

4-H UPDATES



Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



Prepare Early

With summer chaos in full swing, we need any extra help we can get to stay organized and on time. So don't procrastinate and set yourself up for success. Double check important dates, utilize calendars and phone reminders, and always expect the unexpected. If we can "get ahead" in realty we can simple keep our heads above water. So don't get discouraged by busy schedules and work towards making your life easier so you can enjoy every moment.

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Member Highlights



Four Sumner County 4-Her's attend Discovery Days this year. They go to spend three days and two nights on campus at K-State and experience life as a college student. Each participant picked classes to take just like real students. When asked the following list of questions about their experiences, here were their responses.

- 1) ***Why did you want to go to Discovery Days?***
- 2) ***What was your favorite class?***
- 3) ***What was your favorite part of Discovery Days?***
- 4) ***Would you go again?***

Amberly Stone:

- 1) I wanted to go to Discovery Days to learn more about the agriculture community and to meet new people.
- 2) My favorite class was the one where we got to tour the vet clinic at K-State.
- 3) Making new friends and meeting many different people.
- 4) Yes, 100 percent would go again!!!

Keenan Schoonover:

- 1) I was curious about what college life is like.
- 2) Light it up was my favorite class.
- 3) Sleeping in a dorm, eating in the dining area, and meeting new people were the best parts.
- 4) I would like to go again next year.

Lorelei Stafford:

- 1) I had a fun time last year and wanted to have more and new experiences.
- 2) I enjoyed the vet tour, campus cook-off, and the physics demonstration the most.
- 3) Seeing a human being dissected and talking to new people.
- 4) You'll see me there next year.

Olivia Moffitt:

- 1) To experience the classes.
- 2) Chuck Wagon Cooking
- 3) Making friends from different 4-H Clubs.
- 4) Yes



Agent Notes

4-H Fair Survival

The 4-H Fair is one of the most exciting — and busiest — parts of the 4-H year. To make the most of it, preparation is key. Start by packing early and thoughtfully: include essentials like water, snacks, comfortable clothes, and all your project materials. Try to stick to a regular sleep schedule, and don't underestimate the importance of supportive shoes. Keep a copy of your fair schedule handy so you know where to be and when — it'll help you stay organized and confident throughout the week.

If you're bringing animals or hands-on projects, consistent preparation ahead of time really pays off. Make sure everything is clean, well-maintained, and ready to show. Keep your space neat and safe, whether it's a stall, trailer, or display table — both judges and visitors notice those details. Pack a project toolkit with items like grooming supplies, cleaning materials, repair tools, or backups for anything that might go missing or break. And be ready to answer questions about your work — explaining your project is a key part of the fair experience.

For those entering static exhibits like crafts, foods, or science displays, clear labeling and neat presentation are essential. Double-check that everything is securely attached and that your entry form information is accurate. Pack basic supplies for touch-ups or small repairs in case anything shifts during transport. Judges appreciate attention to detail, so take time to present your work in a way that shows your effort and pride.

Most importantly, take care of yourself during fair week. Drink plenty of water, eat balanced meals (not just fair snacks!), and give yourself time to rest when you can. Support your fellow 4-H'ers and be a positive presence wherever you go — it makes the experience better for everyone. Celebrate your hard work, learn from each opportunity, and don't forget to enjoy the fun parts too. Whether it's the rides, the animals, or time spent with friends, fair season is about more than just ribbons — it's about growth, community, and great memories.



Rain, Rain Go
Away. Come
Again Another
Day

ANYONE ELSE FEEL LIKE
THEY ARE DROWNING IN ALL
THIS RAIN?



Club News



Reporter's Corner

Club News from
Sumner County



Due to the business of the Fair season, no clubs submitted reports. We hope to see everyone at the 4-H Fair!

Trail Blazers

Buccaneers

Cardinals

Redwings

Happy Hustlers



4-H Council Meeting

AUGUST 25TH
@ 7:00 PM



4-H Tips

FAIR EMERGENCY KIT

THE 4-H FAIR ALWAYS BRINGS UNEXPECTED MOMENTS. WHETHER IT'S A PIECE OF A PROJECT THAT BROKE, WAS FORGOTTEN, OR DAMAGED DURING TRANSPORT. ANY INSTANCE COULD MEAN DISASTER FOR A 4-HER.

ONE WAY TO HELP MANAGE THESE INEVITABLE MOMENTS IS TO HAVE SOME FORM OF AN EMERGENCY KIT.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE MUCH, BUT HAVING A BAG WITH TAPE, GLUE, AN EXTRA BUTTON, ETC... IS A HANDY WAY TO MANAGE UNEXPECTED ISSUES. EVEN IF YOU CAN'T GET A PROJECT BACK TO BEING 100% PERFECT, YOU CAN AT LEAST MAKE IT PRESENTABLE.

EVEN WITH AN IMPERFECT PROJECT YOU CAN EXHIBIT. THIS WILL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT WITH A JUDGE AND COULD EVEN IMPRESS THEM BY SHOWCASING YOUR PREPAREDNESS AND ABILITY TO THINK ON THE SPOT.

Looking Ahead

July

- 4th; Office Closed for 4th of July
- 7th; Livestock Pre-entries due by 5:00 pm
- 8th; 4-H Fair Booth, Barn Quilt, Banner Set Up 1:00 - 5:45 pm
- 8th; Static Project Judging 5:00 - 7:30 pm
- 9th; Picnic in the Park 6:00 pm
- 10th; Fashion Revue 6:30 pm
- 11th; Ice Cream Social 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- 12th; Handpet Show 9:00 am
- 12th; Project Pick Up 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- 15th; Friends of 4-H Picnic 6:30 pm
- 18th; Livestock Shows @ South Haven 5:30 pm
- 19th; Livestock Shows @ South Haven 8:00 am

August

- 1st; State Fair Pre-Entries Due
- 7th; Farm Bureau Dessert Contest
- 25th; 4-H Council Meeting @ 7:00pm





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