



# APRIL



## 4-H NEWSLETTER



This year, you all sold **739 items** for the Blue and Gold Fundraiser!

Special shoutout to our top sellers:

**Kashton Novinger** with 93 items, and **Easton Abert** with 90 items.

Thank you, 4-H'ers, for your dedication and hard work. Your efforts make a difference, and we couldn't be prouder!

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### 4-H Council

Date: **May 28th at 5:30 PM**  
Location: Extension Office

**There is a LOT of info this month! Please read thoroughly to ensure you don't miss anything!**

### YQCA Make-up Date

For those who couldn't attend the YQCA classes in person, we will be holding a make-up class on **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm** at the Extension Office. **If you took the YQCA courses online, please email your certificate to Shelby at [srrobertson20@ksu.edu](mailto:srrobertson20@ksu.edu).** YQCA certification is *required* for 4-H members planning on showing livestock at the county and state fairs, AND those planning to nominate livestock for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS).

**ATTENTION**

### 4-H Online Deadline

The deadline to add or drop a project in 4-H Online is **Friday, May 1st**. Any member who is not enrolled in a project by May 1st will not be eligible to enter an item in that category as a 4-H member at the fair. Items may still be entered and judged in the Open Class division, but they will not count as 4-H entries.

### Communication Policy

Due to new K-State social media policies, we have been advised to use email, telephone, or Band App communication with 4-H parents and members if they have questions. Please reach out to us via one of these methods when you need assistance, and we will be happy to help!

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## NEWS & EVENTS

### Small Animal Weigh-In

Small Animal Weigh-in is **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. This event is mandatory for showing a small animal at County Fair. Small animals include Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Breeding Does, Market Lambs, Breeding Ewes Market Swine, and Breeding Gilts. We will use EID tags, which are the same tags that are required for state fair. If you cannot make this date, you will need to schedule an alternate date with an agent *prior* to April 27.

### Tractor Safety Operator's Course

This all-day course is designed to help youth understand safe tractor and farm machinery operation. It also allows 14 and 15 year-olds to earn a Tractor Operator's Permit, required by Child Labor Regulations before being employed to operate a tractor. All teenage youth are welcome, regardless of age. Participants who complete the course will receive an Operator's Permit once they turn 14. Youth age 16 and older do not *need* a certificate but are strongly encouraged to attend to benefit from the education and safety materials. Lunch is included in the registration fee and will be hamburgers hot off the grill. Please call 620-855-3821 with any dietary restrictions.

Date: **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 8:00 am to 5:00pm

Location: Gray County Fairgrounds

Fee: \$20 (payable to Ford County Ag Activity Fund)

**Students must attend all day for training and the final test in order to receive an Operator's Certificate. Pre-register by May 20<sup>th</sup> by calling our office at 620-873-8790.**

### Interested in Selling at the Meade County Fair Auction?

Whether you're participating in the Cake and Pie Auction or the Livestock Auction, please review the [Auction Eligibility Form](#) for important requirements.

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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

### Fair Board Rule

For 4-H'ers to receive add-on money for the 2026 fair, they **MUST** attend at least 3 club meetings.

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.

Questions? Contact the Meade County Fair Association via their Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/meadecofair/>



### WANTED: Camp Counselors

Interested in being a counselor at Wild Horse 4-H camp? **The application can be found at the end of this newsletter!** Any 4-H'er 14 years and older may apply. Camp agents will review these applications and select counselors at our May meeting.

Applications due **April 24th!** Those selected will attend a day of training immediately before camp so they will attend June 8-11. Campers will attend June 9-11. All transportation, meals, and lodging are provided!



### Rock Springs Ranch

It's not too early to start thinking about Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Summer Camps! [Click Here for Session Dates.](#)

Meade County 4-H Council covers \$150 of your registration fee. Check with your 4-H Club Leader to see if additional assistance is available. Camp scholarships (camperships) are also offered through RSR. If you're interested or have any questions, you can visit their website: [Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp.](#)

### Wild Horse Camp

Wild Horse Camp is for youth ages 7 to 12 years old and takes place at Silver Maple Camp in Kingman County from June 9-11. Transportation is provided to and from camp. Activities include archery, arts and crafts, fishing, robotics, exploring nature, swimming, dancing, and more! The cost is \$135 for non-4-H members and \$85 for 4-H members. Invite a friend! (Note: some clubs offer to cover a part of the fee, so check with your club leader.)

**The registration form can be found at the end of this newsletter.** Registration is due to our office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### Show Down Youth Expo

This year's Show Down Youth Expo will take place on **April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** at Meade County Fairgrounds. The Sheep and Goat Clinic is on Saturday, presented by Jason McPeak & Best Champ Goat Camp. The Show is on Sunday and includes the following categories: Sheep Showmanship, Market Lamb, Breeding Lamb, Goat Showmanship, Market Goat, and Breeding Doe.

For schedule, registration fees, and how to sign up, please visit their Facebook event flyer at

<https://bit.ly/46VHRM1> or the Showman website at <https://showman.app/shows#/show-down-youth-expo-dd91>

### Spring Into Volunteering

Get ready to *Spring into Volunteering* with the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers! Join them for a day of learning, networking, and fun. Featured sessions include Beyond Ready strategies for today's youth, artificial intelligence tools for 4-H volunteers, engaging older youth and young adult volunteers, and grab-and-go engagement ideas. This event takes place on **Saturday, April 25** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus. Registration fee is \$25. The deadline to register is April 15.

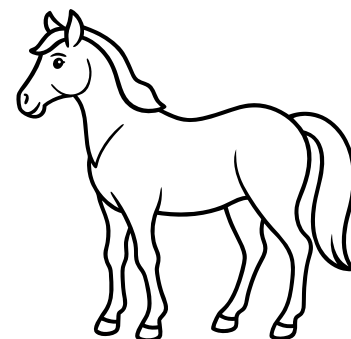
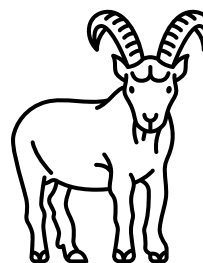
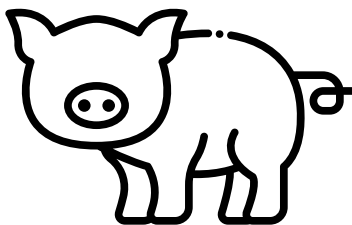
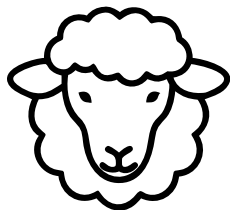
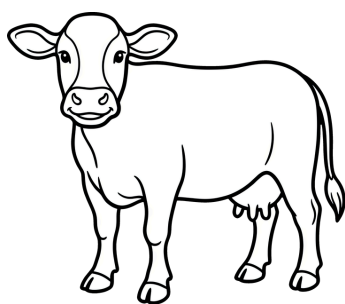
[Click here to register or to find out more!](#)

## Horse ID Certificates

A reminder that Horse ID Certificate papers are due **June 1**. ID Forms can be found on our website or you can update from last year if you still have room on the signature lines. For more information, please contact our office.

Each horse should be properly identified with the local Extension Office by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. Horses may be identified by a) completed Horse ID Certificate with all required signatures, or b) breed registration papers with horse ownership listed in the 4-H member's or a family member's name. "Family member" includes: immediate family—parent, stepparent, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian.

A copy of the 4-H Horse ID Certificate or the horse's registration papers must be kept on file with the local Extension Office and taken with you to any shows you participate in. 4-H'ers exhibiting registered horses must present a copy of the registration papers or the 4-H Horse ID Certificate at check-in to the State Fair.



## State Livestock Nominations

Want to nominate your livestock for the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)? The nomination deadline for Market Beef (steers and heifers) is **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. The nomination deadline for Small Livestock is **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. For more information and instructions, visit the [K-State Nominated Livestock website](#). If you have further questions, reach out to Shelby at our office.

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

## Cloverbuds, Heads Up!

We're down to our LAST SESSIONS to learn something fun and discover new skills with our Extension agents! Every meeting is a chance to explore, create, and try something new — we hope you'll join us for all the hands-on adventures we have left this year.

If you'll be aging out of Cloverbuds soon, CONGRATULATIONS! You're just about ready to take the next big step and join the 4-H program. We can't wait to see what you accomplish there!

If you'll be sticking with us, we're already excited to welcome you back when our Cloverbud year begins again in November. Thank you for spending your time learning and growing with us — we've loved having you as part of our group!

## Discovery Days

Discovery Days is a mini college experience designed for youth who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1. Youth will have the opportunity to select classes and attend social functions. The primary purpose of 4-H Discovery Days is to gain new ideas and expand your 4-H experience. Participate in action-oriented learning activities, fun tours, and great evening social events. You will meet new people, build leadership skills, and grow as a person!

When: **June 2-5**

Where: Kansas State University

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2026

Cost: \$280 (Meade County 4-H Council will cover \$150 of this fee. Some clubs also help so ask your leader!)

Registration closes May 8<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to sign up soon! More information and registration can be found at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/discovery-days/>

Note: this year, activities start earlier than they have at Discovery Days past. For this reason, we are heading up a night earlier than usual. *Congratulations to Emmett Woods for being selected as a 2026 Group Leader!*

## Scholarship Opportunities

There are several scholarship opportunities we would like to bring to the attention of our senior 4-H members! Please read each one carefully to see if they are a good fit.

Not a senior yet? No problem! It's never too early to explore future options. These scholarships are usually offered every year, so looking over the requirements now can help you prepare for your turn.

- Blue Key Awards from K-State University: <https://www.k-state.edu/bluekey/services/scholarships.html>
- Ideatek: <https://ideatek.com/scholarship/>
- Bucklin Tractor and Implement: <https://www.btiequip.com/scholarship-application/>

# thank you!

## Blue and Gold Assistance Appreciated!!

Some of our 4-H high schoolers helped unload and organize 110 cases of Blue and Gold products.

**Thank you** Colt, Ashton, Karay, Bryce, Micah, and Kellie! We can't begin to express how helpful you were!



# SWINE SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

## SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

Choose 1 session      limit 15 participants per session  
9:00 to noon OR      \$50 registration fee  
5:00 to 8:00 pm

All participants must have an up-to-date health form

### LEARNING BENEFIT

- Hands-on practice with your own pig
- Expand showmanship knowledge
- For all ages and any showmanship level

Clinicians are Butler Community College Livestock Judging Team members Lincoln Martin and Reegan McDaniel

### MORE INFO

- 🌐 <http://bit.ly/3OTGWFV> for the AM session
- 🌐 <https://bit.ly/4b8VHfd> for the PM session
- ✉️ [martinez.michael@usd443.org](mailto:martinez.michael@usd443.org) or [aburns@ksu.edu](mailto:aburns@ksu.edu)
- 📍 Ford County Fair Grounds  
901 W Park St. Dodge City



# CALENDAR

## April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	Office Closed 3	4	
5	4LC Mtg 6	Meade Cloverbuds 7	8	9	10	Shutterbug Event 11 JR Sheep Producer Day Showdown Expo	
3 C's Mtg 12	T&C Mtg 13	Plains Cloverbuds 14	15	16	17	18 Spring State Shooting Match	
Showdown Expo	19	PLW Mtg 20	21	22	23	24	25
					Deadline for WH Camp Counselor Applications	Spring Into Volunteering	
26	Small Animal Weigh-in 27	28	29	30	<p><b>Note:</b> each club has different ways of informing members of meeting times. Dates/times listed here are current to our knowledge, but sometimes plans change. If you're ever unsure of a time or date, please check with your club to confirm, or we can help!</p>		

## Monthly Club Meetings

Club	Date	Time	Location
4-Leaf Clover	6th	6:30pm	Extension Office
3 C's	12th	5:00pm	Fowler Friends Church
Town and Country	13th	6:00pm	Building B
Plains Livewires	20th	6:30pm	Plains Methodist Church

## April

- 1:** Sunflower Livestock Showdown Scholarship Deadline
- 3:** Office Closed for Good Friday
- 10-15:** National 4-H Conference, Arlington, VA
- 11-12:** Showdown Expo, Meade, KS
- 11:** Shutterbug Photography Event, Manhattan, KS
- 11:** K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan (*registration deadline, Mar 20*)
- 18:** Spring State Shooting Sports Match – BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Great Bend
- 24:** Deadline for Wild Horse Camp Counselor Application
- 25:** Spring into Volunteering
- 27:** Small Animal Weigh-In
- 28-29:** Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (YEC), Manhattan, KS

## May

- 1:** Deadline to Add 4-H Projects
- 1:** Deadline to register for Wild Horse Camp
- 1:** Market Beef Nomination Deadline
- 1:** Registration Deadline for Wild Horse Camp
- 25:** Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 27:** Tractor Safety, Cimarron, KS

## June

- Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Summer Camp sessions begin
- 1:** Horse ID Certification Deadline
- 2-5:** Discovery Days, Manhattan
- 3:** Fishing Day Camp (more information coming soon)
- 6:** Swine Showmanship Clinic, Dodge City, KS
- 9-11:** Wildhorse 4-H Camp, Kingman
- 12-14:** State 4-H Geology Field Trip, location TBD
- 15:** Small Livestock Nomination Deadline
- 19-20:** Insect Spectacular, Yates Center
- 26:** Chalk the Walk (more information coming soon)

## July

- Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Summer Camp sessions continue
- 1:** Summer 4-H Day Camp (more information coming soon)
- 15:** Auction Eligibility Form Deadline, 4pm
- 20-24:** Meade County Fair



*Sign Up Now*

# WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP JUNE 9-11, 2026

SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY

**COST IS \$135 - NON 4-H MEMBERS**

**\$85 FOR 4-H MEMBERS**

**INCLUDES ALL MEALS, ACTIVITIES AND LODGING**



**RETURN TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

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

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: (Circle one) Male or Female

T-Shirt Size: (please circle) (Youth) YXS YS YM YL YXL

(Adult) AS AM AL AXL

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

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

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

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

Dance Song Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to your local 4-H Council.  
Return form and payment to your local Extension office.**



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**WILD HORSE 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION** Return this application  
to your local extension no later than April 24, 2026



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions completely. If handwritten, please write neatly and legibly. If you need additional space, feel free to continue on an additional page.**

1. Why do you want to be a 4-H camp counselor?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why are counselors important to the camping experience?

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3. In your opinion, what is the most important trait of a camp counselor and why?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What non-camp experiences have you had working with children?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you served as a camp counselor before?

Check: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Non4-H If non 4-H please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you attended camps before?

Check: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Non4-H If non 4-H please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Wild Horse 4-H Camp Counselor Experience:

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ This will be my first year to serve as a counselor at Wild Horse 4-H Camp

\_\_\_\_\_ This is my second year to serve as a counselor at Wild Horse 4-H Camp

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been a counselor at Wild Horse 4-H Camp more than 2 years

8. Do you prefer to work with?

\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary (1st- 2nd grades) \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary (3rd-5th grades) \_\_\_\_\_ Junior High (6th-8th grades) or \_\_\_\_\_ Either

9. Please mark your t-shirt size: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL

10. Please list two references, **not related to you**, that can attest to your ability to work with children, follow directions, take initiative, etc.

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this person?

How do you know this person?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNSELOR AND W i l d H o r s e 4-HCAMP GROUP

*This contract contains the responsibilities and duties of the camp counselor while at 4-H camp. By signing the contract, the counselors agree to accept and carry out these responsibilities.*

### CAMP COUNSELOR GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

Assume responsibility for a group of campers from several counties for 24 hours a day during camp.

### SPECIFIC DUTIES

- ☞ Counselor Job Description, Code of Conduct, and Counselor training material apply.
- ☞ Participate in camp counselor training on June 8 & 9, 2026
- ☞ Know where your campers are at all times (including free time) and be present at critical times.
- ☞ Promote a helping relationship by interacting with your living group at all times during camp.
- ☞ Be aware of the health, safety, and well-being of your campers. Check for illness or injury.
- ☞ Report major health problems to the camp health professional.
- ☞ See that you, your living group, and your fellow counselors know and observe camp rules.
- ☞ Help your living group follow the daily camp schedule.
- ☞ Be sensitive to camper's personalities, differences, and needs.
- ☞ Be aware that your living group will copy your behavior.

*In the event of a serious rule infraction, those involved will meet with the Wild Horse 4-H Camp disciplinary committee.*

We have read the Code of Conduct and we agree to accept the above responsibilities and support our peers and agents while at camp.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor's Signature:

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian's Signature:

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's Signature:

Date:

Agent's Notes to Housing Committee:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Agents: Bring this application with you to the spring camp planning meeting.**