

# 4-H UPDATES



Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



## Try to Keep Up!

With school ending and summer vacation beginning soon that means 4-H deadlines are fast approaching. Please be sure to print off a copy of the 4-H Council Calendar that has many important dates and deadlines on it. Printing the calendar and putting it on your fridge, on your phone, or wherever it is visible in your house is a great way to keep track of where we are at in the 4-H year. Be sure to keep an eye on your email as well for reminders of upcoming deadlines.

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## Shotgun Practice

We are excited to announce that our Shooting Sports program is expanding to include the Shotgun discipline. Shotgun practices will be held every other Tuesday beginning May 5<sup>th</sup> through July, with a few exceptions. Practices will take place at Trigger Guard Shooting Range North East of Wellington beginning at 6:30pm.

4-Her's who are ages 10-18 before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year are welcome to participate. No Cloverbud or 4-Her under the age of 10, before January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year, will be able to participate. All participants must be enrolled in the Shotgun Project on 4-H Online.

Participants are responsible for their own shells, safety equipment, and shotgun. If you need assistance with any one of these items please contact the Extension Office. Please contact the Office to let us know you plan to participate or have any questions.

## Project Add/Drop Deadline is Here!

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the project add/drop deadline for all 4-H projects. This means you need to go into 4-HOnline and add any last minute projects you are working on or drop any project areas you know you will not work on.

The add/drop deadline is important because if you bring a project to the 4-H that you are not enrolled in, you will be knocked down a ribbon on placing and not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. The easiest way to make sure you are not knocked down is to enroll in all 4-H projects. There is no penalty for enrolling in a project and not participating in it. So feel free to enroll in any and all projects you are interested in and eliminate any chance you will be knocked down a ribbon placing at Fair time.



# Program News & Updates



## Discovery Days

4-H Discovery Days is a mini college experience designed for youth 13-18 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Attendees stay in the dorms, eat in the dining hall, and take classes of their choosing on campus. This event is a great way to meet 4-Her's from across the state, get a taste of college life, and explore new and exciting project areas. The event will be in Manhattan from June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and cost \$245. That may seem high, but it is worth every penny. Don't forget that you can write to both the 4-H Council and Development Fund requesting scholarships to help cover registration costs! Registrations are due May 8<sup>th</sup> and all the information can be found by searching "KS 4-H Discovery Days". If you have any questions please reach out to the Extension Office.

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## TRACTOR SAFETY

To receive certification, students will be required to complete independent coursework and a driving test administered by their employer, along with the in-person class. The course will cover safe tractor and machine operation.



**Pre-Registration  
Required by  
Tuesday, May 26**

<https://bit.ly/TracSafe26>

### DETAILS

- Thursday, May 28, 2026
- Mulvane Middle School, 915 N Westview Dr. Mulvane, KS 67110
- 8:30 a.m. - Mid-afternoon
- Registration Fee- \$20- Includes educational materials and lunch
- Class is limited to 40 students

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## Tractor Safety

On Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> Sumner, Cowley, and Sedgwick Counties will be hosting their annual Tractor Safety day. The class will be at Mulvane Middle School and run from 8:30am - midafternoon. There will be a \$20 fee for the class with lunch provided. Please RSVP through the link on the flyer by May 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact the Sumner County Extension Office.

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# Agent Notes



## Volunteering with 4-H

4-H volunteers take on a wide and meaningful scope of work that goes far beyond what many people see. They organize and lead club meetings, guide youth through project work, coordinate events, manage communications, and ensure that programs run smoothly throughout the year. From helping members select and complete projects to supporting record keeping and 4-H Fair preparation, volunteers are involved in nearly every aspect of the 4-H experience.

The time commitment these individuals make is significant. Many volunteers dedicate evenings, weekends, and countless behind-the-scenes hours planning lessons, preparing materials, and staying connected with youth and families. Their work doesn't stop when a meeting ends but rather continues through phone calls, emails, meeting planning, and ongoing mentorship. This consistent investment of time guarantees that young people receive quality experiences and opportunities to grow.

In addition to their organizational roles, volunteers take on the responsibility of building connections that keep the program strong. They foster relationships with youth, families, and the broader community, helping to create a sense of belonging and continuity within 4-H. Many also serve as advocates for the program, recruiting new members, supporting community partnerships, and making sure that opportunities are accessible to all. Their efforts help extend the reach of 4-H and ensure that that positive impact continues to grow.

The 4-H program is incredibly grateful for the commitment and generosity of its volunteers. Their willingness to give so much of themselves makes a lasting impact not only on the youth they serve but on the entire community. Their efforts do not go unnoticed, and their contributions are deeply valued. Simply put, 4-H thrives because of the time, energy, and heart that volunteers give every day. Thank you to all those who volunteer and support Sumner County 4-H!

# Thank you Volunteers!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE  
WORLD GO ROUND AND WE  
CAN'T THANK THEM  
ENOUGH!



## Side Notes

Volunteers are the glue that holds everything together, without them 4-H wouldn't be 4-H. The next time you see a 4-H volunteer whether it's a club leader, project leader, PDC Member, Board Member, or anyone else, make sure to thank them for supporting the positive change in our community that is 4-H.

# Club News



## Reporter's Corner

Club News from  
Sumner County



## Happy Hustlers

In the Happy Hustlers monthly meeting in South Have on April 12<sup>th</sup> the club decided on fundraisers including the cookie jar, people to make cookies for the jar, and the porch sign. The meeting was concluded and the club got a snack and drink.

Happy Hustlers Reporter, Lyla Wiest



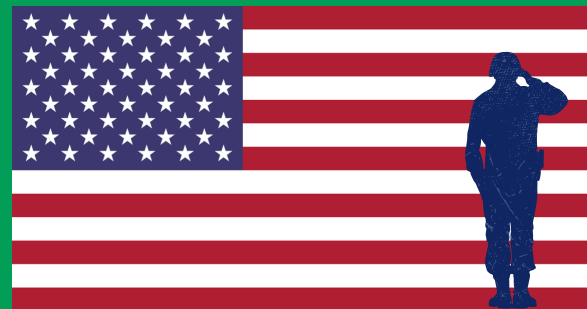
Cardinals

Buccaneers

Redwings

Trailblazers

# HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY



## 4-H Council Work Groups

MAY 26TH  
@ 6:00 PM



### 4-H Tips

#### KEYS TO PRIORITIZATION

ONE OF THE HARDEST BUT MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS TO LEARN CAN BE PRIORITIZATION.

NO ONE CAN PARTICIPATE AT A HIGH LEVEL IN EVERY ACTIVITY THEY WANT TO, IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE. THAT IS WHY YOU HAVE TO PRIORITIZE WHAT YOU DO,

THE EASIEST WAY TO DO THIS IS TO PICK 3 THINGS YOU WANT TO DO WELL. BY ONLY CHOOSING 3, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE FULLY AND MEANINGFULLY IN EACH. BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW WHICH THINGS TO PICK?

TRY THIS SIMPLE CHECKLIST

- 1) DO I ENJOY THIS ACTIVITY?
- 2) AM I LEARNING OR GROWING BY PARTICIPATING?
- 3) DOES THIS ACTIVITY HELP ME REACH MY GOALS?

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ALL 3 ITEMS, THEN THAT IS WHAT YOU SHOULD PRIORITIZE BEING INVOLVED IN.

## Looking Ahead

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup>: 4-H project add/drop date
- 1<sup>st</sup>; Beef ID due
- 25<sup>th</sup>; Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 26<sup>th</sup>; 4-H Council & Workgroups
- 28<sup>th</sup>; Tractor Safety @ Mulvane Middle School

### June

- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>; Discovery Days in Manhattan
- 6<sup>th</sup>; Poultry blood testing day
- 15<sup>th</sup>; Small Animal ID & Static pre-entries due
- 19<sup>th</sup>; Friends of 4-H Picnic Nominations due
- 22<sup>nd</sup>; Fashion Revue Scripts & Photos due to Extension Office by 5:00pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup>; 4-H Council Project Night @ 6:00pm

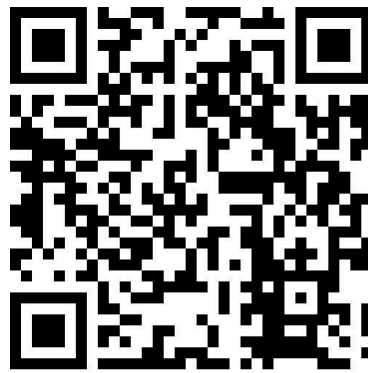


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