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## JANUARY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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## STATE 4-H NEWS

### ROCK SPRINGS RANCH 4-H CAMP

Registration is open for summer camp 2024. [Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch \(rockspringsranch4hcamp.org\)](https://rockspringsranch4hcamp.org) Early bird pricing (10% off) will be available until December 31. There is something to fit everyone—mini camp, half week sessions, full week sessions, teen leadership programs, family camp and specialty camps.

NEW this year is mini camp and specialty camps. Mini camp is a shorter, 3-day/2-night camp experience for 1st through 3rd graders. Specialty camps are being offered for Ranch Camp and Shooting Sports Camp.

Counselors in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT) programs are free to current 9th-11th graders thanks to a generous donation to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. If interested in CIT or LIT complete the Letter of Interest—[LIT & CIT Letter of Interest \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

### 4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

January 13 at 1:00 p.m. in Manhattan. \$30 registration includes game ticket, concession voucher and shirt. Register by January 1—[Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball \(constantcontact.com\)](https://constantcontact.com)

### 4-H FAIR JUDGES TRAINING

January 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Western Research Center in Hays. Judging areas that will be included—style revue, photography, clothing, fiber arts, foods and nutrition, rabbits, horticulture and crops, visual arts, woodworking, wildlife, shooting sports and STEM. \$10 registration fee, lunch is provided. Register by January 3—[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5d8cZPUfrrxhYoK](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5d8cZPUfrrxhYoK)

### NASA—TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE


January 23 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Join the informative webinar where NASA will highlight: the science behind solar eclipses, connections to NASA's study of the Sun, how to view eclipses safely, NASA's plans for public and student engagement and how you can connect into the plan. A total solar eclipse will cross North America on April 8, attend the webinar so you know the science behind it. Register here—<https://invite.jsc.nasa.gov/RSVP/?id=mebdj>

### 4-H DOG JUDGES TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

January 26-28 at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie. This is a 5-year certification. All 4-H dog shows must have certified judges for members to qualify for the Kansas State Fair Dog Show. There is a reduced cost for leaders/members who want to observe but not become a judge. Register by January 12 —[Dog Events | Conferences and Events | Events and Activities | Kansas 4-H Youth Development](https://www.kansas4h.org)

### 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING

January 27 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. via Zoom. It is strongly encouraged for each 4-H Club to have volunteer representation by club leaders, project leaders, etc. Topics will focus on the Thriving Model that is the foundation for creating 4-H positive youth development experiences, the newly updated Kansas 4-H policies, principles of financial success for 4-H clubs and groups, and more. Register here—[Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](https://www.qualtrics.com)



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### **4-H HORSE PANORAMA**

January 27 at K-State Salina Campus. Members can participate in horse quiz bowl, hippology, presentations, and more. A first-timers opportunity will be provided for youth to explore hippology. Virtual contests will be held for photography, logo design, ad layout, poster and PowerPoint. Those entries are due by January 20. Registration for 4-H Horse Panorama is due by January 2. Check it out here—[Horse Panorama | Conferences and Events | Events and Activities | Kansas 4-H Youth Development](#)

### **4-H VOLUNTEER IMPACT STUDY SURVEY**

A survey will be distributed by email on January 15 and close on February 15. As a 4-H volunteer we would greatly appreciate your input. This survey is being conducted by the North Central Region Volunteer Specialists.

### **CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION**

February 18-19 in Topeka, Hotel Topeka at City Center. Youth 13-18 years old will 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 familiarize youth with the capitol building. Register by January 26—[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2tmVbXzXVG4Vqce](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2tmVbXzXVG4Vqce)

### **KANSAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Due March 1. There are two types of scholarships; State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP). Members that are continuing their education should check it out—[Scholarships | Awards and Recognition | Resources | Kansas 4-H Youth Development](#)

### **K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY**

March 2 in Weber Arena on the K-State Campus in Manhattan. Topics will include—project selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming and showmanship. Register by February 12—[Kansas Junior Producer Days \(k-state.edu\)](#)

### **K-STATE JUNIOR SHEEP PRODUCER DAY**

March 16 in Weber Arena on the K-State Campus in Manhattan. Topics will include—project selection, nutrition, feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping, grooming and showmanship. Register by February 26—[Kansas Junior Producer Days \(k-state.edu\)](#)

### **4-H HORSE SHOW JUDGES SEMINAR**

April 12 in Colby. Kansas 4-H, the KSU Horse Judging Team and Colby Community College are excited to offer this opportunity. Registration information is forthcoming.

# STATE 4-H NEWS

## SHARE YOUR WORLD

Kansas 4-H has set a goal of hosting 36 youth (ages 12-17) from Japan during the summer of 2024. What a great opportunity for you to share your family “culture”. Japanese delegates are in Kansas mid-July to mid-August. For more information, please contact Pam VanHorn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu

## 4-H MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PIN APPLICATION (NEWLY REVISED)

As you set your 4-H goals for the year remember to think about what you could do to complete a 4-H Member Achievement Pin. The applications are newly revised and designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series. As a member’s 4-H journey progresses, the achievement pin requirements expand to challenge individuals to explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills. The newly revised applications can be found here—<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html>

As you look through the member achievement pin applications you’ll notice the most significant change being that at a minimum the Personal Page, 4-H Permanent Record and at least one Project Report Form is required for all pin applications Bronze through Gold Guard.

## PROJECT REPORT FORM

Now a minimum requirement to complete a 4-H Member Achievement Pin Application (Bronze through Gold Guard pins). There are Project Report Forms for Animal Projects and General Projects. Additionally there are three age divisions Junior (7-9 year olds), Intermediate (10-13 year olds) and Senior (14-18 year olds). For more information [Project Recognition \(kansas4-h.org\)](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html)

## ONLINE RECORD KEEPING — ZBOOKS

ZBooks is the online 4-H record keeping software. This online software is identical to the pdf forms used for many years—meaning 4-H’ers and families now have the option to choose which format you feel more comfortable using. Both are evaluated using the same rubric and set of standards. Some features of ZBooks include: mobile friendly, internet-based, unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted, permanent record is included, and the live online support chat feature. ZBooks resources can be found here: [RECORD REPORT FORM PILOT \(kansas4-h.org\)](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/record-report-form-pilot)

### 4-H PLEDGE

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.



# LOCAL 4-H NEWS

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council—January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room  
Rooks County 4-H Council — January 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building  
Rooks County 4-H Livestock Committee—February 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building  
4-H Junior Leaders—February 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building



## COAT EXCHANGE

Coats and winter weather apparel are needed.  
Phillips County—November thru January at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room  
Rooks County—November thru January at the Rooks County Courthouse First Floor North Hallway



## CLUB FUNDRAISERS

Must be approved by the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Board. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The 4-H Club should complete the 4-H Funds Soliciting Worksheet. It can be found here: [Phillips County 4-H - Wakelet](#) and [Rooks County 4-H - Wakelet](#) . The form should be delivered to the Phillip-Rooks Extension District Office.

## PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Phillips County 4-H Council has event scholarships available for 4-H members who meet the qualifications. Applications for these scholarships are submitted within one month after the event for a reimbursement of \$200 for state events or \$300 for national events. The scholarship application can be found here—[Phillips County 4-H - Wakelet](#)

## PHILLIPS COUNTY JAKE & LUCILLE JONES 4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jake and Lucille Jones 4-H Fund established with the Phillips County Community Foundation provides 4-H Event Scholarships to help with the cost of attending regional, state or national events. Any Phillips County 4-Her may apply for these scholarships prior to registering for an event and the foundation will pay the covered fees directly on the member's behalf. For Rock Spring Ranch 4-H Camp, 4-Her will get a discount code for \$315, which will cover the entire Tier 3 state-level donor subsidized cost of camp when members register before December 31 to get the 10% early bird discount. Applications are available here—[Phillips County 4-H - Wakelet](#)



# 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER

- 22-January 1 Phillips-Rooks Extension District Offices Closed
- 31 4-H Camp Registration Early Bird Deadline

## JANUARY

- 8 Rooks County 4-H Council
- 13 4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball
- 15 4-H Fair Judges Training
- 22 Phillips County 4-H Council
- 23 NASA - Total Solar Eclipse Webinar
- 26-28 4-H Dog Judges Training
- 27 Horse Panorama
- 27 4-H Volunteer Training

## FEBRUARY

- 12 Rooks County 4-H Livestock Committee
- 12 4-H Junior Leaders
- 15 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study Survey Deadline
- 18-19 Citizenship in Action

## MARCH

- 1 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
- 2 K-State Junior Beef Producer Day
- 11 Rooks County 4-H Council
- 16 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day
- 18 Rooks County 4-H Club Day
- 19 Phillips County 4-H Club Day
- 23 4-H Super Saturday

## APRIL

- 8 Rooks County 4-H Livestock Committee
- 8 4-H Junior Leaders
- 12 4-H Horse Judges Seminar
- 19-24 National 4-H Conference

## JUNE

- 5-7 4-H Discovery Days
- 17-18 Citizenship Washington Focus

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