

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

December 2022

Extension Office Update

We hope that you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday. Several more enrollments came through these last couple weeks. **Quick reminder, any families NOT enrolled by January 3rd will be removed from the Wabaunsee County Facebook group and will no longer receive 4HOnline broadcast emails.** If you need assistance with the enrollment process, please contact the office.

Please note the dates that the Extension Office will be **CLOSED**. At the November Extension Executive Board Meeting, the Board voted to follow the KSU office closure dates. We are grateful for the additional time with our families **December 26th – 30th.**

Please always remember that we are only a phone call or email away and are happy to help or answer any questions!

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Attention Rabbit Project Members!

A multi-county Rabbit group is forming that will provide informative rabbit meetings to teach rabbit basics and Youth Contests skills. Youth will enhance their Rabbit project skills while participating in leadership and citizenship opportunities. Please join Cherie at 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 17** in the Marlow-Lietz Building. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in more information, please call Cherie Trieb (785) 844-0781.

December

- 3 Fair Board Fundraiser Night, Kids Corral
- 17 Rabbit Meeting, Marlow-Lietz, 3:00 p.m.
- 23 **Extension Office Closed, Christmas**
- 26-30 **Extension Office Closed**
- 31 **Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp Early Bird Registration Deadline**

January

- 2 **Extension Office Closed, New Year's Day**
- 15 4-H Council Meeting, Marlow-Lietz, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 **Record Books for Regional Judging Due**
- 20 NE Region Record Book Judging, MHK
- 24-26 Extension Staff at 4-H Program Rally
- 27 **YEC Application Deadline**
- 27-29 Dog Judges Training & Recertification, Wichita
- 30 Geology Meeting, Marlow-Lietz, 6:30 p.m.

Are you interested in Geology!?

We are excited to share that Bengie and Theresa Foster have graciously volunteered to offer a county-wide Geology project opportunity! The last Monday of every month, plan to join Bengie for an educational, project meeting at the fairgrounds. When weather permits, join Theresa on a fun, outdoor, educational excursion to build your collection! Parents are asked to stay with their youth attending.

Next Geology meeting: Monday, January 30, 2023
6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Marlow-Lietz Memorial Building
THERE WILL NOT BE A DEC. MEETING!

New 4-H Family Notebooks

If your family is new to 4-H or if you know of a new family who would like to become involved in 4-H, please contact the Extension Office. We have resource notebooks that will help walk each new family through our 4-H year!

2022-23 Enrollment

As you think about the projects you wish to enroll in, be setting some SMART goals for the new year. Yay! Step one done for your 2022-23 record books! Enroll before January 3, 2023 to continue receiving local 4HOnline communications.

Starting this year, Wabaunsee County 4-H Council will pay the coupon for **all youth members NEW to Wabaunsee County 4-H OR completed a record book**! For eligible youth, please select one of the following payment types when prompted.

Select Payment Type

- **Check** – *Do not mail a check if you are eligible for a coupon. If you are unsure, please contact the Extension Office.*
- **Add New Card** – *Your card will not be charged once the coupon code is applied. If you are not eligible for the coupon, your card will be charged upon approval.*

Stephanie will apply the coupon at approval.

The screenshot shows a payment interface with two main sections. On the left, there is a 'Payment for this invoice will be collected by 4-H institution.' section with a 'Pay by Check' button. Below that is an 'Add New Card' section with fields for Cardholder Name, Card Number, Expiration Month (01 - January), Year (2020), and Validation (CVV). On the right, there is an 'Invoice' section showing a table with two items: 'Kansas 4-H Youth Development - Youth Member Program Fee' for \$15.00 and a 'Total' of \$15.00. Below the invoice is a 'Request a Fee Waiver.' section with a 'Request' button and a 'Coupon' section with an 'Apply' button.

DO NOT SELECT Request a Fee Waiver! The fee waivers are paid by donations to the Kansas 4-H Foundation and can only be fixed at the state level. Please contact Stephanie (snmaike@ksu.edu) if you have questions!

2022-23 Volunteers Update

Each year, volunteers help make the Wabaunsee County 4-H program a success. Oftentimes, we are asked who needs to be screened and what makes them a volunteer. An 'easy' rule of thumb, if you are transporting youth and/or working with them one on one, such as committee work; you should be a screened volunteer. Stephanie is happy to assist any volunteers in getting their profiles updated. To ensure adequate assistance, please call ahead to schedule a time!

Are you interested in being a 4-H Volunteer?

Contact the Extension Office to find out how!

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact (Bernadette Trieb) two weeks prior to the start of the event at (785-765-3821 or btrieb@ksu.edu). Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

You're Invited – Casino Night!

The Wabaunsee County Fair Association invites you to attend the upcoming fundraiser for the fairground renovation "Casino Night" on December 3. We are looking forward to a fun evening of entertainment, casino games, rodeo on the jumbotron, food trucks, chair massages, and live music! Mark your calendars and help us finish the fairground project in 2023!

~Wabaunsee County Fair Association

The 2025 CWF Delegates will have Kids Corral available for attendees to have child care from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Drop in care will be \$25/kid.

Kansas Kids Lifetime Combination License

The Kansas Kids Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License application is now available!

Any resident youth who is 7 years old or younger is eligible for a license at a reduced rate: \$302.50 for those 5 and younger, and \$502.50 for those 6 or 7 years old. (Regular price is \$962.50 for Hunt/Fish lifetime)

Those 7 years old and younger on/after July 1, 2022 are **temporarily** eligible, so long as their application is completed, submitted and postmarked by December 31, 2022. After December 31, 2022, only resident youth who are 7 years old or younger at the time of application and postmarked date will be eligible.

The application can be downloaded at <https://ksoutdoors.com/License-Permits/Kids-Lifetime-Hunting-Fishing-License>.

4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball

The annual 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball game is **February 12th**! Registration information will be coming soon!

2023 4-H Day

Registration is now open for the 2023 Pottawatomie/Wabaunsee 4-H Day! It is time to be thinking about how you want to showcase your talents at 4-H Day on **February 4th** at St. George Elementary school. Sing, dance, perform, or speak at 4-H day as an individual or group! This is a great way to be able to share your knowledge with others, qualify for State fair, and have a speaking event to write down in your record book. **Registration is due by January 20th.**

The [4-H Day regulations and additional information can be found here](#). Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. Get together with your friends and have fun!



Regional Record Book Screening

If you are 14 years and older and were named the county-wide winner for your project report form, you can submit your record book to the next level. Please submit your record book to the Extension Office by **January 17th**. Record Books will be screened on January 20th and then returned.

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2023 Camping Opportunities!

NEW Camping Opportunity coming March 2023! Spring Breakout with campers from Riley and Wabaunsee Counties during Spring Break 2023. Registration is now open for youth in grades 2nd – 5th to attend as campers and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Campers will have a registration fee of \$50, due by **January 20, 2023**. 4-H Council is offering a \$25 campership to each member that attends, original registration cost is \$75. They will also cover the \$50 Counselor Fee.

Youth ages 15 – 18, we want **YOU** to join us for a traditional camp counselor experience! Selected counselors will attend an overnight counselor training before the campers arrive. This is a great leadership opportunity.

[Register here for Spring Breakout!](#)

If you haven't already, enroll in 4HOnline today and get registered for an educational, fun overnight camp experience in the Flint Hills!

4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch – Registration for 2023 Camp sessions is now OPEN! They are excited to announce pricing will remain the same as 2022 and camperships will be available! Youth interested in the CIT or LIT programs should contact the Extension Office for the application details. **Early Bird pricing (10% off) will close December 31.** Like Rock Springs Ranch on Facebook and stay tuned for future announcements!

2023 Junior Producer Days

The K-State Junior **Swine Producer Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 11**, in Weber Hall in Manhattan. This event is a one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth swine projects. Youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and project leads of all ages and skill levels are invited to attend. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, breeds and ear notching, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. The deadline to register is **February 15**. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after. Only those registered by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. All attendees, including both youth and adults, must register.

Meat Goat Producer Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 18**, in Weber Hall in Manhattan. This event is a one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth meat goat projects. Youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and project leads of all ages and skill levels are invited to attend. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. The deadline to register is **February 22**. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after. Only those registered by February 22 will receive a t-shirt. All attendees, including both youth and adults, must register.

Registration is open now and may be completed using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>.

If you prefer to submit your registration by mail and pay with a check or cash, please email Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu for a registration form.

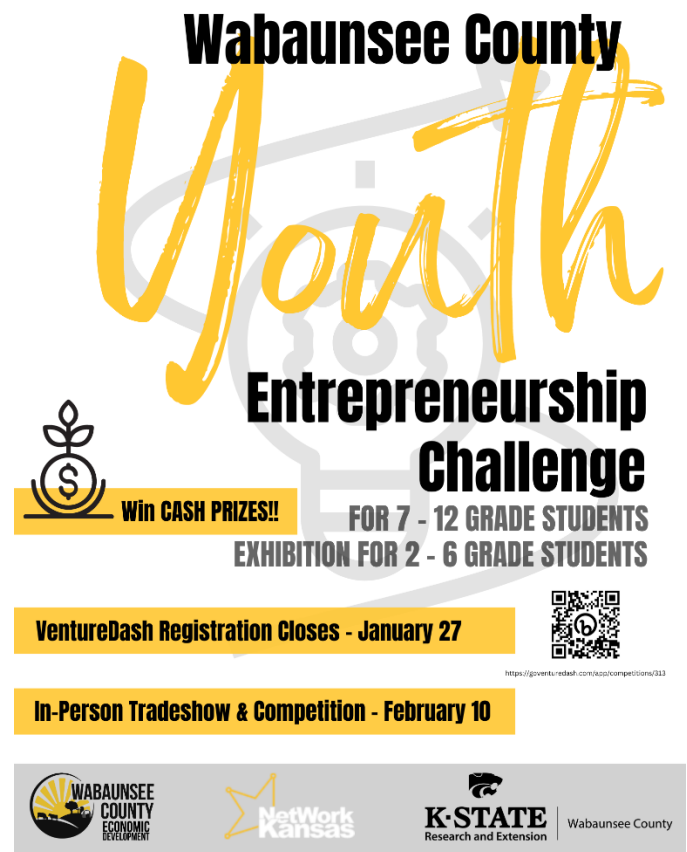
POSTPONED Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC)

Attention youth, grades 7-12, interested in presenting a business idea and competing for cash prizes! Youth will identify problems or opportunities, create solutions, and persuade others. Challengers should register by **January 27, 2023!**

New for 2023 – Youth in grades 2nd- 6th are invited to showcase their business idea through an exhibition during the public tradeshow event. More information coming soon!

Register today on Venture Dash:

<https://goventuredash.com/competitions/313>



The poster features the text "Wabaunsee County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge" in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "Win CASH PRIZES!!" and "FOR 7 - 12 GRADE STUDENTS EXHIBITION FOR 2 - 6 GRADE STUDENTS". There are two yellow banners: "VentureDash Registration Closes - January 27" and "In-Person Tradeshow & Competition - February 10". A QR code is present with the URL "https://goventuredash.com/app/competitions/313". At the bottom, logos for WABAUNSEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NetWork Kansas, and K-STATE Research and Extension Wabaunsee County are displayed.

Youths Community members are encouraged to attend the public tradeshow, **February 10 from 11:00 – 1:00**, location coming soon.

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Record Books

The Project Report Forms are age specific. **All static** will use the **General Project Report Form** and **all heartbeat** projects will use the **Animal Project Report Form**. These new forms have made record keeping for your 4-H projects more concise. ZBooks is available for all youth interested in using the ZBooks software! The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. **If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, do not feel like you have to transfer over all of your previous years' activities in to the online Permanent Record.** Start with this year and attach it to your previous document.

Youth may choose to continue to use the fillable PDF Project Report Forms!

Forms for Everyone to Complete

[Project Recognition Check Sheet](#) (fillable PDF)

[Personal Information Page](#) (fillable PDF)

[Permanent Record](#) (fillable Word)

[Project Report Form Evaluation Rubric](#) (PDF)

Junior Forms

[General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

[Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

Intermediate Forms

[General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

[Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

Senior Forms

[General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

[Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

Wabaunsee County Fair

We have received several requests for the 2022 Fair photos. Please find all the photos we have from this past fair [here](#). If you have additional photos to share, please contact the Extension Office.

2023 Wabaunsee County Fair: July 21-25, 2023

Project Report Form Categories

The list below is the state recognized Project Report Form categories and the **ONLY** project areas Wab Co 4-H will accept starting the 2022-23 4-H year!

Beef

(Market, Breeding, Bucket Calf)

Civic Engagement

Clothing & Textiles

Communications

Dog Care & Training

Entomology

Environmental Science

Family Studies

Fiber Arts

Foods & Nutrition

Geology

Goat

(Market, Breeding)

Health & Wellness

Home Environment

Horse

Leadership

Performing Arts

Pets

Photography

Plant Science

(Field Crops, Forestry, Horticulture)

Reading

Self-Determined

Sheep

Shooting Sports

STEM

(Aerospace, Robotics, Astronomy, UAS, Architectural Block Construction)

STEM: Energy Management

(Electricity, Ag Mechanics, Small Engines, Renewable Energy)

Swine

Visual Arts

Wildlife

Wood Science

NEW Horse Updates 2022-23

As participation numbers are declining in the Kansas 4-H Horse project, participation in Kansas 4-H District Horse shows are also declining. Due to the decrease in numbers, beginning in the 2023 4-H Program Year, Kansas 4-H project members who are currently enrolled in the horse project will be eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Show if all the requirements detailed in the attached letter are complete. District Horse Shows will **NO LONGER** be a part of the project. Other changes within the project are that Horse ID Certificates will be due to the Extension Office by **JUNE 1** of the current 4-H program year as opposed to May 1. Beginning in 2023, the Kansas 4-H Horse Achievement Levels will no longer be a requirement to participate at the State Fair.

Please see the attached letter from Kansas 4-H describing the changes and new requirements for the Kansas 4-H Horse project for the 2023 4-H year. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Shannon or Stephanie.