Happy National Volunteer Week!

Thank you to all the volunteers that make 4-H possible. Volunteers graciously give their time, energy, knowledge, and more. This dedication is what makes 4-H great.

Thank you.

May 1st - Project Add/Drop  Deadline for County Fair in 4-HOnline

May 1st is coming up, that is the deadline to add 4-H projects to your 4-H online profile. The projects you add are the ones that you can take to the county fair. If you think you might be interested at all in a project for fair, don’t hesitate to add it!

Discovery Days 2022

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is scheduled for June 1-3. Youth age 13-18, before January 1, 2022 are invited to register. Discovery days is a great way to grow in college and career readiness through fun sessions of your choice! Learn more and register at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html

Photography Project Meeting (Part two!)

Kiersten Blankley (Westy Trailblazers), will be hosting another photography project meeting. Whether you made the first one or not, join her on Sunday, May 15th at 4pm at the Wamego City Park. Bring your camera! Kiersten and participating 4-H’ers will explore the area as they learn more about taking quality photos. RSVP at: https://forms.gle/DvFs8sTwP3SoDp2N7

Horse and Livestock Judging Contest and Camps

Calling all Youth Horse and Livestock judgers! Coming up is an opportunity to attend some fantastic livestock or horse judging camp, right in Manhattan! Find out more here: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html

Animal Science Webinar Series

The Animal Science Webinar Series is designed to give Kansas 4-H'ers an opportunity to learn more about the livestock industry, career opportunities and good animal husbandry practices. Webinars will be hosted live the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Register in advance to receive an email with the link to join. Webinars will be recorded and made available for those wishing to view at a later date. Find out more and register at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/animal-science-webinar-series.html
Small Livestock Tagging

Pottawatomie small livestock tagging event will be the afternoon of Wednesday, May 4th at the county Extension office parking lot in Westmoreland. Tagging includes sheep, meat goats, swine, and bucket calf. We will have a money bag there for tag payment, checks are also accepted. A tagging map and finalized hours will be sent shortly to livestock families.

Livestock Tagging - 2022

The livestock committee has set the 2022 4-H livestock tagging dates

- May 1st - State Market Beef nominations deadline (don’t forget the new state nomination process!)
- May 4th - Small livestock tagging date @ Extension office (Meat goat, Swine, Sheep, b.calf)
- May 15th - ALL livestock tagging deadline for Pottawatomie 4-H Fair

Please note, there will be a fee for “on the farm” tagging this year. To avoid this, please plan on tagging animals at designated tagging events or at the KSRE office by appointment.

HOSTA training

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture is required by law for those 14 and 15 years of age to complete prior to working on a farm operated by anyone other than their parent or legal guardian. Older youth are also welcome to participate training on June 7 from 9:00am to 4:00pm and June 8 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at KanEquip in Wamego. The cost is $30 to cover class material and lunch for both days. Register online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu by May 29.

Kansas Sportfishing Tournament

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2022. Anglers can fish year round but entries must be in by the deadline, fish caught after the deadline may be entered in the next contest. Participants can enter in any species/categories that they catch fish – go fishing and have fun!! Find rules and details at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/sport-fishing/index.html

POP: Power of Produce Club

The Food and Farm Council of Riley County and City of Manhattan is excited to announce we will be providing The Power of Produce (PoP) Club this summer! For children ages 4-12 years old Every Saturday, June through August 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Each week kids can earn tokens to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables! There will be new activities each week! To sign up, stop by the PoP Club booth. Flier at the end of newsletter.

NRCS Photo Contest

The Pottawatomie County Conservation District is sponsoring a Photography Contest to recognize individuals who use photography to capture conservation images effectively and creatively. This competition is open to amateur photographers. Subject Matter: Any Conservation Practice. For contest rules and details, please contact the Pottawatomie County Conservation District located at 785-457-3398.
**Purple Power Pack - Day Camp! - Registration now open**

Save the date for June 4th. Purple power pack agents (RL, WB, PT, GE, DK) will be hosting a day camp at Rock Springs for 4-H’ers in grades 1st-5th. The day camp will run from 9am - 5pm, lunch included, and feature camp themed fun and learning. As well, **we need 4-H’ers 14 and over to help as counselors!** Counselors will have a evening training on May 26th evening training and a June 4th-5th overnight experience after campers depart.

*Cost - $30 for campers, free for counselors. Register by May 1st*

*Camper* - [https://tinyurl.com/P3Camp22](https://tinyurl.com/P3Camp22)

*Counselors* - [https://tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22](https://tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22)

**Horse Level Testing + May 1st Horse ID Deadline**

Interested in horse level testing? Now is a great time! While not needed for the PT county fair, all District Horse Show participants will need to have completed Level 1 testing by the district show deadline. In order to participate at the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must qualify at a District Horse Show. Once ready, district horse show info will be posted to [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferencesevents/horse/districthorseshows.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferencesevents/horse/districthorseshows.html).

Pottawatomie falls within the NE area horse show.

Additionally, County Horse ID papers are due May 1st to our extension office. The horse ID document can be found at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/P1039%20Horse%20ID%20Form%20Fillable.pdf](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/P1039%20Horse%20ID%20Form%20Fillable.pdf)

**Dates and Deadlines**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>April</td>
<td>17-23</td>
<td>National Volunteer Week</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>23</td>
<td>Rock Springs Ranch Open House</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Project Add/Drop Deadline in 4-Honline</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Horse ID’s Due</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Day Camp RSVP Deadline</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Small Livestock Tagging Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>15</td>
<td>PT Livestock Tagging deadline</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>16</td>
<td>4-H Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June</td>
<td>1-3</td>
<td>Discovery Days</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>“Purple Power Pack” day camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7</td>
<td>HOSTA Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>15</td>
<td>State Small Livestock Nomination Deadline</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>Pre-Fair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Horse Show</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>3-7</td>
<td>County Fair</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Parents/Leaders: Main thoughts**

- VERY important to have everyone signed up in 4-Honline and projects registered by May 1st!
- As we get into spring and warmer weather, now is the time to start planning ways to get clubs active and together, especially leading up to fair!
  - Project meetings?
  - Fun days?
  - Club tours?
COME & JOIN US AT

PURPLE POWER PACK DAY CAMP

WHO  4-H youth that've completed grades 1st - 5th and
* Counselors that are 14 by June 4th

WHEN  Saturday June 4th, 2022, 9am - 5pm

WHERE  Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp

WHY  Youth will explore, learn, play, and grow! A taste of camp w/ your local extension agents

HOW DO WE JOIN?!  

Register by May 1st  
Campers - $30  
*tinyurl.com/P3Camp22  
*Counselors - FREE!  
tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22

*Counselors will have a May 26 evening training and a June 4th-5th overnight experience after campers depart.
FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES AT MANHATTAN'S DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

For children ages 4-12 years old
Every Saturday, June through August 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Each week kids can earn tokens to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables! There will be new activities each week!
To sign up, stop by the PoP Club booth. Come join us!
Manhattan's Downtown Farmers Market also accepts SNAP/EBT

For more information, follow us on Facebook!