

THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

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my *club*, my *community*,
my *country*, and my *world*.



JANUARY
2024

WHAT IS THE 4-H PLEDGE?

4-H'ers and 4-H Families,

I challenge you to think about the 4-H Pledge and where you are at in your journey. Write down the 4 H's and put something impactful you can do with each H. Embrace the 4-H Motto through the 4 H's.

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

- Head stands for decision making, planning, organizing, problem solving and using knowledge throughout life.
- Heart stands for strong personal values, positive self-concept, concern for others, cooperation and communication.
- Hands stands for volunteering, community service, preparing for the world of work, science and technology literacy, and useful skills.
- Health stands for healthy lifestyles, character, ethics, stress management and disease prevention

The Fair is simply a way for 4-H'ers to showcase their work throughout the year. 4-H is a year round activity shaping and raising youth for the future!

I wish each of you a very Happy New Year of Making the Best Better!

~Charlene Miller

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LEADER'S LOUNGE

January Check-Up

- Take time to relax after the holidays!
- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite 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

Promote/Recruit

- 4-H Day in February
- CIA in February
- Beef Weigh-In and Tagging in February
- Volunteer Registration Deadline February 1st

To-Do

- Make sure 4-H Council Report is given
- Remind 4-H'ers to complete registration for 4-H Day
- Project Leaders conducting project meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Continue discussion of 4-H Day plans
- Check club's progress towards goals
- Remind volunteers and 4-H'ers to enroll / re-enroll in 4-H Online
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

Remember

- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- Work with your co-leader!



IMPORANT DATES AND DEADLINES

January

- **January 12th:** Club Quarterly Report Due
- **January 17th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- **January 26th:** CIA Registration Deadline
- **January 27th:** Horse Panorama
- **January 29th:** YQCA In-person Training

FEBRUARY

- **February 1st:** Volunteer Registration Deadline
- **February 5th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- **February 12th:** Jr. Beef Producer Day Registration Deadline
- **February 18th-19th:** Citizenship in Action
- **February 21st:** YQCA In-person Training
- **February 24th:** Beef Weigh-In and Tagging
- **February 25th:** 4-H Day
- **February 26th:** Jr. Sheep Producer Day Registration Deadline

March

- **March 1st:** Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
- **March 2nd:** Junior Beef Producer Day - Manhattan
- **March 12th:** YQCA In-Person Training
- **March 16th:** Junior Sheep Producer Day - Manhattan
- **March 23rd:** 4-H Super Saturday Judging Contest
- **March TBA:** State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

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YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7 to 18. This program promotes food safety, animal well-being and character development. With YQCA, you'll discover what it takes to be an informed producer, consumer and employee of the agriculture and food industries.

YQCA is REQUIRED to be Eligible to Exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (Except Horses) at the Butler County 4-H Fair.



The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2024 Butler County 4-H Fair is May 30th, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

Youth are required to take YQCA in-person or online; if taken online, a certificate of completion must be submitted to the Extension Office by May 31st at 11:30 a.m.. You can find more information about YQCA [HERE](#).

- Monday, January 29th
- Wednesday, February 21st
- Tuesday, March 12th
- Thursday, April 18th
- Tuesday, May 30th

****All Classes will be held from 6:00 p.m.–7: 30 p.m. in the Community/4-H Building (200 N. Griffith, El Dorado).**

Frequently Asked YQCA Questions:

- **Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H'ers?**
YQCA is required to show animals at the Butler County 4-H Fair, the Kansas State Fair, and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. 8-18 yr. olds must pass a web based or instructor led training. 7 year olds must attend an instructor led course.
- **How much does getting certified cost?**
The online module certification is \$12, and the instructor-led training method of certification is \$3.
- **Does the YQCA certification ID sync with 4-H online?**
Yes, you will sign in using your 4-H Online information.
- **I only show horses. Do I need to be YQCA certified?**
No. Right now, YQCA, is not required for 4-H Horse Project Members.
- **Do 4-H'ers need to update their YQCA certification number each year?**
Yes they do. Youth should re-certify around the same time they tested each year.
- **Do I need to register before class?**
Yes! You must register and pay online before attending an instructor-led class.
- **Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?**
No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.



2024 BUTLER COUNTY 4-H DAY

2024 Butler County 4-H Day

February 25, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

Butler Community College

901 S. Haverhill Rd., El Dorado

Buildings 700 & 1500

EVENTS

Public Presentations Talent Showcase

Individual, Group, and Club Divisions

Gavel Games Crunch Time

Treat for all participants!!

What is 4-H Day??

This is an opportunity for all Butler County 4-H members to share their speaking skills, knowledge, talents, and creativity before a larger audience.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ⇒ Registration Deadline—Sunday, February 11th.
- ⇒ Late Registrations will NOT be accepted
- ⇒ Must be enrolled in 4-H to be eligible to participate
<https://v2.4honline.com/>
- ⇒ 4-H Day Guidelines are located here:
<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/4hday.html>
- ⇒ Register for Butler County 4-H Day here:
<https://forms.gle/fmJZnkNKcH2iQapy9>
- ⇒ County 4-H Day is a qualifying event for the Kansas State Fair Demonstration/ Illustrated Talks contest.



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2024 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

Fair Dates

July 18th - 22nd, 2024
July 23rd Clean up and
release of exhibits

Pre-Entries

- Pre-Entries are required for all 4-H/FFA projects
- Cloverbuds will only need to pre-enter if participating in Fashion Revue
- Butler County will be using FairEntry once again this year for pre-entries
- Make sure you receive your confirmation e-mail!

Fair Rules

The 2024 4-H/FFA Rulebook has been posted on our website at <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/2024%204-H%20FFA%20Fair%20Rules.pdf>

Important 2024 Deadlines

- **February 24th:** Market Beef Tagging*
- **April 21st:** Small Animal Tagging*
- **May 1st:** 4-H Project Enrollment Deadline
- **May 1st:** Bucket Calf Tagging Deadline*
- **May 30th:** YQCA Deadline
- **May 30th:** Market Animal Certification and Animal Care and Housing Forms Deadline
- **May 30th:** Horse ID Deadline*
- **June 1st:** Pre-Entries Open
- **June 13th:** Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline*
- **June 13:** Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline*
- **June 15th:** Livestock Registration Paper Deadline*
- **June 24th:** Pre-Entries Close at 12 a.m.
- **July 15th:** 4-H Meeting Requirement Deadline

*See Animal Tagging chart [HERE](#)



CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action!

Citizenship in Action will be in person for 2024. Plans are being made for programming on February 18th and 19th. Youth have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. This two-day event is sponsored by Kansas 4-H Youth Development and the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the program is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

The current plan is a community conversation, including deliberating on tough conversations that matter and finding creative ways to attain common ground on Sunday afternoon (tentatively 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM with a banquet and keynote event in the evening).

On Monday the program will allow youth to see the capitol, meet with their representatives and senators, and have a more behind the scenes understanding of the legislative process.

Registration will be due Friday, January 26th. You can register and find more information [HERE](#)

