



# Beyond Ready

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4 - H NEWSLETTER



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## COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES

As you begin to prepare for County 4-H Club Day remember to check out the great resources for project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and public speaking on the 4-H Communications Project Page—[Communications](#) | [Personal Development](#) | [Projects](#) | [Kansas 4-H Youth Development](#)

## INSECT ART CONTEST

The K-State 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's theme is "Metamorphosis Magic." The goal is to explore insects that undergo complete and incomplete metamorphosis, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Artwork may include drawings or paintings, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass, or other creative media. Awards will be given for 1st-3rd place in each of the following age categories: Kindergarten - 2nd grade, 3rd grade - 5th grade, 6th grade - 8th grade, High school, and Adult. Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15, 2026. Full contest rules and details are available at: [Learning and Resources](#)

## SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" at the K-State Polytechnic Campus in Salina on April 25. Registration will begin at 9:00 am, and the day will conclude at 3:00 pm. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles. Online registration will be available soon, with a due date of April 15.

## ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

Summer camp is right around the corner. Be sure to check out the opportunities available at Rock Springs Ranch. They offer the traditional summer camp, a mini camp, and specialty camps like Ranch Camp, Shooting Sports Camp, Outdoor Wilderness Leadership Skills, and Family Camp. Financial assistance is available for 4-H members that want to attend camp. Find out more information about Rock Springs Ranch and get registered - [Rock Springs Ranch](#)

**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.



# LOCAL 4 - H NEWS

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council — April 27 at 7:00 pm at the Phillips County Annex for committees and 7:30 pm for 4-H Council  
Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders—March 9 at 7:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building  
Rooks County 4-H Council—March 9 at 7:30 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

## 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. Trainings will be available on March 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building, March 30 at 5:30 pm. at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room, and April 13 at 5:30 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.

## COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAY

Youth can participate in Project Talks, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Model Meetings, Vocal Ensemble, Vocal Chorus, Instrumental Ensemble, Band/Orchestra, Vocal Solo, Instrumental Solo, Dance, Square Dance, Other Dance, Reading, Skit/Creative Dramatics, and Other Talent. Those selected as top blue at County 4-H Club Day will advance to Regional 4-H Club Day.

Guidelines can be found here: [Phillips County 4-H](#) and [rookscounty4-h](#)

**Phillips County**—March 23 at 5:00 pm at Phillipsburg Middle School, please register by March 6 at noon. [2026 Phillips County 4-H Club Day Registration](#)

**Rooks County**—March 2 at 5:00 pm at the NW Ag Education Center in Palco.

**Regional Club Day**—March 27 at 5:00 pm at Trego Grade School in WaKeeney, registration deadline is March 25 at noon.

**Kansas State Fair**—4-H Members ages 9 and older who participated in County 4-H Club Day and received a top blue can take their project talks, demonstrations, and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair. Poetry entries can also be entered. Public Speaking entries can come to the State Fair; all contestants at the State Fair will use the same topic: "How has your journey in 4-H contributed to being Beyond Ready for current challenges and future goals?"



## COAT EXCHANGE

Coats and winter weather apparel are needed.  
Phillips County—Phillips County Annex Meeting Room  
Rooks County—Rooks County Courthouse First Floor  
North Hallway



## PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK RULE CHANGES

### *General Livestock Rules*

8. Livestock Show Grooming: The purpose of grooming rules for exhibitors is to promote the youth program as a learning experience for the youth. All exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals throughout the show. Grooming at the Phillips County Fair for the breeding and market animal shows may include the use of adhesives, paints, and powders and shall not include the use of hair not from the animal being groomed or twine/artificial material.

9. Immediate family members (to include parents, legal guardians, siblings and grandparents) and current Kansas 4-H or FFA members who are exhibitors at the Phillips County Fair may provide grooming and/or care to 4-H/FFA livestock projects, regardless of if the exhibitor is present while such grooming and/or care is being provided. Any person who is not an immediate family member or current Kansas 4-H or FFA member exhibiting at the Phillips County Fair shall be deemed a "livestock helper." Livestock helpers may only assist in grooming and/or care of animals if the exhibitor is both present and participating in the care and/or grooming of their animal. \*Except that, a livestock helper may provide grooming and/or care to an animal with the exhibitor not present if the exhibitor is not present because they are showing one of their other animals. Exhibitors and livestock helpers in violation of this rule will be warned once by Phillips County Fair officials. Upon the second violation, an entry that has been deemed by Phillips County Fair officials to have been groomed or cared for by a livestock helper without the exhibitor being present and participating in the grooming and/or care without meeting the exceptions described above, may be disqualified. Violations of this rule are subject to all penalties afforded by all applicable Phillips County Fair rules.

### *Premium Auction Rules*

9. An area livestock buyer will designate a cost per pound floor price for each species that will be posted on sale day. Example floor bids might be \$1.00 per pound for hogs and \$1.80 per pound for sheep. The premium buyer will have first option to purchase the animal at the floor price. If the premium buyer does not want the animal, it will be made available to the first person to raise their buyer number. If no one wants the animal for consumption it will go to the floor buyer. In all cases, the animal will sell. If a buyer purchases an animal in the premium sale, they must contact the sale committee representative that is arranging locker appointments immediately following the livestock premium sale. If the buyer does not contact the sale committee representative, that animal will be delivered to the locker of the sale committees choice based on locker spots available.

### *Market Lambs and Meat Goat Rules*

4. AGE: All Market goats must have baby teeth in place with no visible signs of permanent teeth. The decision of the mouthier is final.

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## PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK TAGGING

All livestock (beef, goats, sheep and swine) must be tagged with a 4-H tag for identification purposes and turned into the Phillips-Rooks Extension District by May 1. 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.

## ROOKS COUNTY 4-H DOG PRACTICES

To be held at 1:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building on the following dates—  
March 15, April 19, May 17, and June 21

Please bring proof of dog vaccination records, water, and treats for your dogs. Additional summer practices may be scheduled as needed.

Members and their dogs must attend 2 practices to be eligible to show at the Rooks County Free Fair. The dog project leader is Mari Jo Stout. If you have any questions, please contact her at 785-623-8006.

## ROOKS COUNTY 4-H FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EVENTS

Financial Assistance is available for 4-H members that attend conferences and camps as long as the member(s) work a shift in the Rooks County Free Fair 4-H Food Stand. 4-H Council will pay \$150 toward registration fees.

## ROOKS COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK TAGGING

**Beef** will be tagged on March 28 beginning at 9:00 am at Central Veterinary Services east of Stockton. All market beef must be tagged with a 4-H tag; breeding heifers and bucket calves can be tagged with your herd tags; however, you need to report that tag information to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office at 785-425-6851 by May 1. You may also bring your hogs, goats, and sheep if you already have them.

**Hogs, Goats, and Sheep** will be tagged on April 29 beginning at 8:30 am at the Rooks County Fairgrounds. Please schedule an appointment with the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office at 785-425-6851. All hogs, goats, and sheep must be tagged with a 4-H tag.

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.

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.

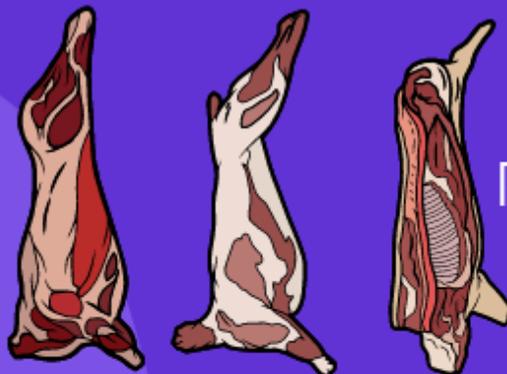
All livestock must be in the members possession by May 1. If an animal loses a tag please notify the Phillips-Rooks Extension District so a replacement tag can be arranged.

The Rooks County 4-H Council will provide the 4-H livestock tags at no cost to the members.

## ROOKS COUNTY FREE FAIR CHANGES

The Rooks County Free Fair will be held August 4-8. All static projects (projects housed in the 4-H Building) will be judged on Monday, August 3. The livestock check in/weigh in, animal show schedule and livestock sale will not change from previous years. For registered beef animals, eID tags will be allowed in place of a tattoo as long as the eID is listed on the registration papers. All Rooks County Free Fair 4-H/FFA livestock species shows will be blow and go. Any product used must be water soluble, nothing stiff and/or sticky. Show order for the sheep and goat show will be dairy goats, sheep, and meat goats. Following the livestock sale on Friday evening 4-H members are responsible for their animals until release on Sunday morning.

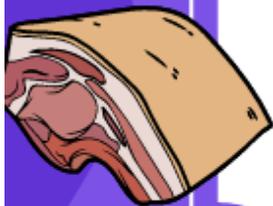
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NOW!!



REGISTRATION  
LINK BELOW!!

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## YOUTH MEAT JUDGING CONTEST



**MARCH 1, 2026**

**REGISTRATION ON  
JUDGINGCARD.COM- CLICK  
SYMBOL OR LINK BELOW!**

**QUESTIONS TO ERIN BEYER  
ERBEYER@KSU.EDU**



<https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=24341>

- AT LEAST 6 CLASSES, 40 RETAIL ID, AND QUESTIONS
- MEAT LAB AT WEBER HALL
- REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00AM
- CONTEST BEGINS AT 8:00AM
- AWARDS FOR TOP 10 AND HIGH TEAM
- YOUTH OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME



# CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT 4-H



## UAS WORKSHOP

**MARCH 14, 2026, 9:30AM-6:00PM  
K-STATE SALINA CAMPUS**

### Who should register:

Youth ages 7-18 who have an interest in Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

### Registration:

Please register at: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3I37gpLIFA7kJ3o](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3I37gpLIFA7kJ3o)

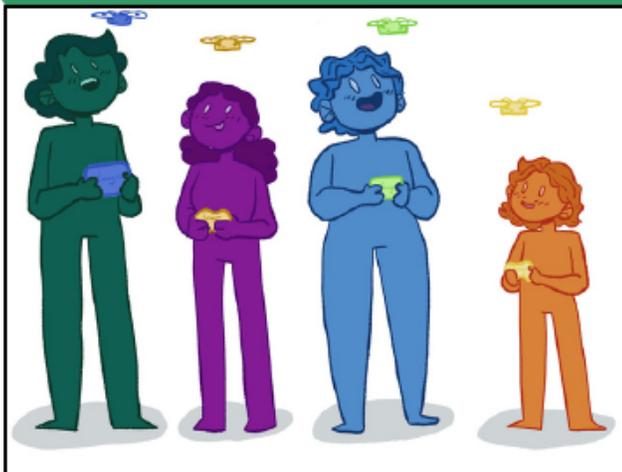
New this year: Estimated total flight hours required at time of registration. Youth will be grouped as Beginner or Experienced based on flight hours.

Each individual (including parents/guardians) will need to register. Registrations are due online by March 9, 2026. If you have questions, please call 785-309-5850.



## Event Objectives

- Safety Rules
- Flight Basics
- Drone Flights
- Obstacle Course Flight Competition



### Cost:

\$15/person, includes lunch and contest fees. Payment must be made to Central Kansas District 4-H Council and needs to be received by the registration deadline. Payments may be mailed or dropped off to the Central Kansas District 4-H Council at 2218 K-State Road N; Salina, KS 67401

### Attire & What to Expect:

Dress code is casual. The day will feature sessions covering the basics (including rules and flight overview), flight competition, and prizes. Also included this year is a UAS workshop for parents.

### Additional Information:

Please plan to arrive and sign-in at 9:30 a.m. at the College Center Conference Room on the K-State Salina Campus.

Participants will be using the equipment provided. Please do not bring your own drone.

Please join us in special thanks to 4-H Member Eian P. for his leadership to plan the workshop and to Acacia P. for her artwork for the flyer.

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### Accommodations:

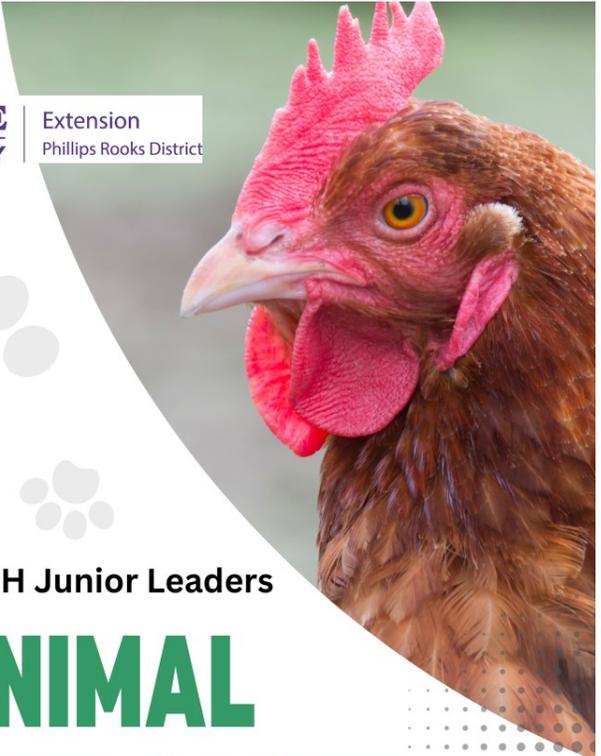
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Join the Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders

# SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

MARCH 15 AT NOON  
ROOKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 4-H BUILDING  
STOCKTON, KS

## LEARN HOW TO SHOW:

- ✓ Cats
- ✓ Dogs
- ✓ Poultry
- ✓ Rabbits

Please RSVP by March 11  
Call the Phillips-Rooks  
Extension District  
785-425-6851



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# GOING TO GRASS PREPARATION

M A R C H 1 9

9:30 AM TO NOON

NW KS Ag Education Center  
602 Ash Avenue  
Palco



Free  
Program!

## PROGRAM TOPICS & PRESENTERS

### Preparing the Cattle Herd to Go to Grass

- Emma Briggs, K-State Beef Systems Extension Specialist

### Fly and Tick Control & New World Screwworm

- Cassandra Olds, K-State Entomologist



Please RSVP by March 17 to Phillips-Rooks Extension District  
785-425-6851 or [rbrooke@ksu.edu](mailto:rbrooke@ksu.edu)

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# GOING TO GRASS PREPARATION

MARCH 19

2:30-5:00 PM

Phillips County Fair Building  
1481 Hwy 183  
Phillipsburg

Free  
Program!

## PROGRAM TOPICS & PRESENTERS

### Preparing the Cattle Herd to Go to Grass

- Emma Briggs, K-State Beef Systems Extension Specialist

### Herd Bull Management

- Jason Warner, K-State Beef Extension Specialist



Please RSVP by March 17 to Phillips-Rooks Extension District  
785-425-6851 or [rbrooke@ksu.edu](mailto:rbrooke@ksu.edu)

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# Kokedama Class

In this hands-on workshop, with guest Simple Morea, you will learn how to make a Kokedama, which means "moss ball" in Japanese. Walk away with your own garden art creation that will make for a unique personalized gift or addition to your home and garden décor.



## MARCH 20

### PALCO, KS

MCKENNA YOUTH & ACTIVITY CENTER  
311 MAIN STREET  
PALCO, KS

Class Time: 1:00 pm

Class size limited to 25

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Pre-Registration Preferred  
Save your seat by registering ASAP

Register here -  
<https://simplemorea.com/products/mar-20-2026-palco-ks>

**Pre-Registration  
Deadline for \$5 Off:  
March 12**

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- 60 minute class
- Minimum Age: 7 years and up
- Class Fee: \$45
- Coupon Code: EARLYBIRD11 to receive \$5 off

*\*\*\* All are welcome to shop  
Simple Morea's supply  
of specialty tropical house plants*

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# NW 4-H

## Judging Event

*Super Saturday*

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:00am - Finish

**Host Site: Fort Hays State University**

**Judging Contests include: 9:00am to 12:30pm -- \$7.00**

Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon  
NEW this year Wildlife Skills Judging and Geology

**Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free, 10:30am**

**Livestock Judging : 12:30pm FHSU enclosed Rodeo Areana, North of I-70**

**Project Opportunities: (NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth): 1:00 -3:00pm \$5.00**

The afternoon will be filled with STEM and Visual Art Rotation stations, including, robots, circuits, Building Block Engineering, painting and paper crafts.

**Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00**

**Registration Link:**

**[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_78Jwy8nnfMNIBW6](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_78Jwy8nnfMNIBW6)**

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020 or [rdeines@ksu.edu](mailto:rdeines@ksu.edu) or Chandra Plate at 620-388-7157 or [cplate@ksu.edu](mailto:cplate@ksu.edu)



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## Time Line:

### March 16th- Registrations for lunch and STEM Rotations due

### March 21st:

- 9:00am to 12:30pm - Indoor Judging (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills, and Livestock Skill-a-thon, NEW this year Wildlife Skills and Geology Judging)
- 10:30am to 11:30 - Volunteer/ Parent Session
- 11:30am to 12:30pm Pick up Sack Lunch
- 12:30pm Check in for Livestock Judging at FHSU Rodeo Arena North of I-70
- 1:00pm Livestock Judging Orientation
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm Project Opportunities
- 1:30pm Livestock Judging Contest Begins

### Results:

Livestock Judging Classes will be talked at the conclusion of reasons being given, all other contest results will be sent out 5-7 business days after the event.

**Who:** Any 4-H or FFA Youth 7-18 years of age, plus volunteers and parents

**Where:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Albertson Hall, FHSU Campus for Indoor and  
FHSU Enclosed Areana North of I-70 for Livestock Judging

**Cost:** \$7 per individual ( 1 contest or multiple)

\$8 Sack Lunch- Sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and drink

STEM/Visual Arts Rotations : **\$5.00**

Registration will be paid at the Event with Cash or Check made  
payable to Ness County 4-H Council



### Contest Divisions:

Juniors - age 7-8 participation prizes only

Intermediates - age 9-13

Seniors - age 14 and over



**Team Notice -- A younger member may move up an age group to complete a team but will be required to complete the requirements of the age division through the entire contest.**

### Awards:

Certificates and medals will be awarded in the intermediate and senior divisions. The top three individual and the top team will receive medals. The top 10 individuals will receive certificates. Medals and Certificates will be delivered to the home county at the earliest time possible. Junior division will participate as a "learning experience" and receive a 4-H incentive at each judging area. Results will be posted to <https://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/>

**NW 4-H Super Saturday Judging Event Eligibility Requirements:** Any current member of a 4-H Club and/or FFA chapter is eligible to participate.

**Judging Teams:** a county, district or chapter may enter one or more three/four member teams in all judging contest areas. Present team member names at registration. If teams are not identified at registration they will not be scored as a team. Top 3 scores will be used to determine team score. Team members must be from the same local unit.

**Livestock Judging:**

This judging contest is designed to teach youth how to analyze market and breeding beef, goats, sheep and swine, measuring them against a standard that is commonly accepted as ideal. There will be six classes. Juniors and intermediates will have 2 classes of questions, with no reasons. Seniors will give two sets of reasons. Officials will give placings and talk the classes at the end of the contest and awards will be announced.

**Crops: Stacy Campbell (Cottonwood District)**

The contest will consist of identification of plants and samples, classification of samples (crop, noxious weed or common weed). All youth will identify 100 samples (50 seeds and 50 plants) and a tie breaker of 6 samples will be used.

**Entomology: Kim Naber (Post Rock District)**

The contest is designed to help youth learn how to properly identify Kansas insects. Each division will identify insect specimens: Juniors will identify 15, Intermediates 20 and Seniors 25.

**NEW – Geology: Chandra Plate (NW Regional 4-H Specialist)**

The contest is designed to help youth identify geology specimens. Each age group will have a set number of specimens to identify.

**Horticulture: Ryan Engel, Jay Harris and Master Gardener Volunteers (Golden Plains & Cottonwood Districts)**

The contest will consist of 3 or 4 judging classes of any horticulture section (vegetables, flowers, nuts, etc.) The identification contest will include 15 samples for juniors, 50 samples for intermediates and seniors. <https://www.k-state.edu/hort-judging/> for identification resources.

**Life Skills: Cindy Walker (Phillips Rooks District)**

Judging topics will be chosen from any 4-H project life skill. These could include family consumer science, foods & nutrition, health & safety, human development, housing, interior design and environmental issues. Junior division will judge 3 classes, intermediates 4 classes and seniors 6 classes.

**Photography: Photo Action Team Volunteers**

The contest will consist of six classes of photos, a written test, and a problem class. Juniors will only judge the photos. Test questions will come from the 4-H CCS curriculum, the 4-H Guide to digital photography, the National Geographic Ultimate Field Guide to Photography (2009) and other photography reference material.

**Livestock Skill-a-thon: Tamara Robertson, Jenilee Godsey (Cottonwood & Twin Creeks Districts)**

The contest is designed to provide a framework for youth to learn a variety of topics related to the production and management of beef cattle, meat goats, sheep, and swine. The contest will consist of 6 areas, including: livestock breed identification, equipment identification, wholesale and/or retail meat cut identification, anatomical identification, livestock feedstuff identification, and a written test. Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will complete all 6 areas with increasing difficulty for each age division.

**NEW – Wildlife Skills: Aaron Hyland (Rawlins County)**

Contestants will use their knowledge to identify wildlife species from their skulls, hides, feathers and/or tracks. Contestants might also identify wildlife management related items and habitat components as part of this contest.

**Volunteer and Parent Session will share the updated Project Leader Ideas, Clover Classroom, Club Corner information and a Q & A time for Parents and Volunteers to walk away with resources to Make the Best Better.**

# Ag Tech Day

April 4, 2026  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Flickner Innovation Farm**  
Moundridge, Kansas



Visit stations around the farm and learn about technologies to make a farm management plan.



Free and open to the public; activities are tailored for middle and high school students.



Come and go as you please; snacks provided!

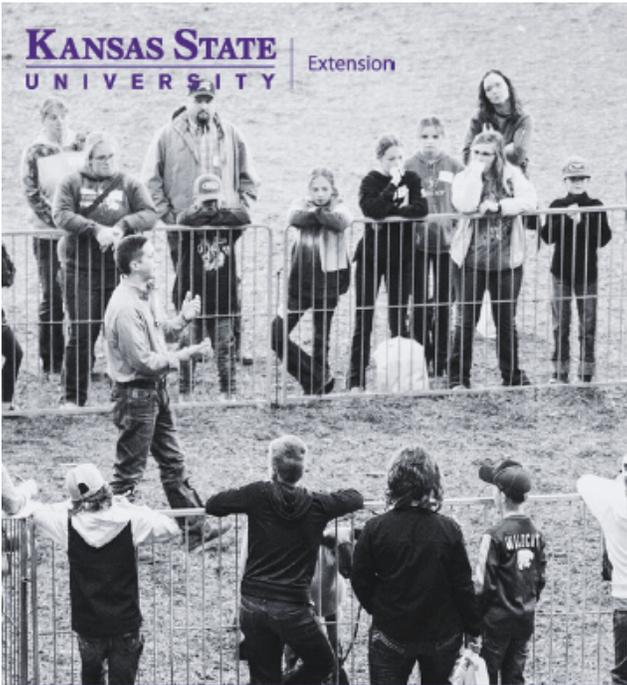
Register by April 1 at <https://bit.ly/AgTechDay>

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# 2026 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



## Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



Scan Me!



## 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

Lexie Hayes



785.532.1264



adhayes@ksu.edu

## 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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# SAVE THE DATE

## 2026 Livestock County Fair Management Clinic



Kansas State University



Animal Sciences and Industry

April 13 & 16, 2026

7-9pm

Hosted online via Zoom



**K-STATE**  
Research and Extension

The clinic is designed for county fair board members, Extension agents and volunteers involved in local livestock fair management and leadership. This professional development opportunity consists of a forum for open communication for individuals working with livestock at their local fairs. Although some of the topics can be applied generally to the county fair, this program focuses specifically on the livestock perspective. K-State faculty, staff, fair board members, extension agents, and outside speakers will facilitate discussion directly related to livestock activity at local livestock fairs in Kansas. It is a collaborative effort among all of those involved in the livestock project aspects of a county fair. The program has been divided over two evenings, with different topics being covered each night. This year we will be breaking out into round table discussions. The sessions will be recorded.

*“To Make the Best Better”*





**REGISTER HERE BY  
APRIL 1, 2026!**



# JUDGE'S TRAINING

**REGISTRATION STARTING AT  
5:15 PM WITH DINNER TO  
FOLLOW AND OPENING REMARKS  
STARTING AT 6:15 PM**

**EARLY REGISTRATION STARTING  
AT 3:45 PM FOR AN OPTIONAL  
EARLY SESSION AT 4:15 PM**

# \$20

**REGISTRATION  
FEE  
(INCLUDES  
DINNER)**

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**CLOUD COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
615  
INDUSTRIAL RD  
CONCORDIA, KS  
66901**

**Judges Training  
April 14, 2026  
Concordia, Kansas**

**615 Industrial Rd, Concordia, KS 66901**

**Registration is due April 1, 2026, <https://bit.ly/4ap7LsG>**

**The fee is \$20 and includes dinner and materials**

3:45 p.m. Early session registration

4:15 p.m. Optional Early Session (Optional for those who can attend early, Choose One)

- Visual Arts – Amy Collins
- Posters, Notebooks, and Displays- Angela Sharpe
- Building Block Engineering- Seth Stucky
- Woodworking – Tony Foster

5:15 p.m. Registration continues

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. Opening Remarks and General Session

- Role of the Judge
- Understanding Your Audience
- Consultation Evaluation
- Using Standards
- Danish System of Ribbon Placing
- Youth Recognition

6:35 p.m. Session I - Choose One

- Ag Mechanics Welding – Tony Foster
- Fashion Revue – Amy Collins
- Photography- Jake Pannbacker

7:50 p.m. Break

8:00 p.m. Session II – Choose One

- Robotics – Tony Foster
- Photography- Jake Pannbacker
- Aerospace/Rocketry- Seth Stucky
- Sewing and Textiles – Mary Bernhardt

9:15 p.m. Adjourn

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# VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Join the Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders

April 25 at 2:00 pm  
EGA Service Center  
211 Hendrick St. Stockton, KS

## **Learn:**

- General Vehicle Maintenance
  - Changing the Oil
  - Changing a Tire
  - Jumpstarting a Vehicle
- And Much More!

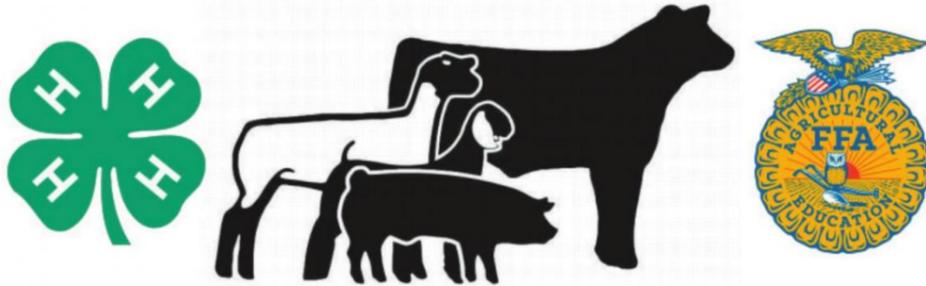


***Please RSVP by April 22.***

Call the Phillips-Rooks Extension  
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# LARGE ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC



## Join the Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders

May 28 at 5:30 pm

Rooks County Fairgrounds, Sutor-Blauer Arena

Stockton, KS

### LEARN HOW TO SHOW:

- ✓ Beef
- ✓ Dairy Goat
- ✓ Horse
- ✓ Meat Goat
- ✓ Sheep
- ✓ Swine

**RSVP BY**

**MAY 25**

**Call the Phillips-Rooks  
Extension District  
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# 4 - H C A L E N D E R O F E V E N T S

## March

- 1 4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball Team
- 1 K-State Youth Meat Judging Contest
- 2 Rooks County 4-H Club Day
- 6 Phillips County 4-H Club Day Entry Deadline
- 7 K-State Junior Beef Producer Day
- 9 YQCA - Stockton
- 9 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
- 9 Rooks County 4-H Council
- 13 Blackout 10 Livestock Judging Contest
- 14 UAS Workshop
- 15 Small Animal Showmanship Clinic
- 15 Dog Practice - Stockton
- 21 4-H Super Saturday
- 23 Phillips County 4-H Club Day
- 25 Regional 4-H Club Day Entry Deadline
- 27 Regional 4-H Club Day
- 28 Rooks County 4-H/FFA Beef Tagging
- 30 YQCA - Phillipsburg

## April

- 4 Ag Tech Day
- 11 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day
- 13 YQCA - Stockton
- 13 Livestock County Fair Management Clinic
- 14 Judges Training
- 16 Livestock County Fair Management Clinic
- 19 Dog Practice - Stockton
- 20 Last Day to Order Market Beef DNA Envelopes for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- 25 Vehicle Maintenance
- 25 Spring Into Volunteering
- 27 Phillips County 4-H Council Committees
- 27 Phillips County 4-H Council
- 29 Rooks County 4-H/FFA Small Animal Tagging (goats, hogs, and sheep)

## May

- 1 Livestock Tagging Deadline
- 1 Horse Identification Certificates Due
- 1 Last Day to Add/Drop Projects
- 1 Market Beef Nominations Due for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- 11 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
- 11 Rooks County 4-H Council
- 17 Dog Practice - Stockton
- 20 Phillips County Day Camp
- 28 Large Animal Showmanship Clinic

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