

# Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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## Extension Office Update

“The weather outside is frightful but Wabaunsee County 4-H is the most delightful.” **Please remember any families NOT enrolled by January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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 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 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, January 22** in the Marlow-Lietz Building. **If you were unable to join in December, please come at 2:00 p.m.** If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in more information, please call Cherie Trieb (785) 844-0781.

## January

- 2 **Extension Office Closed, New Year’s Day**
- 10 **4-H Horse Panorama Registration Deadline**
- 15 4-H Council Meeting, Marlow-Lietz, 6:00 p.m.
- 15 **4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball Registration Deadline**
- 16 **Extension Office Closed, MLK Day**
- 17 **Record Books for Regional Judging Due**
- 20 NE Region Record Book Judging, MHK
- 22 Rabbit Project Meeting, Marlow-Leitz Building, 2:00 – new attendees, 3:00 – returning attendees
- 24-26 Extension Staff at 4-H Program Rally
- 27 **YEC Application Deadline**
- 27-29 Dog Judges Training & Recertification, Wichita
- 28 4-H Horse Panorama, KSU Salina
- 30 Geology Meeting, Marlow-Lietz, 6:30 p.m.

## February

- 1 **Citizenship in Action Registration Deadline**
- 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, TBD, 11:00 a.m.
- 12 4-H Day with Women Wildcat Basketball, KSU MHK, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 **Jr. Swine Producer Day Registration Deadline**
- 19-20 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 20 **Extension Office Closed, President’s Day**
- 22 **Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day Registration Deadline**

## Fundraising Opportunity!

We are excited for the opportunity to host Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports State Match, **April 15, 2023!** There is a potential need for two concession stand locations for the event. If your club would be interested in a concession stand opportunity, please let Stephanie know by **Friday, January 13**.

## 2022-23 Enrollment

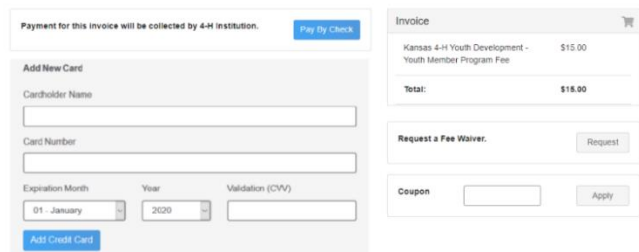
As you think about the projects you wish to enroll in, be setting some SMART goals for the new year. Yay! Step one done for your 2022-23 record books! Enroll before January 3, 2023 to continue receiving local 4HOnline communications.

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.**



**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!

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## 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 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!

## 2023 Livestock Tagging Dates

Save the dates for the 2023 Livestock Weigh-In and tagging. All animals that may be shown at 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 – July 7<sup>th</sup>!**

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

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

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m. @ Jones Family Angus**

**GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE** (All species together) –

Includes Commercial and Market animals

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

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m. @ Wab Co Fairgrounds**

## 4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball

The annual 4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball game is **February 12<sup>th</sup>!** Join us as the Wildcat women take on the Oklahoma Sooners!

For \$25, each attendee will receive a ticket to the game, an awesome game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. This year, a ticket/voucher option with no t-shirt is available for \$15. Check with your club leaders for registration information!

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>** 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 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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!

## Citizenship In Action (CIA)

Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action is a two-day event for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works. Youth will have the opportunity to meet with Legislators and see how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. Youth ages 13-18 are encouraged to attend!

For registration and more details, please visit [here](#).

## 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!**

## 2023 Camping Opportunities!

**NEW Camping Opportunity coming March 2023!** Spring Breakout will be **March 17-18**, with campers from Riley and Wabaunsee Counties. Registration is now open for youth in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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, **March 16-17**, 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!



**Spring Breakout Camp**

**Campers - Grades 2-5**  
**Counselors - Ages 15-18**

**MUST ATTEND OVERNIGHT COUNSELOR TRAINING on March 16**  
*Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. A waiting list will be created once spots are filled.*

**March 17 - 18, 2023**  
1:00 p.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Tallgrass Christian Camp**  
Harveyville, KS

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Riley County  
Wabaunsee County

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**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!

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## **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.

## **2023 4-H Horse Panorama**

The 2023 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for **January 28, 2023**, at K-State Salina. In-person and virtual contests are available to Kansas 4-H members enrolled in the Horse or Horseless Horse project including Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, photography, design and more.

Individuals must register by **January 10** [here](#). Senior members, please contact Anna Lukert if you're interested in competing on the Horse Bowl team.

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## **\*POSTPONED\* Youth**

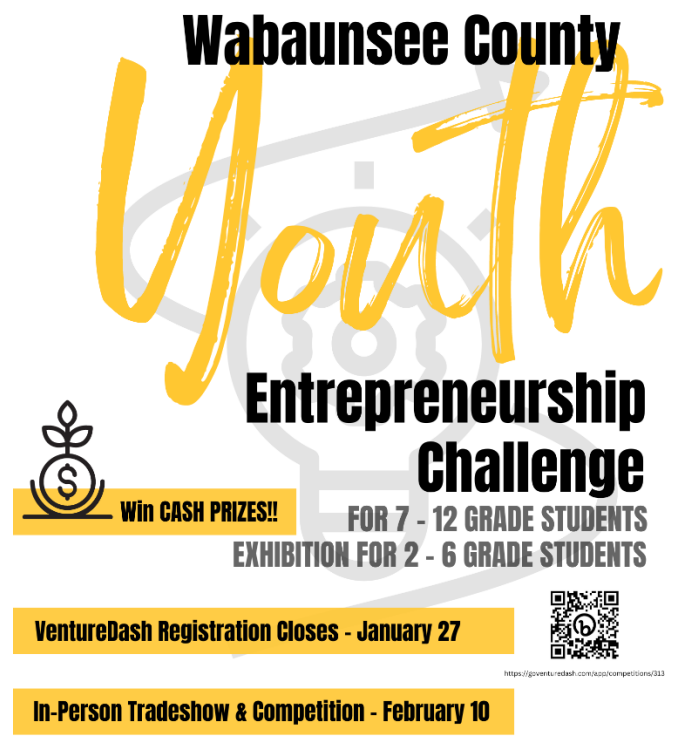
### **Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC)**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> 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/ksu/competitions/313> below it.



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



## 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

Please find all the 2022 Wabaunsee County Fair photos we have [here](#). If you have additional photos to share, please contact the Extension Office.  
**2023 Wabaunsee County Fair: July 21-25, 2023**

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. Record Books will be screened on January 20<sup>th</sup> and then returned.

## 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.