

# The 4-H Newsletter



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## Get Ready For Summer Events!

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If April showers bring May flowers, I'm starting to think that we won't have many May flowers. According to the National Weather Service, this year is the driest year since 1989 and 5th driest in History. Definitely not a ranking to be proud of!

Did you know that on Main Street in Disneyland, there are 37 hitching posts? While this number may not be that high, it's quite impressive that each one of them is stripped down and repainted—nightly. All of the hitching posts do not receive the same amount of wear, but the high-wear points are done every night, attention to detail is part of the company's culture.

In our 4-H Clubs, how much attention do we pay to detail? What are people's first impression of your club when they come to visit? Are the new families being made to feel welcome? Are new families understanding the process and receiving the help or any clarification they need? Are 4-H'ers being encouraged to work and spend time on their projects. Are project leaders holding meetings to work with youth? If you don't have club project leaders have you spoke to other clubs to see if your 4-H members can participate?

Fantastic Attention to Detail. Sometimes it may seem that we dwell on the small stuff too long, sometimes not enough. The point, either way, is the detail. What kind of image and atmosphere is established for new families and current families? The more attention we pay to detail, the more likely they are to remain members of the club, get involved, and become active. Sometimes, it really is the small things that make all the difference.

As you continue through the year and think about the start of the new year, take a few extra minutes to ponder what details may be getting left out or glossed over!

~Charlene

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# Leader's Lounge

## May 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.
- 4-H/FFA division rules for county fair (available [HERE](#)).

## To-Do

- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- Pick up club Fair Books at the Extension Office & return any extras
- Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair
- Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club

## Promote/Recruit

- YQCA must be completed by June 1st for 4-Her's enrolled in animal projects

## Remember/Remind

- Pre-entries for the county fair open on June 1st. (**ALL** projects require pre-entry)



# Important Dates and Deadlines

## May

- May 1st:** Project enrollment **Deadline** to participate in the county fair.
- May 1st:** 4-H Online enrollment **Deadline** to participate in the county fair.
- May 1st:** Market Beef State Nominations **Due**
- May 1st - 5th:** National 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Level 2 Training
- May 4th:** YQCA In-person Training
- May 13th:** The BlackGold Spring Show
- May 23rd:** Mini Fair
- May 30th:** LAST YQCA In-person Training
- May 30th:** Summer Interns Begin

## June

- June 1st:** Butler County YQCA **Deadline**
- June 1st:** Horse ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 1st:** Animal Care and Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms **Due**
- June 1st:** Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair
- June/July:** 4-H Camp Sessions, Rock Springs Ranch
- June 5th:** Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes for State Nominations
- June 9th-11th:** State Geology Field Trip
- June 7th-9th:** Discovery Days
- June 8th:** State 4-H Horse Judging, Salina
- 15th:** Breeding Animal Tagging **Deadline**
- June 15th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 15th:** Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer State Nominations **Due**
- June 15th:** YQCA **Deadline** for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- June 15th:** State 4-H Horse Judging
- June 16th-17th:** Insect Spectacular
- June 22nd:** 4-H Ambassador and Council Meetings

- June 23rd:** Pre-entry **Deadline** for the Butler County Fair
- June 28th:** Butler County Poultry Testing

## July

- July 7th:** Club Quarterly Report **Due** to Extension Office
- July 8th:** Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- July 8th:** Butler County Fair Horse Show
- July 20th-25th:** Butler County Fair
- July 27th-28th:** Extension Office is closed
- July 24th-Aug. 4th:** Extension Office accepting state fair entries



See the **2021-2022 4-H Calendar**  
[HERE](#) for all event dates

# Tractor Safety Certification



## **Butler County Tractor Safety**

Certificate Program for 14 & 15 year-old youth

Order/Purchase Student Manual - [National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program Student Manual \(psu.edu\)](#)

Complete the online portion - [AgSafety4u Certificate Course – Ag Safety and Health \(extension.org\)](#)

Watch the following videos and

Write 4-5 sentences on what you learned from each video

Log the amount of time to complete video and write up

[Tractor and Machinery Safety - YouTube](#)

[Farm Safety | National Farmers Union \(nfu.org\)](#)

[Tractor Safety Video Training Series - Cooperative Extension: Agriculture - University of Maine Cooperative Extension \(umaine.edu\)](#)

[KSRE Youth Livestock Safety Videos \(k-state.edu\)](#) (only those with which livestock you will be working with )

Schedule a time with the Ag Agent for a Q & A.

Bring student manual with you

Call 316-321-9660 to schedule.

Driving test information will be provided upon completion of above steps.

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# BlackGold Spring Show

## BUTLER COUNTY BLACK GOLD SPRING SHOW

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Butler County Fairgrounds located at 200 N Griffith Street.  
El Dorado, KS, 67042



### Entry Details

- ❖ **ONLINE ENTRY ONLY – even day of the show! Pre-Entry NOT required but you will have to enter and pay on-line at the show.**
- ❖ Everyone must check-in at the registration table upon arrival to receive cards and finalize weights.
- ❖ Enter online at:  
<https://showman.app/shows#/black-gold-spring-show>
- ❖ Entry Fees: \$25 per head (No late Entry Fee)
- ❖ Showmanship: \$5/species
  - Winner takes 60%
  - Reserve takes 40%
- ❖ \$50 deposit for pen use. Deposit will be returned upon inspection at conclusion of show.
  - No pens allowed to be used without deposit.
- ❖ Butler County Youth - \$15/head/species
  - Butler County only classes are not Beyond the Ring Sanctioned
- ❖ 70% payout
- ❖ \$200 cash prize for Grand Champion Market and \$100 cash prize for Reserve Grand Champion Market.
- ❖ \$100 cash prize for Champion Breeding Goat and Ewe. \$50 cash prize for Reserve Grand Breeding Goat and Ewe
- ❖ Cash prizes for each class
- ❖ Banners for Grand and Reserve Grand Market and Breeding Animals.
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### Check-In Information

- ❖ Trailers may arrive beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday night
- ❖ Registration opens at 6:00 a.m. Saturday
- ❖ Swine checked-in by 8:00 a.m. (Show at 9:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Sheep & Goats checked-in by 10:00 a.m. (Sheep show 11am or 30 min after swine show. Goat show 15 min after completion of sheep show)

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Butler County Black Gold Committee, Butler County 4-H, Butler County Extension Council, and the Butler County Fair Board are not responsible for any accidents.
2. Open to all current 4-H/FFA members 18 years and younger as of January 1, 2023. Out of State exhibitors are welcome!
3. All males must be castrated.
4. All animals must be owned and shown by the exhibitor & free of clinical signs of infestations or contagious diseases, infections and sickness.
5. Only one animal per exhibitor in Butler County classes.
6. **NO** bedding allowed in the barns.
7. Show from your trailer. A \$50 deposit/pen will be required the day of the show if you wish to stall in the barn. The deposit will be returned upon inspection of the designated pen being cleaned.
8. Watch Facebook for updates.
9. Declare your own weight by respective registration close times.
10. The show committee reserves the right to resolve all questions not covered in the rules, request to see registration papers, a weigh back, etc. and their decision is final.
11. Full fit for show for anyone who wants to fit!

#### PROSPECT SWINE

1. Prospect market animals may be either sex. Barrows and Gilts will show together.
2. Prospect market animals will show by breed but must have a minimum of 5 to make a breed class or will show as AOB.

#### PROSPECT SHEEP & MEAT GOATS

1. Does and ewes must be born after November 1, 2022.
2. Prospect market animals may be either sex. Must have milk teeth.
3. Exhibitors may brace animals, but all four feet must be on the ground. Show director has the right to disqualify any violators.
4. All market and breeding animals will be shown by weight. There will be no breed classes
5. Market may not be shown in breeding and vice versa

## 2023 Tagging Sponsor

We would like to give a  
great big  
THANK YOU  
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**They generously sponsored all county  
livestock tags for Butler County 4-H  
Youth for the 2022-2023 year!**

We strongly encourage all livestock exhibitors  
that tagged animals to send a thank you card to  
their office located at  
1060 N. Rose Hill Rd.  
Rose Hill, KS 67133

# Butler County Fair Livestock/Project Auction

Monday, July 24th, 7:00 p.m.

## 2023 RULE CHANGE-Premium auction eligibility

*In order to be eligible to sell a project or animal in the premium auction at the 2023 Butler County Fair, members must have attended at least two club meetings. Please note that until you are enrolled in 4-H online, you are considered a guest at 4-H meetings and attendance is not counted. Please see the original email sent from the extension office through 4-H online on September 26th, 2022.*

1. The Livestock/Project Auction order will be Swine, Meat Goats, Dairy Goat Market Wethers, Sheep and Beef with non-livestock items auctioned evenly between species in sign up order.
2. Projects sold through the sale must be exhibited at the 2023 Butler County Fair.
3. 4-H/FFA Member is limited to one auction item to sell during the 2023 Sale. This includes the Livestock, Project, and Rabbit but not the 4-H Food Auction.
4. Items that can be sold in the Livestock/Project Auction are any one item from the following divisions: Market Livestock, Arts & Crafts, Photography, Foods, Horticulture, Floriculture or any other project in those divisions entered in the building. Items must have been entered, judged and displayed at the fair following the rules of that division. Please note the following for items from the Foods or Photography Divisions.
  - a. Foods - If a 4-H /FFA member chooses to sell a food item in the Premium Auction, they must make a fresh item using the same recipe that they exhibited in the Foods Division. If the exhibitor is selling cookies, muffins or any food product that exhibited a plate of 3 at the fair, they must bring at least 1 dozen of the item to sell in the auction.
  - b. Photography - If a 4-H/FFA member chooses to sell a photo from the Photography Division, they must bring a 2nd photo (same picture) to be sold. It is suggested that the photo in the Project Auction be placed in a suitable frame.
5. THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING ENTRY FOR THE LIVESTOCK/PROJECT AUCTION WILL BE Sunday, July 23rd 10:00 am. THIS INCLUDES BASE BID AND SALE RING PROJECTS
6. No project may be pulled or switched once entered for sale or base bid; however, the Fair Board may pull any project from the sale for a rule violation.
7. A member may sell additional market animals outside the sale ring at the base bid (there is no base bid on Beef). Animals and projects must be exhibited at the 2023 Butler County Fair and must meet all other sale requirements.
8. No commission will be charged.
9. All exhibitors selling market livestock animals (beef, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, and rabbits) at the fair must have completed the Youth Quality Care for Animals YQCA) by June 1. See Rule #2 under Livestock Rules.
10. Projects placed in the green ribbon group cannot be sold.
11. Weight limits for animals sold through the sale are market pigs - minimum weight of 220 pounds; market lambs - minimum of 90 pounds; market steers and market heifers - a minimum weight of 950 pounds; dairy goats – a minimum of 34 pounds and meat goats- a minimum weight of 50 pounds. Underweight Swine may be sold at BaseBid. There will be no re-weighs on any livestock.
12. Grand Champion market animals are not required to sell in livestock/project auction.
13. No glitter or decorations are allowed on animals going through the Livestock/Project Auction (due to packer concerns). Any animal with glitter and/or decoration will not be allowed into the sale ring to sell. The paint number must be visible on the animal when entering the ring. No washing of animals entered in the sale after 2:00 PM on sale day.
14. Show dress code is required to sell through the ring. THIS APPLIES TO ALL WHO SELL THROUGH THE PREMIUM SALE. See Livestock/Animals Rules and Regulations on page 14. Any violation of this rule may result in the project being pulled from the auction by the sale committee.
15. Checks for all projects sold base bid or through the auction will be available to the 4-H/FFA member after buyer's ribbons are picked up and a signed buyer's card or statement has been returned to the Extension Office and as soon as all data for animals has been received back from packers. Buyer's ribbons and buyer's cards may be picked up at the Extension Office beginning Monday July 31st.
16. Any 4-H/FFA member who does not return their signed card or written statement from their buyer to the Extension Office by 5:00 PM on or before October 8, 2023 will not be allowed to enter any animal in the livestock/project auction the following year. If the 4-H/FFA member should have a Grand Champion animal, they will be required to sell at base bid only. Checks must be cashed within 60 days or they will be void.
17. All projects entered in the sale must be exhibited in the sale ring by the owner or another 4-H/FFA member.
18. 4H/FFA members selling animals through the sale are expected to feed, water, and care for them until the time they are released by the sale committee.
19. The Livestock Sale Committee and Board of Directors Executive Board has the right to interpret all rules regarding the Livestock/Project Auction.
20. Rabbits will be sold as meat pens which are a pen of 3 rabbits and they have to weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and no more than 5 pounds. Single rabbits are not allowed to be sold.
21. Any 4H/FFA exhibit sold at public auction or by private contract is not eligible to be exhibited at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Public auction includes premium sale, ribbon auction, or similar event. If the project is sold, regardless of ownership changes, on the date of the transaction the 4-H/FFA member has given up the right to exhibit that specific project in the future. Market animals sold are ineligible to be shown as breeding animals in the future.

## 2023 Butler County YQCA Information



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7-18. 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 Fair.**

The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2022 Butler County Fair is June 1st at 11:59 PM, 2023. 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 June 1st. Register for YQCA [HERE](#).

All in-person classes will be held at 6:30 PM in the Butler Community 4-H Building

- ⇒ Thursday, May 4th
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 30th

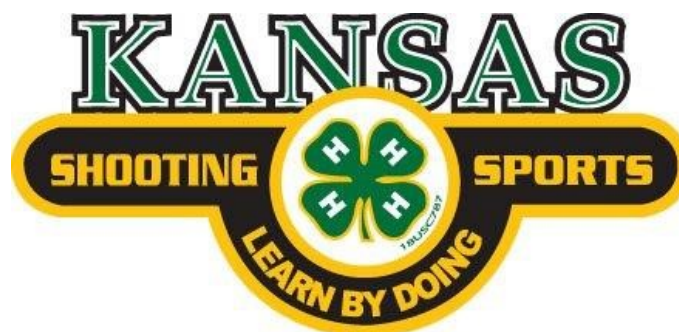
If you have taken the class online, please email a copy of your certificate to [aemclaughlin@ksu.edu](mailto:aemclaughlin@ksu.edu) or bring it in to the office in order to be eligible to show.



## Shooting Sports

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

- State Hunting Skills Exposition - September 23rd
- State Archery Match- September 30
- State Small Bore & Muzzleloading Match- October 7
- State Shotgun Match- October 14-15





# 2023 Butler County Fair Updates

## FFA Participation at The Butler County Fair

Last year, the Butler County Fairboard is welcomed FFA members to participate at the 2022 Butler County Fair. 4-H divisions became 4-H / FFA divisions. We are excited to welcome many of those FFA members back to the fair this year.

## 2023 Butler County Fair Dates!

The 2023 Butler County Fair dates have been set for July 20th-25th, 2023! We can't wait to see what projects and skills our 4-Her's will show off at the fair!

## Butler County Fair Pre-Entry System Change

Starting in 2022, we transitioned from ShoWorks for 4-H pre-entries at the county fair to FairEntry. Please note that with this change, we began requiring pre-entry for ALL 4-H / FFA exhibits at the fair. This was a significant change from years past, so please make note of this as you prepare for the 2023 Butler County Fair.

⇒ This also includes Cloverbuds—Cloverbuds participating in Fashion Revue will be required to pre-enter online.

## Butler County Fair Rule Changes

- All breed swine at the Butler County Fair will require registration papers; this DOES INCLUDE MARKET SWINE. If you plan to show in a breed class, registration papers will be required at Fair check-in
- In order to be eligible to sell a project or animal in the premium auction at the 2023 Butler County Fair, members must have attended at least two club meetings. Please note that until you are enrolled in 4-H online, you are considered a guest at 4-H meetings and attendance is not counted.
- Grand Champion market animals are not required to sell in livestock/project auction.

## New Class Available!

- AG Mechanics

# Notes for Animal Projects

Please note that the following forms will be required for ALL 4-H animal exhibitors at the 2023 Butler County Fair. Forms can be sent via mail to the Extension Office or emailed to Anna McLaughlin at [aemclaughlin@ksu.edu](mailto:aemclaughlin@ksu.edu).

- Animal Care and Housing Form** - Required for all animal exhibitors, except horse (**Due June 1st**) [Electronic Version](#)
- Market Animal Certification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing market animals (**Due June 1st**) [Electronic Version](#)
- 4-H Grade Dairy Cattle or Leasing Identification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing dairy cattle (**Due June 15th**)
- Horse ID Certificate** - Required for exhibitors participating in the horse show (**Due June 1st**)
- YQCA** is REQUIRED for all animal exhibitors, including beef, sheep, swine, meat & dairy goats, and all bird exhibitors. The only exception will be horse exhibitors (**Due June 1st**)
- Poultry Testing** - Save the Date! Poultry Testing will be Wednesday, June 28th from 4:30-6:30 PM

# Standards of Participation for 4-H & FFA

*By Pam VanHorn*

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.



# Kansas State 4-H News

## Vet Med Rocks - July 30 - August 2

Vet Med ROCKS camp will consist of a full day of activities at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine! The theme of camp this year is “A Day in the Life of a Veterinary Student”. Experience a day similar to that of a veterinary student with hands-on activities and learning from our students and faculty. Register by June 30 to be guaranteed a shirt. Registration will stay open until July 14, 2023.

## 100th Anniversary Discovery Days - June 7th - 9th

Youth participants will be given opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time-management skills. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends from all over the state.

## Kansas 4-H 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.

## \*NEW\* 4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for Frostings & Fillings at the Kansas State Fair

Please note that there is a \*NEW\* 4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for the 2023 Kansas State Fair. The new rule is as follows:

For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>.

## Kansas State Fair Horse Safety Requirement

4-H Horse Project members wishing to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show must complete the Horse Safety Webinar and pass the quiz in addition to other requirements. The webinar and quiz will both be available on the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar page <http://bit.ly/3zbn5XC>, on Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. They must be completed prior to the entry deadline (August 1, 2023).

Additional requirements can be found on the Horse Project Page at <https://bit.ly/statehorseshowreqs>.



# 4-H Horse Challenge: Horse Safety



Basic horse safety when working with and riding horses is essential knowledge for youth engaged in the 4-H Horse project. Horses are large animals that can bite, kick, and exhibit unpredictable behavior in the blink of an eye. A healthy respect for horses, understanding potential dangers, and learning basic safe horse handling and riding skills are critical components of basic horsemanship. Learning and practicing basic safety precautions ensures that youth have a safe and enjoyable experience throughout the 4-H Horse Project.

## Inspire Kids to Do

### Skill Building

Learning and practicing basic horse safety techniques is necessary to keep you and your horse safe. Understanding potential hazards is an important step to prevent injuries. To work safely with your horse, you should have a basic understanding of horse behavior.

### Goals

- Learn why safety is important when handling & riding horses.
- Describe the proper way to approach and catch a loose horse.
- Practice proper leading, bridling and saddling techniques.
- Learn about best clothing choices and protective equipment when working with horses.

### Project Ideas

- Make a Horse Safety Tips poster or educational exhibit.
- Present a live demonstration of safety when working with horses.
- Conduct a tack safety audit of other 4-H Horse project members' tack.

### Self-Evaluation Before

Using the rating scale below, answer the following:

- 1 = not at all
- 2 = a little
- 3 = a lot

#### I know ...

How to safely approach and catch a loose horse ..... 1 - 2 - 3

Why safety is important for handling/riding ..... 1 - 2 - 3

Basic handling practices when working with horses.....1 - 2 - 3

### Starting Out

- Learn about personal protection equipment and clothing appropriate for working with horses.
- Learn about the “blind” and “flight zones” of horses and impact on safe handling.
- Learn how to approach and catch a loose horse.
- Learn how to tie a quick release knot.
- Learn basic bridling and saddling safety precautions.
- Learn basic riding safety precautions.

### Learning More

- Become familiar with and understand horse behavior.
- Recognize horse body language to “read” your horse.
- Safely bridle and saddle your own horse.
- Learn to inspect tack for proper working order and safety hazards.

### Expanding Horizons

- Learn how to safely load and unload your horse from a horse trailer.
- Learn how to safely longe a horse.
- Recognize how building and equipment maintenance impacts horse and personal safety.
- Learn and practice techniques for handling a spooked horse.
- Evaluate the safety of your horse facilities and work with adults to correct hazards.

## 4-H Horse Challenge: Horse Safety

Challenge Instructions	Helpful Tips	Leadership	Curriculum and Resources
<p>Complete page 11 of the <i>Kansas 4-H Horse Standard of Excellence</i> questions on horse safety. <a href="https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MG55.pdf">https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MG55.pdf</a></p> <p>Check out the lessons on Horse Safety at: <a href="https://nasdonline.org/browse/174/horses.html">https://nasdonline.org/browse/174/horses.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read &amp; watch Lesson 1 – Take Good Care of Yourself</li> <li>• Read &amp; watch Lesson 2 - Behavior Basics</li> <li>• Read &amp; watch Lesson 3 – Facilities &amp; Equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When practicing horse safety skills, always have an adult present.</li> <li>• Always wear boots with a heel when riding and working with horses. No sandals!</li> <li>• If possible, use a horse that you are familiar with.</li> <li>• Gather all necessary supplies/equipment before starting.</li> <li>• Take your time and don't rush.</li> </ul> <p><b>When finished, please visit: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/KS4H-Challenge">www.tinyurl.com/KS4H-Challenge</a> to tell us what you learned. Thanks.</b></p>	<p><i>(Suggested for Intermediate and Advanced Levels.)</i></p> <p>Teach someone what you have learned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist younger members in learning about horse safety.</li> <li>• Host a horse safety project workshop.</li> <li>• Create a basic horse safety YouTube video to share with other Horse Project youth.</li> <li>• Other _____</li> </ul>	<p>To learn more about the Horse Project, visit the <a href="#">Kansas 4-H Horse Project page</a>.</p> <p>National 4-H Curriculum <a href="https://shop4-h.org/">https://shop4-h.org/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horses &amp; Horsemanship</li> <li>• Horse Science</li> <li>• Giddy Up and Go</li> <li>• Head, Heart and Hooves</li> <li>• Stable Relationships</li> <li>• Riding the Range</li> <li>• Jumping to New Heights</li> <li>• Horse Project Helper's Guide</li> </ul>

### Life Skills Learned (check all that apply)

- Positive Self-Concept
- Inquiring Mind
- Concern for Community
- Sound Decision-Making
- Healthy Interpersonal Relationships

### Share

- Teach basic horse safety to first-year 4-H Horse project members.
- Present a project talk at a club meeting reviewing basic horse safety practices.
- Visit and evaluate other 4-H Horse Project members' facilities for safety hazards and improvement opportunities.

## Evaluate Your Experiences!

Why is it important to know and practice safety when working with and around horses?

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Describe the proper way to approach and catch a loose horse. \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe proper leading, bridling, and saddling techniques. \_\_\_\_\_

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List some horse behavior basics. \_\_\_\_\_

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**To complete the Challenge**, take a selfie while doing the activity. Upload the photo and take the survey about your Challenge experience. [www.tinyurl.com/KS4HChallenge](http://www.tinyurl.com/KS4HChallenge)

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### Self-Evaluation After

Using the rating scale below, answer the following:

- 1 = not at all
- 2 = a little
- 3 = a lot

#### I know ...

How to safely approach and catch a loose horse ..... 1 - 2 - 3

Why safety is important for handling/riding ..... 1 - 2 - 3

Basic handling practices when working with horses..... 1 - 2 - 3

### Kansas Clover Classroom

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