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The official monthly newsletter of Wyandotte County 4-H

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August Dates to Remember

Aug 1- Livestock Sweepstakes entries due

Aug 4- State Horticulture Judging Contest Entries due

Aug 8- Static, poultry, and rabbit Kansas State Fair Entries Due

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Thank you to all the families and volunteers that made the 2023 Wyandotte County Fair successful. If you would like to see and download some of the photos from Fair Week, visit:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/wycoksre/>



Kansas State Fair



If your static (Red Barn) exhibit received a **PURPLE** ribbon at the county fair, you can send your exhibit to the Kansas State Fair!

Entries for the KSF are due to the WyCo Extension Office by **August 8th**. You will need to fill out the KSF 4-H Entry Collection Sheet and get it to the Extension Office. You can email or drop them off. Once I receive your entry info, I can enter it into the KSF FairEntry system. These sheets are available online on the KSRE website.

Direct Link to [KSF 4-H Entry Collection Sheet](#).

A few things before entering in the Kansas State Fair:

- Your 4-H age must be 9 years old or above
- Visual Arts qualifying rule: Judges at the county level chose 1 top purple from each visual art category to go to state. If you have questions please ask!
- Read the KSF Rule book, as some divisions may have limits on the number of entries per 4-Her

**The State Fair will NOT accept
any late entries!**

Get those entries in!!!

Kansas State Fair

How do I get my exhibit to the Kansas State Fair?

K-State Research and Extension realizes that not every parent is able to deliver exhibits to the KSF fairgrounds in Hutchinson, KS. In order to remove this barrier, the county 4-H Agent will deliver all static exhibits to the fair grounds. At the end of the KSF, the agent will also pick up the exhibits, awards, and judge's comments sheets and return them to the local Extension Office.

If you plan to take your static exhibit to the KSF yourself, please let the Extension Office know.

Static exhibits going to the KSF need to be dropped off at the Extension Office no later than **4:30pm on Tuesday, September 5th**

If you are entering a food item, please get in touch so I can make arrangements to ensure it is handled safely.



Please note: Entries are due to the Extension Office by August 8th. The actual exhibit that will be judged is due to the Extension Office by 4:30pm **September 5th**

Rule Changes!

Please note the following rule changes. These rule changes were put into place at the state level and will be enforced this year at the Kansas State Fair.

Foods and Nutrition

Rule #9. For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>.

STEM Architectural Block Construction (Lego)

Rule #5. The minimum exhibit dimensions must be at least 6 inches wide and deep.

Rule #6 All exhibits should be placed in a sturdy see through enclosure with a top, bottom, and 4 sides. A clear tub turned upside down with the exhibit placed on the lid would be an acceptable enclosure. This is to keep exhibit components from being “scattered to parts unknown” at the fair. **The outer dimensions of the enclosure do not count towards the total exhibit dimensions but should not be excessive.**

Always read the rule book before entering a project into competition. Understanding the rules and guidelines for your division will help you prepare a project that will receive a higher score and ribbon placing.

Shows and Contests

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

Mark your calendars! The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is planned for **Saturday, August 12, 2023** on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Study resources and materials have been updated and are available at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html



Registration is due by **August 4th**.

4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

All Kansas 4-H'ers are invited to participate in this livestock learning and competition experience. The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl in one action-packed weekend. 4-H'ers can test their knowledge and display their expertise in a variety of livestock-related events. This is also the qualifying event to select youth who will represent Kansas at each of the national 4-H contests. Awards will be given in each contest, in addition to overall Sweepstakes buckles to the team and individual placing the highest in all four contests!

All entries must be submitted online through local extension units by **August 1**

The 2023 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will tentatively be hosted on the K-State campus in Manhattan **August 19-20**.





Have a star 4-Her that deserves recognition?

Have a picture from a project meeting or 4-H event that you would like to share with the community?

Let us know! Email csling@ksu.edu



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