Christmasing in Plains Parade & Achievement Banquet Sunday, December 3rd

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE PARADE AND/OR BANQUET

3pm – Meet in Plains (on W Wildcat one block north of the Methodist Church) & line up for parade
4pm – Parade – 4-H is SWEET theme! Wear 4-H shirts or festive Christmas clothing!
5pm – 4-H Council Meeting at Plains Methodist Church
6pm – Achievement Banquet at Plains Methodist Church; Wear ugly Christmas sweaters or other festive holiday attire!
PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO ENROLL IN 4-H!

You could be missing important 4-H emails and updates. After December 1st, we will move our communications system fully over to the 2023-2024 4-H enrollments. It is your responsibility to read emails and newsletters to stay up to date!

**Fees are covered again this year!!** When enrolling 4-H youth, please select the [Pay by Check] option and the office will put in the coupon code when accepting enrollments.

If you have trouble logging in at any point, complete “Reset Password” process on the login page. If you have any questions, just call the office or email Leslie! Here is the link! https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

Enrolling by December 1st is one of the optional requirements you can use for Auction Eligibility at fair!

**Newsletters**

Would you like a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to you each month? If so, please fill out this form:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_03dFcdNPiRH7IoW

**Volunteers in 4-H Online**

We are updating our volunteer records over this next year and making sure that we are following 4-H Policy. All volunteers will need to re-enroll in 4-H Online and make sure to select the projects for which you are a volunteer or project leader.

If you are an adult volunteer that:
- is a club or project leader
- will take youth on overnight events as a chaperone or
- will hold programs without Extension agents present,

you will need to go through the screening process and complete a background check (if you have not done so in the last 3 years).

**December Extension Office Closure**

**December 18th – January 2nd**

The office will close for Christmas Break on Monday, December 18th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. Enjoy time with your families and friends!
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 Screenings! Please come pick your project record up from the office so that you can work on improving it before it is taken 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

**February 21st, 2024**
Registration will be through an online qualtrics form again. The link will be published in the January newsletter.

**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

Music
• Vocal: Solo, Ensemble, Chorus
• Instrument: Solo, Ensemble, Chorus

Talent
• One Act Play
• Skit
• Novelty
• Vocal Performance
• Dance
K-State Junior Producer Days
Junior producer days are hosted 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
Click here for the flyer or view on 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
Click here for the flyer or view on https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/

Cloverbuds
RSVP Required
December 13th 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.
Project Meetings

Horse
December 30th at 4:00pm at the Fairgrounds Outdoor Arena - Weather permitting

Crochet/Fiber Arts
December 5 5:30-7pm

Jeanne Clawson will be hosting multiple Crochet/Fiber Arts meetings for 4-Hers interested in these projects! These project meetings will take place at the Extension Office in the conference room. Be on the lookout for more upcoming opportunities to attend!

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

BB:
December 3rd - 2:00pm
December 17th - 4:00pm
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:
December 3rd - 2:00pm
December 17th - 5:30pm
January 7th - 5:30pm
January 21st - 5:30pm
February 4th - 5:30pm
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# Meade County 4-H Connections

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**Monthly Club Meetings**

- **3 C’s -** 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Fowler Grade School
- **Four Leaf Clover -** 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Extension Office
- **Plains Livewires -** 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm Plains United Methodist Church
- **Town & Country -** 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm Meade Thriftway
Year in a Glance:
Important dates for 2023-2024!

December
2 – Record Book Party
3 – Achievement Banquet & Christmasing in Plains, Shooting Sports Practice
5 – Crochet Project Meeting
6 – Meade Cloverbuds
17 – Shooting Sports Practice
30 – Horse Project Meeting

January
12 – Senior Record Books due for Regional Screening

February
18-19 – Citizenship in Action, Topeka
21 – County Club Day

March
TBA – Regional Club Day
2 – Junior Beef Producer Day in Manhattan
16 – Junior Sheep Producer Day in Manhattan
23 – KS 4-H Super Saturday: Judging Contests, Educational Activities at Fort Hays State

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

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