



APRIL 2025 4-H NEWSLETTER

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STATE 4-H NEWS

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 20-26—We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the 4-H volunteers from club leaders to project leaders, and helpers at the fairs. We truly appreciate your support of the 4-H program. Positive youth development would not be possible without YOU!

QUALIFYING EVENTS FOR KANSAS STATE FAIR

Those receiving top blue at County 4-H Club Day are qualified to take their project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, public speaking, and poetry entries to the Kansas State Fair.

INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE PROJECT MEETINGS

In person project experiences will be held April 12 at K-State Open House; Interior Architecture Department in Seaton Hall and at 4-H Discovery Days.

CELEBRATE 80 YEARS WITH ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

April 12 from 9 am to noon—Camp Beautification, help us prepare for summer camp with various volunteer projects. A volunteer appreciation lunch will be held from noon-1:00 pm. An ice cream social will be held from 1:00-3:00 pm. An open house will be held April 13 from 1:00-4:00 pm. RSVP for the Camp Beautification here—[Celebrating 80 years of Rock Springs Ranch](#) and Open House here—[Open House | Rock Springs Ranch](#)

INSECT ART CONTEST

Entries are due April 15. The contest is open to all ages and skill levels. This year, the theme is “By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night.” The goal is to explore why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media. For more information visit—[Learning and Resources](#)

SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

April 26 at the K-State Polytechnic Campus in Salina. The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles. Sessions will include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You. Register here by April 15—[Personal Information - Spring Into Volunteering](#)

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

All market animals and commercial breeding females must be nominated to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Market Beef nominations are due May 1, with Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is 10 days prior to the deadline, which is April 20 for market beef and June 5 for all other species. More information can be found here—[Nominated Livestock](#)



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SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

May 3 from 9:00 am to noon at the Botanica Gardens in Wichita

Come learn more about photography skills and get a jump start on your photography project for the fair. Register here—[Personal Information - 2025 Kansas 4-H Shutterbug @ Botanica](#)

HOST EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Making memories is what it's all about with host families. Youth from Costa Rica, Norway, Taiwan, and Japan will be coming this summer. There's an opportunity to host them. Learn more about the program here—[Global Citizenship](#)



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council —Committees will meet on April 28 at 7:00 pm at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room with Council to follow at 7:30 pm

Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders—April 14 at 7:30 pm at the 4-H Building

Rooks County 4-H Council — May 12 at 7:30 pm at the 4-H Building

Rooks County 4-H Livestock Committee—July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sutor-Blauer Arena

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Required for youth planning to sell livestock in the Rooks County Free Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale, livestock exhibitors at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Training will be available on April 14 at 6:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building. All livestock must be tagged and turned into the Phillips-Rooks Extension District by May 1 to be eligible for the Phillips County Fair and Rooks County Free Fair.

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

All livestock (beef, goats, sheep and swine) must be tagged with a 4-H tag, herd tag, and/or tattoo for identification purposes and turned into the Phillips-Rooks Extension District by May 1 to be eligible for the Phillips County Fair and Rooks County Free Fair. Goat and sheep project members, a scrapie tag or USDA Premise tag is also required. These tags should be provided by the breeder or person you are purchasing livestock from. Please contact the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office for tags and to report livestock tag information. All livestock must be in the members possession by May 1. If an animal loses a tag please notify the Phillips-Rooks Extension District so a replacement tag can be arranged.

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HORSE ID CERTIFICATE DEADLINE

If you are planning to show your horse at the Phillips County Fair or Rooks County Free Fair you must complete a horse identification certificate by May 1. The certificate should be turned into the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office and/or uploaded into your 4-H Online account. Please use the form updated July 2024 for all horses you plan to show [horse-identification-certificate_P1039.pdf](#)

ADD/DROP 4-H PROJECT DEADLINE

May 1—Deadline to make project changes that you plan to take to the Phillips County Fair or Rooks County Free Fair. Changes should be made here—<https://www.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS

Required participation to receive a Phillips County Fair premium for 2025:

- 4-H members must attend three 4-H Club meetings from roll call to adjournment
- Work their shifts in the fair food concession stand

Members must also meet **one** of the following requirements:

- Attend 4-H Sunday
- Participate in the county sponsored fundraiser
- Participate in County 4-H Club Day
- Participate in a 4-H leadership activity, such as serving as a teen leader at Day Camp

ROOKS COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK TAGGING

April 6—Small Animal Tagging (Goats, Sheep and Swine) from 9:00 am until finished at the Rooks County Fairgrounds Livestock Scale, please contact the Phillips-Rooks Extension District in advance to help us prepare tags and billing, 785-425-6851 or jreichar@ksu.edu

If those dates don't work, families must make arrangements with the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office for tagging prior to May 1 and bring their animals to Stockton. Animals nominated for state shows must follow date requirements for those shows. If your animal already has an eID tag in its' ear, please do not remove that tag; it's against the law. A non-eID tag will be used as the 4-H tag.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



INSECT ART CONTEST

2025



By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas. This year, the theme is “*By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night*.” The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

AGE GROUPS

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade
- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- High School
- Adults

CATEGORIES

- Traditional Illustration (drawing or painting)
- Digital Artwork
- 3-D Creation (painting on canvas, collage, sculpture, or other media)

AWARDS

Certificates and prizes will be awarded for each art category in each age group for 1st through 3rd place.

HOW TO ENTER



Submit your entry by April 15, 2025. See full rules and details by visiting <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm> or by scanning the QR code.

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April 26th

HOXIE, KS | 8:30 AM - 5 PM

Thank you to our sponsor:



HAZARDOUS OCCUPATIONS SAFETY TRAINING IN AGRICULTURE FOR YOUTH AGES 14-15

HOXIE IMPLEMENT

933 Oak Ave
Hoxie, KS 67740

\$10 PARTICIPATION FEE

(Includes manual rental, lunch and snacks.)

MANUALS MAY BE PURCHASED TO KEEP
FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$15.

MANY THANKS TO OUR LUNCH & REFRESHMENT SPONSOR: OUTDOOR BANK AND TO THE SPONSOR OF OUR NEW TRAINING MANUALS: THUNDER LINER MEMORIAL FUND

This program will provide the trainee with the knowledge and information of tractor safety and farm hazards. Safety training is required by the U.S. Department of Labor for youth ages 14-15 who will be working on a farm for someone other than their parents. However, there are many cases where youth need certification even when working on the "family farm". Certification will be presented to participants who:

- Complete "Ag Safety For U" online module and exam before April 26th training
- Attend the entire in-person session on April 26th in Hoxie
- Review additional videos and at-home assignments
- Complete 6 hours of tractor/implement training with parent or employer.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING: MANUAL, PEN/PENCIL, & A READY-TO-LEARN ATTITUDE!

Completed registrations due by Tues., April 22nd!

To register you may: Visit your local K-State Research and Extension Office listed below OR complete the survey by scanning the QR code and finalizing registration by visiting your local extension office below.

TWIN CREEKS DISTRICT

Decatur: 785-475-8121
Graham: 785-421-3411
Norton: 785-877-5755
Sheridan: 785-675-3268

COTTONWOOD DISTRICT

Ellis: 785-628-9430

GOLDEN PRAIRIE DISTRICT

Gove: 785-673-4805
Logan: 785-671-3245
Trego: 785-743-6361

PHILLIPS-ROOKS DISTRICT

Phillips: 785-543-6845
Rooks: 785-425-6851

THOMAS COUNTY

Thomas: 785-460-4582



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NOT complete
until you have
finalized
paperwork and
paid fees at local
KSRE office!

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4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



**SATURDAY, MAY 3
WICHITA, KS.**

BOTANICA
GARDENS IN WICHITA



Who Should Register: 4-H Photography Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures. Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!

Workshop Topics:

- How to properly mount photos
- Using kaleidoscopes
- How to use light & color
- Crested images and light shadows
- Composition & how photos are judged



Register for Shutterbugs:



Time:

Doors open and registration begins at 9:00;
Workshops run from 9:30 - 12:00.

Registration Fee:

\$24.00 per attendee; please pay at your local extension office. Each 4-H member will receive 2 photo mount boards with registration. Registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.



What to Bring:

Smartphone or Camera, extra batteries.

Bonus: Cameras will be available for checkout! Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.



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Accommodations:

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4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 5 K-State Invitational Meat Judging Contest
- 6 Rooks County 4-H/FFA Small Animal Tagging
- 12 Sewing and Style Revue Day Camp
- 12 Rock Springs Ranch Camp Beautification
- 13 Rock Springs Ranch Open House
- 14 YQCA - Stockton
- 14 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
- 15 Insect Art Contest Deadline
- 19-24 National 4-H Conference
- 20-26 National Volunteer Week
- 26 Hazardous Occupation Safety Training in Agriculture
- 26 Spring Into Volunteering
- 28 Phillips County 4-H Council & Committees

May

- 1 Horse Identification Certificate Deadline
- 1 Livestock Possession and Tagging Deadline
- 1 Add/Drop Projects in 4-H Online Deadline
- 1 Market Beef Nomination Deadline for Kansas State Fair & KJLS
- 3 Shutterbug Photography Workshop
- 12 Rooks County 4-H Council

June

- 4-6 Discovery Days
- 9 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
- 13-15 State Geology Field Trip
- 15 Small Animal Livestock Nomination Deadline for Kansas State Fair & KJLS



Visit our website:

<https://www.phillipsrooks.k-state.edu/4-h/>

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