

DECEMBER



Southwind District

PROGRAM FEE SPONSORSHIP

Just a reminder that all youth have the opportunity to get their \$15 program fee paid for by completing the following requirements in 2024:

***Submit a complete MIGS Book** to your club leader by their deadline.

***Submit ONE complete Project Record Report Form** to your club leader by their deadline. (*Woodson County members get a pass on this*).

***Attend a minimum of SIX monthly 4-H Club Meetings** in the previous 4-H year.

4-H RECORD BOOK TIP

Now is the perfect time to complete your personal page while you have a school picture available and have enrolled in your projects. Check your next pin application for activities and events you may need to attend throughout 2023-2024. Forms can be downloaded from the Southwind website: southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/record-keeping/index.html

ATTENTION CLUB REPORTERS

In addition to sending your reports to the local paper, please send your club meeting reports to Andrea at ahilyard@ksu.edu and we will post them on our Southwind District 4-H Facebook page. We understand that sometimes your reports are not printed with the local paper. This will allow you to have a published report

SOUTHWIND EXTENSION OFFICES WILL CLOSE

All Southwind Extension Offices will be closed Christmas December 25 - New Year's Day January 1.



ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

Saturday, December 9th at the Allen County Extension Office starting at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning board, supplies and two insects to pin if you have them. Questions? Call Vicky 620-804-9170.

PLEDGE REQUEST AT WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The local coordinator for the Fort Scott National Cemetery Wreaths Across America reached out to see if 4-H would be willing to lead the Pledge of Allegiance again this year at their ceremony. All 4-H'ers and their families from across the District are invited to attend. This would count as a District-Wide event for record books! The ceremony is scheduled for December 16 at 10:00 a.m. Plan to gather at 9:50 a.m. The ceremony will be roughly 30 minutes with the opportunity to lay wreaths on gravesites immediately following.

HOMEMADE WOODEN HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

There will be a holiday decor workshop available to all ages on December 20th beginning at 3pm in the Neosho Valley Event Center on the Neosho County Fairgrounds in Erie. This will be a great family activity where all participants can leave with wooden holiday decor like the popular 2x4 Christmas trees. There will be lots of options to choose from! There is a small fee of \$5 to help with the cost of greenery and vinyl that will be used on the items. All wood has been donated through a collaboration with the Pittsburg State University School of Construction and the O'Brien Family of Walnut. The family is planning to stick around until 7pm, so those who need to come at 5pm would be okay. Please RSVP that you will be attending and bring payment the night of. Walk-ins will be welcomed, just need to have an idea of how many supplies to start with! RSVP at this link: <https://forms.gle/FxsK1GFJ28osq2de9>.

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

Congratulations! to Kyser Nemecek, Allen County 4-H'er who will be attending the 101st National 4-H Congress to be held in Atlanta. More than 800 youth from across the country will participate. Delegates include state 4-H project award winners as well as those selected for the annual Key Award or Centennial Award.

YOUTH HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Crafts, Food, and a Community Service Activity

***Fort Scott** – December 19, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
at the Yeager Building on the fairgrounds.

***Iola** – December 19, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
At the Iola Extension Office

***Chanute** – December 21, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Central Park Pavilion

***Yates Center** – December 21, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bressner Hall

Spread the Joy! Limited to 25 youth per location. Call your local Southwind Extension Office to register.

SENIOR PROJECT RECORD REPORT

If you are a Senior age 14 and up and named a winner/champion for your PRR, your book is eligible for the Southeast Area PRR Screening in January. Please plan to make any changes needed from your score sheet. PRR's must be turned into your local Extension Office by Friday, January 12. Emails were sent to those eligible mid – November.

SE AREA PRR SCREENING

The Southeast Area PRR Screening will be on Friday, January 19 in Fredonia. It will start with gathering time at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and snacks. The screening starts with an orientation shortly after. Lunch and breaks will be served at no cost to you. RSVP to Jennifer and let her know if you want a ride asap.

DISTRICT 4-H DAY

District 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, February 3rd 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. With everyone checked in by 11:30 a.m. The location is Marmaton Valley School, in Moran. All entries are due by 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 12, 2024 at:
<https://forms.gle/aNW9zJVBuypWdASC7>

If you have any questions about the guidelines or rules, please refer to the Southwind District website:
www.southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/events/index.html

REGIONAL 4-H DAY

4-Her's receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals February 24, 2024 at Neosho County Community College in Chanute. All eligible participants will receive an email.

4-H DOG JUDGE/LEADER TRAINING

The annual training and re-certification for 4-H Dog show judges will be January 26-28, 2024 at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. Registration is due January 12, 2024. For more information and to register go to: kansas4-h.org website under Events & Activities/Animal Science Events.

2024 4-H HORSE PANORAMA

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 27, 2024, at K-State Salina. Registration and a schedule of events is located at: kansas4-h.org under Events & Activities/Animal Science. Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations and more. Registration is due January 2, 2024.

HORSE SHOW JUDGES SEMINAR

Kansas 4-H, the KSU Horse Judging Team and Colby Community College are excited to offer a 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar Friday, April 12, 2024 in Colby, KS. Registration information is forthcoming.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

There are several great scholarships available to 4-H'ers across the state. These are due online by March 1st, but don't delay in making sure you have all of the materials required to have a complete and competitive scholarship application. You can find all the details you will need on the Kansas 4-H website: kansas4-h.org click on resources/awards and recognition/scholarships. The new scholarship process has combined the State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together.

REGISTRATION FOR ROCK SPRINGS RANCH NOW OPEN

Every year, thousands of kids come to 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. They unplug, explore, play and learn the kinds of lessons that can last a lifetime. Campers grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Many make friends for life. It's also just plain FUN! Visit Rock Springs Ranch if you'd like to learn more about sessions, dates, rates and the 4-H Camp experience! rockspringsranch4hcamp.org

K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

The 2024 K-State Junior Producer Day dates have been set and registration is now open! Cost is \$20.00

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day – March 2

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day – March 16

These are one-day educational events during which families learn about the selection and management of your livestock projects. The junior day programs will be in Web Hall, on the K-State campus in Manhattan. More information, including the tentative schedule and registration can be completed online using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister> Junior Beef Producer Day registrations are due February 12, with Junior Sheep being due February 26, 2024.

2024 KANSAS JR. DAIRY SHOW

The Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show is happy to announce next year's event has been moved up and is now scheduled for June 20-22, 2024 at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center in Salina. This is obviously a big change, but one we're hoping will allow more families to participate. K-State Research and Extension, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Dairy Commission, and Kansas Dairy Association are excited to team up again to bring this unique opportunity to the dairy youth of Kansas. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 2024 Kansas Jr. Dairy Show!

ALPHA OF CLOVIA 4-H COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP HOUSE

Alpha of Clovia is located at Kansas State University. Clovia gives girls interested in attending K-State the great opportunity to live off campus their freshman year. It provides girls with a community of caring friends, accountability, and fun. Clovia's hospitality weekend will be March 23rd and 24th, where high school girls of all grade levels can spend the weekend at Clovia, and learn more about what it would be like. Questions e-mail alphaofclovia@gmail.com or [instagram@alphaofclovia](https://www.instagram.com/alphaofclovia)



PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Photographers Jennifer Han, and Ken Kraxberger are joining Susan Stich, Kansas 4-H Photo Action Team member, to bring Photography project meetings to Southwind District. Photography project meetings will be held on the following dates 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Location will be at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted. Any type of camera is okay to use, bring your cameras with you to each meeting. All photography project members are welcome to come to any of the meetings. Contact Susan Stich H: 620-431-6986 or C: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information. Parents are welcome to attend.

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024 Location to be determined

July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024

President: Kyser Nemecek

Vice President: Sophia Barlow

Secretary: Carly Kramer

Treasurer: Halle Klotz

Reporter: Kason Botts

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024

President: Kendyl Bloesser

Vice President: Makiah Woods

Secretary: Jewel Endicott

Treasurer: Ziggy Barbour

Reporter: Macie Hueston

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet January 31, 2024 6:30 p.m. at the Common Ground Coffee Shop. All 4-H Club Council Representatives need to attend this important meeting. What is decided will affect each 4-H Club.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

FCE Council is offering a \$200 scholarship to a high school senior or college student who is a Bourbon County resident and will be attending any two-or-four-year college or university in Kansas. All students are welcome to apply; preference will be given to a student who plans to major in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related field. Applications and references must be post marked by February 13, 2024. Application is available on the Southwind District website at:
southwind.k-state.edu/home-family/fce/index.html

FRED AND DORIS FINK SCHOLARSHIP

The Fred and Doris Fink Bourbon County 4-H Scholarship will be given during the 2024 Achievement Recognition. This is a \$750.00 scholarship. Eligibility Requirements are:

- Three or more years in a Bourbon County 4-H Club.
- Must demonstrate outstanding achievement in 4-H activities and project work.
- Must be a resident of Bourbon County Kansas.
- Must be a senior in high school or freshman in College.
- Must be used by a student enrolled full time in an accredited Kansas 4-year college or university or a Kansas community college.

Preference will be given to a student in agriculture or family and consumer sciences. Scholarship may be awarded to a previous winner one time. We will use the Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application. Note on the form that you are applying for the Fink Scholarship. Applications are available on our Southwind website and are due in the Fort Scott Office by March 1, 2024.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024

President: Chellby Cosby
Vice President: Ariana Vogel
Secretary: Ethan Dillinger
Treasurer: Kaeleigh Daniels
Reporter: Addy Boaz
Fair Board Representatives: Chellby Cosby, Marissa O'Brien, and Ariana Vogel

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet January 21, 2024 6:00 p.m. at the Neosho Valley Event Center

FAIR BOARD DONATION TO DINNER AND AUCTION

All clubs are invited to donate an item, a basket, find a sponsor, or a monetary donation by February 1st to the Dinner and Auction.

BEEF PROJECT OPTIONS

Although "Beef" is the only option when enrolling, keep in mind that there are fair classes for market beef, feeder beef, breeding heifer and bucket calf. Here are the requirements for each:

Market Beef – own a minimum of 140 days – can be steer or heifer. Must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds to be eligible for grand or reserve and to sell in the premium sale.

Feeder Beef – own a minimum of 140 days – can be steer or heifer. Must weigh a minimum of 600 pounds, maximum of 900 pounds to be eligible for grand or reserve and to sell in the premium sale.

Breeding Heifer – commercial or registered. If registered, members must have registration or transfer papers in their name by July 1st.

Bucket Calf – for members 7-12 years old. Calf must be born between January 1st – May 1st of current year. Calf can be male or female – beef, dairy or cross.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

\$750 scholarship available for 4-H members who are planning on attending CWF in summer of 2024. For more scholarship information, contact Krista.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024

President: Kevin Brown
Vice President: Clayton Culver
Secretary: Emery Yoho
Treasurer: Tayla Baker
Fair Board Representatives: Kaelynne Moore and Kevin Brown

Merry Christmas
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR