

4-H UPDATES



Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



Shaping a Summer of 4-H Success

As the days get longer and the 4-H Fair season draws near, there's no better time to dive into all the exciting opportunities 4-H has to offer! Whether you're wrapping up school projects, starting work on your fair entries, or trying something new in your club, this season is full of growth, learning, and fun. It's a great time to set goals, explore your interests, and make the most of everything 4-H has to offer this summer. No matter where you are in your 4-H journey, there's something for everyone to enjoy and accomplish this summer.

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Discovery Days

4-H Discovery Days

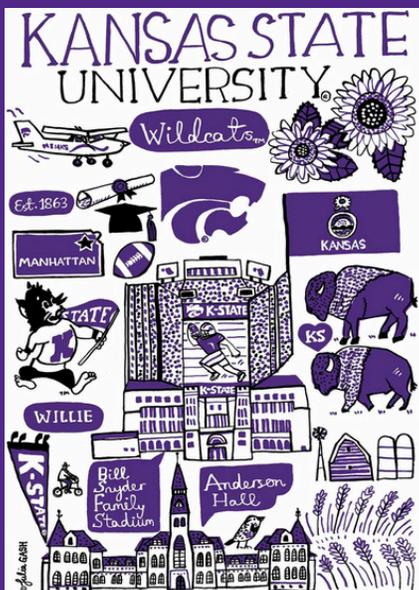
As a 4-H Alumni & now Agent, I've seen firsthand how Kansas 4-H Discovery Days can be a life-changing experience for young people. Each summer, teens from across the state travel to Manhattan to attend this dynamic event at K-State- and every year youth return with more confidence, curiosity, and inspiration.

Discovery Days is designed for youth ages 13-18 and offers a wide range of workshops in areas like leadership, STEM, agriculture, creative arts, and personal development. These sessions are led by experienced professionals and educators, giving participants a unique opportunity to dive into subjects they're passionate about - or explore something completely new.

But the impact of Discovery Days goes far beyond academics. It's also about building relationships, practicing independence, and getting a taste of college life. From staying in the dorms to participating in social events and campus tours, youth experience what it's like to be part of a broader community of learners and leaders.

One of the most rewarding parts for me is getting to watch young people grow. Whether they step up to lead a group activity, ask thoughtful questions in a workshop, or simply make new friends, the personal growth that happens during Discovery Days is unmatched.

If you're a youth looking for an opportunity that's both educational and empowering, then I highly recommend attending Discovery Days. It's more than just an event - it's a launchpad for the next generation of leaders.



Agent Notes



Summer Bucket List for 4-Her's

Summer is an exciting time for 4-Hers- it's when projects come to life and fair season starts to feel real! Whether you're in your first year or a seasoned member, making a summer bucket list can help you stay focused, have fun, and make the most of the sunshine. From working on your exhibits to spending time with your animals, every day brings a new chance to learn and grow.

Need some ideas for your list? Try setting a goal to finish your project report forms early, organize your supplies for the 4-H Fair, or practice showmanship with your animal every week. You could visit another member's project area or learn something new, try a DIY display board for a project, or experiment with a new recipe for the foods category. Don't forget to take photos of your progress that can come in handy for record-keeping or even storytelling entries.

The fair might still be a few weeks away, but now's the perfect time to prepare. The more you explore and practice this summer, the more confident you'll feel when fair week arrives. So grab your notebook, gather your supplies, and start checking things off your 4-H summer bucket list. Your future self and your project will thank you!

Spring Greetings

LET'S ENJOY THE FEW WEEKS WE HAVE BEFORE ITS 100 DEGREES!





Happy Hustlers

Instead of a boring business meeting, the Happy Hustlers decided to kick off the month with a fun bowling party at Wellington Retro Bowl. The club had a blast and highly recommends stopping Wellington Retro Bowl. Club members then rested up for their big Rabies Clinic that was held on the 19th. In total 63 animals received Rabies vaccinations. Also after the clinic, the club hosted a very fast and rainy Community Easter Egg Hunt. It was a very memorable hunt for all filled with fun, candy, cookies, and plenty of rain.



Trailblazers

The Trailblazers 4-H Club had a busy month gathering and loading cans to take in for a club fundraiser. During the monthly meeting Avery Volavka gave a great project talk over her bucket calf project. After the business meeting club members made atriums that they will take home and hopefully enter in both the 4-H and Sumner County Fairs this summer.

Redwings

The Redwing 4-H Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Mayfield on Saturday April 19th. Although the weather was not ideal, 550 eggs were "hidden" and 18 excited kids went to work hunting them down. All in all the event was a success and the club hopes to continue this fun tradition for years to come.



Cardinals

The Conway Springs Cardinals 4-H Club participated in Regional Club days by performing a fun group skit. Also club member Allie Harlan performed a dramatic reading that included the use of fun puppets to illustrate her story. Along with the fun of Regional Club Days, the club also hosted a fun project night. Club members met at Steffan's Orchard and took pictures with homemade filters. Sadly, all fun must come to an end and this was the last Cardinal's 4-H Club project night until the fall. But overall it was a fun and exciting month!



4-H Council Meeting

MAY 27TH
@ 7:00 PM



Meeting Tips

PROJECT MEETINGS

PROJECT MEETINGS CAN TAKE ON MANY FORMS AND CAN EVEN BE USEFUL IN A CLUB MEETING SETTING

PROJECT MEETINGS ARE MEETINGS DESIGNED TO HELP 4-HER'S WITH ONE PARTICULAR PROJECT.

SOME PEOPLE HOLD THEM ON THEIR OWN IN ADDITION TO A CLUB MEETING, BUT YOU COULD EVEN HAVE ONE AFTER YOUR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING.

MAYBE IN ADDITION TO OR IN PLACE OF A RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY AFTER THE MEETING, YOU HAVE A TIME TO WORK ON PROJECTS.

IT COULD BE SOMETHING FUN LIKE AN ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECT. OR A LEARNING TIME WHERE ONE MEMBERS TEACHES OTHERS HOW TO MOUNT BUGS FOR AN ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT. IT CAN BE WHATEVER YOU WANT IT TO BE. SO FEEL FREE TO USE THIS AS A TOOL IN ADDITION TO A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING.



Looking Ahead

May

- 1st; State Beef Nominations Due
- 1st; Project Add/Drop Date
- 5th; Discovery Days Registration Closes
- 27th; 4-H Council @ RFC @ 7:00pm
- 29th; Tractor Safety @ Mulvane

June

- 5th; Last day to order small animal DNA envelopes
- 4th-6th; Discovery Days @ K-State, Manhattan
- 13th; Local livestock ID Forms & 4-H Fair pre-entries due to the Office @ 5:00pm
- 15th; State livestock nomination due for small animals
- 23rd; Fashion Revue scripts & photos due to Office @ 5:00pm





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