

4-H DAY & JUDGING EXTRAVAGANZA GUIDE

Post Rock District | 2025-2026 4-H Year



FEBRUARY 14 EVENT DETAILS (4-H DAY #1)

February 14, 2026 @ Beloit United Methodist Church (801 N. Bell Street)

Communications contests will take place in the morning, beginning at 8:00 a.m. No pre-registration is required for the Judging Extravaganza. **4-H DAY #1 REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 2.**

MARCH 2 EVENT DETAILS (4-H DAY #2)

March 2, 2026 @ Smith Center Jr./Sr. High School (300 Roger Barta Way)

Communications contests will take place in the afternoon, beginning at 4:30 p.m. No pre-registration required for Judging Extravaganza. **4-H DAY #2 REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 18.**



(www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/events/4-hday/)

REGISTRATION

Register for both dates online at the [Post Rock District's 4-H Day website](http://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/events/4-hday/). Registration will open on January 8 and is due by 11:59 p.m. on the listed registration deadline. If you cannot register online, call your local Post Rock District Office during business hours before the deadline, and we will complete your online registration on your behalf during a phone conversation.

Late registrations will be accepted, but they will not receive scheduling priority. No late registrations will be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on February 11 for the 4-H Day in Beloit. No late registrations will be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on February 25 for the 4-H Day in Smith Center.

SCHEDULES

Schedules will be made and emailed to participating families as soon as possible after the respective registration deadline.

Experience 4-H Day

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4-H Day is an opportunity for Post Rock District 4-H members to showcase and further develop communication skills. The [Kansas 4-H Communications Project webpage](#) has many helpful resources to assist you with developing communication skills. If you can't find a resource to meet your needs, please contact your local Post Rock District Office.

AGE DIVISIONS

Post Rock District 4-H Day age divisions are determined before January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Cloverbud Division = 5–6 years old

Junior Division = 7–9 years old

Intermediate Division = 10–13 years old

Senior Division = 14 years and older

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

If you register and have a last-minute change of plans (i.e. illness), you will be allowed to adjust your registration to a contest with a virtual option.

PARTICIPATION

Participants, volunteers and spectators are expected to follow the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct. This includes behavior, presentation content, visuals, etc. Post Rock District 4-H Day is a district-level experience. Participants must be actively enrolled in the Post Rock District through 4-H Online. Cloverbud members can experience 4-H Day on a participation basis only, participating in no more than one individual area as well as no more than one group area. Youth can participate at one or both Post Rock District events; however, a participant or group cannot enter the same entry at both events.

VIRTUAL ENTRY EXPECTATIONS

All virtual entries are due to the local Post Rock District Office before or on February 25, 2026 by close of business.

Recorded presentations can only be submitted for judging in the following categories: project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, public speaking, and public service announcements (PSAs). These entries are not eligible for OPS awards. Model meeting entries will only be submitted as a recorded video entry and are eligible for an OPS award. All other contest areas are for in-person participation only.

Submit by a flash drive or with a shareable online link (i.e., Google Drive) emailed to postrock4h@ksu.edu. Entries will be judged after the completion of the final in-person 4-H Day event, and results will be shared with the participants as soon as they are available.

Judges understand virtual entries are not professionally recorded. Judges are evaluating the presenter and their presentation skills, and they will not be judging video editing skills. Presentations do not need to be video edited. Presentations should not be recorded multiple times for perfection. The best learning experience for youth will occur when a recording environment is set up and scheduled to simulate an in-person competition. It is most important that the judge can clearly see and hear all components of the presentation that they would look for during an in-person presentation. If you need assistance planning for a virtual presentation recording, please contact the Post Rock District office at least three weeks prior to your desired recording date.

AWARDS

Each 4-H member in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions will be judged based on the expectations of their respective contest area. Written feedback will be provided to each youth along with a white, red, blue, or purple ribbon ranking. In each contest area, one Outstanding Presentation Sensation (OPS) award will be selected from the top purples in the respective age division, if the judge determines there is an entry deserving of the award. In eligible contest areas and age divisions, youth earning a purple at a Post Rock District 4-H Day are able to participate at the Kansas State Fair. Failure to meet the expectations outlined for each contest area will impact judging scores.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE VOLUNTEER

4-H members, families, clubs, and supporting adults are encouraged to volunteer to assist with 4-H Day or Judging Extravaganza. Opportunities will be available for sign-up through the online event registration process.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Contact a Post Rock District Office. Visit our website at www.postrock.ksu.edu.

Post Rock District 4-H Day Contest Areas

PUBLIC PRESENTATION CONTEST AREAS

Unless otherwise stated, there is a two entry maximum per participant in each contest area as long as each entry topic is different. Unless otherwise stated, visual aids are allowed. A projector, projector screen, computer, easel, and table will be available in each presentation room. All virtual visual aids must be brought to the presentation on a flash drive by the presenter. Internet is not available. No live shooting or loaded firearms allowed.

Project Talk – Review the Kansas 4-H resources for presentation details. Cloverbud Division: One entry allowed, Time guideline 1 to 3 minutes. | Junior and Intermediate Divisions: Time guideline 3 to 7 minutes. | No Senior Division.

Illustrated Talk – Review the Kansas 4-H resources for presentation details. No Cloverbud Division. | Junior and Intermediate Divisions: Time guideline 4 to 10 minutes. | Senior Division: Time guideline 6 to 15 minutes.

Demonstration – Review the Kansas 4-H resources for presentation details. No Cloverbud Division. | Junior and Intermediate Divisions: Time guideline 4 to 10 minutes. | Senior Division: Time guideline 6 to 15 minutes.

Demonstration or Illustrated Talk Group – Review the Kansas 4-H resources for presentation details. Two to four 4-H members in a group, with each member having an equal amount of speaking and demonstration/illustration roles. No Cloverbud participants. | No age division separation during judging: Time guideline 6 to 15 minutes.

Public Speaking – Review the Kansas 4-H resources for presentation details. No Cloverbud, Junior or Intermediate Divisions. | Senior Division: Time guideline 5 to 15 minutes.

Spontaneous Speaking – Each participant will draw from the topics: Promote 4-H, Personal Interest, Current Event, Entertainment Review. After drawing, the participant will have 10 minutes to compose a talk about the specific topic. No online or print research allowed during preparation time. Participants will be provided with a writing utensil, note paper, and an index card. Phones and computers are not to be used. When the time expires, the participant will present their talk to a judge. No visual aids allowed. No Cloverbud, Junior, or Intermediate Divisions. | Senior Division: One entry allowed, Time guideline 2 to 5 minutes.

Public Service Announcement – Entries will be a short, commercial-style live presentation that promotes 4-H. Topics may be about joining 4-H, promoting the club experience, sharing a 4-H success story, exploring a project/experience available through 4-H, etc. Presentations should be designed and presented as if they were going to be recorded for use on a media platform (television, website, social media, radio, voice-over, etc.). Before beginning, participant should introduce in 15 to 30 seconds the platform of which the presentation was designed for. Cloverbud Division: One entry allowed, Time guideline 30 second maximum. | Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions: Time guideline 30 seconds to 2 minutes.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONTEST AREAS

These contest areas are designed for youth exploring entrepreneurship. They provide an opportunity for a participant engaging in a local Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (YEC) to have their business entry and public speaking skills evaluated. The contests are a separate yet complementary experience for all local YEC competitions. Review the Kansas Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge rubric to learn about each contest area and to gain valuable tips. A projector, projector screen, computer, easel, and table will be available in each presentation room. All virtual visual aids must be brought to the presentation on a flash drive by the presenter. Internet is not available.

Entrepreneurship Formal Presentation – This presentation is where a participant will verbally present their business and share details of its product or service. Note cards, power points, handouts, samples, and other visual aids may be used. Following the presentation, the judge(s) will ask questions. May enter as an individual or as a group of up to four members. There is no minimum or maximum number of entrepreneurs that can present. No Cloverbud or Junior Divisions. | Intermediate and Senior Division: Time guideline 4 to 5 minutes.

Entrepreneurship Trade Show Presentation – This is a contest where a participant/business has the opportunity to pitch their product or service to judges using a booth as a visual and informational aid. Judge(s) will visit each business trade show to evaluate the business idea, display, and its members ability to discuss the business and answer questions about it. Judge(s) will listen to each participant share the highlights of their business plan and high-level details of the product or service being offered. Entrepreneurs will be allowed to provide samples or handouts. Judge(s) will be allowed to ask questions. May enter as an individual or as a group of up to four members. No Cloverbud or Junior Divisions. | Intermediate and Senior Division: Time guideline 2 to 3 minute recommendation for trade show pitch. | Note on registration if there are any special needs for the trade show booth such as electricity, water, space beyond a standard table, etc.

MODEL BUSINESS MEETING

Model meetings will not be performed at 4-H Day. They will be recorded by video with audio and submitted virtually. Refer to Virtual Entry Expectations for details about how to submit and the submission details. Submit by the virtual entry deadline. The meeting agenda, roll call, and secretary's minutes need to be submitted to complete the entry. Other officers are encouraged to submit a written report to complement their verbal reports. It will be judged as soon as possible, following the last in-person 4-H Day event and results shared with the club. The OPS will be selected from all district-wide entries. Time guideline: 45 minutes or less is recommended.

MUSIC CONTEST AREAS

Participants in any music contest area are strongly encouraged to also enter a public presentation contest area. Unless otherwise stated, one entry is allowed per participant in each contest area. A piano, seat/chair and stand will be available for use. All other instruments and necessary props must be provided by the participant. Accompanist for vocal entries can be an adult. All musical entries must begin with a 1 to 2 minute minimum verbal introduction. It might include introduction of self, name of your musical number, an interesting fact about composer, your instrument, etc. A copy of the music number to be performed is to be submitted to the judge with measures numbered. There is no virtual entry option for any music contest areas.

Chorus – No age division separation during judging: Twelve or more 4-H members in group, Cloverbuds may be included as an “extra” with purpose of participation experience only, Perform two numbers.

Vocal Ensemble – No age division separation during judging: Two to eleven 4-H members in group, Cloverbuds may be included as an “extra” with purpose of participation experience only, Perform two numbers.

Vocal Solo – Cloverbud Division: Perform one number, Number time guideline 30 seconds to 1 minute. | Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions: Perform one number, Number time guideline 30 seconds to 2 minutes based on experience/skill level.

Band – No age division separation during judging: Twelve or more 4-H members in group, Cloverbuds may be included as an “extra” with purpose of participation experience only, Perform two numbers.

Instrumental Ensemble – No age division separation during judging: Two to eleven 4-H members in group, Cloverbuds may be included as an “extra” with purpose of participation experience only, Perform two numbers.

Instrumental Solo – Cloverbud Division: One entry allowed, Perform one number, Number time guideline 30 seconds to 1 minute. | Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions: Two entry maximum per participant so long as instrument used is different, Perform one number, Number time guideline 30 seconds to 2 minutes based on experience/skill level.

DANCE CONTEST AREAS

Participants in any dance contest area are strongly encouraged to also enter a public presentation contest area. Unless otherwise stated, one entry is allowed per participant in each contest area. Participants are responsible for providing their own music and radio/speaker. No live music allowed. No speaker system available. No internet available. All dance entries must begin with a 1 to 2 minute minimum verbal introduction. It might include introduction to self, description of dance style, interesting fact about dance, etc. There is no virtual entry option for any dance contest areas.

Dance Solo – Cloverbud Division: Perform one number, Number time guideline 15 seconds to 1 minute. | Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions: Perform one number, Number time guideline 30 seconds to 5 minutes based on experience/skill level.

Dance Group – No age division separation: Two or more 4-H members in group, Cloverbuds may be included as an “extra” with purpose of participation experience only, Perform one number, 30 seconds to 5 minutes based on experience/skill level.

Other Creative Movement – No age division separation during judging: Individual or group of any size, Cloverbuds may be included as an “extra” with purpose of participation experience only, Perform one number, 30 seconds to 5 minutes based on experience/skill level.

DRAMATICS CONTEST AREAS

Participants in any dramatics contest area are strongly encouraged to also enter a public presentation contest area. Unless otherwise stated, one entry is allowed per participant in each contest area. Participants are responsible for providing their own props. The judge does *not* need a copy of the script/reading for reference. No speaker system available. No internet available. There is no virtual entry option for any dramatics contest areas.

Reading – May be a musical, poetry, dramatic, interpretive, humorous, or other type of reading. No visual aids allowed; however, the participant is to give the presentation with the book/binder of material in-hand. Presentations should begin with a short 15 to 45 second introduction (in addition to reading time) describing reading title, author and why reading was selected. Cloverbud Division: Time guideline 1 to 3 minutes. | Junior and Intermediate Divisions: Time guideline 2 to 5 minutes. | Senior Division: Time guideline 4 to 7 minutes.

Creative Dramatic or Skit – Original creations or properly secured royalty dramatics/skits/play may be used. No dramatic/skit/play is barred because of previous year use at a 4-H Day. Presentations should begin with a short 15 to 45 second introduction (in addition to dramatic/skit time) describing title, author and why material was selected. No age division separation during judging: Individual or group of any size, Cloverbuds may be included as an “extra” with purpose of participation experience only, Time guideline 15 minute maximum.

Other Novelty Talent – Presentations should begin with a short 15 to 45 second verbal introduction (in addition to talent time). No age division separation during judging: Individual or group of any size, Cloverbuds may be included as an “extra” with purpose of participation experience only, Time guideline 1 to 5 minutes.

Experience Judging Extravaganza

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Judging Extravaganza is a Post Rock District event where youth can challenge themselves through judging contests related to popular project areas as well as contests related to life skill development.

NO PRE-REGISTRATION

Judging Extravaganza is a come-and-go experience. There is no pre-registration required. Participants must be actively enrolled in 4-H Online in the Post Rock District to be eligible to participate.

COME-AND-GO JUDGING EXPERIENCE

Youth do not need to complete the entire Judging Extravaganza at one time. If they need to leave to complete a 4-H Day entry, they can come back and finish their judging contests. In the spirit of 4-H, we ask that all participants act with integrity if they need to leave a contest and return later.

CONTEST RESOURCES

No cell phones or other devices are allowed to be used by participants while they are completing judging. Study resources cannot be used while completing judging. In most situations, participants should be able to complete the contest independently. However, there may be some unique circumstances where an adult or older teen needs to assist a young person. An adult or older teen assisting with reading, etc. for a participant must only assist with reading and understanding the instructions. Each youth needs to be given the opportunity to test their own knowledge during the contest and to work through the decision-making skills of each respective judging contest.

STUDY GUIDES

Each contest will have study guides published online by January 8, 2026. You can find them on the Judging Extravaganza webpage. Youth who work with adults, family members, and fellow 4-H members to explore the study guides in advance of the contest find they have more success throughout this type of learning experience.

AGE DIVISIONS

Age divisions will follow the same divisions declared for 4-H Day contests. Each contest will have a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior division. Cloverbuds can participate for experience only. Each contest is an individual contest; there are no team competitions.

AWARDS

The contests will be the same at both events, meaning awards will combine results from both events. Each contest will have awards, in addition to overall age division winners. Youth must complete an entire contest to be eligible for the respective contest's awards. Youth are only eligible for overall awards if they complete every contest in their age division.



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