Did you see? County fair dates are set!
Main Fair - August 3rd-7th, Pre-Fair July 29th
Be sure to add project areas to 4-Honline by May 1st!

Discovery Days 2022
Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is scheduled for June 1-3, 2022! Youth age 13-18, before January 1, 2022 are invited to register. More information coming soon on the state website. This is a really great event to attend!

4-H Council Meeting - Fair Theme
Our next 4-H council meeting is March 21st (reminder that it’s a week early). At this meeting, we will be voting on a fair theme! So if you haven’t already, be sure to pass along fair theme ideas to your 4-H council representatives.

Beef Weigh-In
March 19th from 9-11 a.m. is the Beef weigh-in and tagging for market and commercial breeding cattle. For Beef wanting to enter R.O.G. contest, they will need to be tagged at or before weigh-in. The tagging will take place at Jay Rezac’s facility, 24110 Aiken Switch Rd Onaga Ks, which is the same location as used in past years. Beef tags will cost $3.50.

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
Campers - https://tinyurl.com/P3Camp22
Counselors - https://tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22

Leadership Crossover Series - ATTN H.S. 4-H’ers
Join high school 4-H’ers from Meadowlark district and Pottawatomie county for a 2-part “Leadership Crossover” experience. Part 1 will take place in Onaga on March 20th, Part 2 will be planned with help of attending 4-H’ers for June. The goal of Crossover is to help build your leadership and facilitation skills in a fun and interactive way. Skills that you can use in your club, school, community, and beyond. This will be led by PT 4-H Agent Daniel and NM 4-H program manager Deb Henry. Flyer located at the end of this newsletter.

RSVP by 3/13 to 4-H Agent Daniel- skuciusd@ksu.edu / 785-457-3319
**Super 4-H Saturday- Hays Judging Contest**

The NW 4-H Super Saturday event will take place in Hays, Kansas on Saturday, March 26. They will offer judging contest in Horticulture, Crops, Entomology, Life Skills and Photography in the morning at the Ag Research Center and Livestock in the afternoon at the Livestock Pavilion. The afternoon 4-H Project Opportunities are Button Art, Macramé and Galactic Quest, see the registration form to sign up via the Qualtrics Link. Sack Lunch and 4-H Project Opportunity Registrations must be received by Friday, March 18th.

Full details at: [https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/nw4hevents/NW4HJudging2021FINAL.pdf](https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/nw4hevents/NW4HJudging2021FINAL.pdf)

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**Horticulture Project Meeting**

Are you in the horticulture project? Or maybe interested in learning more about the project area? Here is a great opportunity for you! Pottawatomie “Extension Master Gardener” volunteers are offering their time and expertise with two county wide project meetings. Sign-up to RSVP (note, we realize June may need to be a tentative RSVP!).

Sign-up at: [https://forms.gle/HsfLffTSrLpZQpDu4A](https://forms.gle/HsfLffTSrLpZQpDu4A)

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**Introduction to 4-H Horticulture Project**

Saturday, April 9th, 10am @ Sunflower Meeting room

Topic: Is 4-H horticulture right for me? Activities will include: houseplants, flowers, garden vegetables, herbs,

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**Pre-Fair Horticulture Exhibit Preparation**

Wednesday, June 29th, 7pm @ Sunflower Meeting Room

Topic: How to display/exhibit horticulture projects at the fair, how to pick the best samples, tips, etc

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**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)

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**Host International 4-H Delegates**

Several programs are now accepting applications to be host families for international 4-H delegates. Programs range from 2-3 weeks to even the whole academic year. Those interested should visit: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html). Host family information is found at the bottom of the page.
**Insect Art Contest**
It’s time once again for K-State’s Integrated Pest Management Insect Art Contest! This year’s theme is “The Benefit of Insects”. The goal is to capture in an art piece that insects benefit us as a society and why they are important. Selected artwork will be used to promote the importance of insects and to create other educational items. Artists who have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Visit [https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/](https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/) for more information. Postmark date to submit entries is April 15th.

**Livestock Tagging - 2022**
The livestock committee has set the 2022 4-H livestock tagging dates
- March 19th    - Tentative **beef** tagging date
- March 27th    - In-Person YQCA, RSVP to KSRE office
- 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.

**Dates and Deadlines**

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**Parents/Leaders: Main thoughts**

- The March Council meeting will decide the fair theme. Time to get ideas for your representative!
- Spring is becoming a busy time with a lot happening. This is a good time to make sure new families aren’t overwhelmed with preparing for summer/fair!
- A reminder that Zbooks is now available for digital record keeping. Find state resources on using the platform at [this link](https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/).
- If your family wants to attend Rock Springs Summer camp w/ 2nd session, sign-up soon! Spots are filling fast.
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?!

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* Counselors - FREE!  tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22

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4-H Garage Sale
April 8-9
Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

We are looking for a huge selection of items
to be donated.
We do not accept TVs of any kind.

Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley,
& Wabaunsee Counties

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, April 6, 5-8 PM
Thursday, April 7, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, April 8, 9 AM - 8 PM
Saturday, April 9, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350

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