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Ellis County 4-H Happenings April 2023

Hey 4-H Families!

Congrats to all that participated in Ellis County Club days and Regional Club Days. Check for the results on our website. Congrats to those who participated at Super Saturday! Results are posted on our website. It is the hopes of the NW 4-H Advisory that we alternate hosting this event, the **2024 NW 4-H Super Saturday Judging Event to be in Hays** and plans for the 2025 contest to be back in Colby.

The months are flying by and it will soon be time for the Ellis County Fair!! Now is the time to make sure you have everything in order regarding 4-H online enrollments and to focus on many upcoming deadlines. You still have time to add any projects you may get completed in time for the fair. If you have done anything at school, you can more than likely enter it into the fair!

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call!

Join our private Facebook group - **Ellis County Kansas 4-H** for more update information and for deadline reminders!

Yours in 4-H,

Tamara Robertson



Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Council – April 3rd @ 7 pm, back meeting room of Ext. Office

Achievement Banquet/4-H Day/Promo – Watch for Doodle Poll



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Ways to Contact Us

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

April 14 – Insect Art Contest are due

April 15 – 2023 K- State Animal Science Leadership Academy Regs Due

April 20 – Last day to order DNA envelopes for Nominated Market Beef

May 1 – Market beef/heifer nominations Due for KS State Fair and KJLS

May 1 – **Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2023**

May 1 – [4-H Horse ID Papers](#) Due in Ext. Office

May 1 – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er

May 3 – Small Animal Weigh-in 6-8 pm

May 3 – [Bucket Calf](#) & [Commercial Breeding Heifer](#) forms due in Ext. Office **by 5PM**

May 15 – Registration for Discovery Days Closes

WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our website or contact the person in charge before traveling in, if you are in doubt about the status of an event.

YQCA Training

If you participated in the YQCA training on March 26th and have completed the Pre-Test on the website yqcaprogram.org, you should see the certificate. You will need this to be able to show at KJLS and the KSF. Print off a copy and save it in a file for future reference.

2023 Insect Art Contest

The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her's and art students as well as adults. This year the artwork needs to fit into the contest theme of "Insect Superheroes". The goal is to explore why real-life insects can be considered superheroes. **Entries should be postmarked by April 14, 2023.**

Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. For more information call the Extension Office at 785-628-9430.

Age categories are as follows:

1. Kindergarten – 2nd grade (1st -3rd place)
2. 3rd grade – 5th grade (1st -3rd place)
3. 6th grade – 8th grade (1st -3rd place)
4. High School (1st -3rd place)
5. Adult (1st- 3rd place)

Categories

1. Illustrates a real-life insect superhero
2. Illustrates a fictional insect superhero
3. 3-D (pottery, stained glass, or other medias)



K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy KASLA 2023

Applications are now open for the 2023 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy, held June 21-24, 2023. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The four-day session focuses on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process.

Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2023. More information and the application form are available at: [K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy](https://www.k-state.edu/extension/leadership-academy/) For questions about the academy, please contact Sharon Breiner, Director, at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-523-6533.



National Volunteer Week is APRIL 16 – 22

Have you said thank you to your 4-H Leader lately?? If not, take time this month to let them know how much you appreciate them! We have great volunteers in Ellis County! Thanks to each of you who steps forward to give your time and talents to 4-H members! THANK YOU!

Fashion Revue Workshop April 24th

Join the Fashion Revue committee for some training on how to fill out the paperwork correctly for the fair, how to write the script that is used at the public Fashion Revue, and a short modeling class. The workshop will begin a 6:30 pm in the back meeting room of the Extension Office on Monday, April 24th. Call the Extension office at 785-628-9430 to register!

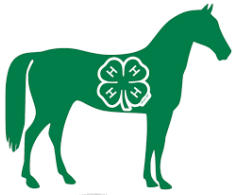
4-H Horse Project Meeting April 27th

Project Leader Tatum is hosting a Horse project meeting for everyone that is enrolled in the project. The meeting will begin a 7:00 pm in the back meeting room of the Extension Office on Thursday, April 27th

4-H Enrollments

The last chance to make changes in your project enrollments for 2023 is coming up May 1. Be sure to check in on your 4-H Online account and make sure you are enrolled in the projects that you are planning to work in. **Remember that you must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit in that project area in the 4-H division of the County Fair.** If you've found a new area you'd like to explore, be sure to get your

enrollment updated in 4-H Online before May 1. To learn more about how to do the updates, [click here](#).



4-H HORSE ID PAPERS DUE MAY 1

Horse ID papers are available at the Extension Office or on line at kansas4-h.org. You have to have these papers completed and on **file with our office by May 1** in order to show at 4-H sanctioned horse shows. Now's the time to get the photos taken and the forms filed with the Extension Office. ***If you have an old form, you should transition to the form linked above it is updated for 2023.***



Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for May 3rd, 6 – 8 p.m.

If you're planning to show Feeder Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep or Swine at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to **get your official 4-H tags and tag your project animals before the weigh-in** at the Fairgrounds. **All market animals have the option to weigh their animals. Tags must be verified at weigh-in.** The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 7th, 7 – 9 a.m. **Please call our office to let us know if you plan to use the alternate date. Remember, you need to be enrolled in the Market livestock project by May 1.** [Bucket Calf](#) & [Commercial Breeding Heifer](#) forms due in Ext. Office **by 5PM on May 3rd**.

State Livestock Nominations

Detailed Information on this process will be posted soon on the [K-State Youth Livestock webpage](#).

Now that we are using an online system, families are encouraged to plan ahead, use the resources posted, and check out the Rookie Guide. **Significant changes from last year are highlighted in the 2023 Updates document.** Cost per animal has increased to \$12.00. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account. All market animals and commercial breeding females that families would like to be eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated.

There will be two Zoom sessions this spring over the state livestock nomination process.

Tuesday, April 4 - Cattle

Registration Link: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/91234567890>

Tuesday, May 16 - Small Livestock

Registration Link: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/12345678901>

Nomination Deadlines:

April 20 - Deadline to order DNA envelopes for Market Beef

May 1 - Market Beef

June 5 - Deadline to order DNA envelopes for Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers

June 15 - Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days

This year it will be the 100th Anniversary of Discovery Days! Put June 7-9, 2023 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required.

Registration is open now and closes May 15th, but some of the classes will be limited in size, so make sure they don't wait if there is a class they really want. All the information that is available, will be found on our Discovery Days webpage found at [Kansas4-h.org](https://kansas4-h.org)

4-H Camp

Details can be found here: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/4-h-camp/>

Remember, **DEADLINES are DEADLINES** in **Ellis Co. 4-H**. Please pay attention to and respect those deadlines so that your child doesn't miss out on an opportunity!

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2023 will be July 15 - 22, 2023
The Theme is "Saddle up for fun!"



Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

Call the office at 785-628-9430 to let us know how you'd like to help. Older 4-H'ers and interested adults are encouraged to join our "team" in getting things ready for this year's Fair.



Who: Youth ages 13-18
Where: Kansas State University Campus
When: June 7-9th, 2023
How much: \$210

Kansas 4-H will be hosting the Discovery Days Event and this year is our 100th year for this event. (Formerly known as Round-Up) Come be a part of the fun and educational opportunity. Develop college or career readiness skills that prepare youth for life after High School. Youth participants will be given opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time-management skills. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends from all over the state.

Emerald Circle - We are excited to announce that Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 8th, and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow!

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