

The 4-H Newsletter



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Grow it, Show It, Sew It – the 2023 Butler County Fair is a wrap!

As I take time to reflect on this year's fair, a lot of thoughts and emotions exist. Nothing is every easy sailing without hiccups! Without highs and lows, we wouldn't grow and become better as 4-H'ers, parents, volunteers, leaders, agents, etc. I'm thankful for everyone who volunteered before, during and after to make the Fair the best it could be.

- Fair Set-up and Clean-Up—Thank you to everyone who attended Fair Set-up and Clean-up. You all are to be commended on the team effort to get it set-up and cleaned up in a smooth, seamless effort and in short fashion! We had a great turnout! Great job!
- During Fair—the laughter and youth playing, the volunteers devoting countless hours to helping with their project areas, youth volunteering and helping out with different events – all of those and more I hope put as big of a smile on your face as it did mine! Thank you to each and every one of you that volunteered, lent a helping hand or was there simply to encourage someone else!

While good things happened during fair, I also heard negative talk and some continuing after Fair. Our kids may not always get the ribbon they want or hoped for, or maybe even us as parents thought they should get. Sometimes our judges don't show up or are late. Everything doesn't always go as planned. We can't control everything, but we can control how we respond. I am a firm believer that in times of adversity a person's true character shines. A 4-H dad and business person once told me, "Listen to the silent majority not the vocal minority." Negative talk and bringing people down teaches our 4-H'ers and future leaders nothing other than other how to carry on those same traditions. To that I ask, what does a person gain? I challenge you to talk kindly, be supportive, lift youth up and support organizations.

Now that Fair is over, it's time to look ahead to the last couple of months of the year. Kansas State Fair, Kansas Junior Livestock Show, along with record books, pins and awards! Take some time to relax, finish record books and pin applications and start setting your goals for the 2023-2024 year. What can you, your family, and our office do to make it the best we can? Let's put our best feet forward and work together to help achieve the dreams and goals of the 4-H'ers while embracing the very foundation 4-H is built on "To Make the Best Better."

If you have any questions or want to talk 4-H, don't hesitate to give me a call. I also maintain an open-door policy, so feel free to drop in next time you're in El Dorado.

~Charlene

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TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER



Leader's Lounge

August Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to ask their friends to attend a meeting
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved

Review

- Read the *4-H Newsletter* and mark important dates on the calendar.
- Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at your club meeting.
- Participation and awards earned at the county fair

To-Do

- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office—left over Fair projects have been placed in club boxes
- Help 4-H'ers plan and prepare record books
- Begin preparing yearly Club Summary

Promote/Recruit

- Club Participation at Achievement Celebration
- Participation at the Kansas State Fair
- KAP and Pin training
- Older 4-H'ers applying to be an Ambassador

Remember/Remind

- 4-H Families to prepare and submit record books and award scholarship forms
- Pick-up of buyers card, ribbons and returning by deadline—we will email when they are available



Important Dates and Deadlines

August

- August 1st:** Extension Office accepting state fair entries
- August 4th:** Deadline for State Fair Pre-Entries to the Extension Office by **5:00 PM**
- August 5th:** Sedgwick County Shooting Sports State Qualifier—Archery and Shotgun
- August 8th:** Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo, Pratt
- August 12th:** State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest—Manhattan
- August 15th:** 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment Due
- August 15th:** Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due
- August 19th:** Greenwood County Archery State Qualifier
- August 24th:** KAP and Pin Training—6:30 p.m., Butler County Community/4-H Building
- August 26th-27th:** Butler County Shotgun State Qualifier Match

September

- September 2nd:** Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show – Hutchinson, Expo Center
- September 6th:** State Fair Entry Drop-Off at the 4-H/Community Building **3:00 PM—6:00 PM ONLY**
- September 8th-17th:** Kansas State Fair—Hutchinson
- September 22nd:** All pin applications, scholarships, record keeping forms, special award apps, club summaries, Ambassador apps due
- September 22nd:** Club end of year reports due
- September 28th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- September 29th-October 1st:** Kansas Junior Livestock Show

October

- October 1st:** The 2023-2024 4-H year begins

See the **2022-2023 4-H Calendar**
[HERE](#) for all event dates
2023-2024 Calendar Coming Soon!



2023 Kansas State Fair Information

Dairy Exhibitors:

- Entries are not done through the Extension Office this year, they are all online through the Kansas State Fair.
- You can find the information in the Kansas State Fair Handbook, pages 97-100. The Kansas State Fair open class information and registration can be found [HERE](#)

Volunteer Information:

If you would like to volunteer at the Kansas State Fair, please call the Extension Office to see where the needs are the greatest. This will also include the option to help with Centennial Hall set up on August 30th. Each volunteer will receive an admission ticket once the Fair has started.

Ticket Ordering:

- We will be ordering additional 4-H State Fair Tickets if you would like to purchase them. Please note that each static exhibitor will receive two free tickets in lieu of premium money.
- Adult Gate Tickets are \$7 and Youth Gate Tickets are \$3. There will be a \$2 handling fee for all ticket orders; this fee is per order, NOT per ticket. Tickets must be ordered by 5:00 PM on Friday, August 4th. Orders and money for the tickets will need to be paid by 5:00 PM on Friday, August 4th. Cash or checks only. Checks will need to be made payable to: Butler County 4-H.
- Ticket orders can be placed [HERE](#)

Entry Information:

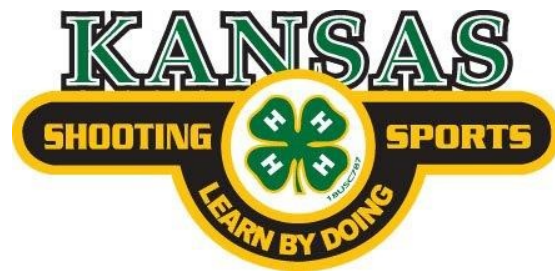
- The Butler County Extension Office will be accepting Kansas State Fair Entries through 5:00 PM on August 4th.
- Please read the General and Division rules in the State Fair Book. You can find a link to that [HERE](#)
 - *To be eligible for State Fair entry you must* 1) Be 9 years old 4-H age and 2) Receive a purple ribbon at the Butler County Fair 3) Receive a purple ribbon at 4-H Days with a public presentation.
 - Division rules will detail any labeling and forms required for exhibits. Please read this carefully as accurate forms and labeling are the responsibility of exhibitors.
- Complete the [entry collection form](#) for your entries. Please make sure that you have all fields as required on the second page.
 - You can log into 4-HOnline to check each 4-Her's years in project. You can print this form and drop it off during office hours, mail it to our office, or attach it to an email. If you choose email, please send to both cmmiller1@ksu.edu and aemclaughlin@ksu.edu.
- Exhibitors will receive two free entry tickets per exhibitor in lieu of premiums. We will order these and notify exhibitors when they are available for pickup.
- Entries (small, non-breathing items) may be dropped off at the 4-H Building on September 6th from **3:00 – 6:00 p.m. ONLY**. Further instructions about entry preparation for transit will be sent to exhibitors.
- Please note that some divisions, such as Fashion Revue and Visual Arts, only allow a certain number of entries per county. Those entries are preselected and eligible 4-H'ers have been notified.



Shooting Sports

The 2023 Kansas 4-H State 4-H Shooting Sports Matches are scheduled as follows:

- **August 5th:** Sedgwick County Shooting Sports State Qualifier—Archery and Shotgun
- **August 19th:** Greenwood County Archery State Qualifier
- **August 26th-27th:** Butler County Shotgun State Qualifier Match



Extension Says Goodbye to Jillian!

We have been very blessed to have had Jillian Foes as our 2023 4-H Summer Intern!



Jillian has held several different classes and events throughout Butler County at various locations. Her “Duck Boat Challenge” was a favorite at all participating locations. She has been a joy to have in our office and we have received so many compliments on her programming. Her last day in our office will be Friday, August 4th. She will be missed and we hope that she applies to be a summer intern again next summer. We wish her luck in her year of student teaching!



4-H Ambassadors

4-H Ambassador's—What are they?

The 4-H Ambassadors are a group of 4-H'ers between the ages of 14 & 18 (as of January 1) who are interested in being the face and voice of promotion for Butler County 4-H Activities.

They participate in and host events. Some events include Ambassador Day Camp, Barnyard Olympics at the Fair, Mini-Fair, help with the achievement banquet and officer training. They also help promote 4-H! They have a lot of fun!

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Butler County 4-H Ambassadors, applications are due in the Extension Office on September 22nd by 5:00 p.m. The Ambassadors are an energetic, fun group to be a part of. The application can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu or you can pick one up at the Extension Office. Join this fun group today!



Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 18-19, 2023 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2023. Registrations will be due Monday, October 16th. This event will include: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the State 4-H Council and is a great opportunity for youth to build their leadership skills! Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14-18 by January 1, 2023 may apply to be a council member. The duties of the Council Members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum and other events, and may include assisting the State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement program, forums, and other workshops or conferences. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council will be available in the registration materials on the State 4-H website at www.kansas4h.org.

Record Books, Pins, Applications, and Awards

It's time to get your record book and pin applications on!

INFORMATION MEETING

Are you new to 4-H and wondering what are record books, pins and awards—then the informational meeting scheduled for August 24th, 6:30 p.m. might just be for you!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW

All KAP's (record books), pin applications, ambassador applications, club summaries, college scholarship applications, reporter and secretary notebooks, and special award applications are due into our office **no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 22nd**. Don't miss this deadline! All forms can be found online [HERE](#).

WANT TO HELP JUDGE RECORD BOOKS?

If you are interested in helping judge record book, adult or teen leader over the age of 13, please let Charlene know! This is a great learning experience. Those that have participated in the past really enjoyed the opportunity, as well as, picked up ideas and lessons learned from judging them.

Don't worry if you have never judged before, we will help you get started! This is a great opportunity to learn, volunteer and give back!

We will judge the end of September/first week of October. Stay tuned for exact date!

Fair Results

Judging Contests

Photography

Seniors

Taylor Gresham
Emily Scribner
Kaleb Mashke
Brenna Sommers
Jadon Guermoprez

Intermediate

Lorelai Sullenger
Ella Amend
Madelynn Ikner
River Horner
Grace Ricke

Juniors

Julia Amend
Logan Holliday
Selah Patton
Natalie Worrell
Evie Blackston

Horticulture

Seniors

Eva Hutfles
Allison Holliday
Brenna Sommers
Taylor Gresham
Arianna Hutfles

Intermediate

River Horner
Valerie Sommers
Kennedy Strecker
Grace Ricke
Madelynn Ikner

Juniors

Logan Holliday
Cecilia Hutfles
Maggie Goebel
Evie Blackston
Gracia Brewer

FCS

Seniors

Kylee Barlette
Jadon Guermoprez
Mikalyn Peak
Taylor Gresham
Arianna Hutfles

Intermediate

Kenzie Sommers
Ella Amend
Grace Ricke
Valerie Sommers
Madelynn Ikner

Juniors

Natalie Worrell
Addilee Swartz
Gemma Harder
Gracia Brewer

Livestock

Seniors

Ellie Nelson
Cody Williams
Natalie Smithson
Emmary Eagleson
Kyle Parker

Intermediate

Gabe Oltman
Cora Brackenridge
Harley McLaughlin
Emmalynn Nelson
Agnes Leibbrandt

Beginners

Hunter Leis
Case Rickard
Koooper Wiseman
Isaac Razey
Blake Tetrick

Carcass Contest

1st—Makenzie Waller
2nd—RoseMarie Fleming
3rd—Cade Camac
4th—John Fleming
5th—Chloe Martin

You can view a complete list
of the 2023 Butler County
Fair Results [HERE](#)

If you would like to participate in our
post-fair 4-H/FFA Division survey,
please go [HERE](#)

Hunters Education

2023 Hunter Education Course

The Hunter Education courses are open to anyone. No fee is required. No one under the age of 11 will be certified in Hunter Education. Those under age 11 may take the course with special permission from the instructor. Anyone taking the Hunter Education courses prior to age 11, will be required to take the course again for certification after turning 11. All courses are being held at the Butler County 4-H Community Building located at 200 N. Griffith in El Dorado. Call the Butler County Extension Office at 316-321-9660 to pre-enroll! Enrollment is limited, so call early!

No Drop-Ins Will Be Accepted.

****Pre-enrollment is required for all courses****



Internet Assisted Courses: August 12th & September 16th, 2023

Check-in: 7:30-8:00 AM

Field Day: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Lunch: 11 :30 AM - 12:30 PM

You will need to have access to a computer and a printer in order to complete the online portion of an Internet-Assisted course. This independent study method requires pre-registration in an Internet-assisted Field Day and Testing Session and completion of the Kansas online hunter education course. ***DO NOT TAKE THE ONLINE COURSE UNTIL YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE INTERNET-ASSISTED HUNTER EDUCATION FIELD DAY AND TESTING SESSION OF YOUR CHOICE.***

Field Day Instructions:

1. Pre enroll for the field day at the Butler County Extension Office by August 9th (for the Aug. 12th course) or September 13th (for the Sept. 16th course)
2. Go to the Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism website at ksoutdoors.com
3. Follow the prompts to access the on-line test and complete it. Education - Hunter Education - Internet Assisted Course - Free Kansas Internet Assisted Course (Yellow box at the bottom of the page) - take the test.
4. After completing the test, print the completion certificate and bring it with you to the field day.



Butler County Fair Thank You's

Fair is over and the dust has settled. The Fair takes a plethora of volunteers and support from buyers to make it successful. Have you sent your Thank You notes? Do you know who to send Thank You notes too? Here is a list of suggestions that we strongly encourage you to write a note of Thanks. Without the support of these individuals, the Fair would not be as successful as it is:

- Food Buyers (we will have a list available of those who purchased food). Even if you don't know who bought your food – you are encouraged to pick out 4 or 5 random names and write notes of Thanks. DID YOU KNOW – the food auction helps support scholarships for you to attend 4-H Camp and other activities?
- Livestock Buyers – You are required to get the buyers signature on a card if you wish to participate in next year's event. How many of you went out into the crowd, found the buyer of your animal and said THANK YOU immediately following your animal exiting the sale ring and/or even offered to get them a drink? Our buyers are our heart and souls. Without them, the premiums won't be there. Did you have an add-on (you will know when you pick up your buyer's card)? If so, you need to write a Thank You to them as well. If you need addresses, please contact our office – we can help you out. We will let everyone know as soon as the buyers cards are available to be picked up.
- Fair Board – There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes getting everything ready for the Fair, A LOT: scheduling, awards, organizing set-up and clean-up, sponsors and everything in between!
- Superintendent's – I encourage you to write a Thank You note to the Superintendent's of the Division's you participated in. Volunteers are a critical aspect of the Butler County Fair.
- The Extension Office staff and The Extension Board– these individuals work year round to help the 4-H'ers out.
- Auctioneers – Our auctioneers from Sundgren Realty Inc. Land & Real Estate Brokers do a fabulous job getting the most they can for the youth and the projects. We need to let them know our Thanks!
- Judges – Why not write a letter to the judge and thank them for helping out, even if you aren't happy about your placing! Without judges, we wouldn't have a Fair!
- Project Leaders and Community Leaders – need I say more?
- Butler County Board of County Commissioners – they support our program. We need to let them know just how much we appreciate their support.



Youth Program Quality Principles

Dedicated volunteers and staff spend many hours working directly with youth in 4-H programs. From exploring topics in a Cloverbuds program, to learning science skills by building a robot, to attending National 4-H Congress, 4-H provides many different types of programs to meet the needs of youth as they grow and develop. What happens in 4-H programs, how they are planned and led, makes a huge difference in the impact of the program on youth! In order to have the biggest impact, programs need to adhere to eight critical principles of program quality:

1. **Physical and psychological safety** — Youth need to feel safe in 4-H programs and be able to interact positively with others.
2. **Appropriate structure** — Whether it is a club meeting or leadership camp, 4-H programs must have clear and consistent rules and expectations, with clear boundaries and age-appropriate monitoring.
3. **Supportive relationships** — All youth need to feel warmth from and closeness to others in 4-H. Youth need to feel others care about and support them. They also need to receive clear guidance and communication from 4-H volunteers and staff.
4. **Opportunities to belong** — All youth need to feel included in a meaningful way in 4-H, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexual orientations, or ability. Youth should have opportunities to share their culture and heritage with others and to forge a positive identity.
5. **Positive social norms** — Youth should experience clear rules and expectations for participating in 4-H, including the values, morals, and ethical expectations of being a 4-H member.
6. **Support for efficacy and mattering** — Youth in 4-H should be taken seriously and respected for their ideas and contributions. Youth should be given opportunities to develop responsibility and be challenged to set and achieve goals.
7. **Opportunities for skill building** — Youth need to develop physical, psychological, intellectual, emotional and social skills as they grow and develop. 4-H provides opportunities for youth to develop these skills, skills that support a young person into adulthood and the workplace.
8. **Integration of family, school and community** — Youth in 4-H do best when there is a connection to their 4-H experience with their family, school, and community. This is why 4-H programs begin at the local level, in the community where youth can practice their emerging leadership skills as they grow and develop.

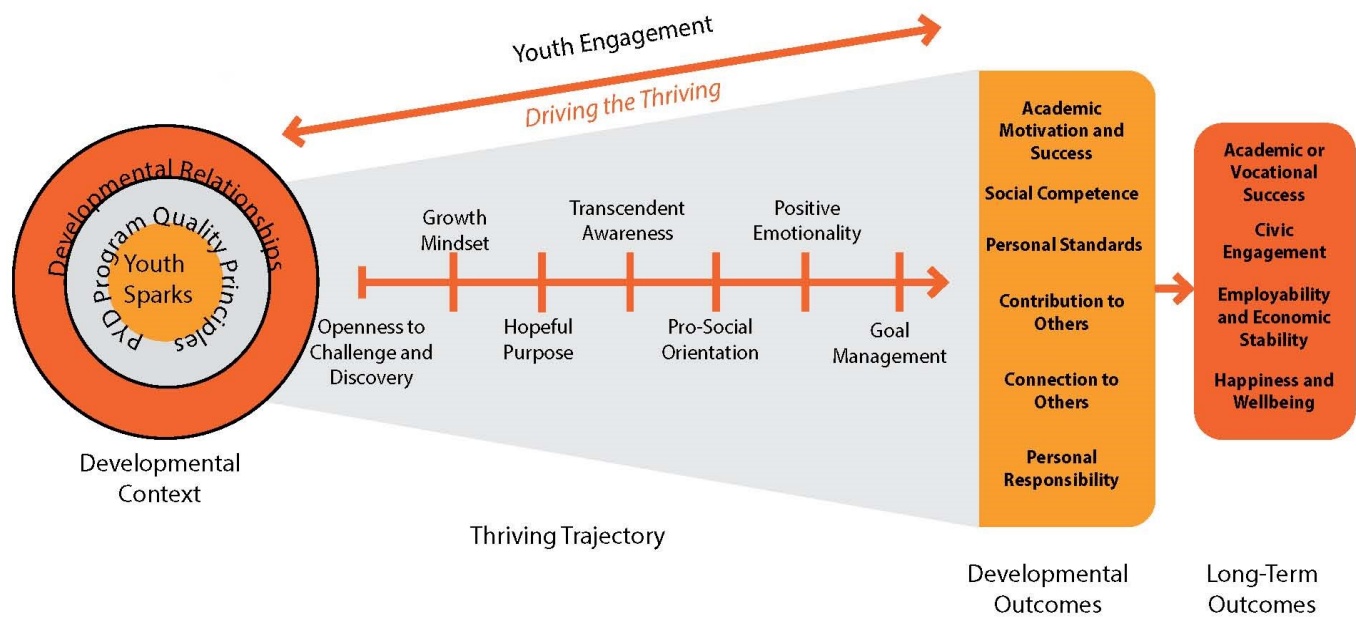


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4-H is Positive Youth Development

4-H is based on a positive youth development (PYD) approach that recognizes all youth have interests, abilities, and strengths that can be enhanced by participation in 4-H programs. Research shows that participation in high quality 4-H programs increases thriving in youth, and thriving youth achieve important developmental outcomes, such as academic motivation and achievement.



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