

Clover Connection

Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson County
4-H Youth Development News & Updates
December 2024 – February 2025



Congratulations!

Thank you to all who attended the 4-H Achievement Celebration. Dickinson County can be very proud of the number of 4-Hers and volunteers who were honored for their work over the past 4-H year!

Thank You Notes

If you received a pin or award at the Achievement Celebration, please remember to write a note of thanks to the sponsor. The celebration would not be possible without the support of these sponsors. Sponsor names and addresses were printed in the program book.

Dickinson County 4-H Foundation
Address: 712 S. Buckeye
Abilene, KS 67410
All project awards – ribbons & pins

Gary DePew & Jill Martinson
Address: 3335 Tulip Rd
Junction City, KS 66441
Junior leader recognition

Dickinson County Farm Bureau
Address: PO Box 66
Woodbine, KS 67492
*Pins – silver, silver guard,
Jr leader, gold, gold guard*

Abilene Rotary Club
Address: 300 N Cedar St #221
Abilene, KS 67410
Adult leader recognition

Dickinson County Rural Life
Address: 109 NE 7th St
Abilene, KS 67410
*Pins – membership, bronze,
clover, emerald*

Farm Credit Association of KS
Address: PO Box 836
Hays, KS 67061
Key Awards

4HOnline

4HOnline is our 4-H enrollment database. Both **4-H members** and **adult volunteers** should be enrolled at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up> and **re-enrolled each year**. If you haven't yet activated your memberships for the new 4-H year, please do it today! Instructions and link to [ks.4Honline.com](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html) may be found at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html> Remember to use the coupon code **KVBSRQ** as payment. This year the Kansas 4-H program fee is being covered by Dickinson County 4-H Foundation for all Dickinson County 4-H members. Notes of thanks should be sent to:

Dickinson County 4-H Foundation
712 S. Buckeye
Abilene, KS 67410

4-H Camp at Rock Springs

Registration is now open for all sessions of 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch! An early bird discount is available for those who register by **December 31, 2024**. The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation is committed to making camp financially accessible for all of our 4-Hers. Thanks to financial gifts from Friends of the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation as well as a gift from The Allen and Evelyn Knopp Family (who are also DK 4-H Alumni), the first 43 4-Hers attending overnight, specialty, or mini-camp at Rock Springs Ranch the summer of 2024 will receive \$300 toward their camp registration fee! Apply now at <https://bit.ly/4-hcampscholarshipapp>.

The Knopp family believes in the Rock Springs Ranch camp experience so much that they are also providing a \$200 scholarship for a limited number of non-4-Hers to attend camp. If you have non-4-H friends that would enjoy camp as much as you do, the first five to apply will receive a scholarship. Apply now at <https://bit.ly/non4-hercampscholarshipapp>.

Learn more about camp at Rock Springs Ranch at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

Fully paid scholarships to attend Leaders in Training (LIT) sessions are available for those going into 10th or 11th grade and Counselor in Training (CIT) sessions for will-be high school seniors. Check out more information today at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>. More information is also available on our [district 4-H events page](#).

Bread-In-A-Bag

Foods project members and other volunteers are needed to help assemble and measure out the ingredients for Bread-In-A-Bag packets. This school enrichment program will be presented in area schools in January. The workday is set for **Monday, December 23rd, 10 a.m. until finished, in the Extension Office Meeting Room**. Please fill out the Google form (<https://forms.gle/3K5W5Sw6aiAbkBiy5>) to let us know if you plan to attend. 4-H members are welcome to help with school programs. Let us know if you are interested in being a bread in a bag assistant!

Model Meeting

Model meetings will be held on **Saturday, January 4, at Emmanuel Church**. Each club participating will draw one parliamentary procedure they must perform during the meeting (options: lay on the table, amendment, previous question). Clubs must conduct 3 items of business. A program is optional, but clubs that do not include a program in their meeting will not be eligible to advance to Regional 4-H Day. Make note of when your club meets. If you have questions, please refer to "The Meeting Will Come to Order" and "Parliamentary Practice Problems for 4-H" pamphlets available at the [KSRE bookstore](#). Remember that the first club scheduled is responsible for setting-up and the last club scheduled is responsible for clean-up. If your club has not signed up for a model meeting time, please use the [Google Drive](#) doc or call the Extension Office to reserve your time as soon as possible.

Model Meeting Schedule:

8:30 a.m. – Detroit Ramblers
9:15 a.m. – Fragrant Hilltoppers
10:00 a.m. – Holland Sunflowers
10:45 a.m. – Jolly Jayhawkers
11:30 a.m. –
12:15 p.m. – Lunch
1:00 p.m. –

District 4-H Day

This chance to show off your presentation skills is scheduled for **Saturday, February 8th** at Tabor College in Hillsboro. The entry deadline is **January 20th**. Start planning your presentations and review the 4-H Day Rules summary in this Clover Connection. Video examples of 4-H Day presentations are available on our [Virtual 4-H Day page](#) thanks to the pandemic a few years ago. The link to sign up for 4-H Day is: <https://bit.ly/CTD4hday>. This is for individual contests and for those age 10+ willing to serve as room monitors. For group entries, sign-up at: <https://bit.ly/CTD4hdaygroup>. Complete rules are posted on our 4-H events page at https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/events/Events.html. Contact Jill with any questions at martinso@ksu.edu or 785-263-2001.

Save the Date

Regional 4-H Day is scheduled for **March 22nd in Clay Center**.

Club Secretary Books

Keep in mind that your club's secretary book is an important historical document. Make sure that the attendance is accurate after each meeting. This is the only way for the Awards and Recognition Committee to tell how many meetings each member has attended to meet achievement pin requirements. This is important to each member of your club.

4-H Basketball

The 4-H Basketball Tournament is scheduled for **March 15th**. Sign up with your organizational leader to participate. Remember that Cloverbuds are not allowed to play. To be eligible to play, you must have re-enrolled in 4HOnline by *December 1st*. New members must have enrolled by the time rosters are due. Rosters are due to the Extension Office or entered in the online form by **February 15th**. Find additional information and tournament rules on our [4-H Events page](#).

Volunteer Screening Process

Our 4-H program relies on volunteers to accomplish our Positive Youth Development goals. Part of our commitment to these goals is the need to provide a safe environment for learning. To help accomplish this, Kansas 4-H screens volunteers who work directly with youth. As a potential or current volunteer, we ask you to complete the screening process. This process will be accomplished through 4HOnline. As you set up your profile, the system will take you through the volunteer application. If it's your first time applying, please complete the [Outside Background Check](#) and contact Jill for a new volunteer interview.

NOTE: once completed initially, the outside background check only needs to be completed every three years and can be accomplished by letting our office know to re-submit your information.

Online Volunteer Orientation

The Volunteer Orientation needs to be completed by everyone applying to be a 4-H volunteer. It only needs to be done one time. **You will need to be enrolled as an individual in your family's 4HOnline account in order to access the training.** Instructions are available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>. The course consists of video modules and quizzes. Please let our office know when you have completed the orientation.

4-H Club New Family Mentors

In 4-H we "learn by doing" which can often cause new families to feel lost until they've experienced a 4-H event or activity. To help ease their anxiety and keep our new families engaged, clubs are asked to recruit an adult volunteer (who is not currently an organizational leader) to serve as a New Family Mentor. This individual will be responsible for checking in with new 4-H families and helping them understand more about Dickinson County 4-H. Check out the [Welcome to 4-H! New Family Guide](#) for helpful information.

Radio Day Thank You

Thank you to the clubs that supported Radio Day this year. Twenty-eight ads were sold with proceeds supporting the Dickinson County 4-H Council. Each club was asked to sell 3 ads which means our basic goal was to have 33 ads sold. Thank you to the 8 clubs who sold ads. Council funds are used for basic support of the work done by council and our county-wide committees. Thanks to the committee and all 4-Hers who sold ads and recorded promotional spots as well as those who will be "on-air" and answering the phone on **Saturday, December 14th**.

Area and State Project Record Judging

The northeast area project record judging will occur on **January 9th, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Manhattan.** Chisholm Trail District may send 6 adults to judge award applications. Previous experience working on the county awards and recognition committee is required and volunteers may only judge two years consecutively on the area level. Preference will be given to those who are available to judge the entire day, are objective and fair, and can keep confidential information. Please call or email Jill by **January 2nd** to let her know if you are interested in judging. This is a unique opportunity to see what other 4-Hers are accomplishing as well as get great ideas for completing the new Kansas Project Records.

- Applications to be a part of the state project record judging are due to the State 4-H Office by **mid-January**. Criteria are similar to those used for area judging. Please let Jill know if you would like to apply. State judging will be done online in **March**.

County Committees

In this newsletter you will find a list of county committees as well as information about the Dickinson County 4-H Council. If you have been named to a committee, please make a commitment to being an active member of that committee. Thank you for your willingness to be a part of the county 4-H program! Contact us if your name is not listed and you would like to serve on a committee. The committee list document may also be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/DKCNTYCMMT>

Spring Livestock Show Committee Meetings

When: **Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 PM (Small Livestock Show), 7:30 PM (Beef Show)**

Where: KSRE-CTD Abilene Office, Meeting Room

Who: Committee Members and anyone interested in helping plan the spring shows

Next 4-H Leadership SQUAD Meeting

When: **Monday, February 24th, 7:00 p.m.**

Where: KSRE-CTD Abilene Office, Meeting Room

Who: any 4-Her 6th grade and up interested in learning about and practicing leadership skills!

Next DK 4-H Council Meeting

When: **Monday, January 27th, 7:30 PM (officers meet @ 6:45 PM)**

Where: KSRE-CTD Abilene Office, Meeting Room

Who: Club 4-H council representatives – youth & adults

4-H Leadership SQUAD

All 4-H members 6th grade and up are invited to be a part of this dynamic group! Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in February, April, June, and August. Participants promote the 4-H program, learn leadership skills, and put leadership into practice! Contact group advisors Shawna Riffel (riffelclan@eaglecom.net) or Becky Chase (r_ruthstrom@yahoo.com) with questions or just attend the next meeting!

4-H Horse Panorama

4-H Horse Panorama has been scheduled for **February 22-23** at Rock Springs Ranch. Registration will be available soon. Check the following link for information and rules for 4-H Horse Panorama: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>. Event scholarships are available from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation up to \$50 or half the cost of registration (does not include costs for clothing). In-person opportunities include quiz bowl, hippology, and public speaking while virtual contests include logo, photography, ad layout, and others.

Horse Project Hippology

Members interested in learning more about horses (hippology) and competing at Horse Panorama in February 2025, email Susan Buckley at 3bhequine@gmail.com or leave a message 785-280-9092 for more information.

Dog Judge & Leader Training

The 2025 Kansas 4-H Dog Judge & Leader Training will be held at the Hutchinson Kennel Club, 131 S Washington St, Hutchinson, **January 18-19, 2025**. All 4-H dog shows must have certified judges for members to qualify for the State Fair Dog Show. Dog Judges & Leader Training Registration:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_brAcyHz0PurYkm2

Kansas 4-H Scholarships

All high school seniors and college 4-H alums are encouraged to complete the state 4-H scholarship application. Application information is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html> with a submission deadline of **March 1, 2024**.



**4-H Day with
Wildcat Women’s Basketball
Saturday, January 4, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
K-State vs. Texas Tech**



Group Ticket Rate of \$25 per person, youth or adult
Non-T-Shirt Group Ticket Rate of \$15 per person, youth or adult
4-H and non-4-H Families welcome to attend
Includes game ticket, \$10 meal voucher, & t-shirt (optional)

Orders must be completed online by December 13th at <https://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththeCats2025>

Food Pantry Needs

According to the 4-H study of Positive Youth Development, 4-Hers are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities. But just how much can they do? The last several years, our clubs have made a huge difference in helping the food insecure in our county.

Items that are most needed by county food banks:

- *soup *ramen noodle soup *pork and beans *chili beans *canned tomato products
- *all kinds of pasta *rice *tuna *peanut butter *cereal – hot and cold
- *personal hygiene products – shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, bars of soap

Interested in the Electrical Project?

When it comes time to sign up for projects for the 2025 schedule, I would like to provide some details on the electrical program. My name is Virgil Kuntz, I am the leader for this program in Dickinson Co. When enrolled in the Electrical program we usually meet Saturday mornings starting in January thru April. I set up the sessions according to the years that the member has been enrolled in this program. The 1st year enrollment would start out with orientation to electricity, working with tools safely, and building a small entry project that can be judged at the fair. It would involve probably 2-3 morning sessions. I would like to encourage members to explore this program. We keep it fun and educational for each level. Each year enrolled I build on the technical level to provide a challenge for the 4H member. I have seen a lot of advancement of knowledge and skills as the member advances each year. This is a great program that can introduce someone to working with tools, where electricity comes from, how we use it in our day.

We have many boys enrolled, I would like to encourage the girls to consider the electrical program, it would provide life skills that would be of great benefit into their adult life. I have youth that went through this program who went on in their education to become Electrical Engineers, or various careers involving electricity. So, come explore, learn, all it would take out of your schedule is approximately 2-3 Saturday 2-hour sessions. Parents are welcome to assist in helping with their child's project. If you have questions give me a call or text, Virgil Kuntz 785-201-8367

Kansas Junior Producer Days Announced

The 2024 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! **Kansas Swine Producer Day will be Saturday, March 1st, with Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd.** Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend!

Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, reproduction, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. This is a family learning event! Everyone who plans to attend must register, including both youth and adults. More information about the junior day events, including each of the flyers and registration links, is available on the @ksuylp Facebook page and the KSU YLP website: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>.

Swine and Sheep Project Starter Grants Available!

Thanks to generous local sponsors, starter grants are now available to a first year member in both the market sheep and market swine projects. Information and applications are available on our [district 4-H events page](#). Applications must be hand-written and are due **February 1** (as this is a Saturday, will be accepted on February 3 by 5 PM.) Those interested in taking one or both of these projects for the first time should apply!

Online ZBooks Available for 4-H Record Keeping

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition. To help you through this process, please refer to the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition. Couple of items to make note of:

- Youth may choose to use either record keeping option: a.) the fillable PDF Project report forms or b.) the online ZBooks software. **NOTICE! ZBooks is the better choice and can be set up on mobile devices to complete throughout the year.**
- The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, do not feel like you have to transfer over all of your previous years' activities into the online Permanent Record. Start with this year and attach it to your previous document.

[Click here for instructions and video tutorials for using ZBooks](#)

Kansas 4-H Wordmark Policy

The K-State Research and Extension/4-H wordmark is required on all 4-H marketing and publishing materials, including print, digital, apparel, and merchandise. **This means, if your club is creating a t-shirt, this wordmark is required.** More information about the wordmark may be found at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/>. Resources are available for local printers to work through the KSU license process.



Kansas 4-H Accidental Insurance

Kansas 4-H will continue to provide accidental insurance under a statewide group activity accident policy for 4-H members and volunteers through American Income Life. This benefit is provided through the \$15 annual state program fee (free to all Dickinson County 4-Hers by the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation). This policy covers members and volunteers enrolled in 4HOnline, so please make sure you are re-enrolled (or enrolled) for the new 4-H year!

Kansas 4-H Participant Code of Conduct and Volunteer Code of Ethics

As you enroll for the new 4-H year, please take time to notice the participant code of conduct and volunteer code of ethics. These documents may be found at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/index.html>

Dickinson County Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration

Great work by our clubs and members assisting the Dickinson County Heritage Center with their holiday celebration. The Christmas trees looked great!

Club Community Service Grants

Congratulations to the following clubs for applying and being awarded the community services grant from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation. We're looking forward to seeing this great work in your communities!

Detroit Ramblers – Barn Quilts at CKFF and Enterprise Estates' Garden repairs
Fragrant Hilltoppers – Chapman Valley Manor Bird Feeders & Friendship
Mt. Ayr Go-Getters – Mini Park in Hope
Newbern Wideawakes – Giving Box Upkeep and Restoration
Solomon Wranglers – Operation Gorilla Family

Ideas to Shake Up Club Meetings

BACKWARDS MEETING:

Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!

MOVE TO A NEW SEAT DURING THE MEETING:

This is a seating adventure. The President could give the command: "Move two seats to your left." "Rows one and two switch seats." "End seats switch with each other." The command can be different each time. The club members will definitely be paying attention to the meeting to hear where they need to move next.

HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS:

Invite people to come visit your club. These folks might have some neat information or activities to share with you. Some ideas of people to contact include: Fire Department, Police Department, Hospital, Wildlife and Parks Department or Newspaper.

VISIT A NEW PLACE:

Club field trips are an excellent way to see what is in your community. The club can have a short meeting or incorporate the new location into the meeting. Don't forget to take pictures to document all of the club adventures!

HAVE A SECRET WORD CONTEST:

When the Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting, a secret word can be inserted. Members will listen closely to determine what the word is. Members who then use the word in some way during the meeting can receive a small prize. Secret word examples include: popsicle, pillow, jelly bean, clover, and armadillo.

DRAW YOUR MEETING OUT OF A HAT:

Cut up the order of the club meeting. Place the slips of paper in a hat. Draw out a slip of paper. That is the first item of the meeting. Continue until every item has been drawn out of the hat. This should make for a most interesting meeting!

Setting Project Goals!

Now is the perfect time for 4-H members to be thinking about what they want to learn and accomplish with their projects throughout the coming year. Use the handy [Setting 4-H Project Goals](#) worksheet to document those plans for the coming year!

Need ideas for your club meetings? Check out the [Kansas 4-H Club Corner!](#)

Want to explore a project but not sure where to start? Check out the [Kansas 4-H Clover Classroom!](#)

4-H Year Calendar

A calendar full of important dates for the 2024-2025 4-H year is posted on our district [News & Newsletters](#) page. Check it out!

CKFF Suggested Changes

The following is a list of suggested changes for the 2025 Central Kansas Free Fair. Feedback should be emailed or submitted in writing to the Extension Office (chisholmtrail@listserv.ksu.edu) by **5 p.m. on February 3rd**.

Beef

- Check-in heifer time Wednesday 7-9 pm like steers
- Rule #8 – beef tie-out time - change to 8 **pm** nightly
- Rule #7 – registration papers deadline by 9 pm Wednesday

Bucket Calf

- Participant age limit of 12 years, 4-H age

Meat Goat

- Specify that meat goat club pens of 3 must include goats from 2+ exhibitors
- Create weight divisions for market goat grand drive (lightweight, middle weight, heavy weight)
- Change bottom weight limit to 55 pounds

Sheep

- Clarify club pen of 3 market lamb rules to specify lambs from 2+ exhibitors

Horse

- Remove rule requiring 4-Hers to earn a blue ribbon in 4-H classes in order to participate in open class
- Re-evaluate the rule on when rodeo contestants may be in the 4-H horse arena – no rodeo contestants Wednesday night
- Open class – align ages with those youth ages used in 4-H

General Livestock

- 4-Her may only show in showmanship an animal they have entered in a 4-H market or breeding class
- Suggestion – beef show on Saturday and swine on Friday

Rabbit

- Drop open class pre-entry requirement
- 4-H – match state fair classes

Fiber Animal

- Specify that fiber animals may not show in both fiber and their species

Horticulture/Crops

- Modify pre-entry schedule times to utilize time better (1-3 exhibits = 5 minutes, 4-10 exhibits = 10 minutes)
- Remove entry times, enter at conference judging time
- Suggestion – move judging to the Saturday before fair with other conference judging

Forestry/Geology/Entomology/Woodworking

- Ask size of project in pre-entry

Aerospace – STEM

- Add a 2nd judge

Visual Arts

- Add an item made from kit class (would not be eligible for Kansas State Fair exhibit)

Other Projects/Miscellaneous

- Fair guide page 82, remove historian from list of club groups of officer books
- Add outstanding club historian book award

FFA/Ag Mechanics

- Match current classes to Kansas State Fair classes

Open Class Quilting

- Suggestion - change check-in time to Tuesday and judging to Wednesday

General Fair

- Add standard late entry fee for non-livestock 5 day grace period

Notes from livestock premium sale committee:

- Sale start time moved up to 9:00 AM
- Buyers will be required to register and bid with buyer numbers – each separate entity will need their own number
- Rule #2 – Add – All animals must be designated either to go to a locker or on the truck, they may not be kept.

Elks Essay Contest

Theme: What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?

Contest is open to 5th - 8th graders and will be judged amongst the separate grades. Prizes for each division include 1st place - \$1,000, 2nd place - \$500, and 3rd place - \$250. **Essay due by December 19th**. Please contact the office for more information and for proper entry forms.

Discover Your Future

Want to earn K-State college credit and high school credit at the same time? It's not too late to apply! This **Sunday, December 15th**, applications for Discover Your Future are due by 11:59pm CST. To learn more and apply, use this link <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/discoveryourfuture/> To request access the Q&A webinar on Thursday, December 12th, fill out this access form: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8wEyKgk7KwkTx1I

Agriscience and Health and Wellness Initiative Team Members Needed – Quick Turnaround!

Kansas 4-H is looking for enthusiastic and committed *high school youth* (must be 13 before January 1, 2025), to join the Agriscience Initiative and Health & Wellness Initiative Teams. This is a fantastic opportunity to expand your projects at the state level and make a significant educational impact on Kansas youth.

Agriscience Team: This team will explore topics such as animal science, biology, environmental science, veterinary science, hydroponics, urban farming, renewable energy, and pollination. To apply, submit your application [here](#). You will need one online reference from an Extension Staff member (agent, program assistant/manager/coordinator) or 4-H Volunteer Leader. Share this link with your reference: <https://tinyurl.com/AgRef25>. **Applications and references are due by 11:59 pm, Sunday, December 15, 2024.**

Health & Wellness Team: This team will focus on areas including nutrition, food inequity, food loss waste reduction, mental health, and emotional well-being. To apply, submit your application [here](#). You will need one online reference from an Extension Staff member (agent, program assistant/manager/ coordinator) or 4-H Volunteer Leader. Share this link with your reference: <https://tinyurl.com/HWRef25>. **Applications and references are due by 11:59 pm, Sunday, December 15, 2024.**

If any of these topics interest you, please consider applying to serve on one of these teams. Selected members will also have the chance to apply to be a Kansas delegate at the Ignite by 4-H Summit in Washington, D.C., from **March 12-16, 2025**.

Follow Us on Social Media!

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Instagram: @chisholmtrail_ksre



Chisholm Trail District 4-H DAY Rules

As you begin preparing your presentations for 4-H Day, please note some of the time limits and other important information you need to know. Complete rules are available on the Chisholm Trail District – 4-H-Events page:

https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/events/Events.html

Some general items:

- If you sign-up for something . . . follow through! Cancellations cause scheduling problems.
- Purple ribbon winners (ages 9 and over) in public presentation and drama categories are eligible for State Fair exhibition.
- Those 4-Hers named Top Purple in their divisions will be eligible for Regional 4-H Day in March. If you are the Top Purple and cannot attend Regional 4-H Day, contact the Extension Office immediately so we can notify the Alternate Top Purple.

Show & Share (ages 7-9 and Cloverbuds)

- 5 minutes maximum
- Visuals may be used.

Project Talks (ages 7-12)

- Time recommended: 3-4 min., 7 min. max.
- Visuals are encouraged but not required.
- Questions are not asked.
- PowerPoint is allowed – see leader for specific guidelines

Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks

- Jr. Time recommended: 4-7 min., 10 min. max.
- Sr. Time recommended: 5-10 min., 15 min. max.
- Visuals are encouraged.
- Questions are asked.
- Summary is required at end of presentation.
- The endorsement of brand names is discouraged.
- PowerPoint is allowed – see leader for specific guidelines

Public Speaking (ages 13 and older)

- Time recommended: 5-7 min., 15 min. max.
- Visuals are optional; they should enhance the talk, not distract. No posters or PowerPoint allowed.
- *An outline is required for the judge; if not provided, one ribbon placing will be deducted.*



General Music Rules

- Number the measures on music for the judge.
- Write your name on the music and give original copy to judge before performing. Pick up music after results are announced. Failure to present original copy of music results in one ribbon placing lower.
- Recorded accompaniment is allowed in all divisions, if you have original copies of the recorded music.

Vocal Chorus (group of 16 or more)

- Each group will sing two numbers.
- The director and accompanist need not be a 4-Her, but they cannot sing unless they are.
- *Memorization is not required, but is desirable.*

Vocal Ensemble (2-15 people)

- Each group will sing two numbers.
- Accompanist need not be a 4-Her, but they cannot sing unless they are.
- Memorization is not required, but is desirable.

Vocal Solo

- Junior and Senior divisions.
- Participant will sing one number.
- Memorization of number is required. Placing will be dropped one ribbon if not memorized.

Instrumental Band/Orchestra (16 or more)

- Each group will play one number.
- The director need not be a 4-Her, but they cannot play unless they are.

Instrumental Ensemble (2-15 people)

- Each group will play one number.
- Memorization is not required but is desirable and may influence judge's rating.

Instrumental Solo

- Junior and Senior divisions.
- Participant will play one number.
- Memorization is not required but is desirable and may influence judge's rating.

One-Act Play

- Entries are limited to strictly one-act plays. Only one set is allowed.
- The maximum time allowed shall be 45 minutes from beginning to end.
- Each club responsible for all property.
- Maximum set-up time is 5 minutes.

Dance

- Junior and Senior divisions, may be individual or group (2-15 members)
- Recorded music is encouraged.
- Suggested that participants limited to one dance or 5 minutes.
- Introduction is important.
- Types of dance: country (swing or line dance), folk (circle dance, polka, schottische, waltz), square (one set of four couples suggested), choreographed (as seen at half-time shows), or other (tap dance, jazz, break/street dance, interpretive, or acrobatic dance).

Skit

- Any size group may participate.
- Maximum time should not exceed 15 minutes.
- Maximum set-up time is 5 minutes.
- Each group responsible for all property.

Reading

- Junior and Senior divisions.
- 10-minute maximum time limit
- Introduction is important.
- Acceptable to use folder or book as a prop, no other props are allowed.
- No extra points will be awarded for memorized work.

Solo Acting

- Junior and Senior divisions.
- 10-minute maximum time limit
- Introduction is important.
- Props may be used.
- Must be memorized.

Other Talent (novelty, puppets, etc.)

- Junior and Senior divisions.
- May be individual or group presentation.
- Time limit of 10 minutes or less.
- Introduction is important.

2024-2025

Yearly Calendar of Events



These dates are tentative and may change. Please check emails, newsletters, & social media to verify dates.

October 2024

- 1** – All project report forms due
Achievement pins applications, club completion report, club financial report, officer books, club summary report, nominations for Family of the Year, Friends of 4-H, Key Award applications, Salute to Excellence nomination, & Outstanding 4-Her due
- 6-12** – National 4-H Week
- 12-13** – 48 Hours of 4-H (or other date in October)
- 14** – Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day - office closed
- 18** – Shooting Sports Leader Training, Goodland
- 19-20** – Kansas 4-H Dog Conference @ Rock Springs Ranch
- 26** – Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug Event, Hays
- 28** – District 4-H Club Officer Training @ Emmanuel Church, SQUAD Meeting

November 2024

- 1** – county committee sign-ups due
- 9-10** – Volunteer Shooting Sports Update Only Training @ Rock Springs
- 11** – Veteran's Day Observance - office closed
- 23-24** – Kansas Youth Leadership Forum & Kansas Volunteer Forum @ Rock Springs Ranch
- 25** – DK County 4-H Council & Achievement Celebration set-up, Sterl Hall
- 26** – Dickinson 4-H Achievement Celebration, Sterl Hall
- 28-29** – Thanksgiving – office closed
- 29-Dec 3** – National 4-H Congress @ Atlanta

December 2024

- 1** – All re-enrollments due @ 4HOnline
- 1** – Club leader list, officer lists due
- 1** – Officer training scavenger hunt due
- 14** – Radio Day @ KABI
- 23** – Bread in a Bag workday
- 24-31** – Office Closed – Holiday

January 2025

- 1** – New Year's Day – office closed
- 2** – Adult volunteer applications & renewals due in 4HOnline
- 4** – District Model Meetings (Emmanuel Church)
- 20** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – office closed
- 20** – 4-H Day entries due
- 22** – DK 4-H Council Meeting
- 25** – Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training

February 2025

- 1** 4-H Basketball entries due
- 8** – District 4-H Day (Tabor College, Hillsboro)
- 16-17** – Citizenship in Action @ Topeka
- 17** – President's Day – office closed
- 24** – SQUAD meeting
- 22-23** – Horse Panorama at Rock Springs
- State Events usually held in February**
Shooting Sports Leader Training & Updates

March 2025

- 1** – K-State Swine Junior Producer Day
- 2** – Beef weigh-in and tagging 2pm-4pm
- 4 & 5** – Dickinson County 4-H Foundation Phone-a-Thon @ Extension Office
- 15** – 4-H Basketball Tournament, Chapman District Gym
- 16** – CKFF grounds clean-up
- 22** – Regional 4-H Day at Clay Center, K-State Goat Junior Producer Day, Super Saturday @ Colby
- 24** – DK 4-H Council Meeting
- State Events usually held in March**
State 4-H Horse Judging at Equifest

April 2025

- 1** – All county scholarship applications due
- 5** – Wild Bill Buckle Bonanza (beef)
- 17** – Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge @ Manhattan
- 19-24** – National 4-H Conference
- 22** – SQUAD meeting
- 29** – Swine tagging 6pm – 8pm **ONLY**

State Events usually held in April

Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug
Spring State Match @ Great Bend

May 2025

1 – Project drop/add deadline in 4HOnline, bucket calf IDs due
1 – State market beef nominations due
6– Sheep & Meat Goat weigh-in & tagging 5pm – 7pm
10 – Wild Bill Showdown (sheep, swine, & meat goat)
26- DK 4-H Council Meeting (tentative will change due to Memorial Day)
26 – Memorial Day – Office closed

State Events usually held in May

Shooting Sports Leader Training & Update
Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug

June 2025

1 - Horse IDs due
4-6 - Discovery Days @ KSU
13-15 – State Geology Field Trips
15 – CKFF King & Queen club nominations due
15 – State nominations for commercial heifers, swine, sheep, & market goat due
22-28 – National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship
23 -SQUAD meeting
State Events usually held in June
Insect Spectacular

July 2025

4 – Independence Day - office closed
9 – Friends of 4-H Picnic, Sterl Hall
10– All CKFF 4-H entries due in FairEntry
10-12 – Tri-County Fair @ Herington
15 – Kansas State Fair livestock entries due
19 – CKFF Horticulture judging contest, Favorite Food Show
21 -DK 4-H Council Meeting (Tentative)
22 – CKFF Dog Show
24 – CKFF Cat Show

July 2025 Continued

26 – CKFF conference judging including foods, visual arts, home environment, photography, woodworking, STEM, energy management, forestry, entomology, & geology projects
28 – CKFF Fashion Revue and Royalty announcement @ Emmanuel Church

July 29 – August 4 – Central Kansas

Free Fair

29 – CKFF Parade

August 2025

4 – CKFF Livestock Sale
6– Kansas State Fair “Intent to Exhibit” forms due online & Kansas State Fair advance ticket orders due
15 – Kansas Junior Livestock Show entries due
16 – State Horticulture Judging Contest @ Manhattan
25-SQUAD meeting
State Events usually held in August:
4-H Wheat Expo
Livestock Sweepstakes @ Manhattan

September 2025

1 – Labor Day – Office closed
2 - Non-perishable state fair entries due
3 – Perishable state fair entries due
5-14 – Kansas State Fair
22 - DK 4-H council
27 – State Small Bore/Muzzleloading Match

October 2025

1 - Achievement pins applications, project report forms, club completion report, club financial report, officer books, club summary report, nominations for Family of the Year, Friends of 4-H, Key Award applications, Salute to Excellence nomination, Outstanding 4-Her due



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Dickinson County 4-H Council Meeting Dates

11/25/2024 Favorite Thanksgiving Food

1/27/2025 Favorite Winter Activity

3/24/2025 Would you rather go skiing or go to the beach

5/26/2025 (date will change due to conflict with Memorial Day) Favorite Flower

7/28/2025 Favorite 4th of July Activity

9/22/2025 Favorite 4-H Project

****Council officers meeting at 6:45 p.m., full council at 7:30 p.m.**

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