

4-H Connections

HAPPY FAIR MONTH!!!

4-H Families,

Can you believe it is already July?! This summer has flown by so far, and fair preparations are already in full swing at the Extension Office! Have you started working on your projects? Now is the time!! Practice your recipes, plan your style revue outfits, walk your animals, this month will go by faster than you think.

There is a lot of information about the fair in this newsletter. Please take the time to read it in its entirety. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office. We are happy to help in any way that we can. The most up to date information will be on our website <https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html> and on the fair Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/meadecofair>.

Can't wait to see your projects at the fair!

- Hannah and Laura

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Meade County Fair Information

Fair Entry

<https://fairentree.com/Fair/SignIn/17823>.

Families will use their 4-H Online Sign-In and password for this process. Make sure to click the correct fair! Our fair logo will show to make sure you are choosing the correct one. Make sure to enroll **ALL** kids before submitting.

Auction Eligibility Forms

Due July 14th, 2023

The date on the eligibility form was incorrect, so we will be accepting Auction Eligibility Forms until Friday, July 14th.

All youth wishing to sell an item in the food or livestock auction must fill out the Auction Eligibility form and turn it in to the office by July 14th. Your club leader must sign the form, so don't wait until the last minute! Download the form from our website: <https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html> or stop by the office.

Fair Set Up and Clean Up

Set Up: July 22nd 5:30 pm

Clean Up: July 29th 10:00 am

After hearing some feedback from last year, we will have a specific day for both Fair Set Up before fair and Clean Up after fair this year. This way we can ensure that the fairgrounds get cleaned up and everything is returned to its place after all animals and exhibits are gone. This will also prevent us from rushing at the end of the auction.

Both fair Set Up and Clean Up are required in order to get your premium money. If you are not able to attend both of these, you must contact the office by July 21st. We understand that people

have other commitments and take trips right after fair, but we would like as many people as possible to attend. The assignments for Set Up and Clean Up can be found on the next page.

Fair Books

Come pick up a fair book and make sure to read through it! The schedule and fair book have also been uploaded onto the Meade website!

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


4-H Council Meeting

July 22nd at 5:00pm (before Fair Set Up)



Sale Packet Assignments

Sale Packets are at the office ready to be picked up and taken to businesses! Each 4-Her participating in the food or livestock auction will be assigned 1 or 2 businesses to take a sale packet to (depending on location). We will let you know what businesses you are assigned to when you pick up your packets. This year the sale packets have an RSVP card with them for the Buyers BBQ that you will hand the business owner/contact person. Please have them fill this card out and then bring it back to the office or text a picture of it to Hannah 620-629-5972 by July 21st. This helps us get an idea of who will attend the BBQ and make sure we are covering our local businesses. The more businesses you reach and the more people that come to the auction, the better the outcome is for you! Please see the next page for some suggestions when visiting businesses.



4-Hers...Read
this!!

Delivering Sale Packets

Taking a Sale Packet to businesses in the area is a personal invitation to our Annual Fair BBQ and encourages potential buyers to come to our Cake & Pie and Livestock Sale. When visiting a business, this is an excellent time to practice your conversation skills and use what is called an “elevator pitch.” An elevator pitch is basically a really fast summary about whatever it is you are involved with or supporting. In this case, your elevator pitch would be about your 4-H project(s) that you are bringing to the Meade County Fair.

When you are delivering your sale packet, here are some tips to help your conversation. Taking a moment to talk to the person you are delivering the packet to rather than just dropping it off will create a personal connection and might improve the chances of them coming to support!

- Introduce yourself if you don't already know them! Start with telling the person your name, what 4-H club you are in, and maybe what projects you participate in. You could also bring some pictures of your projects.
- Tell them what is in the packet. It includes a brochure about the auction, an invitation to the Fair BBQ, and 2 FREE tickets to the BBQ.
- Why should they come to the Fair BBQ? The BBQ is a meal for the community to gather at the end of the fair, right before our Cake & Pie and Livestock Sale. If they are interested, they can stay after the meal and support our local 4-Hers by participating in the auction.
- Ask them to fill out the RSVP card while you are there so that you can bring it back to the office.
- Thank them for their time!
- Consider taking a note with you in case the person you are trying to deliver the packet to is not in the office when you stop by. This way they know who left it and you can follow up with a phone call or another visit later to fill out the RSVP card.

As mentioned on the previous page, we have assigned each 4-Her to 1 or 2 businesses this year. You can always deliver a packet to other businesses that are not on our list if you would like! Stop by the office to pick up your packets! Please return the RSVP card to the office or send a picture of it to Hannah by July 21st.

Meade County Fair – Static Exhibits

Style Revue & Talent Show

- Entry Deadline

July 5th, 2023

As listed on the Fair Schedule, the deadline to get your Style Revue and Talent entries in is July 5th at 12pm. The required forms are on the Meade County Fair page of the Meade Extension website. Please turn these in by July 5th either in Fair Entry or to the office.

- Talent:

If you are planning to do a vocal or dance performance for the Talent Show, please let the office know if you will need music played.



Judging Date Change

July 8th, 2023
Meade Elementary School

Judging for Style Revue has been changed to July 8th starting at 9am. The Style Revue & Talent Show will remain on July 9th at 5:30pm. We will be at the Elementary School for both judging and the public Style Revue.



Photo Mount Boards & Protective Sleeves

Those planning to enter photography at the fair can stop by the Extension Office and pick up mounting boards and protective sleeves for each photo. Boards are \$1.50 each and sleeves are \$0.50 each. Please remember there are specific rules in the fair book on how your photos are mounted.

Rocket Launch Date Change

Monday, July 24th at 5pm

We had to move the rocket launch to Monday of fair week because that is the only day our judge will be here. The corrected schedule is on our website. We apologize for the inconvenience!



Meade County Pie & Cake Auction

Reminder! Youth need to be enrolled in Foods and also have an item judged in foods to be able to participate in the pie and cake auction at the fair!

Meade County Fair – Livestock

Youth for the Quality Assurance of Animals (YQCA)

Due July 14th, 2023

All 4-Hers showing livestock at the fair must complete YQCA training. If you attended training in person with Hannah, you are all set. If you completed the YQCA training online, please turn in your YQCA certificate to the office or email it to Hannah (hannahmckenzie@ksu.edu) by July 14th (when auction eligibility is due).

Livestock Insurance & Stall Reservations

Due July 12th, 2023

You will fill out insurance and stall reservations on the same form. Insurance is optional and costs \$7/head. Payment must be submitted when you turn your form in. Download the form from our website: <https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html> or come in to the office to grab one!

Our livestock insurance policy covers the animal at market value once it leaves your property until the end of the fair on Friday. Please read the two policies on our website (link above) to see what losses specifically are covered.



Stall Decorating Contest!

We will be having a stall decorating contest on livestock stalls using the fair theme – Barn Lights & Country Nights. The sponsor for this contest will be giving a cash prize to the winner! Decorations must be kept on the 4-Her's own stall and must be respectful to other 4-Hers and livestock in the barn. Get creative and make your stall a fun sight to see!

Bred & Owned Contest

There has been a clarification on the Bred & Owned Contest. Rather than all animals born & raised in Meade county being eligible, animals now must be bred and owned by the exhibitor. Animals purchased from another producer will not qualify for this contest.

Poultry Testing

Reminder that Meade County is not scheduled for P-T testing until 2025, per the new testing rules.



State Fair Information

***NEW* 4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for Frostings & Fillings at the Kansas State Fair**

Please note that there is a ***NEW*** 4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for the 2023 Kansas State Fair. The new rule is as follows: For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>

Since this rule is not in our fair book yet, we will continue to go by our rules for the Meade County Fair. However, if you plan to take your food item to the state fair, you need to be aware of this rule.

KJLS Information

- August 15 Entry Deadline
- August 25 Late Entry Deadline
- September 8-10 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- September 29- October 1 KJLS

Make sure to get entered if you are entering in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Your nominations make you eligible, but are not a show entry!

Fair Set-Up: Saturday, July 22nd, at 5:30 pm

It is a requirement for all 4-H youth to participate in Fair Set-up and Clean-up. Please see below for your family's duties. **If you finish your area, please pitch in and help others!** The faster we clean, the faster we get to eat supper!

Bernabe	Building A
Bussen	Grounds
Carpenter	Building B
Conway	Grounds
De Avila	Grounds
Dizmang	Building B
Fieser	Swine Barn
Foster	Building B
Goff	Building A
Hardaway	Bucket Calf Pens, Swine Barn if done
Harjo	Harris Arena Bathrooms
Harlow	Harris Arena Bathrooms
Harris	Swine Barn
Hawley	Building A
Hayes	Building B
Henson	Harris Arena Bathrooms
Hoover	Building B
Ingram	Building A
Kohart	Building B
Koons	Sheep & Goat Barn
Langhofer	Building B
Leak	Building B
Lynn	Building B
Martin	Building A
McAtee	Building B
McDowell	Building B
McNemer	Sheep & Goat Barn
Mendoza	Grounds
Miller	Outdoor Arena & Bathrooms
Padgett	Building B
Roberts	Building B
Spangelo	Building B
Stapleton, T	Outdoor Arena & Bathrooms
Thornton	Sheep & Goat Barn
Turner	Harris Arena Bathrooms
Urquidez	Swine Barn, Sun Screens
Vieux	Bucket Calf Pens, B Building if done
Woodruf	Sheep & Goat Barn
Woods	Building B
Yohn	Sheep & Goat Barn

Build Bucket Calf Pens	Set up pens as described on provided map that night. Please bring hammer to pound posts & pliers. Scrap wire can be found to wire pens to fence.
Building A	Sweep floors, set up tables and chairs as necessary. Please bring cleaning supplies to clean tables.
Building B	Sweep floors, set up exhibit areas (4-H and Open Class) Please bring cleaning supplies to dust, shine glass, and clean bathrooms.
Harris Arena Bathrooms	Clean toilets, showers, and sink. Sweep floors and cement outside bathrooms. Please bring cleaning supplies.
Grounds (Clean up Trash)	Pick up any trash from the south fence to north of the blacktop road. Bring trash bags to carry with you.
Outdoor Arena	Clean bathrooms. Bring any cleaning supplies necessary. Pick up trash at outdoor arena.
Sheep/Goat Barn	Make sure all pens are working and are weed free. Bring brooms to sweep out pens. Make sure trash is picked up around the outside of the barn.
Swine Barn	Make sure all pens have latches and are debris free. Clean drains out, also make sure drains at the south end of barns are cleaned out to prevent clogs. Hoses hung. Put up sun screens.

4-Her Highlight!

Fun at
WildHorse
Camp!





July 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Four Leaf Clover Meeting Office Closed	Deadline for Style Revue Entries			Style Revue Judging
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Style Revue & Talent Show						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Deadline for fair entries	Shooting Sports Fair Set Up
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
	Indoor Judging	Livestock Weigh In				Fair Clean Up
MEADE COUNTY FAIR						

Monthly Club Meetings

	Date	Time	Location
• 3 C's -			
• 4 Leaf Clover -	4 th	11AM	Meade City Park
• Plains Livewires -	No Meeting		
• Town & Country-	No Meeting		

Year in a Glance:

Important dates for 2023!

July

- 5 – Deadline for Style Revue & Talent entries
- 8 – Judging for Style Revue
- 9 – Style Revue & Talent Show
- 12 – Auction Eligibility & Livestock Insurance/Stall Reservations Due
- 21 – Fair Entry Deadline
- 22 – Fair Set Up (REQUIRED for premium \$)
- 24-28 – Meade County Fair!!!
- 29 – Fair Clean Up (REQUIRED for premium \$)

August

- 8 – 4-H Wheat Expo in Pratt
- 15 – 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment Due
- 19-20 (tentative) – Livestock Sweepstakes
- 30 – Kansas State Fair Set up Day (volunteers welcome)

September

- 7 – Kansas State Fair Entry and Judging Day
- 8-17 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 30 – State Archery Match

October

- 1 – New 4-H Year begins, 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
- 1-7 – National 4-H Week!!!
- 7-8 – 48 Hours of 4-H
- 14-15 – State Shotgun Matches

November

- 18-19 – Kansas Youth Leadership Forum