



POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

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PROJECT ENROLLMENT DUE MAY 1 IN 4-H ONLINE MUST BE ENROLLED IN PROJECTS TO EXHIBIT AT COUNTY FAIR!

Log in to [4-H Online](#) or contact your local Extension Office to review and update your projects! 4-H project experiences, opportunities and reminders are communicated to you by local and state 4-H staff based on your project enrollment and contact information in 4-H Online. **May 1 is the final project drop/add deadline if you want to exhibit in a respective project area at the county fair.**



REGISTER FOR DISCOVERY DAYS BY MAY 8



Discovery Days will be June 3 - 5 at the K-State Campus in Manhattan. Discovery Days is a state 4-H opportunity for youth 13-18 years old (before January 1) to develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult. Post Rock District will provide a chaperone and transportation. Registration is open and space is limited, so sign up now! Learn more about the class available, schedule, and how to sign up at the [Kansas 4-H event website](#). After registering, you will need to pay your local 4-H Council your registration fee.


WELCOME NEW 4-H AGENT JENILEE GODSEY

The Post Rock District is pleased to welcome Jenilee Godsey as the new 4-H Youth Development Agent. Jenilee, along with her husband Grady and their son Wylan, calls Harlan, Kansas home. With deep roots in agriculture and youth development, she brings both personal experience and professional expertise to her new role. Growing up in southwest Missouri, Jenilee was an active 4-H and FFA member, participating in projects ranging from swine and beef to photography and horticulture—giving her a well-rounded understanding of the opportunities 4-H provides.



Jenilee's career has been dedicated to helping young people grow and succeed. After attending Fort Scott Community College on a meat judging scholarship, she returned as the head coach, leading multiple successful teams. She later spent over eight years as the Youth Agriculture Agent in the Twin Creeks District with K-State Extension. Passionate about building leadership, life skills, and confidence in youth, **Jenilee is excited to continue the strong tradition of 4-H in the Post Rock District and looks forward to connecting with families at meetings, events, and county fairs in the months ahead.**

JEWELL COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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JEWELL COUNTY FAIR: JULY 9-12

Fair Reminders...

- Pre-Fair Entry Deadline: Wednesday, June 17th. Watch your emails in May for details.
- Fair clean-up: July 6th at 6:00 p.m.
- Pre-Fair Judging: Tuesday, July 7th



Deadline to Add/Drop Projects

The deadline to add/drop projects in 4-H Online is May 1! You can only take exhibits to the fair in projects you are enrolled in! Please call the office if you need help.



Quick Project Record Book Tip!

Start your project record books as soon as you choose your projects—steady progress now means less work later.

JEWELL COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

July will be here before we know it! As we get closer to the fair, don't forget that there will be lots of information to help you prepare on the Post Rock District website. In mid-May you will be able to access the Fair Book, Schedule, Fashion Revue Forms, and more at: www.postrock.k-state.edu/4h-youth-development/events/county-fairs/jewellfair/

Shutterbug Photography Workshop - Rescheduled

We are rescheduling the Shutterbug Photography Workshop as the spring date did not work for enough families. We're looking at June availability of the state presenters. Stay tuned!

JEWELL COUNTY SENIORS

Congratulations to the Rock Hills class of 2026 Seniors - Whitley Frost and Nelson Underwood. Wishing you all the best as you begin this exciting new chapter!

2026 FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

Adult superintendents and youth assistants are needed to help with Jewell County Fair. Please call the office if interested.

JEWELL COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

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




Whitley Frost



Nelson Underwood

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DEADLINE TO ADD/DROP PROJECTS

The deadline to add/drop projects in 4-H Online is **May 1**. You can only take exhibits to the fair for projects you are enrolled! Please double check your enrollment in 4-H Online to be sure you are enrolled in the projects you want. Call the office if you need help.

PRE FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE

The pre-fair deadline to enter your items for the Lincoln County Fair is **July 1, 2026**. What you enter and what you actually take to the fair may be different but what you take **MUST** be entered by July 1st.

FAIR T-SHIRTS NOW ON SALE

The Lincoln County Fair t-shirt is available for purchase. Follow the link to order. Your payment is due to the Lincoln Extension Office before t-shirts can be picked up. Call if any questions. [<https://forms.gle/BdQUjgWfspDspm798>]

We will be placing an order soon after May 1 so they will arrive before the fair.



LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR JULY 13-18, 2026

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"*.

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.

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 - 6:30pm - Lincoln Senior Center.



CONGRATULATIONS THE CLASS OF 2026

Congratulations to the Lincoln County Class of 2026 Seniors - Jonathan Bell, Mallory Dobrinski, Vance Dohl, Molly Heller, Rose Koster, Kolton Meyer and LeeAllie Wacker. Your growth throughout your 4-H career now leads you into the next chapter of your life. Spread your wings and soar!

4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Lincoln County active 4-H members can get a scholarship to attend a 4-H camp, conference, or other event. This scholarship will pay for 50% of the base price of the activity/event you are applying for. This scholarship is for one activity/event per year, per 4-H member. Remember to fill out the application and turn it into the extension office before you register. Applications are [online at Post Rock District 4-H webpage, Member Resources, Event Scholarships.](#)

SIGNUP GENIUS FOR FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

Lincoln County Judging Assistants will be needed for the 2026 Lincoln County Fair. Be thinking about which project area you want to assist.

This is an item you can use for your Achievement pin application.




<https://bit.ly/41YII17>

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY MOUNTING

On Friday, July 10th, Linda Rosebrook will be helping mount photography pictures on matting again this year. This will be at the Lincoln Senior Center from 1 - 4 p.m.

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Congratulations

Mitchell County 4-H Seniors

We are very proud of all your accomplishments and your contributions to Mitchell County 4-H.

Best wishes as you take the next steps to achieving your dreams!



Gunner Pruitt

10 YEARS WITH
WEST BELOIT 4-H CLUB
PLANS TO ATTEND
FORT HAYS TECH
NORTH CENTRAL
AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENT
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



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11 YEARS WITH
WEST BELOIT 4-H CLUB
PLANS TO ATTEND
FORT HAYS TECH
NORTH CENTRAL
MAJOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT



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/>

COMING SOON

2026 Fairbook will be available online soon




As soon as you choose your projects
Start your project record books
steady progress now means less work later.



Mitchell County 4-H Council
May 18th at 7 p.m. in Tipton

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SIGN UP NOW FOR MAY 20TH VISUAL ARTS PAINT A PAVER WORKSHOP - LIMITED

*Register
Now*



Osborne County 4-H Council is sponsoring a Visual Arts "Paint a Paver" Workshop on Wednesday, May 20th, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn some painting techniques and create a project for county fair. This workshop is limited to 25 participants and this is a first come, first serve enrollment.

Cost of the workshop is \$15.00 which includes supplies and a snack for the afternoon.

Register by sending an email with names of youth attending to postrock4H@ksu.edu.

2025 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR INFO

Fair Theme - *Party in the USA*

July 22 - 25, 2026

Deadline for animal and project ownership and Fair Entry registration is **Monday, July 6th**.

[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.**

2026 GRAND CHAMPION DONATIONS

Please work towards collecting Grand Champion fair donations and bring to the Extension Office.

OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS

 June 1 | 7:30 p.m. | Extension Office

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 GRADUATES

Congratulations to Osborne County Class of 2026 graduates - Landon Baetz and Ashlyn Schultze. We are very proud of all your accomplishments and your contributions to Osborne County 4-H. Best wishes as you take the next steps to achieving your dreams!



Landon is an 11 year member of the Solomon Valley 4-H Club. He plans to attend Manhattan Area Technical College and study Electric Power and Distribution.

Ashlyn is a 12 year member of the Sunflower 4-H Club and will be attending Kansas State University this fall. She is majoring in Communications Sciences and Disorders with a minor in media marketing and Business Management.



4-H FOOD STAND SIGN- UP COMING IN JUNE


The fundraiser which supports our Osborne County 4-H activities is our fair 4-H Food Stand. Each family is required to work one shift. An email with the link to the sign-up will be sent out the beginning of June. Watch your email inbox and follow the Osborne County Clover Connection private group Facebook page for this link. A detailed 2026 4-H Fair Event schedule is attached to the newsletter.

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.



SMITH COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

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PROJECT DROP/ADD DEADLINE IN MAY 1

The deadline for enrolling in projects in 4-H Online is May 1. Remember: *if you are not enrolled in a project area in 4-H Online by May 1, you cannot exhibit in that project area at the fair.*

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!

STAFF UPDATES FOR SMITH COUNTY

Emma Anderson has taken a new position in the area. We appreciate her contributions to 4-H during her time with our team.

If you need 4-H assistance, call the Smith Center office at 785-282-6823 or email Shelly Garlow at sgarlow@ksu.edu. She will help get your question answered or directed to the right person.

NEXT 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 19 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Meeting Room

NEED COUNTY LIVESTOCK TAGS?

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

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 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.



**SMITH COUNTY 4-H
CLOVER CONNECTION**
Facebook Private Group



Smith
County 4-H

Don't forget to join our private Facebook group!
The group provides reminders and updates for active members, families, and volunteers in the local Kansas 4-H program.

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!

BABYSITTING CLINICS

Are you interested in babysitting and ready to gain valuable child care skills? Post Rock District is collaborating with local hospitals for two Babysitting Clinics! Participants will gain hands-on knowledge in CPR & First Aid, child development, safety, nutrition, and the business of babysitting. Youth who have completed 4th grade and up are eligible to attend. \$35 fee per participant.

- Smith Center on May 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Register online](#) by May 12.
- Beloit on May 28 from 8:30 a.m. - Noon. [Register online](#) by May 21.
- Flyers with complete details are available at www.postrock.k-state.edu/, or call your local Extension office.

VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOP IN OSBORNE



Osborne County 4-H Council is organizing a Visual Arts "Paint the Paver" workshop on May 20. The workshop will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cost of the workshop is \$15.00. Space is limited to the first 25 participants to sign up. The workshop will take place at the 4-H Food Stand at the Osborne County Fairgrounds. Jayne from the Sunflower Shed in Stockton will be leading the class. Participants will paint a patriotic paver and have a project completed for county fair. Pre-registration required, so we can get supplies ordered. You must be an enrolled Post Rock District 4-H member to participate. An adult is encouraged to attend with youth to support their learning. Register by sending an email with names of youth (and any adult helper) attending to postrock4h@ksu.edu.



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. We're targeting a June weekday from 9:30 a.m. - Noon, and will share the date as soon as it is coordinated with state presenters. 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. More details about the re-scheduled experience coming soon!

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MAKE THIS SUMMER COUNT BY SETTING PROJECT GOALS



Setting measurable goals helps guide youth through a high-quality 4-H project learning experience. Make sure you set clear goals for each enrolled 4-H project. Goals help you focus your learning during busy summer months as project work is being completed. Use the [Kansas 4-H Setting 4-H Project Goals](#) resource to help you or complete the goal section of the [Project Record Report](#) form.

COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

Post Rock District county fairs will be here soon. If you are new to 4-H or new to a project, navigating the county fair can be challenging. Post Rock District staff, your club leader and our entire 4-H family are here to help you!

CHECK YOUR EMAIL: Be checking your email for important reminders. The email that you used to enroll in 4-H Online is the email 4-H reminders and newsletters is being sent to. *If you think you are missing emails, contact your local office and we'll confirm your contact information!*

CALL YOUR EXTENSION OFFICE: Post Rock District staff are here to help! Call your local office with your questions or to schedule an appointment for assistance!

COUNTY FAIR WEBSITES: Visit your fair website to find the online fairbooks, forms and more....updated as available.



[Post Rock District
County Fair
Websites](#)



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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4-H PROGRAM COORDINATORS MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

SMITH, JEWELL, MITCHELL COUNTIES

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

LEARN MORE AT WWW.POSTROCK.KSU.EDU

PRE-FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE: PROJECT VERIFICATION

Each 4-H Council in the Post Rock District will designate a pre-fair entry deadline for 4-H entries. *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 deadline. Any project areas not required by 4-H Council to meet the pre-fair deadline will submit entry requirements at the project's fair check-in time. Check your county's 4-H newsletter page or call your local office to find the pre-fair entry deadline set for your respective county fair. 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!

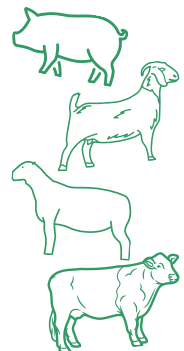
FAIR PREMIUM AUCTIONS AND PROJECT SALES

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.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT: SPRING SHOWS, EVENTS, AND MORE

If you are seeking opportunities related to livestock projects - like spring shows and other contests - the [KSU Youth Livestock Program website](#) provides a listing of many opportunities. It certainly doesn't contain every learning and competition opportunity, yet it is a great reference point as you plan for spring and summer.

The North Central Kansas Livestock Circuit is not affiliated to K-State Extension or Kansas 4-H, but it provides many showing opportunities in our region. Follow their Facebook page for information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ncklc>.



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:

- April 20: Last Day to Order Beef DNA Envelopes
- May 1: Market Beef Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked
- 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

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE (FCS) EXPERIENCE



New in 2026, the FCS Judging Contest will take place on the K-State campus on June 4 during Discovery Days. The FCS Experience will include the FCS Judging contest, lunch on campus, workshops, and a campus tour. This event is open to all youth 9 - 18. Contest classes will be selected from topics featured in the [4-H Family and Consumer Sciences National Competition and Conference Study Guide](#). Contact your local Extension office to register by May 8.

INSECT SPECTACULAR

The State Entomology Workshop will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20th. Activities will be based at the North Community building at 505 N. Buckeye Street in Iola, Kansas. This workshop includes collection and photo trips, pinning class, identification and a pollinator garden community service activity. One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend the workshop with youth. Registration closes May 25 at the [Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular website](#).

GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP

The state Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip is scheduled for June 12 - 14. This year the trip will be in southeastern Kansas. Headquarters will be at the Parsons Middle School in Parsons. Registration closes May 25. You must register all those who plan to attend including siblings and adults. Register online at the [Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip website](#).

K-STATE SUMMER CAMPS

There are a lot of great summer opportunities. If there is a specific project subject matter you are looking for, reach out to your local office and we can help you discover what learning opportunities are happening. Learn more at [K-State Summer Camps website](#) or at [K-State Salina Aerospace and Technology Summer Programs website](#). Sign up early as many camps have limited spots available. Check back often as they update program offerings regularly. Check out a few of the options, listed below:

- [Wildcat Innovators Camp, May 27-29](#)
- [Champions Livestock Judging Camps, June 1-3; June 8-10](#)
- [GROW Summer Workshop, June 3-5](#)
- [Health Professions Exploration Program, June 7-12/21-26](#)
- [Musical Theatre Camp, July 6-12](#)
- [Farm to Fashion Camp, July 13 - 16](#)
- [Feeding Your Future Summer Camp, June 9 - 13](#)
- [Vet Med ROCKS Summer Camp, July 27/28/29](#)

SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS AT FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

Fort Hays State University's Science and Mathematics Education Institute (SMEI) is hosting a variety of summer camps in June for rising 2-8 graders. Camp themes relate to weather, energy, robotics, and more! Find camp details and registration information at www.fhsu.edu/smei/camps/.

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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



Spring 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 May 3 and 17. 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. 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 qualifier shows and other opportunities across the state.



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](#).

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>.

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4-H SUMMER CAMP AT ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

Rock Springs Ranch offers unique 4-H Summer Camp experiences. Explore all camp sessions and offerings at <https://rockspringsranch.org/summer-camps/sessions-rates>.

HOST A 4-H JAPANESE STUDENT DURING SUMMER 2026

Kansas 4-H is offering families the opportunity to host a Japanese teen this summer from July 23-August 15. Yes, this is through the county fair, but the Japanese youth would love participating in and learning from the fair activities. Last year, an Osborne County family was host to two Japanese high school age boys! Our Japanese guests were able to participate in photography and visual arts judging and worked in the 4-H food stand among many other local experiences. Any Kansas family (4-H family or non-4-H family) with children aged 9-17 who are interested in hosting someone from another culture may apply. If you have interest, please reach out to your local Post Rock District office and we can share more details about this rewarding experience!

RABBIT LEARNING CLINIC

There is a 4-H Rabbit Learning Clinic in Manhattan on May 9. The clinic will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. It will be led by current ARBA royalty. Participants will learn about what to look for when buying a rabbit, showmanship, educational exhibits, and rabbit care and judging tips. Lunch will be provided, and there is a \$5.00 fee per family. Register by emailing stevenwjedi@gmail.com



4-H RECORD BOOK - 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, scheduling, 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.

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FFA PARTICIPATION AT COUNTY FAIR - SIGN UP BY MAY 1

Post Rock District supports FFA member participation in the 4-H division of the county fair. [Kansas 4-H Policy](#) (Dual Enrollment of 4-H and FFA Members) will be followed. All 4-H participation deadlines will apply to FFA Chapters and members, including but not limited to tagging and verification expectations, weigh-ins, project drop/add deadline, fair entry deadlines and fees, dress code, code of conduct, etc. FFA participation in events and activities outside the scope of the county fair will be defined on a case-by-case basis.

- **DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS MAY 1:** The deadline to submit the [online FFA participation sign-up form](#) is May 1 per the Post Rock District's Drop/Add Deadline. FFA members are not able to enroll via 4-H Online, so Post Rock District is using this online form to enroll members interested in participating at the county fair in 4-H/FFA Division.
- **If you are currently enrolled in Post Rock District 4-H, but also want to exhibit FFA at the same county fair:** Do not fill out the form. You can select all of your 4-H AND FFA project areas in 4-H Online. Then, when you submit your entries by your county's pre-fair/other entry deadlines you will clarify which project areas are to be in 4-H and which ones are to be in FFA.



FUNDRAISERS FOR 4-H CLUBS: PRE-APPROVAL PROCESS

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 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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| May 1: | Project Enrollment Deadline in 4-H Online | Jun. 18-20 | Kansas 4-H Dairy Show |
| May 1: | FFA Participation Deadline | June 20: | Post Rock District 4-H Dog Show |
| May 1: | Market Beef Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked | Jul. 1: | Lincoln County 4-H Pre-Fair Entry deadline |
| May 1: | Mitchell County Senior 4-H Scholarships due | Jul. 9-12: | Jewell County Fair |
| May 1: | Smith County Senior 4-H Scholarship applications due | Jul. 13-18: | Lincoln County Fair |
| May 1: | Lincoln County 4-H Senior Scholarship applications due | Jul. 13: | Farm to Fashion Camp, Manhattan |
| May 2-3: | Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Rock Springs | Jul. 15: | KSF Grand Drive Entry Deadline |
| May 9 | Rabbit Learning Clinic, Manhattan | Jul. 16-20: | Smith County Fair |
| May 3 & 17: | Post Rock District 4-H Dog Project practices | Jul. 20-25: | Mitchell County Fair |
| May 25: | Registration deadline for Insect Spectacular | Jul. 22-25: | Osborne County Fair |
| May 26: | Wildcat Explorers Day Camp | July 26: | Post Rock District Archery Qualifier |
| May 27-29: | Wildcat Innovators Camp | Jul. 27-29: | Vet Med Rocks Summer Camp, Manhattan |
| Jun. 1: | Osborne County 4-H Council | Aug. 4: | Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo, El Dorado |
| Jun. 1-3: | Champions Livestock Judging Camp | Aug. 15: | State Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan |
| Jun. 3-5: | Discovery Days, Manhattan | Aug. 15: | KJLS Entry Deadline |
| Jun. 3-5: | GROW Summer Workshop | Aug. 22-23: | Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan |
| Jun. 4: | Kansas 4-H FCS Judging Contest, Manhattan | Sept. 5: | State 4-H Dog Show, Hutchinson |
| Jun. 7-12 | Health Professions Exploration Camp | Sep. 11-13: | Kansas State Fair Grand Drive |
| Jun 9-12: | Youth Range Camp | Sep. 11-20: | Kansas State Fair |
| Jun. 10: | Lincoln County 4-H Council | Oct. 2-4: | KJLS |
| Jun. 9-13: | Feeding Your Future Camp | | |
| Jun.12-14: | State Geology Field Trip | | |
| Jun. 13-23: | Citizenship Washington Focus trip | | |
| Jun. 15: | Small Livestock Nominations Due & DNA Mailed | | |
| Jun 15: | Commercial Heifer Nominations Due | | |
| Jun 17: | Jewell County Fair Pre-Fair Entry deadline | | |



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