

THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

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A Minute with Madeline



The 2024 Butler County Fair has come to an end! It was such a privilege to be able to see the passion and success our 4-Her's had with their projects. We had over 2,400 pre-entries for the fair! I cannot wait to see how our members who are progressing on to the Kansas State Fair in September will stack-up against youth from across the state.

I want to take time to thank the countless number of volunteers who assisted with set-up and clean-up, working as superintendents, running the Clover Café, and all of the odd jobs in between. The Butler County Fair would not be possible without your hard work and dedication to helping the youth of Butler County.

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LEADER'S LOUNGE

August Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved
- Have a club information booth at your local schools

Review

- Read the 4-H Newsletter and mark important dates on the calendar
- Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at your club meeting
- Participation and awards earned at the county fair

Promote/Recruit

- Club participation at the Achievement Celebration
- Participation at the Kansas State Fair
- KAP and Pin training
- Older 4-H'ers applying to be an Ambassador

To-Do

- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Return any extra club Fair Books to the Extension Office
- Help 4-Her's plan and prepare record books
- Begin Preparing yearly Club Summary
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

Remember

- 4-H Families to prepare and submit record books and award scholarship forms
- Pick-up of buyers cards, ribbons, and returning by deadline - we will email when they are available



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

August

- **August 5th:** Butler County Archery Qualifier
- **August 7th:** State Fair Entries Due to the Extension Office
- **August 10th:** State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
- **August 12th:** State 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan
- **August 15th:** Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due
- **August 17th-18th:** State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan
- **August 31st:** Kansas State Fair Dog Show, Hutchinson



October

- **October 1st:** The 2024-2025 4-H Year Begins!

September

- **September 4th:** State Fair Project Drop-Off
- **September 4th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- **September 6th-15th:** Kansas State Fair
- **September 23rd:** All Pin Applications, Scholarships, Record Keeping Forms, Special Award Apps, Club Summaries, Ambassador Apps Due
- **September 23rd:** Club End of Year Reports Due
- **September 28th:** State 4-H Shooting Sports Small Bore and Muzzle Load Match
- **September 27th-29th:** Kansas Junior Livestock Show



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2024 Kansas State Fair Information

Dairy Exhibitors:

- Entries are not done through the Extension Office this year, they are all online through the Kansas State Fair.
- You can find the information in the Kansas State Fair Handbook, pages 117-118. The Kansas State Fair open class information and registration can be found here:



Volunteer Information:

If you would like to volunteer at the Kansas State Fair, please see the Extension Office to see where the needs are the greatest. This will also include the option to help with Centennial Hall set up on August 30th. Each volunteer will receive an admission ticket once the Fair has started.

Ticket Ordering:

- We will be ordering additional 4-H State Fair Tickets if you would like to purchase them. Please note that each static exhibitor will receive two free tickets in lieu of premium money.
- Adult Gate Tickets are \$7 and Youth Gate Tickets are \$3. There will be a \$2 handling fee for all ticket orders; this fee is per order, NOT per ticket. Tickets must be ordered by 5:00 PM on Friday, August 7th. Orders and money for the tickets will need to be paid by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 4th. Cash or checks only. Checks will need to be made payable to: Butler County 4-H.



- Ticket orders can be placed here:

Entry Information:

- The Butler County Extension Office will be accepting Kansas State Fair Entries through 5:00 PM on August 7th.
- Please read the General and Division rules in the State Fair Book. You can find a link to that here:
 - *To be eligible for State Fair entry you must* 1) Be 9 years old 4-H age and 2) Receive a purple ribbon at the Butler County Fair.
 - Division rules will detail any labeling and forms required for exhibits. Please read this carefully as accurate forms and labeling are the responsibility of exhibitors.



- Complete the entry collection form for your entries. Please make sure that you have all fields as required on the second page.
 - You can log into 4-HOnline to check each 4-Her's years in project. You can print this form and drop it off during office hours, mail it to our office, or attach it to an email. If you choose email, please send to both mgwallac@ksu.edu and aemclaughlin@ksu.edu.

- Exhibitors will receive two free entry tickets per exhibitor in lieu of premiums. We will order these and notify exhibitors when they are available for pickup.
- Entries may be dropped off at the 4-H Building on September 4th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. ONLY. Further instructions about entry preparation for transit will be sent to exhibitors.
- Please note that some divisions, such as Fashion Revue and Visual Arts, only allow a certain number of entries per county. Those entries are preselected and eligible 4-Hers have been notified.



4-H Ambassadors

4-H Ambassadors - Who are they?

The 4-H Ambassadors are a group of 4-H'ers between the ages of 14 & 18 (as of January 1) who are interested in being the face and voice of promotion for Butler County 4-H Activities.



They participate in and host events. Some events include Ambassador Day Camp, Barnyard Olympics at the Fair, Mini-Fair, help with the achievement banquet and officer training. They also help promote 4-H! They have a lot of fun!

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Butler County 4-H Ambassadors, applications are due in the Extension Office on September 23rd by 5:00 p.m. The Ambassadors are an energetic, fun group to be a part of. The application can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu or you can pick one up at the Extension Office. Join this fun group today!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 23-24, 2024 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2024. Registrations will be due Monday, October 15, 2024. This event will include: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the State 4-H Council and is a great opportunity for youth to build their leadership skills! Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14-18 by January 1, 2024 may apply to be a council member. The duties of the Council Members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum and other events, and may include assisting the State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement program, forums, and other workshops or conferences. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council will be available in the registration materials on the State 4-H website at www.kansas4h.org.

Record Books, Pins, Applications, and Awards

It's time to get your record book and pin applications on!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW

All KAP's (record books), pin applications, ambassador applications, club summaries, college scholarship applications, reporter and secretary notebooks, and special award applications are due into our office no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 23rd. Don't miss this deadline! All forms can be found online [HERE](#).

WANT TO HELP JUDGE RECORD BOOKS?

If you are interested in helping judge record book, adult or teen leader over the age of 13, please let Madeline know! This is a great learning experience. Those that have participated in the past really enjoyed the opportunity, as well as, picked up ideas and lessons learned from judging them.

Don't worry if you have never judged before, we will help you get started! This is a great opportunity to learn, volunteer and give back!

We will judge the end of September/first week of October. Stay tuned for exact date!



Butler County Fair Thank You's

Fair is over and the dust has settled. The Fair takes a plethora of volunteers and support from buyers to make it successful. Have you sent your Thank You notes? Do you know who to send Thank You notes too? Here is a list of suggestions that we strongly encourage you to write a note of Thanks. Without the support of these individuals, the Fair would not be as successful as it is:

- Food Buyers (we will have a list available of those who purchased food). Even if you don't know who bought your food – you are encouraged to pick out 4 or 5 random names and write notes of Thanks. DID YOU KNOW – the food auction helps support scholarships for you to attend 4-H Camp and other activities?
- Livestock Buyers – You are required to get the buyers signature on a card if you wish to participate in next year's event. How many of you went out into the crowd, found the buyer of your animal and said THANK YOU immediately following your animal exiting the sale ring and/or even offered to get them a drink? Our buyers are our heart and souls. Without them, the premiums won't be there. Did you have an add-on (you will know when you pick up your buyer's card)? If so, you need to write a Thank You to them as well. If you need addresses, please contact our office – we can help you out. We will let everyone know as soon as the buyers cards are available to be picked up.
- Fair Board – There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes getting everything ready for the Fair, A LOT: scheduling, awards, organizing set-up and clean-up, sponsors and everything in between!
- Superintendent's – I encourage you to write a Thank You note to the Superintendent's of the Division's you participated in. Volunteers are a critical aspect of the Butler County Fair.
- The Extension Office staff and The Extension Board– These individuals work year round to help the 4-H'ers out.
- Auctioneers – Our auctioneers from Sundgren Realty Inc. Land & Real Estate Brokers do a fabulous job getting the most they can for the youth and the projects. We need to let them know our thanks!
- Judges – Why not write a letter to the judge and thank them for helping out, even if you aren't happy about your placing! Without judges, we wouldn't have a Fair!
- Project Leaders and Community Leaders – Need I say more?
- Butler County Board of County Commissioners – They support our program. We need to let them know just how much we appreciate their support.