



January



4-H NEWSLETTER

County Club Day

This is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase public speaking, music, and performance arts skills. Learning to perform in front of a crowd is one of the many great things 4-H teaches. 4-H Club Day is an event that gives participants an opportunity to tell others about their 4-H projects and demonstrate their talents and abilities. Presentations such as talks, demonstrations, speeches, skits, music, dance, and more are judged and awarded ribbons. Some members will have the opportunity to take their event to Regionals in March.

When: Sunday, February 8 at 2:30pm

Where: First Baptist Church, 510 E Rainbelt Street, Meade

Register by January 30th by using the link or QR code below.

[4-H County Club Day Registration](#)



Club Day Categories & Events

Parliamentary Procedure

Model Meeting

Gavel Games

Music

Solo

Ensemble (2-5 members)

Chorus (6+ members)

Talent

One Act Play

Skit

Novelty

Vocal Performance

Dance

Presentations

Show and Tell

Project Talk

Demonstration

Illustrated Talk

Digital Presentation

Reading

Public Speaking

Cover Letter, Resume, Interview

Extemporaneous Speaking

Find Club Day resources on our website at

https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/county_club_day/

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New 4-H Family Orientation

Are you a new 4-H family, with three years or less in the program? Join us at our New Family Orientation Night at 6pm on **January 15th** at the extension office to learn more about 4-H.

- Meet our staff
- Make a family dinner (meal provided)
- Learn about projects, clubs, opportunities
- Learn the 4-H Pledge and Motto
- Q&A Session



RSVP by calling 620-873-8790, emailing me@listserv.ksu.edu, or with the QR Code above.



4-H'ers planning to enter *any* animals in the 2026 County Fair *must* complete YQCA training. There will be two 1-hour sessions offered at 10 am **OR** 1 pm on **March 17th** at the Fairgrounds. Fee is \$3

Snacks will be provided.

Visit the [Youth for the Quality Care of Animals website](#) to learn more.

ZSuites Record Book Training

Join us for Record Book Training on **March 17th** from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the office!

We'll focus on navigating and using the ZSuites program effectively. Dinner will be provided—don't miss out!



Interested in Selling at the Meade County Fair Auction?

Whether you're planning to participate in the Cake and Pie Auction or the Livestock Auction, please review the Auction Eligibility Form for important requirements.

The form can be found on our website, or by clicking here: [Auction Eligibility](#).

To qualify for the auction, 4-H members must:

- Complete at least three (3) activities listed on the eligibility form during the 4-H year
- Attend a minimum of five (5) club meetings between August and July
- Submit the completed form to the Extension Office by **July 15th**, prior to county fair

Note: Not submitting the form does not prevent you from entering items in the fair — it only affects your eligibility to participate in the auction itself.

Weigh-Ins for County Fair

Weigh-in events will take place at the fairgrounds. If you're new, call for more info!

Beef Weigh-In: **March 23rd** at 5:00pm
Small Animal Weigh-In: **April 27th** at 5:00pm

New Fair Board Rule

For 4-H members to receive add-on money for the 2025 county fair, they **MUST** attend three or more club meetings during the 4-H program year, which began in October 2025.

This is required to receive ANY add-on money. Beginning October 2026, members must meet the same qualifications as Auction Eligibility to receive add-on money. See page two of the newsletter for Auction Eligibility requirements.

Questions? Contact the Meade County Fair Association via their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/meadecofair/>

Save the Date

**2026
K-STATE JUNIOR
PRODUCER DAYS**

**Beef
MARCH 7**

**Sheep
APRIL 11**

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FULL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
CATTLE / HOGS / LAMBS / GOATS
10 CLASSES AND 3 SETS OF REASONS

**2026
blackout
JACKPOT**

BTW
BLUE TEAM WETHERS

Livestock Judging Contest
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026
THE RANCH ⚡ LOVELAND, CO

SUPERINTENDENTS
Roger Tuell
Kase LeRow

More info coming soon!

WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP

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We Grow*

JUNE 9-11, 2026

SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY

Cost is \$135 - Includes All Meals,
Activities and Lodging

**CAMPERS AGES 7-12
COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED TOO!**

*Archery, Crafts, Fishing, Robots,
Nature, Snacks and Dancing!*

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Meade County has been invited to participate in the Blackout 10 Livestock Judging Contest on March 13 at The Ranch in Loveland, CO. Events include Cattle, Hogs, Lambs, and Goats, with 10 Classes + 3 Sets of Reasons. Divisions are Novice, Junior, Senior, and Adults.

For more info visit [The Showtimes Magazine](https://www.showtimesmagazine.com/), or contact Lisa Reid at 303.917.0828 or lisa_theshowtimes@yahoo.com.

4-H LEADERSHIP DAY:
ELEVATE WITH DUSTIN GALYON
+ BREAKOUT SESSIONS

JANUARY 10, 2026
10AM-3:30PM

EVENT LOCATION:
GRAY COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
17002 W HWY 50, CIMARRON, KS

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NW 4-H Advisory Daycamp

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN ALL PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MAY BE REQUESTED BY CONTACTING GRAY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 620-855-3821.

Event is for **4-Hers in 6th -12th grades** and 4-H volunteers.
\$20/4-Her & Volunteer. Registration Due January 6, 2026

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Age: _____ Circle One: Male Female

Extension County/District: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

Food Allergies: _____

CLUB CORNER



T&C Caroling for Cans, and Games



Livewires Gingerbread Houses



3C's Decorating Christmas Cookies



Send in your club photos and we may include them in next month's Club Corner!



K-STATE
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Meade County 4-H

CLOVERBUDS

3:40pm-4:40pm

MEADE

PLAINS

November 10

November 18

December 9

December 16

January 6

January 12

February 3

February 10

March 3

March 10

April 7

April 14



MORE INFO

Meade County Extension

620-873-8790



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CALENDAR

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	4LC Mtg T&C Mtg PLW Mtg Office Reopens	5 Meade Cloverbuds Registration Deadline for Leadership Day	6	7	8	9 Leadership Day, Cimarron
3 C's Mtg	11 Plains Cloverbuds	12	13	14	15 New 4-H Family Orientation, 6pm	16 17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Registration Deadline for County Club Day	31

Monthly Club Meetings

Club	Date	Time	Location
4-Leaf Clover	5th	6:30pm	Extension Office (date tentative)
3 C's	11th	5:00pm	Fowler Friends Church
Town and Country	5th	6:00pm	Building B @ Fairgrounds
Plains Livewires	5th	6:30pm	Plains Methodist Church

YEAR AT A GLANCE

January

5: Office Reopens

5: KS 4-H Scholarship Applications **Due**

6: 4-H Leadership Day Registration **Due**

10: 4-H Leadership Day, Cimarron

10-11: KS 4-H Youth Leadership Council Orientation Retreat, Rock Springs

15: New 4-H Family Orientation, Extension Office

23: State 4-H Horse Judging, Topeka

27-29: Kansas 4-H Program Rally, Great Bend

30: **Deadline** to Register for County Club Day

February

8: County Club Day, First Baptist Church, Meade

15-16: Citizenship in Action (CIA), Topeka (2026 Registration not yet posted)

21-22: 4-H Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

March

7: K-State Junior Beef Producer Day

7: Regional Club Day, Dodge City

17: YQCA Classes (10am or 1pm), Fairgrounds

17: ZSuites Training, Extension Office

April

TBD: Shutterbug Photography Event

10-15: National 4-H Conference, Arlington, VA

11: K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day

18: Spring State Shooting Sports Match – BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Great Bend

25: Spring into Volunteering

28-29: Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (YEC), Manhattan