

# Wabaunsee County 4-H News



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## Extension Office Update

Check out the Extension Connection in the Wabaunsee County Signal-Enterprise for project spotlights and see what project learning experiences other members are doing! If you attend a project learning experience, please email a photo and description of your experience to Stephanie ([snmaike@ksu.edu](mailto:snmaike@ksu.edu)).

**Several members have not re-enrolled for the new year. Please get enrolled ASAP to be included on club rosters and communications locally and statewide!** If you need assistance with the enrollment process, please contact the office.

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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## Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC)

Community members are encouraged to attend the public tradeshow, **February 10 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** in the Marlow-Lietz Building at the Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds! Come out and see the innovative business our youth have!

**New for 2023** – Youth in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> are invited to showcase their business idea through an exhibition during the public tradeshow event. Youth can still register for exhibition ONLY!

## Spring Break Out Final Registration

We have opened the camp to Pottawatomie County, so the final [registration deadline](#) is **February 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## February

- 4 Pott/Wab 4-H Day, St. George Elementary
- 4 Flint Hills Junior Shooters Invitational Match, Wabaunsee High School
- 10 Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Trade Show, Marlow-Lietz, Fairgrounds, 11:00 a.m.
- 11 BINGO Night Fundraiser, Marlow-Lietz Building, 5:00 p.m.
- 12 4-H Day with Wildcat Women Basketball, KSU MHK, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 **Jr. Swine Producer Day Registration Deadline**
- 18 **YQCA Training, E-Building Conference Room, 3-4 p.m.**
- 19-20 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 19 Rabbit Project Meeting, Marlow-Lietz Building, 2:00 p.m.
- 20 **Extension Office Closed, President's Day**
- 20 **Spring Break Out Registration Due**
- 22 **Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day Registration Deadline**

## March

- 1 **2023 State 4-H Scholarships Deadline**
- 3 **Shooting Sports Training Registration Early Deadline**
- 4 **YQCA Training, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.; E-Building Conference Room**
- 11 Junior Swine Producer Day; KSU
- 17 **Month of Service Grant Application Deadline**
- 18 Junior Meat Goat Producer Day; KSU
- 26 Beef Weigh-In & Tagging; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; Jones Family Angus
- 26 Rabbit Project Meeting; Marlow-Lietz Building; 2:00 p.m.

## 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

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** It has been brought to our attention that families with youth receiving a coupon are not receiving an approval notification. If you are concerned whether or not your child(ren)'s enrollment has been received, please email Stephanie ([snmaike@ksu.edu](mailto:snmaike@ksu.edu)).

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 image shows a screenshot of a payment interface. On the left, there is a section titled 'Add New Card' with fields for 'Cardholder Name', 'Card Number', 'Expiration Month', 'Year', and 'Member ID'. Below this is a blue 'Add New Card' button. On the right, there is a 'Payment' section with a dropdown menu for 'Division' (set to 'Wabaunsee County 4-H Council'), a table showing a 'Kansas 4-H Youth Development - Youth Member Program Fee' for \$10.00, and a 'Request a Fee Waiver' button. There is also a 'Coupon' field with a dropdown menu.

**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](mailto:snmaike@ksu.edu)) if you have questions!

## Fundraising Opportunity!

We are excited for the opportunity to host Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports State Match, **April 15, 2023!** 4-H Council has voted to host the concession stands with the opportunity for clubs to profit! 100% of the profits will be divided out to the clubs, based on the volunteer percentage that works. A sign-up genius will be coming in the March Newsletter. Please be on the lookout!

## 2022-23 Volunteer 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!

## \*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.

## Camp Fundraiser - BINGO Night

The 4-H Ambassadors are hosting a Camp Fundraiser on **February 11, 5:00 p.m.** in the Marlow-Lietz Building on the Fairgrounds. BBQ sandwiches are on the menu. For more details see the attached flyer. Come support 4-H and have fun playing Bingo!

## 2023 Livestock Tagging Information

All animals that may be shown at either County or State 4-H events must be tagged. **Tagging is by family, animals do NOT have to be designated to each member until FairEntry submission, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**BEEF** – Including Bucket Calves, Commercial Heifers and Market Heifers/Steers

**Weigh-In & Tagging: March 25, 2023**

1–3 p.m. @ Jones Family Angus

**Tagging Deadline: April 17, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

**GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE** (All species together) – Includes Commercial and Market animals

**Weigh-In & Tagging: May 6, 2023**

8–10 a.m. @ Wab Co Fairgrounds

**Tagging Deadline: May 26, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

**NEW FOR 2023** – If you are unable to attend the designated weigh-in & tagging, please contact the office to schedule a time for Shannon or Stephanie to come tag your animals. **No picture submission will be accepted this year.** Any animals not tagged by the specie specific deadline will not be eligible to show in the 4-H Division at the Wabaunsee County Fair. Please check the nomination deadlines to have your State Nominated animals tagged.

## 2023 State Livestock Nomination

Again for 2023, official DNA envelopes must be ordered in advance! Stay up-to-date with the State Nomination details [here](#).

**MARKET BEEF** –

**Envelope Order Deadline: April 20, 2023**

**Nomination Deadline: May 1, 2023**

**SMALL LIVESTOCK** –

**Envelope Order Deadline: June 5, 2023**

**Nomination Deadline: June 15, 2023**

Don't wait to get your envelopes ordered or animals tagged. Please contact the office early to schedule the EID tagging of your **STATE ONLY** animals. Nominations must be postmarked by their deadline.

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

Shannon will be hosting two YQCA trainings. Any youth that plan to show at a State or National show must be YQCA certified. All members are strongly encouraged to attend a training and become certified.

To register, please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org>. A \$3.00 fee will be due at registration. If you were certified last year, please login to your account. New families/members will need to register a new account. This is NOT through 4HOnline anymore. If you have questions, please contact Shannon ([spspencer@ksu.edu](mailto:spspencer@ksu.edu)).

**Saturday, February 18, 3 – 4 p.m.**

**E-Building Conference Room**

**Saturday, March 4, 3 – 4 p.m.**

**E-Building Conference Room**

Either session is subject to cancellation if fewer than 4 members register. **Cancellations will be announced by 12 Noon, Friday before.**

## Month of Service Grant Opportunity!!

Community Service is one of the many ways we can give back to the communities in which we call home. Wabaunsee County is excited to announce a two-part opportunity for April 2023. Service projects that occur during the month of April are eligible to apply for a grant to offset tangible expenses. This program will match 80% of a service project's cost, up to \$250.00. Applications open Monday, February 13, 2023, and will close Friday, **March 17, 2023**, at 11:59 P.M.

Secondly, the County will recognize select volunteers at the County Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023.

More details will be available at [www.wbcounty.org](http://www.wbcounty.org) soon.

## 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, February 27, 2023; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.;  
Marlow-Lietz Memorial Building

## 2023 Scholarship Opportunities

Attention High School Seniors – Now is the time to be looking for scholarships and applying for financial aid. Haven't decided where you're going yet? No problem! You should apply for all the financial assistance opportunities available.

**\*NEW 2023\*** Wabaunsee County Fair Association is excited to announce the Clover Brand Scholarship! Graduating seniors that have completed 10+ years in 4-H, exhibiting the current year, are eligible to apply!

**The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Scholarship** applications are now open on the [Kansas 4-H Scholarship Opportunities webpage!](#) **All applications and requested materials are due by March 1, 2023!**

Students involved with the Angus breed are encouraged to check out scholarship opportunities from the [American Angus Association and partners!](#) **Application must be submitted through the AAA login by May 1, 2023!**

Each year the [Hereford Youth Foundation of America](#) awards scholarships to deserving National Junior Hereford Association members. **Spring applications are due April 1, 2023**, to be awarded at the Junior National Hereford Expo.

Don't forget to ask your school counselors about the other local scholarship opportunities!

## 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.

**Junior 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](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) for a registration form.

## Attention Rabbit Project Members!

A multi-county Rabbit group has formed and will be hosting monthly project meetings. Youth will enhance their Rabbit project skills while participating in leadership and citizenship opportunities. Please join Cherie at **2:00 p.m. on Sundays, February 19, March 26, and April 16** in the Marlow-Lietz Building. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in more information, please call Cherie Trieb (785) 844-0781.

## 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)

## Fairground Usage for 4-H Events

The fairgrounds are being used by many different organizations and individuals. Just a reminder, 4-H events are scheduled through the Extension Office, so they can be added to the calendar. We want to make sure the buildings will be available to whomever needs them for club meetings, project learning experiences, etc.

## Wabaunsee County Fair

Start working within your fair club committees to design your "4-H is Out of this World" fair competitions!

**2023 Wabaunsee County Fair: July 21-25, 2023**

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.

## 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!

<b>Beef</b> (Market, Breeding, Bucket Calf)	<b>Leadership</b>
<b>Civic Engagement</b>	<b>Performing Arts</b>
<b>Clothing &amp; Textiles</b>	<b>Pets</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Photography</b>
<b>Dog Care &amp; Training</b>	<b>Plant Science</b> (Field Crops, Forestry, Horticulture)
<b>Entomology</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>Environmental Science</b>	<b>Self-Determined</b>
<b>Family Studies</b>	<b>Sheep</b>
<b>Fiber Arts</b>	<b>Shooting Sports</b>
<b>Foods &amp; Nutrition</b>	<b>STEM</b> (Aerospace, Robotics, Astronomy, UAS, Architectural Block Construction)
<b>Geology</b>	<b>STEM: Energy Management</b> (Electricity, Ag Mechanics, Small Engines, Renewable Energy)
<b>Goat</b> (Market, Breeding)	<b>Swine</b>
<b>Health &amp; Wellness</b>	<b>Visual Arts</b>
<b>Home Environment</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>
<b>Horse</b>	<b>Wood Science</b>

## 2023 Rock Springs Camp

Registration for 2023 Camp sessions is OPEN now through May 1! 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. RSR Staff shared with KSRE 4-H professionals the unique opportunities available for youth through the CIT and LIT programs. If you are looking for additional volunteer hours, what better place than Rock Springs Ranch!?

Like Rock Springs Ranch on Facebook and stay tuned for future announcements!