County Fair Information
County Fair information for 4-H events and activities will be posted at the Post Rock District website > 4-H Youth Experience > County Fair Information > Your County.

Fair and other 4-H updates are also shared within our Facebook group for active families. Join PRD 4-H Insider Experience.

Rock Springs 4-H Camp
4-H Camp will be here soon! Campers and counselors have received information to help you prepare. Please contact your local office with your transportation plan.

Don’t forget to complete the CampMinder health information. Find planning resources at the Post Rock District website > 4-H Youth Experience > Rock Springs 4-H Camp.

Leadership Bootcamp
Plan to attend a one-day Leadership Bootcamp in Beloit on June 24! Post Rock District is excited to be hosting this hands-on experience for 6-12 graders. 4-H membership is not required! Registration is due by June 17 with the fee of $5.00. Register online at postrock.ksu.edu or by contacting your local extension office. Find more details at the Post Rock District website.

Dog Project Meetings & District Show
Kelli Burrus will be holding two Dog Project meetings focusing on Dog Showmanship and Dog Obedience. The meetings will take place at the Osborne County Fairgrounds on Sundays, June 13 and 27 from 2:00-4:00PM (note time change). The date for the Post Rock District Dog Show is Tuesday, July 27 at the Osborne County Fairgrounds Covered Arena. Contact your local office if you are interested in these project meetings.

State Wheat Expo
The 2021 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be on Wednesday, August 11 in El Dorado. The event is a fun, educational, and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/wheat to participate. Registration opens mid-June. Find details at the Kansas 4-H website or contact your extension office.
Kansas 4-H Project Resources

Visit your project’s website at Kansas 4-H to connect to a wide variety of resources such as curriculum, exhibiting expectations, leader resources, and more. If you are looking for guidance or new ideas in a project area, reach out to your local office and we’ll help direct you to resources that will assist with finding your spark!

4-H at Home

4-H at Home provides learning resources for kids, teens and families to enjoy from home (or anywhere!). Explore National 4-H’s 4-H at Home website to receive hands-on, educational activities, including activity guides and curriculum to help explore your spark!

Food Safety at Events, Food Stands & Bake Sales

Planning a food stand, bake sale, meal catering, or other food-related fundraiser or event? Food safety is important, so checkout the Extension Food Safety website for resources and tips related to 4-H Events and Food Safety!

Frostings and Fillings for Fair Exhibits

K-State Research and Extension has a resource available to assist you with selecting appropriate frostings and fillings for your food projects. Food safety is always important to consider when planning a recipe, cooking and serving. It is a fair requirement to exhibit entries that meet food safety expectations. Check out the resource, Food Safety of Frostings and Fillings. Contact our offices if you have questions or need assistance finding reliable sources for recipes!

Fall 4-H Day

Save the date for a fall 4-H Day on September 25! Our goal is to offer this in-person opportunity to practice and showcase communication skills and talents. This will be similar to a typical Post Rock District 4-H Day experience, with both individual and group exhibition opportunities. More information will be released at a later date. You can find the contest areas at the Post Rock District website > 4-H Youth Experience > Communications Resources.
District Horse Show & Level Testing

A 4-H member must be between the ages of 9 and 18 as of December 31 of the current 4-H year and must have successfully passed Horse Achievement Level I before the deadline of his or her District Horse Show in order to be eligible. Show dates, registration, and contact information are posted at the District Horse Show website. The Post Rock District is in the Northwest and that show is July 8 in Norton. You can find other helpful information at the Kansas 4-H Horse Project webpage. 4-Her’s are allowed to attend up to 2 shows- their “home district” and one additional. When you register for the state show, district classes will be used in its entirety and not a combination of 2 different districts. Any family that attends more than 2 shows, or chooses 2 shows other than their original district will become ineligible to compete at the state show.

Achievement Level 1 must be completed by the District Show registration deadline (Northwest registration deadline is June 25!). All higher levels must be completed by the state fair registration deadline, in order to participate in respective state fair classes. The Level Testing exams are available through your local extension office. Youth will need to come to the office to complete the exams; please call in advance to schedule your appointment. We can also help you get a riding test scheduled, but please reach out ASAP as evaluators are busy!

Community Service Funding Available

The Post Rock District’s Community Action Team encourages all clubs to get involved in a service project this spring! Have an idea, but need some funding to get you started? Contact Nora Rhoades at nrhoades@ksu.edu to attend a Community Action Team meeting. A youth 4-H member should prepare to present the club’s project and funding request. Refer to the flier for more tips on how to plan a spring clean challenge and request funds! Check out the Spring Clean Challenge Flier. The Community Action Team is extending the opportunity throughout the remainder of the 4-H year.

JOIN PRD 4-H INSIDER EXPERIENCE ON FACEBOOK FOR FREQUENT UPDATES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS!
New Record Book Forms

Kansas 4-H has updated the record keeping process, effective now! The KAP applications are no longer used. As you prepare record books for the end of the 4-H year, be sure to use the new documents. We have information posted at the Post Rock District website > 4-H Youth Experience > Record Keeping Resources.

Club Seal Recognition for 2020-2021

The 4-H club seal award is a district-wide recognition opportunity for the Post Rock District’s 4-H Youth Development Program. A club seal is awarded to a Post Rock District 4-H community club at the conclusion of each participation year when the requirements for a seal are met. The 2020-2021 4-H program year has become less than "normal" due to limitations presented by the pandemic. To earn a club seal this year, a club can complete either the respective county-level requirements or the district-level requirements. This year, clubs can attach a supplemental document explaining adaptations, adjustments, or activity substitutions made to remain an active club while following current COVID-19 protocols. This will be taken into consideration by the review committees during evaluation. Find more details at the Post Rock District website > 4-H Youth Experience > Awards and Recognition.

Virtual Judging Experience

Crops, Horticulture, Family and Consumer Science, and Photography will be available for a non-competitive virtual judging experience. The experience will be available Tuesday, June 22 until Wednesday, June 23. The experience is being planned by Southeast Area 4-H, but anyone can participate. Participation will require an internet connection and a connected device (computer or tablet). Using a phone will be difficult to see the photos/classes and to complete. You will be sent a link for the contests prior to the contest start time. You will also need adequate time to finish the contest in one sitting. You are welcome to schedule a time to complete it at an extension office. Register by June 15 at https://tinyurl.com/apv6e7ea.

Welcome Katie & Kylie!

Katie Elder and Kylie Rahmeier are joining the Post Rock District team for the summer as 4-H Program Assistants! Katie can be reached at kaitlynelder@ksu.edu and Kylie at kylierahmeier@ksu.edu. They are outstanding PRD 4-H Alumnae and current Agriculture Education students. We're so excited to have them supporting our youth development program this summer!
Member Achievement Awards for 2020-2021

Members need to engage in face-to-face, hybrid, virtual, and distance learning opportunities in order to meet the requirements of the respective award. If there is a requirement that was completely unavailable due to no delivery method mentioned above offered at a local, district, regional, state, or national level, please note it on the application. You can attach a supplemental document sharing two (2) ways you adapted, adjusted or substituted an experience in order to remain active while following current COVID-19 protocols. Permanent record, project record, and club meeting requirements cannot be waived with a substitute activity. This information will be considered by the review committees. You can find the pin applications on the Kansas 4-H website for Member Achievement Pins. The 4-H Key Award can be submitted using the original application or the alternative application, as posted on the Kansas 4-H website for the Key Award. The Key Award is the only award application that has a modified form available during the pandemic programming years. All Post Rock District 4-H members, regardless of county, need to complete the applications provided by Kansas 4-H. There are no county-level applications. If you need help identifying an opportunity that will help you reach your desired award requirements, please contact your local extension office.

4-H Program Coordinator – Mitchell/Lincoln Full-Time

We are continuing to take applications for a full-time 4-H Program Coordinator to be located in the Beloit and Lincoln, KS offices. The motivated professional is responsible for coordinating and managing the comprehensive 4-H Youth Development program in the Post Rock District, with a focus on Mitchell County and Lincoln County. Position description and application procedure is available at www.postrock.ksu.edu.
4-H Summer Day Camp
4-H Summer Day Camp was open to all youth completing Kindergarten through 3rd Grade. Participants spent the morning engaging in a hands on activity of painting and games.

Jewell County Fair
Information for the Jewell County Fair can be found on the Post Rock District County Fairs’ website. Look for the Fair Book, Fair Poster (schedule), Fashion Revue forms, Livestock entry sheets, and Food Stand Sign Up link. Call the extension office if you need assistance locating any information you need.

Food Stand Sign Up & Donations
Food stand sign up directions and needed donations for the food stand can be found here. All 4-H families are to bring 24-12 oz. cans of pop OR 24-12 oz. bottles of Gatorade OR 1-12 pack of each. We will need two adult shifts signed up from all families including those families with younger members, 5-7 years old. All youth ages 11 and older will need to sign up for two shifts. All youth ages 8-10 will need to sign up for one shift. Call the extension office if you have questions.

CONNECT WITH US AT POSTROCK.KSU.EDU
Congratulations to Hunter Huntsman on Elder Project
Hunter Huntsman Club created seven care baskets for elders in their community and delivered them. Congratulations on a job well done!
Tell us about your Elder project so we can share your victories as well.

Lincoln County Fair
Mark Your Calendar! Lincoln County Fair is Wednesday, July 14th through Saturday, July 17th. Fashion Revue will be held July 6th. Fair books are available in print format at the office or you can find it online at https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/lincolnfairst/index.html.

Photography Mounting
Linda Rosebrook will assist 4-Hers in mounting their photographs on July 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Senior Center. Mounting boards cost $1.00 each. Plastic sleeves are $.10 each. Please call the office for an appointment.

Kylie is in the Office
Kylie Rahmeier rejoined the Lincoln office on Monday, May 17th, to provide assistance with the 4-H Youth Development Program. She will be with us until classes begin again in the fall. Please stop by with your 4-H questions or just to say Hi!

4-H Council meeting for June will be held on the 14th; start time is 6:30 PM.
Food Stand

We are still looking for a food stand manager, either adult or youth. Please let the extension office know if you're interested!

Food Stand Sign-Up: https://signup.com/go/rYbasiq

Reminders

• Fashion Revue Pre-Entries will be due June 18. Packets have been sent out or you can find information on our website: https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/mitchellfair/index.html.
• Pen Rent and Livestock entries will be due July 5.
• Fair information website: https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/mitchellfair/index.html.

Please bookmark this page for important information throughout the summer!

Welcome Katie!

Katie Elder joined our Mitchell County office May 17th to provide assistance with our 4-H Youth Development Program through the summer!

Important Dates

• Virtual Discovery Days June 1-4
• Great Northwest Camp June 9-12
• Campference (ages 12-14) June 27-30
• Country Nights and Barn Lights 2021 Fair July 21-24
• Next Council Meeting July 24 @ Noon at the fair

Country Nights and Barn Lights
For the latest announcements, deadlines, forms, fair tips, and fair details for the 2021 Osborne County Fair, be sure to check your email inbox weekly, follow the Post Rock District 4-H Insider Experience Facebook page and check the Post Rock Extension website Osborne County Fair page (https://www.postrock.ks-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/osbornefair/index.html). 4-H Division Fairbook is posted on the Osborne County Fair website page.

FAIR ENTRY OPEN JUNE 1

The Fair Entry online system opens June 1 for families to register 4-H entries for the 2021 Osborne County 4-H Divisions. Deadline for submitting entries is July 12, 2021. A computer is available at the Osborne Extension Office if you need computer access and/or assistance. http://osbornecountyfair.fairentry.com

JUNE 2021 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2021  7:30PM  Osborne County Fairgrounds

This will be an important meeting to discuss final preparations for the 2021 Osborne County Fair.

PHOTOGRAPHY MATS AVAILABLE AT EXTENSION OFFICE

Needing photo mats and photo sleeves to mount your Photography exhibits? Stop by the Osborne Extension Office. Photo mats are $1.00 each and photo sleeves are $0.10.

PICK UP FAIR T-SHIRT ORDERS FROM CLUB LEADER

Fair t-shirt orders from Perfect Print will be delivered to club leaders and an email will be sent to families when t-shirts are ready for pick up.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES & FOODS PROJECT RECORDS

Just a reminder that Clothing and Textiles Project Records are due in Osborne Extension Office by end of day July 12. Food Project records are due on judging day.
June
- 8th – Rock Springs 4H Camp Counselor Training
- 9-12th – Rock Springs 4H Camp
- 15th – Sheep, Swine, and Goat Nominations due to State

July
- 1st – Stall & Armory Reservations Due
- 1st – Animal Sale Information Sheets Due
- 1st – Fashion Review Pictures and Scripts Due
- 9th – Foods Judging at assigned time at the American Lutheran Church
- 10th – Fair Set Up and Window painting, 8 AM – 12 PM
- 12th – Clothing Judging at assigned times at the American Lutheran Church
- 15-19th – County Fair – 4-H is Outta-This-World

*** Dog Classes coming look in district section of newsletter and watch for emails.

All forms are fillable forms on the webpage at:
https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/smithfair/index.html.

If you go to the extension page = Post Rock – 4H Youth Experience (on left side) – County Fairs (under that tab) – Smith County
UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1-4: Discovery Days
June 5: Super 4-H Saturday, Hays
June 9-12: Great Northwest 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
June 12, 19, 26: Geology Field Trips (Western, Southeast & Central Kansas)
June 13 & 27: Dog project meetings, Osborne
June 15: State Nomination due for goat, sheep, and swine
June 15-18: KSU Animal Science Leadership Academy
June 24: Leadership Bootcamp, Beloit
June 27-30: Campference
June 28-30: Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp, Manhattan
July 8: Northwest District Horse Show, Norton
July 9-10: Swine Classic, Manhattan
July 12: Wheat Variety Plot enrollment due
July 27: Post Rock District Dog Show, Osborne
Aug 11: State Wheat Expo, El Dorado
September 23: 4-H Leader Training (tentative save the date)
September 25: Fall 4-H Day
October 2: 4-H Kick-off Event (tentative save the date)
October 3-9: National 4-H Week
October 9-10: 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
November 6: Post Rock District Officer Training (tentative save the date)

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