be posted in the fair book)
- Bring your animals to weigh in at the fair (Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>)

If you are selling animals or food items in the auction at the county fair:

- Complete all the steps above and
- Turn in your auction eligibility form by July 15<sup>th</sup> <https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html> (attend 5 club meetings and 3 other 4-H events on the list)

### YQCA Training

In person: April  
18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
at the Extension Office



**Please register so Hannah can get a head count!**

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. Registration for either type of training will be at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Video instructions for how to log in and register can be found at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/help-desk.php>. **Please remember to take the pre-test before attending the in-person course.** After the training, please turn your certificate in to the office in person or by emailing it to one of us!

### Livestock Weigh-ins

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

This event is mandatory for ANY small animal! Small animals are: Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Breeding Does, Market Lambs, Breeding Ewes Market Swine, and Breeding Gilts. We will be using EID tags again this year, which are the same tags that are required for state fair! If you are not able to make this date, contact Hannah to schedule an alternate time to tag your animals.

### Auction Eligibility Form

*Due July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

The auction eligibility form has been updated on our website! Any 4-Her wanting to sell in the food or livestock in the Meade County Fair Premium Auction will need to turn their signed form in to the office by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

<https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html>

### 4-H Online-May 1<sup>st</sup> Important Deadline for Project Enrollment!!

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to add/change projects in 4-H Online! Youth must be actively enrolled in any project they plan to exhibit in the 4-H division at the county fair. Call the office if you need help reviewing your projects. **Please note:** This year, we left the livestock projects under just the species instead of separating market and breeding. For example, if you enroll in swine, you are enrolled in both market and breeding swine. The bucket calf project also falls under beef.

## 2024 Meade County Fair Theme: Sew it, Grow it, Show it!

### Horse ID Papers Due



May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

If you plan to participate in the horse show at the county and/or state fair, you must turn

in a Horse ID Paper on any horse you plan to show by May 1st. Only horses that have IDs are eligible to show at the fair. Horse ID Paper:

<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/p1039.pdf>

### State Fair Information:

Kansas 4-H, Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), and the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive have all changed their policy about animals selling in a county fair auction. Now, animals that sell in the auction at the county fair CAN go on to the Kansas State Fair and KJLS.

The does not change anything at the Meade County Fair Auction. It is still a premium auction for market animals that make weight.

### State Livestock Nomination

#### Deadlines:

**May 1 – Market Beef (Last day to order envelopes April 20<sup>th</sup>)**

-Market steers and market heifers

**June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers (Last day to order Envelopes June 5<sup>th</sup>)**

- Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts, and ALL Meat Goats (Market Goats, Commercial Does, and Registered Does)

\*Registered breeding females do not have to be nominated, since they show off of their papers. The registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name by the appropriate deadline and they basically skip the nomination process and go straight to show entry. The exception is breeding does. Neither show offers a papered division for meat goat breeding does, so ALL meat goats have to be nominated to show in any division.

### Other important dates:

- August 15 Entry Deadline
- August 25 Late Entry Deadline
- September 6-8 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- September 27-29- KJLS

# Summer Activities!

## Tractor Safety Operator's Course

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**  
**Gray County Fairgrounds**  
**17002 W. Highway 50, Cimarron**

Students must attend all day on May 29<sup>th</sup> for the training and final test.



**PURPOSE OF COURSE & TEST:**  
To provide teenagers with a fuller appreciation and awareness of needed safety practices around tractors and farm machinery. As well as provide 14 & 15 year old youth an opportunity to receive a tractor operator's permit, required by the Child Labor Regulations in regard to agricultural hazardous occupations before they can be employed to operate a tractor.

**WHO MAY PARTICIPATE:**  
Any teenage youth, regardless of age. Those completing the course and test will receive an operator's certificate upon completion of when he/she turns 14. Those who are 16 or older do not need an operator's certificate, but are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**SCHEDULE:**  
Tractor and other important farm safety skills will be given from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. at the Gray County Fairgrounds.

**COST:**  
\$20.00 (made payable to the Ford County Ag Activity Fund) for noon meal and handouts.

**MEAL:**  
The noon meal, included in the registration fee, is hamburgers hot off the grill. Students are encouraged to eat the meal provided. Please contact the Ford County Extension Office, 620-227-4542 with any participant's dietary restrictions.

**ENROLLMENT:**  
All participants will need to complete a registration form and a 4-H Participation form in order to participate.

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR TRACTOR COURSE IS REQUIRED BY MAY 24<sup>th</sup>. TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE.**

Sponsored By:  
Clark, Comanche, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman, Meade, Pawnee County Extension Councils, Walnut Creek Extension District, & 21<sup>st</sup> Central Extension District—Edwards County

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, contact Andrea Burns, 620-227-1542. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

It's not too late to sign up for camp at Rock Springs Ranch. If you are interested in going to camp with other 4-Hers from Meade County, select the session from **June 30-July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We currently know of one 8<sup>th</sup> grader who will be attending those dates, and she would love to have other Meade County 4-Hers attend with her!



Meade County 4-H Council pays \$100 towards your registration, and Town & Country will pay half of the fees for their club members (that means T&C 4-Hers could go to camp for 3 nights for \$175)! Camperships (camp scholarships) are also available through RSR. We are also brainstorming some ideas to help fundraise to cover some of the cost of camp. Let us know if you are interested or have any questions, or visit their website: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>

## 4-H Camp at Silver Maple Camp

June 11-13<sup>th</sup> at Silver Maple Camp in Kingman

Don't wait! Sign up for camp today! **Registration is due MAY 1<sup>st</sup>!** Want to be a camp counselor? See page 9.

**SIGN UP NOW**

# 4-H CAMP 2024

## JUNE 11-13

**AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY  
COST IS \$75 FOR 4-H OR \$125 FOR NON 4-H  
YOUTH, INCLUDING ALL MEALS,  
ACTIVITIES AND LODGING**

**CAMPERS BETWEEN 7 AND 12 YEARS OLD  
COUNSELORS NEED TO BE 14 AND OLDER  
COUNSELORS WILL ARRIVE ON JUNE 10 FOR TRAINING.**

**PARTICIPATING COUNTIES: MEADE, COMANCHE, KIOWA,  
BARBER, HARPER, KINGMAN AND RENO**

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Return to Meade County Extension Office by May 1ST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: (Please Circle) Youth or Adult XS S M L XL

Make Checks payable to your local 4-H Council.

Return form and payment to local County Extension Office.

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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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## Upcoming Meetings:

### Final Spring Horse Show – 10am at the indoor arena

April 21<sup>st</sup>

### Cloverbuds

**RSVP Required**

April 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30pm (rescheduled from original date)

This is our last Cloverbuds meeting until next 4-H year!

### Shooting Sports Practices:

No practice in April.

# April 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Four Leaf Clover & Plains Livewires Meetings					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Town and Country Meeting					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3 C's Meeting		Extension Board Mtg	Cloverbuds	<b>YQCA 6:30pm</b>		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>LAST HORSE SHOW 10am</b>						
28	29	30				
<b>Monthly Club Meetings</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>		
• Four Leaf Clover -		1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Extension Office		
• Plains Livewires -		1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Plains Methodist Church		
• Town & Country-		8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	B Building		
• 3 C's -		14 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Fowler Grade School		

# Year in a Glance:

## Important dates for 2024!

### April

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

### May

- 6 – Small Animal Weigh In
- 29 – Tractor Safety Course

### June

- 5-7 – Discovery Days, Manhattan
- 11-13 – Wild Horse 4-H Camp

### July

- 15 – Auction Eligibility Due
- 20 – Fair Set Up (Required for premium money)
- 22-26 – Meade County Fair!
- 27 – Fair Clean Up (Required for premium money)

### August

- 12 – State 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan
- TBA – State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

### September

- 6-15 – Kansas State Fair
- 21 – State Archery Match

### October

- 12-13 – State 4-H Shotgun Match
- 12-13 – 48 Hours of 4-H

### November

- 23-24 – Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch