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INTRODUCTION TO POULTRY JUDGING CONTESTS

December 2 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. During this interactive session, you'll learn—the fundamentals of poultry judging, how to assess live birds and carcasses, what judges look for in different classes, and how to prepare for contests with confidence. Whether you're brand-new to poultry judging or want a quick refresher, this webinar is a great way to get started and ask questions. Register here—[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

KANSAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline is January 5. Graduating high school seniors, current college students, and graduate students complete your application here—[Scholarships](#)

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

January 23, 2026 at EquiFest of Kansas in Topeka. Two contests are available- an open contest and a 4-H contest. Kansas 4-H members age 9-18 are invited to participate in the 4-H contest, and may also participate in the open contest. Youth of any age are eligible to participate in the open contest hosted by Kansas Quarter Horse Association. Cost to enter the 4-H contest is \$25. Registration for the open contest is \$15. Coaches should register teams and individuals here—[Horse Judging Entry Form | EquiFest of Kansas](#). Early-bird registration closes January 2; late registration is available until January 9. Registration will NOT be taken the day of the contest. Please be sure to read all rules prior to entry- [Horse Judging](#)

4-H DOG JUDGES & LEADER TRAINING

January 31-February 1, 2026 in Salina at the Saline County Expo Center. New judges can be certified, returning judges can get a refresher and be re-certified, and leaders can gain a better understanding of the various classes to better prepare local youth for project work. Older 4-H members are invited to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at the invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Participants must be at least 16 years old to attend this certification and training. Registration is due by January 2. Complete information and registration link is available here—[Dog Leader Trainings](#)

4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

March 1 at 1:00 pm against Iowa State. More details to come.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council — Committees meet January 26 at 7:00 pm at the Phillips County Annex, 4-H Council will meet at 7:30 pm
Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders—January 12 at 7:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building
Rooks County 4-H Council—January 12 at 7:30 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

4-H ENROLLMENT

All new and returning 4-H members, 4-H Cloverbuds, 4-H club leaders, and 4-H volunteers must enroll annually in 4-H. Enroll here: [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com) Please make sure all contact information including email addresses are accurate as this will be the information used to get important 4-H information to all members including the monthly 4-H newsletter. When enrolling please select “Pay By Check” to have your \$15 enrollment fee covered by the Phillips County 4-H Council or Rooks County 4-H Council depending on which county you are enrolling in. DO NOT SELECT WAIVER WHEN ENROLLING! Those members that are interested in participating in the Shooting Sports project (Air Rifles) must be enrolled by November 1. Don’t forget to enroll in the Leadership project if you are a 4-H member and age 12 by January 1.

4-H CLUB FUNDRAISERS

Must be approved by the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Board. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The 4-H Club should complete the 4-H Funds Soliciting Worksheet. It can be found here: [4-H Funds Soliciting Worksheet.pdf](#) The form should be delivered to the Phillip-Rooks Extension District Office.

4-H CLUB T-SHIRTS/APPAREL/SWAG

The design must be approved by a Phillips-Rooks Extension District Agent. The 4-H Club should complete the Kansas 4-H Apparel/Swag Approval Form. It can be found here: [Apparel Approval Form.pdf](#) The form should be delivered to the Phillip-Rooks Extension District Office.

RESOURCES FOR 4-H CLUBS & PROJECT LEADERS

Are you looking for ways to change up your 4-H club meetings? Or maybe you’re a new leader or officer in your club and are just looking for ideas. Here’s the resource page for you—[4-H Club Corner](#) Are you looking for ideas on what a youth can learn in a specific project? Here’s some things to check out—[Clover Classroom](#) Project notebooks are also available at the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Offices.

PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H CLUB PROGRAM BOOKS

Due December 1 to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office.

ROOKS COUNTY 4-H OFFICERS & CLUB LEADERS TRAINING

All club officers and leaders should complete the training videos by February 1. Resources are available here—[Officer Resources](#)

NW KS 4-H AG AMBASSADORS
PRESENT THE

AG & STEM YOUTH DAY CAMP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2025

1 - 4:30 PM

Wheatland High School
2920 K-23
Grainfield, KS 67737

- RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 7-13
- OPEN TO ANY YOUTH!
- FUN GROUP ACTIVITIES
- HANDS-ON, AMBASSADOR-LED STATIONS INCLUDE:
 - BUTTER & DAIRY FUN
 - IN THE LIFE OF A FARMER
 - AGRICULTURAL BYPRODUCTS
 - SOIL HEALTH & EROSION
 - EMBRYOLOGY
- SNACK SERVED!



\$15/YOUTH

Pay at the door.

Register by Dec. 3rd!

Scan me to register,
or visit:
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a5n40H1bB6ca9kG



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2026 K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

Program

Join us on March 7, 2026, for the biennial K-State Junior Beef Producer Day! This event is a fun-filled educational day for youth, parents, beef project leaders, ag teachers, and extension agents to expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, students, and guest speakers will cover topics that may include selection, nutrition, daily care, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification class will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will also be provided for those who register by the deadline. The registration fee is \$20 per person for those who sign up by February 13. The fee will increase to \$30 per person for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 13 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending the event must register, including youth and adults.

Registration

Deadline: February 13

Fee: \$20/person

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>

Late Registration: \$30/person (after February 13)

*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.

**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.



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Tentative Schedule

8:00AM	Check-in
9:00AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Project Selection
10:00AM	Morning Breakout Sessions -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Care, Grooming & Fitting
Noon	Lunch
1:00PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions -Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM	Dismissal
3:30PM	Optional YQCA Class

Questions?

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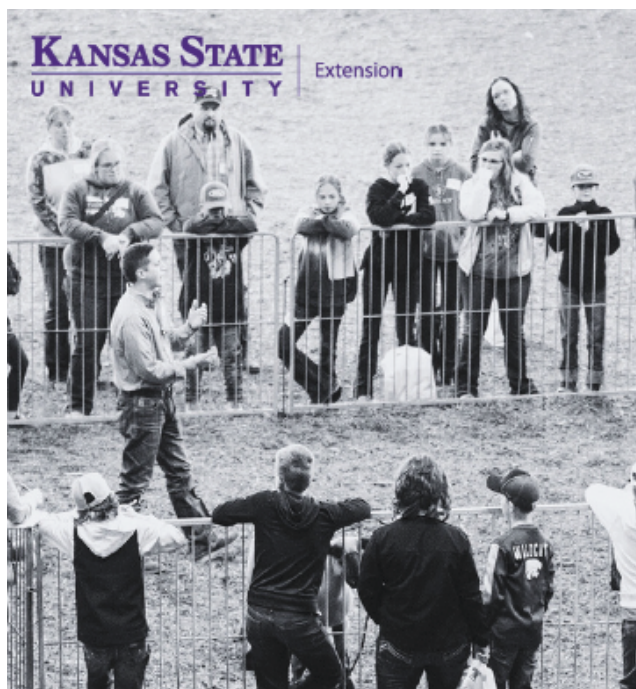
**Registration Due
February 13**



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2026 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



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Registration

Due: 3.20.2026

Cost: \$20/person

<https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

*All adults & youth must register to attend.

**Only those registered by 3/20/26 will receive a t-shirt.

***Late registration is \$30/person.



Questions

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Program

Join us for the biennial K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Presentations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. A variety of topics will be shared, including an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. All ages and skill levels are invited! Lunch and a t-shirt are included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by March 20 or \$30/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register. There will be an optional tour of the sheep and meat goat center offered on Friday evening and Saturday after jr. day.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 10

5:00-7:00PM Optional Tour of Sheep & Goat Center

Saturday, April 11

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Nutrition

10:45AM Morning Breakout Sessions

-facilities & equipment, reproduction, project management purchase to show

NOON Lunch

1:00PM Health

1:45PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions

-wool, showmanship, clipping & grooming

3:45PM Dismissal

4:00PM Optional YQCA Class

4:00-6:00PM Optional Sheep & Goat Center Tour



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December

1 Phillips County 4-H Club Program Books Due
2 Introduction to Poultry Judging Basics
6 Ag & STEM Day Camp
24-31 Phillips-Rooks Extension District Closed

January

1-4 Phillips-Rooks Extension District Closed
5 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Deadline
12 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
12 Rooks County 4-H Council
23 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
26 Phillips County 4-H Council
31-February 1 Dog Judges Training/Recertification and Leader Training

February

1 Rooks County 4-H Clubs complete Officer & Club Leader
Training Videos

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

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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.



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