



**COTTONWOOD DISTRICT – BARTON
4-H NEWSLETTER
February-March 2024**

My apologies for the delays in providing the February-March newsletter! There were some details that it was important to review before sending things out and we wanted to be as accurate as possible.

We know that the Barton County Fair may present some challenges for some families and I would encourage you to look at enrolled projects now for things that can be practiced, prepared, and done ahead of time. For instance, NOW is a beautiful time of year for photography practice. Additionally, this is a great time for baking and testing practice—i.e. can you bake that bread, wrap it tightly, and freeze it for a week? For livestock projects, now is the time to be calculating ADG and learning about feed rations to make adjustments (you should have some great details to talk to the judge as well as for your project record). For Sewing & Textile Design/Shopping In Style, now is a great time to practice garment care as well as fit and style shopping or sewing.

At this point, individual pages for the 4-H section of the 2024 fair have not been updated as we only received the final copies from Kansas 4-H at the end of last week (this is a very normal timeline!). We will be working over the next few weeks to update our fair pages to more closely match the updated project names and rules. The fair is one in a series of showcase events for 4-H members to present their year-long project learning; 4-H Club Days are also a showcase event.

For youth in the Shopping In Style (previously Buymanship within Clothing and Textiles), be on the lookout for a new option for project entries—a DISPLAY! This might be a very handy option for showcasing learning in this project area this year. I have referenced some info on the Project Resources page (Pg. 4).

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!



Family Resource Page



- Mar 8 Regional 4-H Club Day; Great Bend High School
- Mar 11 Create Day (see flyer) [registration link](#) due by March 1
- Mar 14 YQCA, 4 pm Extension Office (must register prior at yqcaprograms.org)
- Mar 23 Super Saturday, Hays
- Apr 7 Livestock Showmanship Clinic
- Apr 21-27 National Volunteer Week
- May 1 Fair t-shirt orders DUE (watch for more information!)
- May 23 YQCA, 5:30 pm Extension Office (must register prior at yqcaprograms.org)
- Jun 1 YQCA certification deadline
- Jun 3 FAIR ENTRIES DUE BY 5 PM

Are you interested in 4-H Camp for summer 2024? Interested in challenging your Leader-In-Training (LIT) or Counselor-In-Training (CIT) skills?

Rock Springs opened camp registration opened in November <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>

****LIT (Ages 15-16; rising HS Sophomore & Juniors)**

This program focuses on leadership and community development programming along with a service project. Each session will be a mix of hands-on leadership training with counselors/mentors, along with peer group training sessions on skills that are relatable to leadership experiences in the future. They will have the opportunity to practice these skills to become a confident and reliable leader. Counselor/mentors will deliver feedback, encouragement, and put them on the path to success. There will also be time to just relax, make friends, and enjoy other camp activities. This is an excellent progression if a camper thinks they may want to advance to CIT or join RSR staff in the future.

****CIT (Ages 16-17; rising HS Seniors)**

CIT are given responsibility over a group of younger campers from breakfast to bedtime. These teens will receive camper care training and counselor experience but they will also have “camp” time with their peers built into each day. The CIT program is a fun and wonderful way to explore what it means to be a beginning leader and a mentor and is a good fit for young people who may want to explore a career in education, early childhood care or other related fields.

Super Saturday—March 23! **Registrations due 3.15!

There will be judging contests available in Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock, Livestock Skill-a-thon and Photography. The cost of the judging contest is \$7.00 per youth. Sack lunches will be available for \$8.00. The daily agenda will look like this:

9:00am to 12:30pm - Indoor Judging (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills, and Livestock Skill-a-thon)

10:00am to noon - Volunteer/ Parent Session

11:30am to 12:30pm Pick up Sack Lunch

12:30pm Check in for livestock Judging at Livestock Pavilion , north of I-70

1:00pm Livestock Judging Orientation

1:00pm to 3:00pm Project Opportunities

1:30pm Livestock Judging Contest Begins

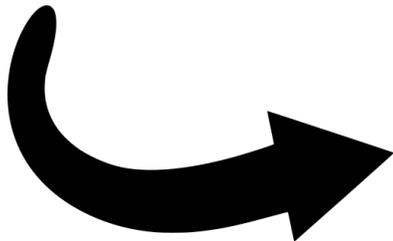
Registration Link: [Super Saturday Judging Event](#)

Kansas 4-H Scholarships applications are now open!

Be sure to check [HERE](#) for all the details and application dates.

4-H women who are planning to attend/transfer to K-State:

CHECK OUT THIS OPPORTUNITY!



Interested in Junior Leaders but aren't sure where to start?

- 1) Be thirteen in 4-H age
- 2) Enroll in the Leadership Project
- 3) Attend the March 18 meeting at 6 pm at the 4-H Educational Building and
- 4) JOIN IN THE FUN!!

Contact Melissa Woydziak or Michelle Beran for more information!

Project Resources

Goal Setting Work Sheet—Setting goals is a crucial part of the learning process and necessary for a solid Project Record: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

Project Record - NOW is the time to get out a project record form and make plans (with that Goal Setting Work Sheet) for learning opportunities, photos, leadership and citizenship within a project!

This page is a great resource and has links to the current Project Record forms:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>

ZBooks and resources—Would you like to keep track of project record activities on the go?

ZBOOKS is a great app that was designed to mirror the PDF versions of Project Records!

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

Curriculum—We have curriculum at the Extension Office for nearly every project area AND you have access to project pages: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/>

We just received two ARBA Rabbit Breed Standards books which are available for check out.

Shopping In Style: New fair entry opportunity is a Project Display. See Page 90 in the Kansas State Fair Rule Book as we will utilize these same rules for the Barton County Fair.

[2024 Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook](#)

LEADERS' CORNER



CLUB LEADERS—It is very important that you set up a Volunteer Profile in 4-H Online and verify that you have completed the volunteer training in 4-H Online! This helps us manage volunteer resources, training, and certification. Please remember that in order for a 4-H Club to be in good standing you must have TWO leaders who have current 4-H volunteer certification. **Be watching for additional resources and organizational meetings in the very near future! Whether you have been a leader for several years or a fairly new, we can always learn something new to share with 4-H youth!



Please visit with your club's 4-H Council Representatives so that they are aware of their role and responsibility to attend 4-H Council and fulfill their elected duties. They serve as the conduit of information between the club and the county-wide 4-H Council.



Are you a member of the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers? Would you like to know more? Check out the information at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-association/index.html>. The association meets at least annually during KYLF in November.



Check out this training opportunity for 4-H Volunteers! The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting a training event in Salina on April 20th! The draft agenda/flyer is located in this newsletter. Pre-registration is required [HERE!](#)



2024 Fair Changes

- 1) Reminder that all of the fair board are volunteers; there are no paid positions on the fair board; there are 4 active 4-H parents are voting members of the Barton County Fair Association
- 2) 4-H pre-entries will be due by 5 pm on June 1.
- 3) YQCA Completion for anyone selling animals through the Premium Auction must be complete by midnight on June 1.
- 4) Set-up for fair grounds will be scheduled for late May/early June and schedules will be available for any who can help.
- 5) Beef weigh-in is Saturday, 2/24; please notify Alicia by noon on 2/21 if you have animals for weigh-in!
- 6) 4-H Livestock Committee approved Livestock weights in agreement with BCFA on 2.19.2024 – due to the early date for the fair, the minimum weights are adjusted as follows:
 - a. Beef – minimum weight 950 (reduction of 50 lbs)
 - b. Swine – minimum weight 215 (reduction of 15 lbs); maximum remains at 300
 - c. Sheep - minimum weight of 85 (reduction of 15 lbs)
 - d. Meat Goats – minimum weight of 45 (reduction of 15 lbs)
- 7) Auction will move to a PREMIUM ONLY format with families responsible for disposition of the animal following the sale. BCFA will assist coordinating transport, if needed. This change follows the changes by Kansas State Fair (KSF) and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) to permit an animal that has been processed through a local fair sale to continue to be exhibited if the local sale committee (BCFA) permits. We will be putting together a resource list of sale facilities with contact information and sale dates. These rules have been updated as follows:
 - a. Kansas State Fair: The State Fair has worked with State 4-H on a rule for sale animals. This rule is no longer a part of the State 4-H rules but is now a decision that will be made at a county level. The Kansas State Fair Board will allow each county to decide whether they are going to allow exhibitors to continue to show sale animals. If a county sale committee determines that they want to NOT allow the entry of sale animals, that county's agent will need to not approve the animals at entry validation time for the Grand Drive. They will also need to reach out to the Kansas State Fair and let them know why they are not approving the entries. Some exhibitors may substitute another animal at check in time, but their entry will be flagged that the animal entered is not eligible to show.
 - b. Kansas Junior Livestock Show: KJLS has worked with Kansas 4-H on the 2021 Kansas 4-H Policy Section 10.6 Sale Animals which was rescinded from Kansas 4-H policy. Terminal livestock sales at county fairs are a local decision. KJLS will allow each county sale committee and/or county fair board to make the decision whether they can exhibit animals sold in local sales at KJLS.
 - c. Final decision was made by BCFA 2.15.2024 for PREMIUM ONLY sale which will allow market animals to be shown at other events per KSF/KJLS rules.
- 8) All Premium Auction purchaser checks will be payable to BCFA and funds will be distributed to 4-H youth as quickly as all sale funds are received.

- 9) 4-H Livestock Committee voted on 2.19.2024 to approve: Livestock will follow KSF and KJLS rules for grooming. **NOTE: This is different from prior years and will be a full fit show. SEE IMAGE and NOTE BELOW; Michelle is still confirming details from KSF/KJLS.**
- 10) Barton County Fair Association Premium Auction – Sunday, June 30, 2024
- 11) 4-H Round Robin will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024.
- 12) 4-H Dog Show will be held Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 2 pm
- 13) Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts judging will be held Saturday, June 22 at 8 am
 - a. Public Style Revue will be held on Saturday, June 29 on the stage at the BCF; all outfits must be on display and all participants are encouraged to participate in the Public Style Revue
- 14) **Exhibit Check-in** – every attempt at flexibility will be provided for exhibit check-in. Some examples of such flexibility are as follows, however, if you have a specific need that is not covered here, please direct your question privately to an Executive Board Member or to Michelle Beran. We will make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests.
 - a. For livestock – if at all possible, please follow normal check-in times and procedures
 - i. If you know that you have a schedule conflict and will be arriving at a different time for livestock, make prior arrangements with Troy Miller.
 - ii. Please note, BCFA will not be available 24/7 for random check-ins but will make every attempt at accommodating summer farm schedules.
 - b. For Expo II exhibits – If at all possible, please follow the normal check-in times
 - i. with the exception of food and horticulture items, exhibits can be dropped off at the Extension Office with a 3X5 notecard (in the event that the 4-H youth is unable to attend conference judging) beginning June 10.
 - ii. If you have a very large/heavy item (wood working/welding etc) – arrangements can be made with the Extension Office to meet at the fair grounds to minimize moving the item.
 - c. With all of these accommodations, communication will be key. If you have an issue or questions, please ask.
- 15) YQCA dates – can be completed on-site at the Cottonwood-BT office, at Junior Producer Days, at surrounding county classes, and online.
 - a. CED-BT March 14 at 4 pm
 - b. CED-BT May 23 at 5:30 pm
 - c. <https://yqcanoprogram.org/> (families will sign in with the same sign-in that you use for 4-H Online

2. GROOMING RULE UPDATE: FULL FIT SHOW

Junior Livestock Show Grooming: The purpose of grooming rules for junior exhibitors is to promote the youth program as a learning experience for the youth. All junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals throughout the show. Grooming at the Kansas State Fair for the breeding and market animal shows may include the use of adhesives, paints, and powders and shall not include the use of hair not from the animal being groomed or twine/artificial material.

Grooming at the Kansas State Fair for the showmanship competition shall be "no fit"/ "blow and go," whereby adhesives, paints, and powders are not allowed. This includes any sprays or washes that change or alter the coloring of the animals hair; such as whiteout and baby powder.

Immediate family members (to include parents, legal guardians, siblings, and grandparents) and current Kansas 4-H or FFA members that are exhibitors at the show may provide grooming and care to assist the junior exhibitor, regardless of if the exhibitor is present while such grooming and/or care is being provided.

Any person who is NOT an immediate family member or a current Kansas 4-H or FFA member exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair shall be deemed a "livestock helper." Livestock helpers may only assist in grooming and/or care of animals IF the exhibitor is both present and participating in the care and/or grooming of their animal. * Exception - a livestock helper may provide grooming and/or care to an animal with the exhibitor not present IF the exhibitor is in the show ring showing one of their other animals.

Exhibitors and livestock helpers in violation of this rule will be warned once by the Competitions Director or Grand Drive Show Manager or designated staff. Upon the second violation, an entry that has been deemed by the Competitions Director or staff to have been groomed or cared for by a livestock helper without the exhibitor being present and participating in the grooming and/or care and without meeting the exceptions described above, may be disqualified. Violations are subject to all penalties afforded by all applicable Kansas State Fair rules and may include revocation of Livestock Helper credentials for up to two years.

This appears to conflict:

1. Each exhibitor must care for and groom his or her own animal and may use only the assistance of an immediate family member (mother, father, legal guardian, brother or sister) or another Kansas 4-H member who is an exhibitor at this year's livestock show. (from 2023 KSF General Livestock rules).



REGISTER BY MARCH 1
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[FE/FORM/SV_2HH8TPVBESFWRKE](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_2hh8tpvbefwrke)

CREATE DAY



MONDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 AM - 4 PM

AGES 7-18

**\$10
LIMIT 15**

**COTTONWOOD EXTENSION
OFFICE-BARTON CO
3007 10TH ST**

ARTS & CRAFTS
FIBER ARTS
FOODS & NUTRITION
CLOTHING/TEXTILES
PHOTOGRAPHY



Spring Into Volunteering
Saturday, April 20, 2024
Kansas State University – Salina
DRAFT

K-STATE
Research and Extension



8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Get Acquainted

Clubs Thriving

Project Records

11:30 a.m. Lunch in the Cafeteria – Take your ticket

Hands-On Learning

Special Interest Programming

Break

State 4-H Leader Dr. Sarah Maass

2:45 p.m. Wrap-up

- Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers
- Evaluation
- Safe Travels Home

Junior Leaders

March 18

6 pm

4-H Council

March 18

7:30 pm

Council committees meet before the meeting or at 7 pm on meeting nights or may schedule meetings at other times.

Meetings are held at the 4-H Education Building (Hwy 281) OR Zoom Conference Call



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