



POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

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WATCH EMAILS FOR COUNTY FAIR INFO!

Post Rock District county fairs will be here soon! Be watching your email for important reminders. The email that you used when you signed up for membership in 4-H Online will be used. We are also using the County 4-H Clover Connection Facebook Groups (QR codes on page 4) to post reminders.

Do not hesitate to reach out to your local Extension Office if you have any questions. If you are new to 4-H or new to a project, navigating the county fair can be confusing. Post Rock District staff, your club leader, and our entire 4-H family are here to help you!

County Fair Websites:

www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/events/county-fairs/

Visit your fair website to find the online fairbooks, forms, and more...


PRE-FAIR ENTRY DEADLINES: PROJECT OWNERSHIP AND VERIFICATION

Each 4-H Council in the Post Rock District has designated a pre-fair entry deadline. **The pre-fair entry deadline is when all project exhibits must be designated for the class which will be shown at the county fair. It is an ownership and verification deadline.** Entries can be dropped, but not added after the pre-fair entry deadline. Any project areas not required by 4-H Council to meet the pre-fair entry deadline will submit entry requirements at the project's fair check-in time. This is a very important date to have marked on your calendar if you want to exhibit a 4-H project (animal and non-animal) at the county fair!



- 📌 Jewell County Deadline: June 17
- 📌 Lincoln County Deadline: July 1
- 📌 Mitchell County Deadline: July 2
- 📌 Osborne County Deadline: July 6
- 📌 Smith County Deadline: July 1

JEWELL COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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JEWELL COUNTY FAIR: JULY 9-12

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Pre-Fair Entry Deadline: Wednesday, June 17th

Pre-Fair Judging: Tuesday, July 7th

Quonset Judging: Friday, July 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Find the full schedule on the county fair website!



2026 FAIR FOOD STAND SIGNUP

Each family is required to work one shift which includes at least 1 adult and all 4-H members.

The link to sign-up starting next week is:

<https://forms.office.com/r/SU7b8WFaH8>

SIGN UP



FAIR CLEANUP ON JULY 6!

The Jewell County Fair is almost here! All 4-H members exhibiting at the fair are required to attend the cleanup on Monday, July 6 at 6 PM. Please bring brooms, rakes, and other tools, and come ready to help get the fairgrounds ready. Let's work together to get everything looking its best for a great fair week ahead!

STOP BY THE OFFICE TO PICK UP YOUR FAMILY'S COPY OF THE 2026 FAIR BOOK!

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CHECK WE ARE IN THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU DRIVE TO TOWN... IT'S A BUSY SEASON!

SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

All school-age youth interested in photography are welcome to attend this hands-on workshop. 4-H membership is not required. Sign-up soon because space is limited! Find all the details and registration at <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/youth/>

SUMMER DAY CAMPS, WORKSHOPS & MORE

Watch our [Post Rock District 4-H Facebook page](#) for announcements. We'll also be sharing youth day camps, workshops, and other opportunities on our [Post Rock District website](#) under 'Youth Programs'.

Check out Post Rock Extension District's 2026 offerings!



JEWELL COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

The next Jewell County 4-H Council Meeting is June 22 at 7:00 p.m.


PRE-FAIR DEADLINE

The Pre-Fair deadline for this year's fair is June 17th. **The following must be submitted to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17th:**

- Animal class sign-up form
- Premium Sale Requirements form

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SIGNUP GENIUS FOR FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

Adults and 4-Hers are needed for the 2026 Lincoln County Fair as judging assistants. Sign up for the project area you want to assist. It's on a first come/first serve basis.



<https://bit.ly/41Yll17>

This is an item you will want to use on your Achievement pin application.

Lincoln County Fair Project Entry

Entries will be submitted via the Fair Entry System online. ALL 4-H project and Open Class Livestock entries are due by 11:59 p.m. on 7/1. Open Class Static entries are due by 7:00 p.m. on 7/15. Those needing assistance with the Fair Entry System are welcome to visit the Extension Office in Lincoln. Register with the QR Code or at: <http://lincolncountyks.fairentry.com>



HORSE PROJECT REQUIREMENT

Per Kansas Dept. of Animal Health, beginning in 2025 all exhibits in the 4-H Horse Show must present proof of negative Coggins test within the last 12 months at check-in.

4-H EAR TAGS AVAILABLE

If you are still needing to put ear tags in your livestock to exhibit at the fair, please contact our office and stop by to pick them up.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed Friday, June 19th, Juneteenth, and Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



PRE FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE

- **Pre-fair deadline:** July 1 by 11:59 pm to enter your fair items
- **Pre-fair judging:** July 13 (foods, photography, fiber arts, clothing, fashion revue) at Lincoln Jr Sr High School beginning at 9 a.m. Public Fashion Revue at 6:30 p.m.

2026 FAIR T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

The Lincoln County Fair t-shirt is available for purchase. We will be placing an order before fair, so get yours in soon! Your payment is due to the Lincoln Extension Office when the t-shirts are picked up. To order, visit the following link: [\[https://forms.gle/BdQUjgWfspDspm798\]](https://forms.gle/BdQUjgWfspDspm798)



LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR JULY 13th -18th

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the Lincoln County Fair this year from July 13 - 18, 2026.



This year's theme is:
"All American Flair at The Lincoln County Fair"

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY MOUNTING

On Friday, July 10th, Linda Rosebrook will again be mounting photography pictures at the Lincoln Senior Center from 1- 4 p.m. The cost will be \$2 for each matte/cover and payable that day.

PRE- AND POST-FAIR CLEAN-UP ASSIGNMENTS

Hunter Huntsman: 4-H Building, grandstands, bathroom by 4-H Building, benches & trash cans.

Jr. Sunflower: Sheep, Goat & Swine Barns and Show Arena.

Bullfoot Creek/Sylvan Hustlers: Beef Barn, Poultry Barn and bathrooms by Show Arena.




Go to the [Lincoln County Fair website](#) for the cleaning details.

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Wed., June 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Lincoln Senior Center

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Food Stand Shifts

The food stand at the fair is the largest fundraiser for our 4-H Council. We will need every 4-H member and parent to sign up for a shift to make this a success. If you are a beef family, please sign up for Thursday evening or Friday evening shifts. If you are a non-beef or non-livestock family, we really need your help on Saturday evening. Youth who work more than one shift can get credit for service learning hours and will earn free Bubbl'r or ice cream! You can sign up at the following link:

[Food Stand Sign Up](#)

July 2nd Deadline !!!

The pre-fair deadline for this year's fair is July 2nd. **The following must be submitted to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2nd:**

- [Livestock entry forms](#)
- [Poultry, Rabbit & Pet form](#)
- **Pen rent (\$1 per animal due with livestock entry form)**
- [Fashion Revue pre-entry form](#)
- [Fashion Revue script cards](#)
- [New this year, you can submit your script online here](#)

2026 Fair Books

We will soon have printed copies of the fair book available at our office. To view the full fair book online click [HERE](#)

Mitchell County Fair Dates:

July 20th-25th, 2026



Theme: Sew it, Show it, Grow it

- **Pre-fair deadline: July 2nd** (livestock entry forms, pen rent fees, fashion revue pre-entry forms & scripts cards due)
- **Pre-fair judging** (foods, visual arts, fashion revue) has moved back to the Beloit First Christian Church this year
- **Clean up duties:** please contact the Extension office **BEFORE** cleaning to communicate the date(s) you intend to clean up and to get the checklist for your area
 - **West Beloit:** *Pre-fair livestock barns*
 - **Tipton:** *After fair 4-H building, kitchen, and restrooms*
 - **Asherville Achievers:** *Before fair 4-H building clean up (kitchen and restrooms)*

Fair Information Website

Please bookmark this website so you have a reference to assist you this summer.
<https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/events/county-fairs/mitchellfair/>


[Order Your 2026 Fair T-Shirts Now!](#)



Return order forms to the Extension Office by June 22nd.

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4-H FOOD STAND SIGN- UP REMINDER

The primary fundraiser for Osborne County 4-H activities is our fair Food Stand. Each family is required to work one shift. An email with the link to sign-up for Food Stand shifts will be sent out **Monday, June 1st at 12:30 p.m.** Attached with the newsletter is a 2026 fair 4-H event schedule and a blank Food Stand schedule to review when selecting shifts.



HELP IS NEEDED FOR TACO PREP JUNE 8!

We need your help in prepping taco meat for the 2026 fair Food Stand. We will prepare 150 pounds of taco meat on Monday, June 8th. We will start at 4:00 p.m. We will be using the Osborne High School FACS room kitchen. Please join us to tackle this important project!



2026 FAIR T-SHIRT ONLINE ORDERS

Council voted to make available 2026 fair themed t-shirt. This year's t-shirts are cornflower blue. Orders will be picked up and delivered to your club leader so no additional shipping charges. Ordering details will be shared soon.



UPCOMING ENGAGING DAY CAMPS & PROJECT WORKSHOPS

If you are in the Photography project or Meat Goat project, consider attending one or both workshops coming up in June. See district pages for more details. Post Rock District will also be offering a number of Day camps. Check out this link for all the dates and details: [Youth Day Camps & Events](#).

OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS



June 1 | 7:30 p.m. | Extension Office
We will be finalizing plans for county fair.

OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR: JULY 22 -25 IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Fair Entry deadline - The system opens June 1 and deadline to register is Monday, July 6th.
- Plan to get these done early so you can enjoy your Fourth of July weekend. July 6th follows the Fourth of July weekend.
- Deadline for animal and project ownership is July 6.
- Clothing project forms for Clothing Construction and Style Revue are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 6th.
- Pre-fair clean-up is Saturday, July 18th at 8:00 a.m. If you are going to miss pre-fair or post fair clean-up, contact Kim now so we can schedule make-up work.
- Club assignments for pre-fair clean-up and rotating responsibilities can be found on the [Osborne County Fair page](#).

OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR 2026 RESOURCES

For the latest news, deadlines, forms, fairbook, fair tips and fair details, follow the [Osborne County Clover Connection group Facebook page](#).

[CLICK HERE FOR THE 2026 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR 4-H EVENT SCHEDULE and FAIR BOOK.](#)

CHANGES TO 2026 OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H EVENT SCHEDULE


Please note these changes made to several 4-H 2026 fair events!

- Osborne County 4-H & Open Class Horse Show has been moved to **Saturday, July 18th at 5:00 p.m.**
- 4-H Foods & Nutrition judging has been moved to **Tuesday, July 21st at 1:00 p.m.**
- Only one Vet Check on Tuesday, July 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **No Wednesday morning Vet Check.**

OFFICE CLOSED FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The Osborne office will be closed on Friday, June 19 and Friday, July 3.

SMITH COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC



The Goat Showmanship Clinic originally scheduled in April has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 7th at 3:30 p.m. at the Smith County Fairgrounds. This will be a hands-on experience allowing showmen of all levels the opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge.



You can sign up for the clinic [online](#) by June 1st! Review the [flyer](#) for details here, on the event webpage. Direct questions to Jenilee Godsey, 4-H Youth Development Agent, at jenileem@ksu.edu or the Smith Center Office at 785-282-6823.

FAIRGROUNDS CONSTRUCTION


The livestock buildings are under construction at the fair. **DO NOT drive or walk through the work zone. Only use the armory driveway.** Spread the word to community members to respect the work zone so fair board can keep the space safe, and can finish the project before fair!



FAIR CLEAN-UP CHANGES

The armory cleanup will happen at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, the last day of fair. There will be no exceptions to early tear downs of booths. Round Robin will be moved up to 9:00 a.m. on that Monday to help accommodate for the show to be done by the time we start tear down. All animals will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. since the premium sale will be indoors. No trailers are to come in until 12:30. All outside stalls will need to be cleaned by 5:00 p.m. in order to be eligible for premium sale. This is to ensure a safe and fair round robin contest with no distracted kids or animals! Thank you for your understanding!

NEED COUNTY LIVESTOCK TAGS?

 Pick up county livestock tags from the Extension Office ASAP! Tag your animals to commit to your fair projects!

NEXT 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, June 7 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

★ ★ **SMITH COUNTY FAIR DATES:** ★ ★
JULY 16-20, 2026
THEME: STARS, STRIPES & SUMMER NIGHTS

- **PRE-FAIR DEADLINE: JULY 1ST**
Animals Tagged, Armory, Stall, and Fashion Forms Due
- July 10: Foods Judging
- July 12: Fair Set Up
- July 13: Clothing Judging & Style Revue
- July 14: Hand Pets/Cats Judging
- July 16-20: Smith County Free Fair
- July 20: Fair Tear Down (11 a.m. and following the auction in the afternoon)



MORE INFO 

NEED FAIR INFORMATION?

Use this website for all things Smith County Fair!
<https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/events/county-fairs/smithfair/>

PREMIUM SALE PHOTOS DUE BY JULY 1

The Premium Sale will be indoors in 2026. 4-H Council is responsible for creating a 4-H member spotlight slideshow to be used by the fair board during the sale.

By July 1, email Shelly at sgarlow@ksu.edu 1-3 pictures of youth with the livestock animal/species and (other project areas if eligible) they intend to sell in the sale. It does not need to be a backdrop photo from fair - just something that features the youth and their project work.

The 4-H Council committee appreciates your help so they can complete the slideshow before the busy rush of fair.

FAIR DONOR COOKIE REMINDER

Each Smith County 4-H family should have 2 dozen cookies delivered to the extension office by Tuesday, July 28th for fair donors!

CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY!

Check your emails often! If you think you are missing reminders, call the Smith Center Extension Office to double check your 4-H contact information!

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SUMMER LEARNING IN POST ROCK DISTRICT

We are excited that we'll have a variety of Summer Enrichment Offerings available to youth across Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith Counties this summer! The experiences will not require 4-H membership to attend. Watch our [Post Rock District 4-H Facebook](#) page for announcements. We'll also be sharing youth day camps, workshops, and other opportunities on our [Post Rock District website](#) under 'Youth Programs'.



Follow [Post Rock District 4-H on Facebook](#) for Summer Experience Announcements!



Thursday, June 11th 2026

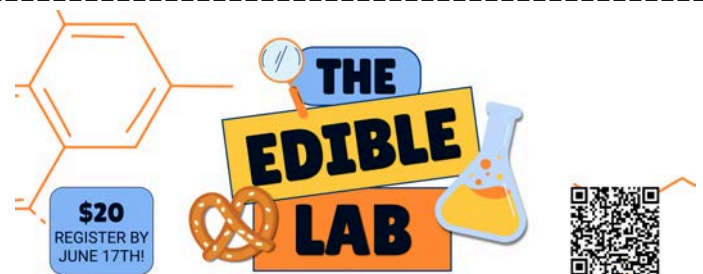
Plant Science Day Camp

8:00 am to Noon **Chautauqua Park Beloit, KS**

Participation Fee: \$15
 Registration Deadline: June 4th

Activities:


- Tree Walk learning Native Trees of KS
- How to plant a tree
- DIY Leaf press and forestry notebook to take to the fair!

THE EDIBLE LAB

Twisted Science

\$20 REGISTER BY JUNE 17TH!



TWO LOCATIONS, TWO DATES, SAME GREAT FUN!



TUES., JUNE 23	THURS., JUNE 25
9:30 AM-3:00 PM Zion Lutheran Church 1019 Blunt St. Downs, KS	9:30 AM-3:00 PM North St. John Lutheran Church 708 N. Main Kensington, KS

Where playing with your food is required!

Meet the summer enrichment team!



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 KSU
 Agribusiness Major

 Russell
 Osborne



Ruby Gomel Osthoff
 KSU
 Agronomy Major

 Smith
 Smith





Sierra Kopsa
 FHSU
 Ag Education Major

 Mitchell
 Mitchell



Kate Rathbun
 KSU
 Math Education Major

 Ellsworth
 Lincoln

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GOAT SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC IN SMITH CENTER - RESCHEDULED



The Goat Showmanship Clinic originally scheduled in April has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 7th at 3:30 p.m** at the Smith County Fairgrounds. This will be a hands-on experience allowing showmen of all levels the opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge. We invite youth from across Post Rock District to participate. You can sign up for the clinic [online](#) by June 1st! [Review the flyer for details](#) on the event webpage. Direct questions to Jenilee Godsey at the Osborne Extension Office, 785-346-2521.

SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP IN JEWELL - RESCHEDULED

The State Photography Committee and Jewell County 4-H Council are teaming up to bring a state-level photography workshop to Jewell, KS. We postponed the May event due to low registrations, but it has been **rescheduled for Wednesday, June 10th from 9:30 a.m. - Noon**. The workshop will be held at the Jewell Community Center. All school age youth with an interest in photography are welcome to attend. 4-H membership is not required.

- ✓ **Register online by June 4:** https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bEejy99YbhxAS90
- 📍 **For more info, visit:** <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/youth/>

ARCHERY QUALIFIER IN POST ROCK DISTRICT

Save the date of July 26. Instructor Stede Underwood is working on details to host an Archery Qualifier on the morning of Sunday, July 26, at Glen Elder State Park. This would be open to any youth 9 years and older who have completed instructor-led practices. More details to come.



DOG PROJECT EXPERIENCES IN POST ROCK DISTRICT

Upcoming Project Meetings: Post Rock District Dog Project Leader, Kelli Burrus, has been leading dog project meetings at the Osborne County Fairgrounds on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Remaining dates are June 7, 14, and Friday, June 19. Email Kim Naber, kimn@ksu.edu, if you plan to attend!

Fair Dog Show: The 2026 Post Rock District 4-H Dog Show has been set for the morning of Saturday, June 20. Registration is due Monday, June 15. The link to the Qualtrics registration is: [Post Rock District Dog Show registration](#). The reason for setting the date in June is that it provides a date in advance of the Post Rock District county fairs to avoid 4-H scheduling conflicts. This is the official dog show for all county fairs. Due to the uniqueness of this project, we do not have a dog show at each county fair; instead, we do the dog project as a district-wide show.

State Fair Qualifiers: If you want to show at the state fair, your dog must qualify. The Post Rock District 4-H Dog Show is a qualifier. On [Kansas 4-H's dog project website](#), you can find a listing of other qualifer shows and other opportunities across the state.

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4-H PROGRAM COORDINATORS MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

SMITH, JEWELL, MITCHELL COUNTIES

Part-time or Full-time roles may be negotiated
for the right candidate.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.POSTROCK.KSU.EDU

SUMMER CLUB IDEAS

Looking to add some excitement to your 4-H Club meetings in June, July, and August? Here's some summer ideas for your group to consider:

- Picnic at a Park: Have a club meeting and picnic. Soak up the summer sunshine!
- Joint Meeting: Invite a neighboring club to join for a joint meeting!
- Poster/Project Work Day: Share supplies while members mentor and support each other with making your fair posters and finishing other projects.
- County Fair Project Tour: Have a meeting during a slow time at the county fair. Tour the buildings together, giving each member a chance to share their project work.
- Parade Float: Build a float to share your love of 4-H during a local parade.
- Give Back: Organize a trash pickup to keep your community looking great!
- If you have a unique idea...we'd love to hear about it!



4-H CLOVER CONNECTION
Facebook Private Groups

Don't forget to join your county's page! We have Facebook private groups - one for each County 4-H program served by Post Rock District. The private group provides reminders and updates for active members, families, and volunteers in the local Kansas 4-H program.



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County 4-H



Lincoln
County 4-H



Mitchell
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COUNTY FAIR PROJECTS



All exhibits entered in the 4-H/FFA division of a county fair must be the handiwork of the exhibitor; the grower, where agricultural exhibits are shown; and the owner and feeder, where livestock is entered.



All exhibits entered in the 4-H/FFA division of a county fair must be the result of the current program year's work.



Ownership is defined so that the project (animal, garden, crop, exhibit creation, sewing, photo, etc.) is under the daily care and supervision of the member; all project-related practices, expenses, and management are the responsibility of the member; and all county fair exhibits should be a planned part of the project.



FAIR PREMIUM AUCTIONS AND PROJECT SALES

County Fair Premium Auctions and Project Sales are NOT governed or clerked by Post Rock Extension District nor the local county's 4-H Council. We are also not the fiscal agent for the event. The premium auction or project sale is operated differently in each county. You can contact your local extension office to learn about the event in your county so you can be prepared to meet all requirements, if you want to participate. We are happy to share the expectations and rules set by the group that governs your respective event.



READ YOUR FAIR BOOK CLOSELY!

There are general rules and project-area rules that need to be met in order for you to be able to exhibit in the 4-H/FFA division of the county fair. Don't wait until the last minute to read the rules. Call your Extension Office if you have questions!

SHARE HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR AND PROJECT WORK

We love to hear what individual members and clubs are up to! Help us celebrate your learning and success by sharing your highlights (photo and details) to postrock4h@ksu.edu to be featured on our Post Rock District 4-H Facebook page!

Are you following us on Facebook? If not, scan the QR Code!

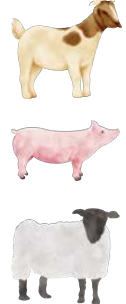


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STATE FAIR ANIMALS

Exhibiting an animal beyond the 4-H division at a Post Rock District county fair means that ownership and identification must meet the requirements outlined by the specific show's governing body. The 4-H member is responsible for understanding the deadlines and expectations involved. If your animal species doesn't classify for state livestock nomination, visit the [Kansas 4-H State Fair website](#) for important ownership, verification, and exhibition deadlines and details. Contact your local Extension Office as soon as possible if you are considering showing at the Kansas State Fair, so we can share resources to help you navigate the process.



STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

All youth who would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) must be nominated. The [Kansas Youth Livestock Program](#) website outlines the [State Livestock Nomination Process](#) under the "Nomination Information" tab. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the *Rookie Guide*.

The nomination process is through an online system. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online.

Exhibitors who nominated animals in past years need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the [Kansas Youth Livestock Program](#) for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account. The ShoWorks website is <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>.



KANSAS
YOUTH LIVESTOCK
PROGRAM
WEBSITE

Grand Drive and KJLS Important Dates:

- June 5: Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
- June 15: Small Livestock Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked
 - Market Swine, Commercial Gilt
 - Market Lamb, Commercial Ewe
 - ALL Meat Goat (Market & Breeding)
- June 15: Commercial Heifer Nominations Due
- June 15: Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- June 15: Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- July 1: Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- July 15: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
- July 25: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Late Entry Deadline
- August 15: KJLS Entry Deadline
- August 31: KJLS Late Entry Deadline
- September 11- 13: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- October 2 - 4: Kansas Junior Livestock Show

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HORSE PROJECT REMINDERS

Horse project members are strongly encouraged to get your horse coggins testing completed soon. This will prevent you from having any issues with participation at 4-H and non-4-H events during the spring and summer. Kansas Division of Animal Health regulations state that it is the responsibility of the horse owner to have a negative Coggins test. A negative Coggins test is valid for 12 months. It is up to the participant to provide verification if event organizers require proof of a negative Coggins test! Read the full regulation on the [Kansas Division of Animal Health website](http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/SampleHorseID.pdf).



Planning to show at the State 4-H Horse Show? There are important deadlines that must be met to be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show. Kim Naber, 4-H Program Coordinator, is an excellent resource for the equine project and she is happy to explain the requirements and deadlines. She can be reached at 785-346-2521 or kimn@ksu.edu. It's best to reach out to Kim or your local Extension Office ASAP, so you can be on track to meet all requirements.

4-H Horse Identification Certificate required for State Fair - *The 4-H Horse Identification Certificate must be used to properly ID 4-H horse projects by **June 1** of the current program year to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair.* Breed registration papers will no longer be acceptable forms of identification. You need to keep the original copy, after getting signatures from the local extension office. An example of how to correctly complete the ID form is available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/SampleHorseID.pdf>.

KANSAS 4-H LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

Save the date for the 2026 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes! It will be hosted August 22-23 in Manhattan. The deadline to register is August 1. All participants must be entered by their local extension unit. The contest rules, schedule, and more information is posted on the [Livestock Sweepstakes](#) page of the youth livestock website. Youth may participate in as many or as few contests as they would like over the course of the weekend. Individuals who compete in livestock judging, skillathon, and senior/open meat judging will be eligible for the sweepstakes award. Teams who compete in livestock judging, skillathon, senior/open meat judging, and quiz bowl will be eligible for the sweepstakes team award.

STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING & KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO INFORMATION

Two great state-level 4-H events will be offered in the month of August. See more below.

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest: Saturday, August 15 in Manhattan

Interested youth should notify their Extension Office so we can form district teams. Adult volunteer coaches are also needed. For more information, go to the [State 4-H Horticulture Judging](#) website.

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo: Tuesday, August 4 in El Dorado

Watch for more information to come. Refer to the following link, which we expect to be updated soon, to learn more. [Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo Information](#)



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MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PINS DUE OCTOBER 1



Member Achievement Pins are a great opportunity to be recognized for your hard work and activities throughout the 2025-2026 4-H year! Applications, with all required signatures, are due to your local Post Rock District office no later than close of business on Thursday, October 1. Please plan ahead so all signatories can review your application and assist with any questions or concerns.

Download the Member Achievement Pin and Key Award applications for the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/. If you are not sure what awards you are eligible for, please call the Extension Office. Post Rock District has helpful information to assist you with completing your applications at <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/member-resources/member-achievement/>.

4-H RECORD BOOKS - DON'T WAIT TO BEGIN!

Don't delay getting your 4-H permanent and project record books started! Kansas 4-H offers paper-based and online record keeping forms. Work on them regularly this summer! Find details at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>.

Record keeping and reporting are valuable life skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. The purpose and objectives of 4-H records and reports:

- To learn how to set goals, how to make plans for action, and how to decide how well you did (evaluation).
- To learn the skills of record keeping and organization to use now and in the future. Examples: finances, taxes, health, immunizations, careers, etc.
- To learn to communicate, prioritize, and summarize your project mastery and experiences.
- To practice responsibility by completing a task.
- To evaluate information that will market personal skills through future resumes and application forms.
- To allow 4-H members to tell how they have grown, what they have learned, where they came up short and to do it within outlined parameters.
- To provide an opportunity for competition at the County, Regional, and State level.



4-H CLUB SEAL PROVIDES MANY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



As the 4-H year progresses, summer is the perfect opportunity for clubs to review their Club Seal checklist. Make sure your club is on track and has completed all the necessary activities to support your 4-H members in earning their pins and recognition! Scan the QR Code for more details.

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FUNDRAISERS FOR 4-H CLUBS: PRE-APPROVAL PROCESS

Is your club planning a fundraiser? Communicate with your local Extension Office in the early planning stages of your fundraiser to make sure you meet all Kansas 4-H policies and best practices relating to raising money in the name of 4-H. We have a form that helps share the necessary information. Complete the form and submit it to your local Extension Office or email to postrock4h@ksu.edu BEFORE beginning your fundraiser. Do not promote or implement your fundraiser until you receive approval from Post Rock District. Allow at least 10 business days for the fundraiser to be reviewed. If the fundraiser needs to be revised, the individual listed on the form is the one who will be contacted. Find the form on the [Post Rock District 4-H website under Club and Council Support, finances and fundraising](#).

4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

Summer is a busy time in 4-H! It provides many opportunities to learn and grow as a person and team. Remember, when you signed up for 4-H, you agreed to follow the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct. This includes youth as well as all adults assisting youth involved in 4-H and FFA.

The 4-H Code of Conduct is intended to foster a safe environment that encourages optimal learning and growth. The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege and not a right.

To remind yourself of the code of conduct, visit www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/.

4-H BRANDING REQUIRED ON CLOTHING, AWARDS, AND SWAG

The use of the K-State Extension/Kansas 4-H co-wordmark is required on all 4-H print, digital, apparel, and merchandise. This requirement applies to all designs created at the local, county, district, area, and state levels BEFORE ordering any items to ensure your club, council, fair board, etc. are using licensed vendors and that all designs include the required co-wordmark. We have a form to help with approval. Submit the form & design artwork (in full color) to your local Extension Office or by email to postrock4h@ksu.edu. Allow at least 10 business days for the design to be reviewed. If edits need to be made, the individual listed on the form is the one who will be contacted. Find the form on the [Post Rock District 4-H website under Club and Council Support, branding and marketing](#).



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DISTRICT/STATE EVENTS AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE



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- Jun. 1: Osborne County 4-H Council
- Jun. 1-3: Champions Livestock Judging Camp
- Jun. 3-5: Discovery Days, Manhattan
- Jun. 3-5: GROW Summer Workshop
- Jun. 4: Kansas 4-H FCS Judging Contest, Manhattan
- Jun. 7-12: Health Professions Exploration Camp
- Jun. 7: Dog Project Meeting, Osborne
- Jun. 7: Smith County Goat Showmanship Clinic
- Jun. 7: Smith County 4-H Council
- Jun. 9: Discovery Challenge, Sylvan Grove
- Jun 9-12: Youth Range Camp
- Jun. 9-13: Feeding Your Future Camp
- Jun. 10: Shutterbug Kid's Photography workshop, Jewell
- Jun. 10: Lincoln County 4-H Council
- Jun. 11: Plant Science Day Camp, Beloit
- Jun.12-14: State Geology Field Trip
- Jun. 13-23: Citizenship Washington Focus trip
- Jun. 14: Dog Project Meeting, Osborne
- Jun. 15: Post Rock District Dog Show Registration Due
- Jun 15: Small Livestock Nominations Due & DNA Mailed
- Jun. 15: Commercial Heifer Nominations Due
- Jun. 16: Dinosaur Day Camp, Osborne
- Jun 17: Jewell County Fair Pre-Fair Entry deadline
- Jun. 19: Mock Dog Show Practice, Osborne
- Jun. 18-20: Kansas 4-H Dairy Show

- June 20: Post Rock District 4-H Dog Show
- Jun. 22: Jewell County 4-H Council
- Jun. 23: Food Science Day Camp, Osborne
- Jun. 25: Food Science Day Camp, Kensington
- Jul. 1: Lincoln County 4-H Pre-Fair Entry deadline
- Jul. 1: Smith County 4-H Pre-Fair Entry deadline
- Jul. 2: Mitchell County 4-H Pre-Fair Entry deadline
- Jul. 9-12: Jewell County Fair
- Jul. 10-11: Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic, Manhattan
- Jul. 13-18: Lincoln County Fair
- Jul. 13: Farm to Fashion Camp, Manhattan
- Jul. 15: KSF Grand Drive Entry Deadline
- Jul. 16-20: Smith County Fair
- Jul. 20-25: Mitchell County Fair
- Jul. 22-25: Osborne County Fair
- July 26: Post Rock District Archery Qualifier
- Jul. 27-29: Vet Med Rocks Summer Camp, Manhattan
- Aug. 4: Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo, El Dorado
- Aug. 15: State Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan
- Aug. 15: KJLS Entry Deadline
- Aug. 22-23: Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan
- Sept. 5: State 4-H Dog Show, Hutchinson
- Sept. 11-13: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- Sept. 11-20: Kansas State Fair
- Oct. 1: Project Record Books & Pin Applications due
- Oct. 2-4: Kansas Junior Livestock Show

