

4-H Day Entries due 1.16.2026 via SignupGenius.com

4-H Day entries are due **January 16!** If you have questions, please feel free to give us a call.

The schedule will be sent out about January 28 and be posted to our Facebook group “Barton County 4-H Members” and the website www.cottonwood.ksu.edu . Please respect the fact that we cannot fit everyone in at 3 pm especially if you are in multiple events.

For 2026, we will offer a Livestock Skillathon and Photography judging from 1:30-2:15.

Door Monitors

Email Ben benjam63@ksu.edu for junior leaders and adult volunteers to sign up to be a door monitors for 4-H Day. Your duties would be to announce the presentations, keep the door closed during the presentations, and help the presenter with set up or clean up if needed. Even if you are not presenting, your assistance is welcome!

4-H Day Resources

Speaking skillfully before an audience is one of the hallmarks that Kansas 4-H members have been successfully practicing for over 100 years. Kansas youth, through 4-H, have learned the skills necessary to stand before an audience and speak eloquently. 4-H has helped youth learn the skills necessary to clearly organize and present thoughts and ideas through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks and public speaking presentations.

The complete Kansas 4-H communication fact sheet series is available as a resource. You can pick up copies at the Extension Office OR they can be downloaded free from the Kansas 4-H web site. Visit www.kansas4-h.org Look under PROJECTS/COMMUNICATION & EXPRESSIVE ARTS/COMMUNICATIONS (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/leadership-personal-development/communications.html>)

REGIONAL CLUB DAY QUALIFICATION – If you receive a purple on your event, you may be eligible to present at Regional Club Day on March 13 dependent on entry restrictions. **You must notify the Extension Office by end of business on Friday,**

Feb. 13 if you plan to participate. (If you do not respond or cannot participate, another 4-H member may be given the opportunity to present.).

4-H Day Guidelines:

The following are guidelines for 4-H Day participation. These guidelines along with the scorecards will be used by the judges. Age divisions are Juniors 7-12 years old and Seniors are 13 & older, before Jan. 1.

PRESENTATIONS

Show and Share - Participation ribbons only

- ☐ For first- and second-year members, usually 7-10 years of age. Cloverbud members may participate in this level.
- ☐ 1-3 minutes with a maximum of 5 minutes
- ☐ Can be on any topic or item.

Project Talks – Junior

- ☐ For 4-H members 7-12 years old.
- ☐ Time: recommended 3-5 minutes, 7 minutes maximum.
- ☐ Members tell **about** their project experience and do not tell or show **“how”**, as in demonstrations.
- ☐ Visuals may or may not be used.
- ☐ Members do not have to ask the judge for questions.

Demonstration and Illustrated Talks - Junior and Senior

- ☐ A demonstration involves doing or making something, while giving the explanation. It uses actual items, supplies and equipment. There is usually a finished product.
- ☐ Illustrated talks are presentations that tell how something is done. With an illustrated talk you show pictures, charts, models, equipment and other visuals. The purpose is to teach.
- ☐ Junior– time is recommended 4-7 minutes, maximum 10 minutes.
- ☐ Senior– time is recommended 7-10 minutes maximum 15 minutes.
- ☐ Can be individual or team presentations.
- ☐ All necessary equipment provided by 4-Her.
- ☐ Questions asked by the judge.
- ☐ More information is available at: www.kansas4h.org

Public Speaking – Senior

- ☐ For senior members 13 years and older.
- ☐ Time: recommend 7-12 minutes, 15 minutes maximum.
- ☐ Topic may be of interest to 4-Her. Not limited to 4-H projects.
- ☐ Outline **required** for judge. (Judge will deduct one ribbon if outline is not available.)

Extemporaneous Speaking

- ☐ For senior members 13 and older.
- ☐ Youth must draw 10 minutes prior to speech.
- ☐ Only the youth competing may be in the preparation room while the speech is written.
- ☐ 10-minute maximum time limit to speak.
- ☐ All topics will pertain to 4-H or general life.
- ☐ Notes may be made on one note card.

ARI - Application, Resume and Interview

- ☐ For senior members 13 and older
- ☐ Application completed
- ☐ Contact 3 people to be a reference for you.
- ☐ Resume completed
- ☐ Turn in Application and Resume by Feb 14.
- ☐ Interview conducted at 4-H Day
- ☐ Bring a copy of your resume to the interview

MUSIC

It is recommended that selections be memorized.

Vocal Solo

- ☐ Participant will sing one selection.
- ☐ Original copy of selection, with measures numbered, will be given to judge before performance.
- ☐ Accompanist need not be a 4-H member.

Piano Solo or Duet

- ☐ Play one number
- ☐ Original copy of selection, with measures numbered, will be given to the judges before performing.

Vocal Ensemble or Duet

- ☐ Group may be composed of 2-16 or more members (not including accompanist).
- ☐ Each group MUST sing 2 numbers of their choice
- ☐ Original copy of selections, with measures numbered, will be given to judges before performance.
- ☐ A director and accompanist need not be a 4-H member, but those singing must be.

Instrumental Solo

- ☐ Participant will play one composed solo number.
- ☐ Original copy of selection, with the measures numbered, will be given to judges before performance.
- ☐ Accompanist need not be a 4-Her.

Instrumental Ensemble

- ☐ Group may be composed of 2 or more members. Member may be from one or more clubs.
- ☐ Group will play 2 numbers
- ☐ Original copy of selections, with measures numbered, will be given to judges before performance.
- ☐ Accompanist need not be a 4-Her.
- ☐ The instrumentation should include only recognized instruments of the band or orchestra.
- ☐ It is recommended that selections be memorized.

TALENT - DANCE

Folk or Other Dance

(Folk - Circle dance, polka, schottische done by one to six couples; Other – Tap, ballet, acrobatic etc.) or any number of members.

- ☐ Dance may be done as an individual or as a group.
- ☐ The kind of music is the choice of the group.

- ☐ A recording or live music may be used.
- ☐ 1 dance with a maximum of 5 minutes performing time.

TALENT - DRAMA

Skit/Creative Dramatics –

- ☐ Designed as **original** skits.
- ☐ Individual or a group
- ☐ Maximum time of 20 minutes.

Reading - Junior and Senior

- ☐ Musical, interpretive, humorous, etc.
- ☐ Only one reading. Maximum time of 5 minutes
- ☐ Need not be memorized. Can be “read”.

Novelty or Stunt

- ☐ Miscellaneous grouping: novelty, stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist acts, jump rope routine, etc.
- ☐ Individual or group.
- ☐ Maximum time of 5 minutes.

MODEL MEETING/GAVEL GAMES

Model Meeting

- ☐ Used as a device for teaching 4-Her's the proper meeting procedures.
- ☐ 35-minute time limit (time does not include roll call) an agenda is to be given to the judge before the meeting starts.
- ☐ secretary's notes are to be handed in following the presentation (do not need to be formal minutes).

Gavel Games

- ☐ Gavel games serve as an alternate to the model meeting for the 4-H clubs interested in promoting parliamentary procedure.
- ☐ The contest will consist of teams of four or five members to include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and a member. (This can be any 4-H member. It does not need to be your club officers).

- ☐ Gavel games is the business part of the meeting.
- ☐ An oral presentation of a meeting agenda plus a short, written exam on parliamentary procedure is scored.
- ☐ Participants will draw for an office and draw for one parliamentary procedure problem.

4-H Day Guidelines

Presentations (# that can go to Regional)	Ages (before Jan. 1)	Maximum Time or Required numbers
Project Talk (2)	7-12 years of age	7 minutes
Public Speaking (2)	13 and older	15 minutes
Extemporaneous Speaking (2)	13 and older	7 minutes
Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks (2 in each age division)	Jr. Division 7-12 years Sr. Division 13 and older	10 minutes 15 minutes
ARI - application, resume and interview. (1)	Sr. Division (13 and older)	approx. 10-minute interview
Show and Share (county only)	7-10 years old	5 minutes
Parliamentary Procedure		
Model Meetings (1)	If a club would like to present a meeting, we will work it in!	35 minutes
Gavel Games (1)	All ages	30 minutes
Talent and Music		
Vocal Ensemble (1)	At least 2 - any number of members	2 numbers
Vocal Solo (1)	All ages	1 number
Instrumental Ensemble (1)	At least 2- any number of members	2 numbers
Instrumental Solo (1)	All ages	1 number
Piano Solo (1)	All ages	1 number
Dance (1) (Folk - Polka, Schottische, Step; Other – Tap, ballet, modern, etc.)	1- any number of members	5 minutes
Skit-Creative Dramatics (1)	Any number of members	max of 15 minutes
Reading (1 Jr. & 1 Sr.)	1 4-H member - Jr. age 7-12 1 4-H member - Sr. age 13 and older	5 minutes
Novelty or Stunt (1) (Puppets, Magic Acts, Ventriloquist, etc.)	Any number of members	max. of 5 minutes



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